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TO THE MEMORY OF FREDERICK JAMES EUGENE WOODBRIDGE

PREFACE

This version of Aristotle's Metaphysics presents us with what may be described as a Postscript to Natural Science. The new translation aims to meet the needs of college and graduate students. It therefore renders his text into clear English, as accurately as possible, idea by idea rather than sentence by sentence or word by word. The glossary entitled "Analytical Index of Technical Terms," contains selected Greek terms listed by numbers corresponding to the numbers inserted into the text itself for purposes of ready reference. The Latin equivalents noted have been taken from the translation made by William of Moerbeke and the commentary based on it by St. Thomas Aquinas (Tertia Editio stereotypa attente recognita, Turin, Italy, M. E. Marietti, 1935).

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- 10. Opposite, Contrary, Other in Kind
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