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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

TO FIRST ENGLISH EDITION.

THIS translation has been made with the cooperation of the author, who has not only contributed many valuable criticisms and suggestions in regard to terminology, but has read all the proof-sheets as they were being prepared for the press. A few verbal changes have been introduced into the text with a view to making the discussion somewhat clearer.

The difficulties that arise in choosing English equivalents for many German words, are too familiar to require detailed discussion. The translator has derived assistance in this respect from a comparison of other standard translations, especially the English versions of FALCKENBERG'S "History of Modern Philosophy", WUNDT'S "Lectures on Human and Animal Psychology", and KÜLPE'S "Outlines of Psychology". The terminology here employed differs, however, at many points from that used in the works mentioned. A glossary of the principal terms has been added for the benefit of those familiar with the German. The translation of the word "*Perception*" is unusual. If it were translated 'perception' it would be easily confused, especially in its verbal forms, with the only possible equivalent of "*Wahrnehmung*", "*wahrnehmen*", and "*anschauen*". Since the process re-

ferred to by "*Perception*" is so entirely different from that indicated by the English word perception, it seemed best to employ a word whose signification is not so fixed. Apprehension was, accordingly, used, and the danger of confusing it with the translation of "*Auffassung*" was for the most part avoided by using other equivalents for the latter.

The thanks of the translator are due to the author for his courtesy throughout the progress of the work. Mr. G. H. STEMPER has kindly aided in the task of preparing the proof-sheets for the press.

Middletown, September, 1896.

C. H. J.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO THE FIRST GERMAN EDITION.

THIS book has been written primarily for the purpose of furnishing my students with a brief manual to supplement the lectures on Psychology. At the same time it aims to give the wider circle of scientific scholars who are interested in psychology, either for its own sake or for the sake of its applications, (a systematic survey of the fundamentally important results and doctrines of modern psychology.) In view of this double purpose, I have limited myself in detailing facts to that which is most important, or to the examples that serve most directly the ends of illustration, and have omitted entirely those aids to demonstration and experiment which are properly made use of in the lecture-room. The fact that I have based this treatise on the doctrines that I have come to hold as valid after long years of labor in this field, needs no special justification. Still, I have not neglected to point out both in a general characterization (Introduction § 2), and with references in detail, the chief theories that differ from the one here presented.

The relation in which this book stands to my earlier psychological works will be apparent after what has been said. The "*Grundzüge der physiologischen Psychologie*" aims to bring the means employed by the natural sciences,

especially by physiology, into the service of psychology, and to give a critical presentation of the experimental methods of psychology, which have developed in the last few decades, together with their chief results. This special problem rendered necessary a relative subordination of the general psychological points of view. The second, revised edition of the "*Vorlesungen über die Menschen- und Thierseele*"¹⁾ (the first edition has long been out of date) seeks to give a more popular account of the character and purpose of experimental psychology, and to discuss from the position thus defined those psychological questions which are also of more general philosophical importance. While the treatment in the "*Grundzüge*" is, accordingly, determined, in the main, by the relations of psychology to physiology, and the treatment in the "*Vorlesungen*" by philosophical interests, this *Outlines* aims to present psychology in its own proper coherency, and in the systematic order that the nature of the subject-matter seems to me to require. In doing this, however, it takes up only what is most important and essential. It is my hope that this book will not be an entirely unwelcome addition even for those readers who are familiar with my earlier works as well as with the discussion of the "*Logik der Psychologie*" in my "*Logik der Geisteswissenschaften*" (*Logik*, 2. Aufl., II, 2. Abth.).

I have not thought it necessary to repeat here the references to psychological works, in view of the fact that I have given such references very fully under the various heads in my "*Grundzüge*". The reader who wishes to make a more

1) Translated by Prof. J. E. Creighton and Prof. E. B. Titchener: "*Lectures on Human and Animal Psychology*", Swan Sonnenschein & Co., 1894.

thorough study of any particular question will turn in any case to the more elaborate work. For the literature that has appeared in this department since the fourth edition of the "*Grundzüge*" (1893), the reader has but to refer to the last volumes of the various periodicals devoted to psychology: to the "*Philosophische Studien*", the "*Zeitschrift für Psychologie und Physiologie der Sinnesorgane*", the "*American Journal of Psychology*", and the "*Psychological Review*". The last three contain also reviews of the current literature in psychology. As a recent addition to these the "*Psychologische Arbeiten*" edited by E. KRAEPELIN and devoted especially to individual characterology and practical psychology, may be mentioned.

Leipzig, January, 1896.

W. Wundt.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO THE FOURTH GERMAN EDITION.

THIS fourth edition contains more additions and minor revisions than do the second and third editions. The chief change is one which I have introduced in compliance with a request that has frequently been made; this change consists in the addition of brief lists of reading references at the end of each of the sections and chief divisions. These references, in keeping with the general character of the book, must of course be limited to the most important contributions to the discussions in question; and not all the important references can be given, but those must be selected which will furnish the reader who wishes to go into the subject more thoroughly with easy means of finding further references for his study. Sections of my "*Grundzüge der psychologischen Psychologie*", and my "*Vorlesungen über die Menschen- und Thierseele*", which have been included in these lists of references are cited from the fourth and third editions respectively, and are referred to by abbreviated titles¹).

1) In the English edition the titles have been given in full, that of the *Grundzüge* in its German form, that of the *Vorlesungen* in the form adopted by the translators, "*Lectures on Human and Animal Psychology*".
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The "*Lectures*" may serve in a certain sense as a supplement to the "*Outlines*", for the Lectures contain a more complete elementary discussion of the experimental methods of psychology and also certain diagrammatic figures. For the benefit of readers of the *Outlines* who are not otherwise supplied with these aids, I have given page and number references to the figures in the Lectures.

Leipzig, March, 1901.

W. Wundt.

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