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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.



THIS book has to a considerable extent already found its audience, and has received from the thinking portion of the public a degree of attention beyond what I ventured to anticipate for it.

For the benefit of those who may read the present edition, I take the opportunity of saying here a few words, in order to explain more clearly the general character, aim, and method of the book, as well as the position taken up in it.

In the first place, the work is essentially philosophical in its spirit, in its aim, in its standard of thoroughness, and in its subject, which comprises, amongst other matters, the questions which Philosophy has always had on hand, and which she considers peculiarly her own. Nor do the questions cease to be philosophical, though new and important contributions towards their solution from the side of Science have been handed in, and have to be specially taken into consideration in the treatment of each of them.

But though philosophical, the book is also in a sense popular; that is to say, it is not merely addressed to