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For the probable date of the manuscript, see S. P. Langley correspondence for a letter from CSP, dated June 1, 1905. CSP considers only Part IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the "Treatise." Criticism of Hume's analysis of reasoning leads to an exposition of his own views. Association of beliefs, acritical reasoning, and reasoning (abductive, inductive, and deductive). Reasoning as that special variety of action which is under self-control. Probability and certainty; genuine and counterfeit beliefs; indubitability of beliefs and instincts. Hume's nominalistic metaphysics in the context of the nominalist-realist dispute. Percept and perceptual judgment as well as existence and reality distinguished. Three grades of complexity of being, with the triadic mode the most complex. Three kinds of triadic relations: collectivity, energy, signs. The different kinds of signs.

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