high school science teacher gets 99 and 9/10 per cent of his knowledge
of science through revelation or communication. But the result is that
he is probably a little more dogmatic than the great scientist is as to
what science actually proves. Revelation is a common feature of life.
It is vital and important in science and in most anything else. I look
at ~~this~~ watch here ~~that/~~ , and ask myself how dependable it is. Can
I trust it in order to know what time I should be here for the meeting
or when to get to the train? How long is it apt to be dependable?
Well, I might take the method of induction which some people think of
as all of science. I would take this watch to pieces (which I believe
I could do with little trouble!), but I'd never get it together again!
When it came to studying the different sections of it, the method of
induction wouldn't do me much good. There are people who could take
this watch apart and tell a great deal about it, but there is no man
living who would be able to tell everything about it. Because there
are certain matters which are vital which we do not have the instrument
that could properly detect and determine in connection with the makeup
of some of the elements in the watch. Induction wouldn't do me much
good even in a simple matter like this.

Now there is the method of deduction which is very frequently used.
I look at this watch for the name of the make. Now if that name says
Elgin I would probably say at once, "Elgins are good watches, therefore
this is a good watch." But it doesn't say "Elgin". It says, "Vulcain."
And that means nothing whatever to me so the method of deduction in this
case would be of no value to me at all. Even if it did say, "Elgin,"
I would not know if that particular type of watch was good for a long
period, how dependable it was, whether the watches made the year this
~~was/on/~~ one was were as good as in later years, or whether this was a
model that has been discontinued. There would be one way that I could
get true information about this question. That would be to go to the
man who made the watch, and say, "Give me a revelation, give me a com-