

result. We cannot believe that the cosmos has no intelligible end. But what intelligible end is there conceivable, unless something is finally attained, which is not involved in a cycle, i.e., unless man is immortal.

3. There are three primary divisions of our psychical nature, viz., sense, intellect, and will. There are three corresponding processes in making a complete rational philosophy, viz.:— (1) Instreaming of impressions of the external world through the senses (facts); (2) Elaboration of these into a consistent whole by the intellect (knowledge); (3) Outgoing of this knowledge in activity (conduct). Now a true working theory of life must satisfy all these. But scientific men are apt to think that only (1) and (2) are necessary; that true facts elaborated into consistent theory is all we need care for. Theologians, on the contrary, seem to think only (2) and (3) necessary: they elaborate a theory of life consistent with itself, and apparently satisfactory in its application to conduct, but are less careful to test its harmony with facts derived from the senses. But all three are necessary. The first furnishes the material, the second constructs the building, the third tests its suitableness for human habitation. All admit that successful application to art is the best test of true theory. But conduct is the art, corresponding to our theory of life, and, therefore, *the test of its truth*. Now, is not immortality, as an element of our theory of life, in the highest degree conducive of right conduct? Is not this a useful, yea a necessary, element in a working hypothesis?

4. But, it may be objected, animals, too, have brains; in them, too, we find evidences of something like consciousness and thought. Are they, too, immortal? If so, where shall we stop? We pass down by sliding-scale, without break, to the lowest verge of life. Shall we stop here? No: for vital is transmissible into physical forces. Thus all is immortal or none. Thus the hope of immortality vanishes, as it were, by evaporation.

This objection, though serious, is, we think, not fatal. To