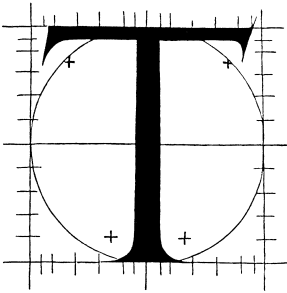


CHAPTER ONE

The Long-Standing Problem



THE wording of the Terry Lectures offers a daunting challenge: to illuminate “the assimilation and interpretation of that which has been or shall be hereafter discovered, and its application to human welfare, especially by the building of the truths of science and philosophy into the structure of a broadened and purified religion. . . . Such a religion will greatly stimulate intelligent effort for the improvement of human conditions and the advancement of the race in strength and excellence of character.”

One cannot read these words without recognizing the extent to which difficulties in the relations between science and religion, rather than their useful cooperation or at least coexistence, have taken over discussion of the two subjects. Today the one thing that everyone seems to know about science and religion is that they often intersect antithetically,