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"If to do were as easy as to know what
were good to do, chapels had been churches,
and poor men's cottages princes' palaces.
It is a good divine that follows his own in-
stuction. I can easier teach twenty what
were good to be done than be one of the
twenty to follow mine own teaching."

"Science," says Powell, "deals with rea-
listies. These are bodies and their proper-
ties. Known realities are those about which
mankind have knowledge; scientific re-
search is the endeavor to increase knowl-
edge, and its methods are experience, ob-
servation and verification."

While most men of science admit all this
as good precept, history warns them that
they must be on their guard, lest they fall
unknowingly into the dream-land of the
philosophers; ' for our author tells us that
"The dream of intellectual intoxication
seems to some to be more real and more
worthy of the human mind than the simple
truths discovered by science."

While rebuking the metaphysicians, our
author does not spare those men of science
who assert that while science deals with
the properties of matter the real nature of
matter—what it is in itself—is quite un-
known: "As though its properties did not
constitute its essential nature."

"Would a sane person," he asks, "speak

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