

biologist. He is to work according to the scientific method, observing objective facts and verifying hypotheses. Ribot seems inclined to separate the science altogether from metaphysics and religion. It is perhaps well that it should be so until the field is more completely explored. Independence is the mother of new conceptions. Metaphysics, however, cannot afford to keep aloof from psychology. The study of the structure of the eye has explained many facts of mental impression through vision, and the study of psychological facts in conjunction with physiology and pathology must throw light on many indeterminate problems in metaphysics. Indisputably our mental activities are conditioned on nervous arrangements and possibilities. We are obtaining some results as to the rate sensation travels along the nerves and as to the time of the oscillation of the brain cells. This latter must determine the law of thought, just as the former determines the law of sensation. Experimentation in this field is extremely difficult. Nevertheless, we must expect that the next great advance in science will be in this field. The new methods of study taught by the evolutionary theory will be applied here, and the very blossoming of the physical sciences will be found in psychology. Much physiological work yet remains to be done before any great work can be accomplished. Investigators are rapidly supplying the demand created by this new science. Societies, also, for psychical research, in England, Germany, and the United States, have been at work, and though only a few of the results so far have been in the highest degree satisfactory, they will doubtless bring to light some occult powers of the nervous system and unnoticed mental processes. These reveal the trend of much of the keenest investigation of the future, the results of which must be of intense interest to all students of the mind, to all educationalists and philanthropists.

Professor Wundt has been carrying on experiments in his laboratory at Leipsic, and gives the results in a volume of essays. Some of these results are of great interest. If we are expected to press a key as soon as we see a flash of light, to our