

Tipton

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If you have forgotten -
May I remind you to
ask the Mother to
admit me into the
Hospital at once,
which is not customary?
I am afraid best, on
the multiplicity of
things you must have
to do, you should forget
me.

I shall follow as
soon as I can -

I do not think that
the historical claim
will do, in these days,
in England.

In Europe, in the 18th
century, when Physical
Science - a particularly
Astronomy - reached
its highest point -
when Bailly, Laplace,
D'Alembert, Bideroot &
Lavoisier led the world,
Men's Minds were
worked in the laws of
Nature - & yet not deeply
enough to see that the
laws of Nature were
only the Mechanical
equivalents for God's
Thoughts, not forces in
themselves - And Atheism
naturally followed -

In the first half of
the 19th century, Physiology
made a start. & the
science of life was
substituted for physical
science - the organic
for the inorganic system.
A vital for a
mechanical picture -
And Pantheism followed,
(at least in Germany)
which considers the
Universe as a living
thing, a ^{self-}developing
principle. In England,
Mr Robert Peel, & your
friend Sidney Herbert,
are Pantheists.

Now, in the latter half
of the 19th Century - in
England, at least, where
Mechanics are the ruling
passion - Atheism is
again, or will be, the
ruling principle - if their
spiritual feelings are
not developed on a par
with their intellect.
Therefore I don't think it
will do for the Church
to rest her claim upon
the historic, but upon
the scientific principle
the historic made
Schlegel, as you say, a
Catholic. But the English
have never been historians.
And he who presents

religion & then Must
do it from the scientific
point of view -

Instead of Saints
they have had great
Civil Engineers - instead
of Sisters of Charity,
they have had Political
Economists. They Must
have a Scientific God
& make way against
the studies which Science
is making - or Atheism
will make these studies
too - People will Make
their God till they can
find Him.

The Ch. of England
could not have stood

in any country but England
because she is such a
poor historian -

I have always thought
that the great theological
fight had yet to be
fought out in England
between Catholicism &
Protestantism - In Germany
it was fought out 300
years ago - They know
why they are Protestants.
I never knew an En-
glishman who did,
& if he enquires, he
becomes a Catholic. He
took our Protestantism
from a king, & kept
it afterwards, because
it suited our ideas of

political independence.
I now we believe, (as
don't believe), by Act
of Parliament. The
Ch. of England is but a
"school," as you said -

But I fear religion
must be taught on very
different grounds from
what it ever has been
yet, for people to
believe -

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