

the philosophical scepticism of by far the greater number of those who value themselves on an emancipation from popular errors, arises from the very same weakness with the credulity of the multitude ; nor is it going too far to say, with Rousseau, that 'he who in the end of the eighteenth century has brought himself to abandon all his early principles without discrimination, would probably have been a bigot in the days of the League.'"

I am, &c.,

GOLDWIN SMITH.

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