

always another veil beyond. Causes, proximate and remote, are spoken of, but the remotest may ever be unknowable, yet, *nihil desperandum*, must be our motto. Is there a limit to knowledge? True it is, science teaches that in process of time the conditions of our planet will be so changed that animal life may improve, degenerate or cease to exist. The universe may undergo changes, but the *Law* compelling these changes has existed, now exists and will exist forever. Given the same conditions, similar results will ensue; but alter the conditions, the result will be different. Whatever is to be, will be, for law governs. Endow this power, mentally, with human attributes, then a Being, mentally, results. Of the existence of a God no mortal can have a doubt, but of the mysterious nature thereof, there will be, as there has ever been with advancing light, fresh conceptions. Of the immaterial, unchangeable, and of the future of man it is not mine to talk; man has a future.

One must not forget to mention the wonderful progress made in anatomy and physiology, the isolation of the various organs of the conglomerate brain, shewing their special functions and duties; the mapping of the connections leading to and from them making diagnosis of diseases of the nervous system somewhat less difficult and cerebeal surgery a triumph. Having mentioned somnambulism, brings mesmerism, hypnotism in its train. These are all the same, very ancient, and thus far have not been much used either in modern medicine or surgery, although by some vaunted as useful in both. They have been and are again *sub judice* so if there be anything of value in them it will be brought to light. In the meanwhile, let them not be trifled with, for they are productive of loss of intellect, of self-control and in fact of degradation. It need hardly be said that the amount of evil that may be caused by the use of this uncanny means on the neurotic, hysterical and weak-minded may be enormous and criminal. If ether, telegraphy and so forth, had been used by philosophers and scientists three hundred years ago, half the world would have burned the other half for witchcraft. A mania, some contagious terror or excitement, religious or otherwise, overcoming reason, may some day again