PREFATORY NOTE.

In the Deed of Foundation of the Shaw Fellowship it is provided that "it shall be in the power of the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh to require the holder of the Shaw Philosophical Fellowship, during the fourth or fifth year of his tenure of it, to deliver in the University of Edinburgh a Course of Lectures, not exceeding four, on any of the subjects for the encouragement of the study of which the Fellowship has been founded." In accordance with this provision, the following lectures were delivered in the University of Edinburgh on four successive days in January 1879. They are now published, partly because it seems appropriate that lectures delivered on a University Foundation should be made public, and partly with the hope that they may serve as some slight contribution towards the study of Kant in this country.
PREFATORY NOTE.

Advantage has been taken of the interval between the delivery of the lectures and their publication to revise them and add a few notes and references. No material alterations have been made, but certain passages, specially in the Third Lecture, which were necessarily omitted on delivery, owing to want of time, have been reinserted.

For careful revision of the translation contained in Appendix II., I am under obligations to my friend, Dr. Herman Hager, Lecturer on German in the Owens College.

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