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Although, by reason of my residence in Manchester, I have not had personal knowledge of Mr. James Seth during or since the period of his studentship at Edinburgh University, yet I have been acquainted with the main features of his academic career and have observed them with much interest. It gave me sincere pleasure to note the direction of Mr. Seth's fine original ability towards philosophical study, and the successive proofs he gave of capacity for that subject. The place he took in the philosophical classes in Edinburgh, his excellent degree, and the high distinctions he has since won, furnish sufficient evidence that he has been well grounded, and that he has continued to devote his energies to preparation for genuine philosophical work. Of the students who gain distinction in the philosophical classes of a University, it is but a small proportion who afterwards, by inclination and ability, are led to take up philosophy as the serious business of life. From all that I gather, Mr. James Seth must undoubtedly be reckoned as belonging to that small class. He has the impulse and the desire to devote himself to Philosophy; he has taken full advantage, both in Scotland and in Germany, of the means of philosophical training; and already, in the position he has occupied as Assistant to Professor Fraser, he has made his influence felt, and has been recognized as a teacher zealous for his subject, competent to handle its problems, and withal of a kindly and sympathetic nature.