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EDITOR'S PREFACE

C. D. Broad expressed a wish that after his death I should go through his unpublished writings and consider the possibility of preparing some of them for publication.

The present volume contains his Cambridge lectures on the Philosophy of Leibniz. Broad had lectured on Leibniz before, but the course in its present form was first given in the academic year 1948–9 and repeated, with some revisions, in 1949–50. Broad always wrote out his lectures fully beforehand, and the MS. on Leibniz is in a very good state. But his handwriting is small and close and in places very difficult to decipher. It is probably too much to hope that no words have been misread.

I have tried to reproduce the text so far as possible as it is in the MS. But I have expanded Broad's abbreviations of names and other words, and have introduced greater uniformity in spelling, punctuation, and the use of italics, quotation marks and capital letters.

Broad's system of references was, however, inadequate: with very few exceptions he gave no page references to the passages which he was quoting or discussing. I have therefore undertaken the labour of supplying those references. So far as the original texts are concerned I generally refer to Gerhardt's *Die Philosophischen Schriften von G. W. Leibniz*. In addition, I have tried to provide, whenever possible, a reference to a currently available English translation. As a rule I refer to Loemker's *G. W. Leibniz: Philosophical Papers and Letters* (2nd edition) which contains the fullest selection of Leibniz's work available in English. In a few places I also mention other translations when these are fuller or are of special interest. And of course I refer to other translations when the texts which are discussed do not occur in Loemker.

The task of providing those references was not always easy. In particular, it was sometimes difficult to locate a passage which Broad was only mentioning or paraphrasing. As a result the references may involve some errors; but I hope that most of them are correct.

I am very grateful to my friend and colleague Dr Ian Hacking for helping me to provide some of those references.

I have also appended a short Bibliographical Note expanding the references in Broad's list of Leibniz's main works.

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C.L.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- G. *Die Philosophischen Schriften von Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz*, herausgegeben von C. I. Gerhardt, 7 vols. (Berlin, 1875–90).
- G. M. *Leibnizens Mathematische Schriften*, herausgegeben von C. I. Gerhardt, 7 vols. (Berlin and Halle, 1849–63).
- Alexander *The Leibniz–Clarke Correspondence Together with Extracts from Newton’s ‘Principia’ and ‘Opticks’*, edited with an introduction and notes by H. G. Alexander (Manchester, 1956).
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