

space. He rejects Kant's view that space is a product of our own mental action, and also the empirical theory, which reduces space to sensation, and gives as his own view that "the mind has a native and original capacity for re-acting upon certain physical data in such a way that the objects of its activity appear under the form of space." This theory he expounds at considerable length, but fails to make clear what this "mental reconstruction of space" really is, or even what he considers space itself to be. It is plain, however, that this theory is a compromise, or medium, between the Kantian view and that of the empiricists, and thus illustrates what we mean in saying that Professor Baldwin's work reflects the unsettled state of philosophy. If space permitted, we might incline to criticise some of his other views, and particularly his theory that perception and representation are fundamentally the same, and also some of his views on association. In the present state of opinion, however, no treatise on psychology can be entirely satisfactory; and Professor Baldwin's work, in spite of what we consider its errors, has much in it that is good.

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In his descriptions we fear Mr. Mill has occasionally, for the sake of vividness, preferred to tell of one phase of the life he is handling, leaving his readers ignorant of the great variations that may exist in different branches of the same people. He tells of the Eskimo as living in their snow-huts in an atmosphere rendered so warm by the oil-lamps that they throw off all their clothing. That this is not the constant practice is well known. Again, the tendency to be a little hasty is shown in the statement that "when the sun is rising at Labrador, it is noonday at Vancouver Island."

The general narrative runs smoothly, however; and the book will be found suggestive by American teachers, though its being written markedly for the young of Great Britain will not inure to its advantage in this country.

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