

who have most completely fathomed Maxwell's work, said to me once, 'I understand everything in the book except what is meant by an electrically charged body.'" Professor Glazebrook tells us: "We cannot find in the 'Electricity' an answer to the question, What is an electric charge? Maxwell did not pretend to know, and the attempt to give too great definiteness to his views on this point is apt to lead to a misconception of what those views were. . . . Still, in order to grasp Maxwell's theory, this knowledge is not necessary."

Nevertheless, Maxwell's followers in this country and abroad are not satisfied to leave those points which are obscure or indefinite in his theory unilluminated. I have already referred to the valuable practical illustrations of Lodge. What has been done in a more systematic manner on the Continent and at home I shall briefly refer to at the end of the next chapter. We may call it a revival of the atomic view of electricity.