

elevating may be their influence, are not a Father in heaven. Ask the widow with her fatherless children whether they are. Nor does the culture necessary for these lofty and refined emotions extend, or bid fair within any calculable time to extend, to the masses of the people. A clown who cannot read or write and who earns his bread by the coarsest work can take in the idea of God and of divine rewards and punishments as thoroughly as Professor Seeley with all his cultured capacity for admiration. But it would be difficult to infuse into the clown a religion of national aggrandizement or of art.

"Cosmic emotion" presents itself only as a substitute for religious emotion, since nothing has been said about embodying it in worship. It comes to us commended by poetic quotations, and for common hearts stands in need of the commendation. Transfer of affection from an all-loving Father to an adamant universe is a process which needs all the aid that the witchery of poetry can supply, though the poetry itself, for aught that we can see, must be ground out by the same