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SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS.*

In science we find the dynamics of political economy, as well as many other branches of human knowledge and human speculation. That eminent prelate and statesman, James Cardinal Gibbons, at the dedication of McMahon Hall of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America a few years ago, said that many were of the opinion that the Mother Church did not welcome the results of scientific research—that there might be something to be feared relative to theology and religion in such research—but he asserted emphatically that the church welcomed all science and all revelations of science as new revelations of religion. His eminence recognized and appreciated the great changes in thought which had come over the world of intelligence during the last thirty or forty years, and that nothing could be revealed by science that did not reveal the hand of the great first cause; that science was God's instrument in teaching HIS handiwork to the human race.

The conflicts of science and religion, about which we heard so much a generation ago, have no place now in the thought of those who see in science such handiwork. We no longer look upon the earth as the spasmodic creation of a few days. Genesis becomes grand and beautiful poetry in place of alleged history. We see in it the traditions of primitive man in his attempt to account for creation. We see the eco-

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