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### ON FAITH IN ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS.

The English word "Faith" came into the language under the influence of the French, and is but a modification of the Latin "Fides", which is itself cognate with the Greek  $\pi$ istis. Its root-meaning seems to be that of "binding". Whatever we discover to be "binding" on us, is the object of "faith".1 The corresponding Germanic term, represented by the English word "Believe" (and the German, "Glauben") goes back to a root meaning "to be agreeable" (represented by our English "lief"), and seems to present the object of belief as something which we "esteem"—which we have "estimated" or "weighed" and "approved". The notion of "constraint" is perhaps less prominent in "belief" than in "faith", its place being taken in "belief" by that of "approval". We "believe" in what we find worthy of our confidence: we "have faith" in what compels our confidence. But it would be easy to press this too far, and it is likely that the two terms "faith", "belief" really express much the same idea.2 In the natural use of language, therefore, which is normally controlled by what we call etymology, that is, by the intrinsic connotation of the terms, when we say "faith", "belief", our minds are pre-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Hebrew אמנה. האמין go back to the idea of "holding": we believe in what "holds". In both the sacred languages, therefore, the fundamental meaning of faith is "surety". Cf. Latin "credo".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. M. Heyne's German Dictionary sub voc. "Glaube": "Glaube is confiding acceptance of a truth. At the basis of the word is the root lub, which, with the general meaning of agreeing with and of approving, appears also in erlauben and loben."

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His collection of letters received is in the Library of Princeton University.

Dr. Miller wrote the epitaphs for the tombs of: Rev. Robert Finley, D.D., Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, S.T.D., LL.D., Chief Justice Andrew Kirkpatrick, The Hon. James Sheafe, and Rev. George S. Woodhull. This last was probably not used.

There is a practically complete collection of this writer's works, including manuscripts and a few letters, in the Library of Princeton Theological Seminary.