

experience, in the abiding experience that gathers hope, in the hope that strengthens into assured faith, do the men of common sense, the great workers in our human hive, find personal assurance of everlasting life ; and as hands do their duty, and as duty clears their eyes, say, "We are more than flesh and blood ; we are being fitted for a world to come."

The force and indestructibility and definition or shape of an atom are its relation to Eternal Power ; to space, and so to infinitude ; to time, and thus to eternity. Atoms are countless, but every one is subject to the influences of numberless worlds. An atom can no more go astray than a world can go astray. The ultimate atom is the smallest known indestructible physical unity. Unity, individuality, a sort of personality is a general characteristic of whatever exists. The universe is a unity ; every world is a unity ; stones and metals have their individuality not less than plants and beasts ; man is the most complete, complex, and wonderful unity—material, vital, sentient, mental, spiritual. Now, if an atom, the smallest unity, is indestructible, we are sure that man, the greatest earthly spiritual unity and person, is also indestructible.

The human body begins by a positing of particles. It is continued, renewed, enlarged by a repositing of not the same, but similar particles. The outer man possesses a power of psychological growth by which the inner man becomes reasonable and responsible. Our feet are clay, and rest on clay ; but the head, raised aloft, projects thoughts wider than the visible world ; and this capacity is used by the inner man as a pocket-measure of the universe ; and we not only know ourselves to be the same individuals during every part and the whole of our life, but we know ourselves as able, physically, mentally, and morally, to pass from space to infinitude, from time to eternity, from thoughts of the creature into the presence of the Creator, whom we love, we worship, we praise. This particular reasoning in itself is not proof ; but does it not warrant belief that we are immortal, even where we cannot prove ?

If the vibration of a gnat's wing, and the pulsation of my heart, and the thought of my mind continue for ever and