

that nature is nothing apart from intelligence; but, instead of degrading intelligence by assimilating it to nature, he raises nature up to intelligence. Nor will he allow of any leaps from the lowest to the highest categories, but seeks to put every category in its place, and to connect all by the bond of an organic movement. Hence the importance he attaches to the separate consideration of the various functions by which the world is thought, and by which at last it is seen to be a fully rounded system. In the same way the concrete world is followed up from its lowest ideal beginnings in space and time until it issues in a universe radiant in the light and love of a personal God. The best fruit of the study of Schelling is the hold it enables us to have over the infinitely richer and fuller system of his successor Hegel. Fichte and Schelling may perhaps be neglected without serious loss, although the study of their writings is not to be despised, but to neglect Kant and Hegel is to lose the highest philosophical education which the flow of human thought has brought down and laid at our feet.