

their light. We do not in our religious progress outstrip the precepts of the Apostles, or rise above the spirit of the Redeemer. We have an ideal to which we may aspire with more than scientific ardor, to bring our nature into harmony with the Divine law of life. It would be as unjust to accuse Science of finality because she cannot enlarge the boundaries of the universe, as to accuse Religion of finality because she does not desire and cannot have any nobler example, any higher law, than the life of the man Christ Jesus. It is not the task of Culture to evolve new truth out of the depths of its own consciousness, but to seek that fuller illumination in which Truth—eternally old, yet eternally new, shall be better comprehended and loved. Mr. Huxley may be a superior scientist to Job, but he could give no better answer than Elihu to the questions which vexed the patriarch's soul. The triumphs of magnetism and electricity have not put out of date the moral wisdom of Solomon. Paul in his missionary toils, John in his sad captivity may be superior in the highest gifts of life to a citizen of this advanced age, though he reads the "Westminster Review" and is a member of a Philosophical Society. Scientific progress is accompanied by moral advancement only when it is under the benign influence of Christian truth.

We need not be surprised, therefore, to find that Christianity, so far from throwing any obstacles in the pathway of true Culture, is the only guide to the realization of its highest destiny. Whether we traverse the realms of Science or Literature or Art we shall be able to discern its ennobling and sanctifying work, restraining unworthy and immoral tendencies, and bringing into more perfect embodiment those spiritual powers and aspirations which are the supreme glory of mankind. Science has had her attention drawn not merely to the facts of nature, but to the facts of the higher world of the human conscience and the human heart. It has been found impossible to account for right and wrong by the movement of molecular forces, or to subject the will of man to the decree of relentless destiny. Science, with its respect for facts, is bound to investigate these lofty subjects with the same reverent and teachable spirit in which she has already won such splendid triumphs. For as scientific truth is scientifically discerned, and no dogmatism is to be tolerated except the dogmatism which flows from actual experience, so, likewise, spiritual truth is spiritually discerned, and no man is entitled to be an interpreter of the Gospel who has not fulfilled the only condition on which a true knowledge of it can be obtained. It is an axiom alike of Science and of Religion that obedience is the key which unlocks the door of the treasure-house of Truth. Is it not reasonable to believe with a late Essayist that "the next voice of God to man (and it is a voice to us we want) will have in it a revealing of the great and earnest toil, especially in Science, of the last two centuries?" Men are always seeking after demonstrations of Christian-