

Astro-physics; and the mechanical theory of heat, the electro-magnetic theory of light, and the discovery of radium added many new chapters to the science of the Heavens. And we may confidently look forward to a continual extension of the science of the physical firmament, to new and quite unexpected discoveries, be it through direct observation or, what is perhaps more likely, through theory and calculation verified by subsequent observation. What still may appear as the limitless void of the dark blue Heavens will, we are sure, reveal to the searching eye and the thinking mind of star-gazers new worlds and new phenomena, and to this progress of science it appears impossible to assign any limit.

Let us now, for a moment, look upon the field of consciousness of any individual mind as, in the years of infancy and childhood, it rises out of the chaotic state of what we may term mere feeling or awareness and acquires the marks of order and arrangement through definite sensations, through emotions and desires. Let us, in fact, picture to ourselves the first stages in the development of the adult mind in possession of a clear view which may be compared to that which characterised the glance of the first observant and thinking star-gazers. Like them, the young mind will fasten upon the recurrent complex of sensations which it is taught to consider as the outer world, as distinguished from the background of consciousness in which this is embedded or has its seat, as the constellations of the stars have their seat in the firmament of the Heavens. We may now, in fact, speak of the firmament of the soul. How the