

PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION

THE Introduction which follows this Preface explains clearly enough the purpose and scope of this book. Since it was published nearly ten years have passed. In that period it has had a continuing small sale and has occasioned a steady trickle of interesting correspondence. Messrs. Cassell have now taken it over from its original publishers, and with the transfer comes the opportunity for a thorough revision.

It is an opportunity I have welcomed. The book grew out of notes thrown together rather hastily; it had serious gaps. Written as it was for a special audience, it took too much for granted; the revision has consisted largely in the filling in of a fuller explanation. But I have still presumed a certain level of education among its readers. Most of that earlier audience consisted of young university men, and the assumption was made that they were familiar with the elements of logic and with such technical words as "term," "intension," "extension" and the like. This is still assumed. The reader is supposed to have at least read some elementary book upon logic.

Since 1908 the writer has changed his general views but little; there has been little of positive retraction in this revision; he has, however, gone on very considerably. The world was not so dramatic, so tragic and urgent then as it is