Hanging on to gentility in nineteenth-century England could be a precarious business. The experiences of successive generations of the Clough family demonstrate this and show what a lifeline was provided by the expansion of the professions. At the centre of the story are two women members of the family: Anne Jemima Clough and her niece, Blanche Athena Clough. Their experiences show the particular vulnerability of middle-class women to economic reverse; and as first and fourth Principals of Newnham College, Cambridge, their lives and work enact the revolution in women's education which allowed women too at last to enter professional occupations and construct their own economic lifelines. Their experiences also show the role of the women members in maintaining the networks of family and friends so vital in times of crisis.

Anne Jemima’s brother and Blanche Athena’s father was the poet, Arthur Hugh Clough, who lost his Christian faith painfully and publicly at the end of the 1840s. Yet loss of faith did not free these generations from a sense of duty. Rather it strengthened that sense, which fed in turn into the ethic and rhetoric of service which marked English professional life.

Attractively illustrated and engagingly written, *Faith, Duty and the Power of Mind* is a distinctive and distinguished contribution to English (and American) history, with much to say about the trajectories of middle-class lives, and about the changing place of women within English society during the Victorian period and beyond.

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Thomas Henry d. 1860 = James Butler Clough 1789–1844

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