

In seeking an explanation of the "Origin of the Universe," we are perfectly certain that the answer is not within the range of experience, and therefore Physical Science can have nothing to say on this subject. It can offer no suggestions, it can present no objections. It can only fulfil its definite task, and leave its results as material in this problem. But when we seek an explanation of "Fixed Law" itself, there can be no explanation short of "Sovereign Intelligence." Here we are forced into the recognition of a "First Cause":—"First Cause," "Nature," or any other name you please, provided that, when we speak of the origin of existence, we understand one another, as that which causes everything to spring into life. The recognition of a Sovereign Intelligence is the natural outcome of the exercise of intelligence; but it is a natural outcome, or outcome of nature, without being a logical conclusion from an inductive process. It is rather an evident truth from intellectual action than the resultant from argumentative exercise. All orderly existence has its true "Source" in Intelligence, and so in like manner intelligence recognizes the inconsistency and irrationality of every attempt to seek the "Source" of the universe lower. In the use of such Intelligence, "Science" has grown up around it, that is, an orderly exposition of the system of the Universe has sufficiently matured to afford a general conception of orderliness in the totality of existence.

So situated, the next question concerns the origin of the Universe; to this question there can be but one answer. All science would require to be dis-