

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

IN the preface to the first edition it was explained that "this handbook is designed primarily to introduce students to the science of psychology; and to this design every other purpose, which the book may serve, has been made subordinate. Psychology embraces a considerable body of systematised facts which are beyond dispute; but there are also some problems, still unsettled, which affect even the fundamental principles of the science. No fair exposition of the science is possible without indicating the expositor's standpoint in reference to these problems; but it is not advisable to perplex the beginner with a prefatory discussion of controverted questions; and to the more advanced student, who may honour the book with a perusal, its general standpoint ought to be evident without preliminary explanations."

The original object of the book has been always kept in view in the present edition. Numerous alterations have been suggested on revision; but these, though adding on the whole a few pages to the volume, are not individually of such importance as to require specific mention.

I may observe that, had I received Professor Ladd's *Elements of Physiological Psychology* in time, I should have referred to it at p. 12, as the best equivalent in English for the great German work of Wundt.

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