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THE RELATION OF COHERENCE TO IMMEDIACY AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

IT is a long time since Professor Sabine's article entitled "Professor Bosanquet's Logic and the Concrete Universal" appeared in *The Philosophical Review*.¹ I communicated some observations upon it, noting its very appreciative and courteous tone, to Professor Sabine at the time; but was prevented by stress of work from writing anything on the subject for publication. And I should hardly have hoped that after so long an interval any reference to it would still be of interest to the readers of the *Review*. But the editor has invited me to recur to the question, and I willingly embrace the opportunity.

After giving a very just and generous account of my logical ideas—so at any rate it appeared to me—Professor Sabine expressed his intention of comparing the results of the coherence theory, as exhibited by my criticisms of points of view other than my own, with certain facts about the reasoning process as it occurs in ordinary experience (p. 550).

I will try to explain my attitude towards the facts thus alleged, taking them on the whole in the order which Professor Sabine has given them, but beginning with a general answer to a fundamental question which he puts at a later stage.

1. I begin, then, with the first of the two questions relating to the paramount importance which I give to coherence; *viz.* "on just what sort of evidence does this alleged primacy of

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