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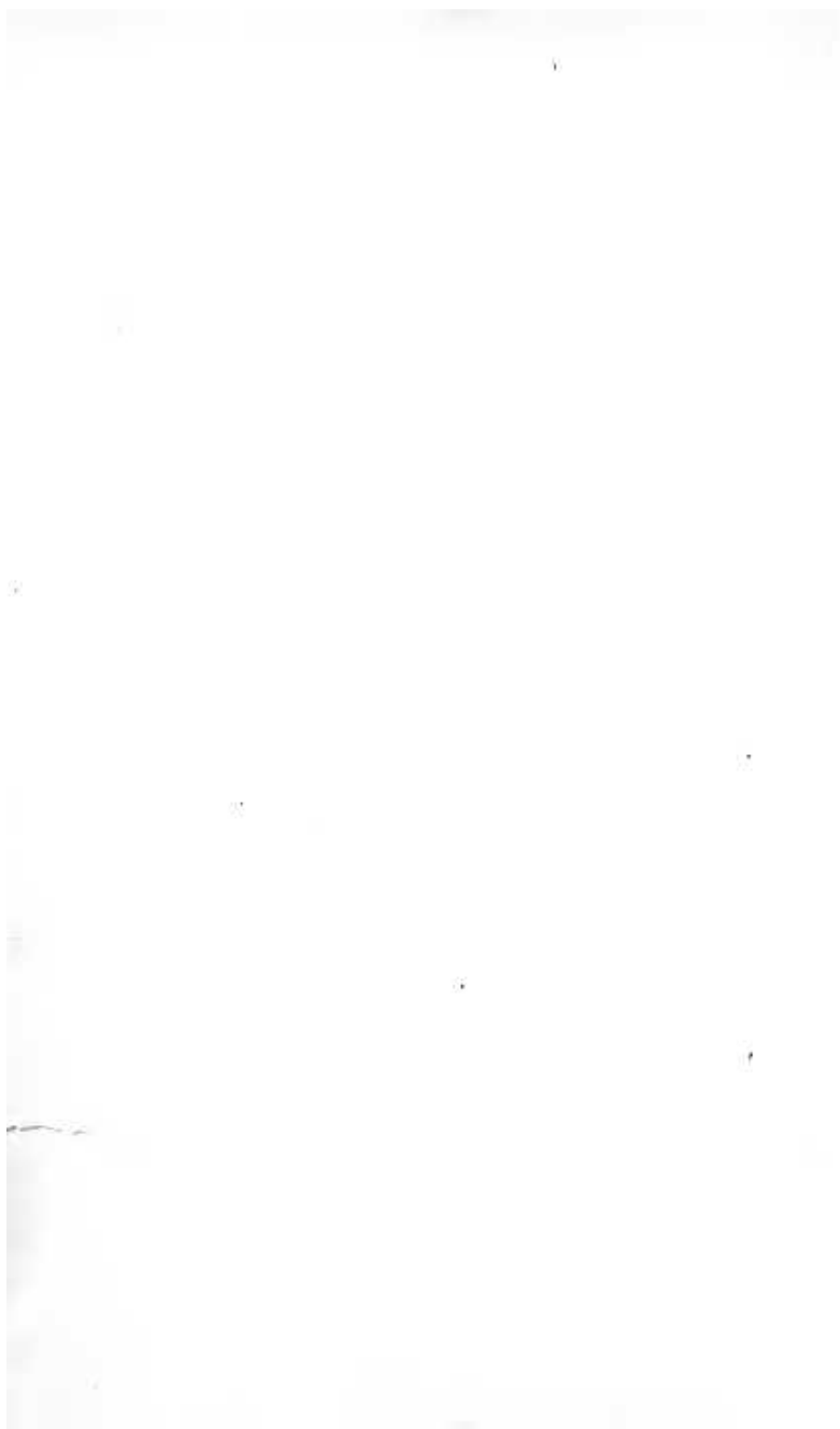
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PREFACE.

It is unfortunate that most students of philosophy, both in Germany and in Great Britain and America, should gain their knowledge of Hume's philosophy from the *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*; for in this work Hume sacrificed the thorough-going philosophical scepticism of the *Treatise of Human Nature* in order to carry out a system of religious scepticism which finds its culmination and best expression in the sections on "Miracles" and a "Particular Providence and a Future State." When these sections are quietly omitted the *Enquiry* represents neither Hume's philosophy nor his theology; and yet the length and difficulty of the *Treatise* have made it necessary for college and university instructors to put editions of the *Enquiry* thus mutilated into the hands of their students. To remedy this difficulty I have taken the following selections from the first book of the *Treatise*, in the hope that the main doctrines of this great work will be no less intelligible when much confusing detail is omitted.

Selections from the sections of Book II. on Liberty and Necessity have been incorporated with the extracts from Book I. because Hume's doctrine of the will is merely a special application of his doctrine of causation and cannot be understood apart from it.

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