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THE ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY

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EARLY EXPERIENCES.

It is one of the established characteristics of the evolution of life that every new type should first appear in a strong and vigorous, almost an exaggerated form. Its structure is, however, always comparatively simple and the type itself somewhat unstable, liable to be much affected by its early environment and speedily becoming more complex in organization in response to the new conditions.

Something like this was the case with the new ethical type which appeared with Christianity. It was strong, vigorous and aggressive. Its moral principles were cleancut and