COMMUNICATION

PSYCHOLOGICAL TERMINOLOGY

The Committee on Terminology of the American Psychological Association is taking up for examination terms in the fields of Sensation and Cognition. Psychologists interested in the precise use of terms are invited to assist the Committee in its work by calling the chairman's attention to—

- (1) Psychological terms used with two or more different meanings (whether distinguished or not), and terms used indefinitely or ambiguously in contemporary writings.
- (2) Pairs or groups of terms which lead to confusion when used interchangeably.
- (3) Foreign terms needing definition or translation.
- (4) Books and articles containing systematic lists of cognate terms, or discussions of ambiguous terms. (Full references desired.)

It is a matter of prime importance in any science to clear up double meanings and imperfect synonyms. The word *feeling* is used in standard psychological works with several different meanings. The words *intellect* and *intelligence* are used by some writers interchangeably, while others draw a sharp distinction between them. There are many instances in the literature of both kinds of confusion.

The Committee wishes to include a large number of such terms in its next report, either defining and distinguishing them or citing discussions in easily accessible sources. This list will not be confined to sensation and cognition, but will cover the entire field of psychology. Will readers of this magazine assist the Committee to make the list fairly complete?

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