

century is a very true and real factor in the moral and intellectual as well as religious life. It is widely removed from the scoffing infidelity of a Voltaire, and the French Encyclopedists who were the real authors of that great revolution whose centenary Paris is now celebrating. It is a mournful abandonment of the highest problems, problems which have exercised the human mind in all ages, as matters about which nothing can be known. It is claimed that science is on the side of agnosticism, or, if not science, at all events the leading teachers and exponents of science. At the Manchester Congress the term "cowardly" was applied to agnosticism, and Professor Huxley has resented this with his usual force and power. The term may be too strong, or it may be justified as an epithet of a mental state of despair, and of abandoning that search after truth which is a universal duty. Bishop Barry wishes God speed, and wishes it in no conventional sense, to every study and the prosecution of all scientific enquiry, and he does so in the full belief that such study and such enquiry will bring men to the recognition of an actual Supreme Being. So far as the history of the world has yet been written the wit of man has not discovered anything worthy to supplant this belief.

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