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Abstract: This is a transcription of F. C. S. Schiller's handwritten lecture notes for the pragmatism course he taught three times at the University of Southern California in the period 1933-35. His approach to pragmatism, often termed pragmatic humanism, was as idiosyncratic as the philosopher himself. Emphasizing and expanding upon the Jamesian, as against the Deweyian or Peircean, strains of pragmatism, Schiller sought to apply philosophy to a wide range of issues. Searching and witty where other philosophers of his day could be myopic and dry, Schiller urged that pragmatism was a living philosophy with truth-value accessible to all. The lecture notes serve as a useful reminder of his oft-neglected place in developing first generation pragmatism.
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