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I. NATURE AND SCIENCE.

1. Sensations and Things.

All the time that we are awake we are learning by means of our **senses** something about the world in which we live and of which we form a part ; we are constantly aware of feeling, or hearing, or smelling, and, unless we happen to be in the dark, of seeing ; at intervals we taste. We call the information thus obtained **sensation**.

When we have any of these sensations we commonly say that we feel, or hear, or smell, or see, or taste, something. A certain scent makes us say we smell onions ; a certain flavour, that we taste apples ; a certain sound, that we hear a carriage ; a certain appearance before our eyes, that we see a tree ; and we call that which we thus perceive by the aid of our senses a **thing** or an **object**.

2. Causes and Effects.

Moreover, we say of all these things, or objects, that they are the **causes** of the sensations in question, and