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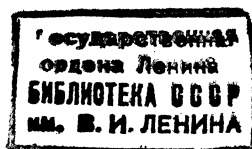
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THE AUTHOR.

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IN the following pages an attempt is made to bring together some of the more prominent phenomena of the brain and of the mind, both in their normal and morbid aspects. To the metaphysical and philosophical bearings of the various assumptions involved in such an attempt, little or no prominence is given. In philosophy we are free to choose between a natural dualism and a hypothetical realism, or we may be materialists or idealists: in empirical psychology or physiology it would, presumably, be a work of supererogation to enter at length upon questions of epistemology or metaphysics.

In discussing the relations of the outer world as the mind knows it, the assumption that complex mental experience is only an inner representative of a genuine externality has been adhered to, without entering into any philosophical account of the method whereby the existence of the whole outer world is inferred through its representative images.

In dealing with many hypotheses which have been given to account for mental events in physical terms, objection has been taken throughout; and little or no attempt has been made to speculate as to the ultimate nature or quality of nervous or mental events.

In an elementary work of this description it is obvious, that an exhaustive account of the anatomy, physiology, and