

comfort from Mr. Balfour. Let us see what comfort Prof. John Fiske will bring to him. The quotation taken from Mr. Fiske is that "All the qualities of matter are what the mind makes them, and have no existence as such apart from the mind." This is merely the statement of a belief as old as Plato. When one looks at a rose he sees its color, and, when he does not look at it, he does not see its color. For his mind, therefore, when he is not looking at the rose the color does not exist. It does not follow that the color does not exist for some other person who may be looking at the rose, and all experience proves that it does exist.

Let us hear what Immanuel Kant has to say upon the relationship of perception and the understanding: "They are so mutually interdependent that neither perception without understanding nor understanding without perception could yield us any knowledge. Without understanding, perception would make nothing of what was perceived; without perception, understanding would have nothing to understand." Here is the clearest statement possible that we learn through our senses. In the quotation from Professor Fiske mention is made of the "qualities of matter," and these can only be learned through our senses by experience. Here, again, the argument for Christian Science crumbles to pieces, and that, too, through one of their own witnesses. Prof. Fiske admits "matter" and speaks of its "qualities."

But there is always the possibility of confusing the "quality of matter" with the substance of matter. No one can say the color green exists as an entity. It is a quality by which we recognize the grass. The same may be said of roundness apart from any object to which it may belong. Mills went the extreme length of saying that it is possible to think of "2 plus 3 making 6," and of "a round square." The name "Peter" is not the "boy"; but is what we know him by socially, as we know him physically by the color of his hair, his height, and his build.

Anyone who will take the trouble to look into Prof. Fiske's Cosmic Philosophy will see that he stood firmly by the belief in a material world, and that we had two sources of knowledge, namely, our experiences through the senses, and the innate power of the mind that comes from race inheritance, or racial experience. Prof. Fiske held that we knew an orange by all its qualities, and these combined constituted the orange. Anything pertaining to the orange lay beyond our experience. As we wish to do absolute justice to Prof. Fiske, we will submit a few quotations from his Cosmic Philosophy, his greatest work:

"It is admitted on all sides that the perception of an object necessarily implies the recognition of the object as this or that, as like certain objects, and as unlike certain other objects."

"The perception of a chair is not the reception of a group of visual