those who were without God would express the totality of being, to them, by the one word "nature." The supernatural and the Divine would be synonyms, and all confusion would be avoided. In this "nature" are many modes, but each is already provided with an adjective, such as "angelic," "disembodied," "embodied," "human" and "superhuman," so that all necessities of language are fully met. It would force precision of description, and banish the unbounded vagueness too prevalent at the present time.

Directly resulting from the haziness of the term "nature" is the haze regarding the meaning of

LAWS OF NATURE.

The materialistic philosophy of the day has almost deified "laws of nature." We are told, in fact, that they are omnipotent, producing all phenomena, and inexorable, refusing to be influenced; yet, literally, they have no existence. We speak of the law *of* the land; but there is no law *of* the land, though there is law *for* the land. The law exists not in the land, but in the minds of the legislators; it is the authoritative expression of human will enforced by power. In like manner, laws for nature exist, not in nature, but in the mind of One who has power over nature; they exist in God and not in nature, and are His decisions as to the order in which the phenomena of nature shall be produced. Professor Huxley speaks of the "ascertained or unascertained rules which we call 'laws of nature.'" But who makes the rule? Not the phenomena themselves, because there cannot be a rule made where there is no consciousness; not the human mind, because we have no power to make any "rule" for nature; and as the Professor does not acknowledge any higher mind, his use of the word "rule" must be pronounced defective; besides, a rule is something more than antecedence, and thus it would negate his own theory. It would be much better if this term "law," as applied to nature, were never used at all; or limited to natural theology, as in the great majority of cases it is utterly misleading. What is really meant by law is the observed