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PREFACE

THESE Lectures were the occasion of my first visit to America, during which I made many friends, and experienced the wonderful hospitality and kindness which Americans, above all other nations, know how to show to visitors. The month which I spent in the United States will always be one of my happiest recollections.

The subject of the Lectures is far too wide to be dealt with satisfactorily in a short course. My purpose was rather to stimulate thought than to criticise a powerful school of philosophy and theology. Fortunately, the limitations of "Pragmatism" have been exposed by abler pens than mine; and it is to be hoped that its leading advocates will not allow themselves to be tempted away from psychology, where

they are strong, to theology, where their influence appears to me to be mischievous. The term "Personal Idealism" has been selected by a group of these thinkers, to express their antagonism to Naturalism and Absolutism. The Preface to the volume of essays with this title is a lucid statement of the point of view against which these pages are directed.

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