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PREFACE.

Philosophical studies, always important, have in late years acquired special significance, when the theories of the past and the institutions which embody them; when law, religion, and government, as well as history, literature, and art, are undergoing a searching criticism; when of necessity there is a constant recurrence to first principles, and all things are brought, as far as possible, to the test of right reason.

The following is a humble contribution to philosophical literature in the department of ethics. It was originally prepared as a thesis for the Doctor's degree in Michigan University, and, at the suggestion of friends, has been enlarged and made ready for the press. I have sought in the expository portions to state fairly, as well as clearly and briefly, the doctrines of the authors discussed; to put into order and connection what I have found scattered here and there; to avoid technicalities, or explain them; and to preserve, as far as may be, in an English dress the expressions used by the authors themselves.

It is precisely one hundred years since Kant's *Critique of the Pure Reason* was first published, his *Critique of the Practical Reason* following seven years later, while Stoicism arose as a distinct system more than two thousand years ago. Both

CHAPTER I