

quality of "advancement" consists, it be hard to determine; nor is it (in this connection) a subject worthy of investigation is enough to say that "advanced" views have an air of novelty, must be making stir in the world, must be sufficiently orthodox to shock the old-fashioned, either sufficiently plausible to deceive the simple or sufficiently imposing to overcome them. I do not think that I shall have many converts among members of this Society, nor is it to them that I desire to speak.

But there are many persons, both candid and sincere, to whom the conclusions of modern Naturalism extracts from modern science are a source of deep perplexity and intellectual unrest. Their mood, if I may read it, is something of this kind. They agree that a world where God is either acknowledged or ignored is a world where some higher values are greatly impoverished. They would applaud the lectures I have devoted to Beauty and Morals with sympathy, if not with agreement. Life, they would admit, is but a poor thing if it does no more than fill with vain thoughts the brief interval between two material accidents—the "accident" which brought it into being, and the "accident" which