

time." Such, apart from the intimations of conscience, appears to be the sum of our present knowledge respecting the Power which rules the universe. From the uniformity of natural law we infer the unity of its author. *Hypotheses non fingo* was the motto of Newton, which in this matter it will be specially well for us to observe.

The belief seems to be gaining ground that life beyond the grave is a fond illusion, at best a platonian speculation; that man at the last lies down and dies like the dog; that death consequently cancels all moral distinctions and levels the greatest benefactor with the worst enemy of his kind. The old arguments in favor of the doctrine of immortality, derived from the separate existence and indiscerptibility of the soul, such as were used by Bishop Butler, physiology, it must be owned, has swept away. There remains to us the testimony of conscience, telling us that as we do well or ill in this life it will be well or ill for us in the end. No more, in fact, was told us by the Founder of Christendom, whose words concerning a future state, notably the story of Dives and Lazarus, are homily and imagery, not revelation. But the voice of conscience has not yet been explained