astronomer causes the dark unseen future path of a st~~ to shine in his knowledge as a thread of light. Everything, even the least in nature, passes on to further use; and our mental faculties, well holden together, advance age after age from rudimentary to higher degree, ever reaping something new, and all the new but earnest of wonders that are to be.

The immensity of the world in all its substances and forces and times so enters our own life that commonest experiences become very great, and are an endless feast in their meaning. The differences and distinctions that make each seem a separate whole are traced to some grand Power who is moving everything forward; and there is no omission, no weakness, no error anywhere—nothing that errs from law, allowance is made for all. The Eternal Power infuses the universe with larger meaning than is at present accomplished. Natural tendencies are so converging, and science so enlarges our comprehension, that we know of a wonderfulness, a vastness, an increasing purpose running through the ages surpassing all that our mind can think, all that our spirit can imagine, all that our heart can desire. The worlds' problem is not less beneficent than splendid.

NOTHING IS LOST.

Cicero said, "Cultivation is as necessary to the mind as food to the body." Owing to this cultivation, that persuasion of immortality which, amongst uncultured nations and individuals was and is a sort of intuition, enters the range of verifiable and verified subjects.

As intuition, it gave origin to fairy tales, myths of the gods, conceptions of spirits good and evil; of felicities, mysteries, solemnities yet to come. Every superstition, whatever we may think of it, had birth in brains that sought the heaven while their feet trod the earth. These tales and visions were not freaks of fancy, but shadows of things feared or hoped by men; more than shadows, realities expressed in thoughts that shake mankind; the ancient founts of these inspirations still well through all our fancy. The primitive wonder grew into the strong high-class