

cumulative force and such invincible power, that they, as it were, put to nought all physical resistance and overcome the inertia which is a property of all masses, creating revolutions and upheavals which change the whole aspect of social and political life.

Thus Napoleon said correctly that there are two forces in the world—the sword and ideas : in the long-run ideas always win the day.

III.

According to the point of view taken up in these our discussions, we look upon all these abstract terms and relations, through which we bring Rule and Order into the primordial chaos of our Sensations, Emotions, and Desires, as entirely subjective ; as acquiring objectivity mainly through their permanence, and through the fact that in some unexplained way we learn that other persons share with us the same or similar experiences.

They are selections which the human mind is impelled to make among the crowd of physical and other sensations which fill the changing firmament of consciousness. The selection is merely a further step for every individual mind in that process of clearance which begins in infant life, starting with the recognition of detached and repeated physical sensations, and advances to their connections in time and space.

We have no true knowledge of these abstractions other than that which exists for every one of us in his own individual experience. And so far as knowledge gained from or through other persons is concerned, we