

boldly asserted the supremacy and the adequacy of reason, and repudiated the validity of any other means of ascertaining truth. Everything must pass the gauntlet of reason; and this temper openly took the field to campaign against everything that could not square itself with its demands. This temper was Rationalism. It is the positive and aggressive corollary of Agnosticism. Agnosticism was a negative thing, and we cannot thrive on negations. So Agnosticism was translated into positive Rationalism; and Rationalism drew up in line to give battle to faith. We have seen, or are seeing, the expiring struggles of this temper in the rationalist propaganda of the last few years.

4. Now a good deal has happened since the days when we fell down abjectly before the little god of the scientific method. Of course, so far as Rationalism is concerned—that is the thorough-going Rationalism which would have routed faith off the field with contempt