

facts testified. and faith in facts that are testified to us by men like ourselves. Faith in man then is a thing to cherish and not lightly to call to question. In his haste David said, "all men are liars," and at a time when he was greatly afflicted. Men often say harsh things at such a time and foolish things in their haste. Certainly he did not thus regard Moses and Samuel and others through whom he had learned of the Lord and all His mighty deeds of old. He could not speak in such a way of God's saints, His people in whose presence he was prepared to pay his vows unto the Lord. The liars with whom we come in contact in the world are but few. We must go almost beyond the pale of society to meet them. Faith holds the world together, and rules even in the shock of contending armies. What confidence we daily repose in those who minister to our wants in shelter, food and clothing, in those who convey us and our property by sea and by land, in those who keep us acquainted with the world's sayings and doings, in the very animals that, stronger than ourselves, obey our behests and serve us. Lack of faith in the true God is an insult to humanity, for it pre-supposes lack of faith in man. One of the great miseries of infidelity is that the golden chain of trust among men is broken, the outgoings of mutual confidence are checked, and faith is centred in a wretched self. Yet the infidel is inconsistent. He will trust a passing stranger to direct him on his way, a tradesman to supply him regularly with an article of food, a newspaper to furnish him with facts which, on its authority, he unhesitatingly publishes abroad or on which he trades and makes gain ; but he will not trust the Israelitish prophet, well known in Hebrew and Egyptian, in Greek and Roman story, he will put no confidence in the aged exile of Patmos, or in his brethren Paul and Peter, who sealed their testimony with their blood. Science is to blame, metaphysics is to blame, the Christian Church is to blame for this. They have endeavored by cutting the sacred cords with which God has bound us as brethren to enable men to find the true God in their own consciousness, where He is not save as a dim outline that you may fill up with any corrupt imagination. And all the time our knowledge of that true and living God has lain in our fellows' witness as a phenomena! God whom, in order to trust, we must first trust our brethren that have made Him known. Science, philosophy have landed in agnosticism, and rightly so, they can go no further. They cannot find out God, and it would matter little if they did, for their God would not be our God. He who will know God must dismiss the conceptions of the mind, and turn his back upon the powers and objects of nature to sit humbly at the feet of the Hebrew prophets, the publican, the apostolic scribe, the beloved physician and the fisherman of Galilee, saying : " Brother declare what thou hast seen and heard."