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God seemed to be so tied up by the laws that He had made that He could not enter into any free personal relations with men. In either case, religion seemed to be impossible. There was no denial of God, but simply the inference that even though there be a God, He was outside the sphere of practical personal relationships, and so accordingly we put Him on the shelf.

Now, the expression "the conflict of Science and Religion," appears to assume that the methods and findings of Science are necessarily in radical opposition to Religion. Yet, at the very worst, all that could be said was that Science had discredited certain religious views. So far from being opposed to religion, it may be said without dubiety that the proportion of positive unbelief is and always has been probably lower among scientific men of the highest class than among any other type of thinking men. A German scientist, Dennert,* says

* "Die Religion der Naturforscher."