

by natural selection is absurd in the highest degree. ‡

But whether the eye was created or evolved, the moment vision resulted from the joint action of the mechanism of that organ and of the brain, under the influence of the undulation of light, a Power had stepped in as a Creator ; and again, according to Wallace and his school of Evolutionists, this Power stepped in once more at the original production of man.

To draw to a conclusion,—I hope my hearers will not think that the topics I have brought before them are unsuited to this place or to this day. The Christian's Book is full of texts which my words are intended to enforce. "He that made the eye, shall He not see ?" "It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." "Consider the lilies and the ravens." "The heavens declare the glory of God." "I will consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers ; the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained." These passages need enforcement from the pulpit. We should sing the *Benedicite*, not only with the spirit, but with the understanding also. I do not therefore apologize for calling attention to "the works of the Lord, praising and magnifying Him for ever."

And let me add, before I conclude, that in a controversy with those that say, "There is no God,"—or, which comes to the same thing, that they do not know whether there is a God or not, and that it does not matter,—I have nothing but the kindest

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‡ Origin of Species, p. 156.