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PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

THE principal changes which have been made in this edition are to be found in Part II. This has been entirely recast. While the greater part of the old matter has been incorporated, many new experiments have been introduced, which are entirely due to Mr F.C. Bartlett. Some of these were devised by him while acting as Assistant to the Director of the University Psychological Laboratory at Cambridge; others were added when he succeeded me in the latter post. In this edition, therefore, his name fitly appears with mine on the title page of Part II. For the most part these new exercises concern the higher mental functions. They do not involve any special apparatus; they can be easily carried out; and they yield highly instructive results. They are indicative of the steady progress of experiment in psychology.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

VARIOUS changes have been made in the present edition. The publication of the book has been transferred from Mr Edward Arnold to the Cambridge University Press. The two parts—the text-book and the laboratory exercises—are now bound in separate volumes, in order to facilitate reference from the one to the other. A chapter dealing with experiment on thought and volition has been added, and the order of the two previous chapters has been transposed. The whole work has been subject to a thorough revision; the modifications and additions in several chapters being considerable.

I wish to record my thanks to various colleagues and friends for their suggestions, many of which I have gladly adopted in preparing this edition,—particularly to Dr W. Brown, Mr T. H. Pear, Prof. Carveth Read, Dr W. H. R. Rivers, Mr Sydney Scott, and Prof. C. Spearman. My gratitude is specially due to Dr H. Head, for having kindly afforded me the opportunity of incorporating into this edition his very remarkable psychological investigations which will later be published in the *Croonian Lectures* delivered by him before the Royal College of Physicians last July. I am indebted to the courtesy of Professor Ewald Hering and his publisher, Herr Wilhelm Engelmann, of Leipzig, for permission to reproduce as Plate I the instructive coloured diagrams which appear in his *Grundzüge der Lehre vom Lichtsinn*, now in course of publication.

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