

LET US SEE IF SCIENCE CAN MEET THIS DEEP RELIGIOUS
NEED.

By this we do not mean the brood of speculations which endeavors to pass current under this honorable name, but the acknowledged facts which high-minded and pure-principled investigators have presented in the physical world in which they have patiently, skilfully and unweariedly toiled. It is no reflection upon the true scientists of the age, to say, that amid all their splendid investigations and achievements in the domains of the material universe, that they have absolutely no answer to give to the religious anticipations and necessities of mankind as indicated in the previous pages of this paper. Up to a certain stage in man's nature, the material world around us furnishes all the responses which his physical needs require, but when his moral and spiritual capacities assert themselves and their requirements, the visible system of things fails to supply the manifestations and replies which the case demands. Amid all the unstrapping and unpacking of the material world in which science is engaged, the Biblical declaration, that "man by searching cannot find out God" is confirmed in the most emphatic, conclusive and final manner.

It is true, as Professor Bowne has said, that "Atheists and Materialists, in particular, have squatted on scientific territory to such an extent, that the opinion has got abroad that science is identical with Atheism and Materialism; and of course the squatters do their best to keep up the delusion." The large and influential part which a number of men of strict orthodox views, and also in the ministerial profession, take in the proceedings of the British Association for the Promotion of Science, and many kindred institutions, carries a stern and timely rebuke to the characters above referred to.

Says a writer in the *Nineteenth Century Review*, "All true Science since the time of Socrates has been conscious of her limits. If those limits had been recognized by many investigators in the scientific realm, we should have been saved from many of the absurd statements respecting theistic themes which have found expression from time to time. Even within her