

whether it be of God, or whether I speak from Myself.'

St. Augustine entirely misses the significance of this principle when, in his beautiful exposition of the Gospel, he thus explains it: ^{No 'fool's experiment.'} 'Understanding is the reward of faith. Never seek to understand in order that you may believe, but believe in order that you may understand.'* Our Lord is not recommending what Romanes terms the 'fool's experiment' of stifling one's doubt and blindly accepting an unintelligible creed in the hope of coming to believe it. On the contrary, He challenges honest investigation and proposes a method. And it is precisely the method which is pursued in every other domain.

It is the method of Science. The first step toward discovery is a theory; then follows the testing of the theory by the phenomena, and if these bear it out, it is forthwith established. ^{The method of:} It is mere loss ^{(1) scientific investigation;} of breath to reason about the theory. 'Do not think; try' that celebrated physician John Hunter was accustomed to say to his

* Cf. Anselm, *Proslog.* i. : 'Neque enim quæro intelligere, ut credam; sed credo, ut intelligam.'