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Translator's note

Prof. Hans-Joachim Petsche's *Graßmann* is a book on mathematics and German cultural history. As a translator, I have attempted to make the text as accessible as possible to the English-speaking readership. Some decisions should not go unmentioned.

Hermann Graßmann's mathematical terminology is often quite extravagant and unusual. In many cases, the translation also gives Graßmann's original German concepts. With his permission and generous cooperation, I have used Dr. Lloyd Kannenberg's terminology from his translations of Graßmann, e.g. displacement ("Strecke"), magnitude ("Größe"), conjunction ("Verknüpfung"), evolution ("Änderung"), etc.

As many German-language books in the original bibliography as possible have been cited from their English translations. In many cases, however, quotations had to be translated and the footnotes still refer to the German originals. The Graßmann brothers used an early edition of Schleiermacher's *Dialectic* of which there is no English translation. Of course, the same is true of many other works and letters.

All titles of books and journal articles have been translated into English. The original titles and the corresponding bibliographical references appear in parentheses and quotation marks. In these cases, dates refer to the year of publication of the text quoted in the bibliography.

Finally, we should not forget that today the formerly Prussian town of Stettin is the Polish city of Szczecin. The use of the German name Stettin should not be construed as questioning that historical fact.

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