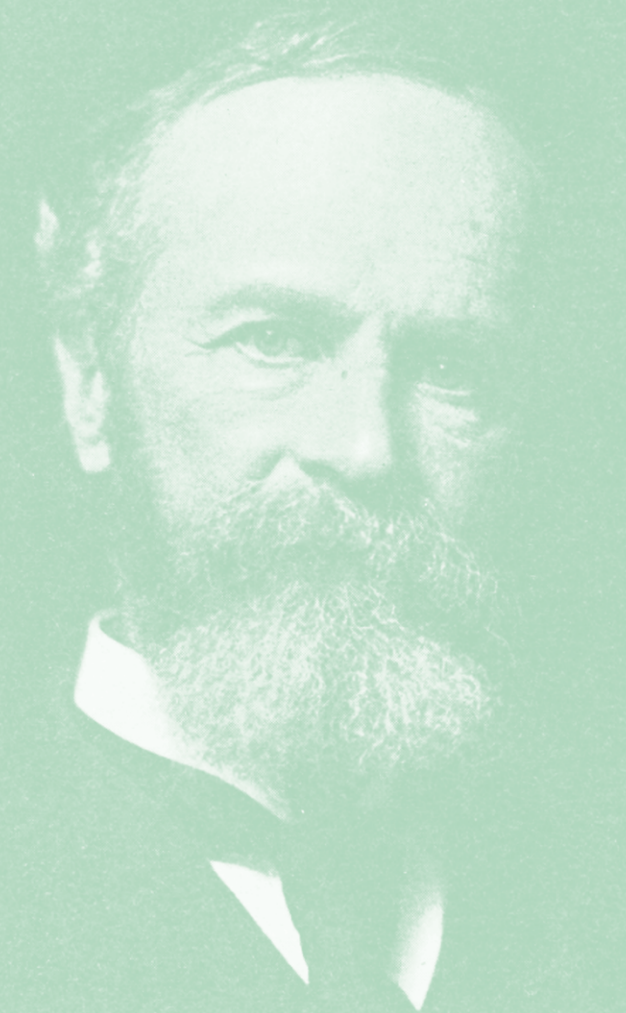




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PREFACE

The Fourth Seminar in American Philosophy was held in Winterthur, Switzerland, September 3–7, 1973. Dr. Walter Robert Corti, Director of the Archiv für genetische Philosophie, was the sponsor of this seminar, as he was also sponsor of the previous ones.

I was designated as the one to assemble, edit, and prepare the papers of the seminar for publication. I was ably assisted in this task by John A. Broyer whose scholarship and editing skill made my task much easier. The typing of the final manuscripts was done by Elaine Stonemark, and all of us are appreciative of her careful work. I want to thank Dr. David S. Clarke, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, for aid in many ways.

All of the participants are indebted to Dr. Corti for his vision and enthusiasm for these international seminars in American Philosophy. He is an inspiration to all of us. The generous hospitality of Dr. Corti, Mrs. Corti, and Hans Iklé is greatly appreciated by all of the participants.

The discussions of the seminar were taped, and the tapes are deposited in the Philosophical Archives of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

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