

are to place any reliance on outward symptoms, we should say that, in this country at least, there is as much faith in the Christian religion as has ever been found in any country. It is a curious fact that men who are speculatively agnostic, are very frequently practical Christians. Hume used to say, although philosophically he had and could have no belief at all, yet practically he acted very much on the beliefs of his day; and Professor Huxley, who is the modern representative of Hume and the author of the very term 'Agnostic,' is probably a very good Christian. The curious fact in connection with Hume and his opponents is, that now it is held that Kant did not answer Hume; but at the very utmost only put the philosophical world on the way to find an answer. Kant and Hamilton and Mansel, with their doctrine of the relativity of knowledge, are now regarded as the fathers of Agnosticism; and Mr. Herbert Spencer does not hesitate to say that he is quite contented to draw his own conclusions from their premises. But Mr. Spencer himself can hardly be regarded as consistent. He tells us that there is a secret power which he terms Force, which is unknown and unknowable; and yet he at the same time declares that this power is "manifested." But how can a thing at the same time be manifested and unknown? We may quite agree with Kant and his disciples and with Mr. Spencer that it is not completely manifested, or even that the Absolute cannot be completely manifested to the relative, or the Infinite to the finite; but in as far as it is manifested, it is known, and the knowledge of it is true knowledge. This is the common sense of the matter, and we believe it is equally philosophical truth. In this case, then, we are not ignorant of the Eternal and Infinite Force. We know it as eternal and infinite Mind; and it is revealed as Wisdom, Love, and Power.

However calmly we may contemplate the speculative aspect of Agnosticism, its practical bearings are much more serious. It is not every one who can be, like Hume, a philosophical sceptic and a practical believer. With many