

my confidence in what I believed. Here it brings to mind one thing that I have found very difficult to ~~understand, that is~~ understand: that is, the fact that when I am so skeptical toward most things, and so ready to question almost everything I have never had any real period of doubt regarding the essentials of Christianity. I question many of the interpretations that are constantly given, and of the viewpoints ~~that~~ that I find expressed by ~~many~~ people in whom I have great confidence, but of the essentials of Christianity I have always felt very certain. This leads me to feel that it may be that ~~there~~ there is something in the background that ~~of~~ of having faced certain problems and come through them and reached certainty on them. The I have had a natural discernment to see both sides of a question and to see the problems involved in views that I see widely presented around me, and very dogmatically presented, though I got the attitude, while comparatively young, ~~not~~ of not revealing my thoughts to others unless they were people in whom I had great confidence, both in their integrity and in their background of knowledge and discernment. I could not see, on the other ~~hand~~ hand, that any ~~was~~ evidence that my sister had ever questioned what was held by the group in which she was brought up, but when she got into college she very speedily seems to have adopted the views that were presented there. Now, I always had great interest in thinking and reading, and loved to discuss matters. My sister's ~~interests~~ interests were all practical and social, even though I would not be at all surprised if her mental ability ^{was} were actually better than my own, but she did not have the same interest in using it on intellectual matters that I always felt from very childhood.

Speaking of the I remember when I was in college, feeling that I had a very good memory. I remember once talking with ~~with~~ someone, one of the fellows and some reference being made to a conversation we had had several months before, and I was able to recall what he and I had said/during quite an interval of time ^{verbatim though quite a period of time had} intervened. (bw?)
 verbatim. I do not have that ability now. I forget things quickly, particularly recent things, and often I find it words, names and facts slip my mind very