

## PREFACE

THESE essays are in the main an expansion of a course of public lectures which I delivered in this University during the winter of 1910-11 under the general title: "Some Recent Philosophical Movements." In the case of Nos. V. and IX. I have availed myself freely of material which I had already published in another form in the *Hibbert Journal* and the *International Journal of Ethics*: for permission to do so I am indebted to the courtesy of the Editors of these magazines.

A considerable proportion of the audience to which the lectures were addressed consisted of persons possessing little previous knowledge of the subject, and the essays as now published are intended to be intelligible to the general educated reader. To those versed in the technicalities of philosophical discussion this must be my apology for the popular style in which these papers are written.

I am well aware that the book is lacking in unity. But while the subjects treated are miscellaneous I have endeavoured to keep a single purpose in view. It is now admitted that, for good or for evil, psychology has come to occupy a position very different from that which it held a generation ago. The change is generally ascribed to a transformation of method which, although it has been effected