

ature affect them? is the question; because from them the general mind is moulded, by them the general course of living is regulated.

In spite of the fact that most "scientific truths" are either paralleled or contradicted by others, the popular mind is nevertheless shaped age by age by what it hears and reads and learns concerning the conclusions of eminent men of science.

These conclusions are never such. They are always one-sided, incomplete, suspicious of or guesses at truth. All honour to those recluses who, with good intention, pass their lives spinning and weaving possible facts into probable theories; but what is to be said of those whose intentions are either nowhere, or misplaced, or hostile to the general good, when casting the sperms and germs of *their* brain-storms into the dancing waters of public opinion? We have the right to differ from them, to dispute with them, to contradict them and to quarrel with them. But we waive our right—we quarrel only with their sheltering name—"Science." This word has no business to exist. It should be banished from our speech, torn and pelted out of our books, and erased