

which the soul does not. There is action and reaction between body and soul, but it is not of a kind in which energy passes from the one to the other. As when a man pulls the trigger, it is the gunpowder that projects the bullet; or when a pointsman shunts a train, it is the rails that bear the thrust. But the constitution of our nature is not explained by finding out what it is *not*. It is well that it will go, and that we remain in possession, though we do not understand it."

The vacations were spent at Glenlair. Here he had an attack of small-pox, where Mrs. Maxwell alone nursed him, and saved his life. Five years afterwards he was again brought very low by *crysipelas*; she was again his nurse, and every evening quietly read to him at his own request (it was all his mind could bear) their usual portion of Scripture. Among his letters of this period there is this passage: "I can always have you with me in my mind—why should we not have our Lord always before us in our minds, for we have His life, and character, and mind far more clearly described than we can know any one here? If we had seen Him in the flesh, we should not have known Him any better, perhaps not so well. Pray to Him for a constant sight of Him, for He is Man, that we may be able to look at Him, and God, so that He can create us anew in His own image."

After five years lecturing at King's College, he resigned his post, and passed another five years chiefly at Glenlair. His scientific correspondence was extensive, his studies continuous. The evenings were mainly devoted to English poetry. The prayers he offered in the household were said to be most impressive and full of meaning. The Sundays, after kirk, were spent with the old divines, and he used occasionally to visit any sick person in the village and read and pray with them in cases where such ministrations were welcome. While away in the North he was not forgotten at Cambridge. For four years he was either Moderator or Examiner in the Mathematical Tripos, and suggested important changes in the examination system.

The Chair of Experimental Physics in the University was founded in February, 1871. Who should be the first pro-