

what they would build"—"while religion too often contents itself with the cup of cold water, science has, with hands overflowing, strewn blessings upon the entire race"—"the missing link of our descent from our supposed fathers, the apes, appears to be hid in the religious vagaries of their progeny"—"the old method of implanting religious fact has become a shocking immorality," &c. This recent study in evolution is no improvement from the religious point of view. Nor is it otherwise from the moral. For it is the history of a woman who is made to be wicked without reason, sentimental without sense, sensual without excuse. The story is not without a certain power, but if Mr. Randolph had exercised his (or her) abilities in writing a work of fiction which the school-girl, to whom this is dedicated, could be recommended to read, he (or she) would have been better employed. The story has a prologue entitled "The Ivory Gate," which is a wonderful piece of writing. We are there told that "the gentle hills were feathered with foliage," "along the sandy marge, wood and water are at perpetual warfare," and finally, "the moon climbs the vault, reaches her zenith, sinks again, and slowly pales into a paling sky." However, we are bound to say the body of the work is in plainer language; but the book is neither attractive as a work of art, nor will it serve any useful purpose that we can see.

*St. Basil the Great on the Holy Spirit* (4) is not out of place here, though of quite another character. We believe that the present issue has been withdrawn from circulation, and another published with additional notes. On some points St. Basil's doctrine cannot be called *evangelical*; and it is just as well that the most important of these points should be guarded. But it is scarcely to be expected that no work should be accounted a Christian classic unless its theology can be pronounced unexceptionable. Mr. Lewis has done his share of the work admirably, barring the oversight that has now been rectified.

(1) *Mental Evolution in Man*. By G. J. Romanes, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S. London: Kegan Paul, Trench & Co. 1888. Price 10s. 6d.

(2) *The Philosophy of Mysticism*. By Carl Du Prel, Ph.D. Translated from the German by C. C. Massey. London: George Redway, York Street, Covent Garden. 1889.

(3) *The New Eve*. A Study in Recent Evolution. By Mr. Randolph. Two Vols. London: Spencer Blackett. 1889.

(4) *St. Basil the Great on the Holy Spirit*. Translated with Analysis and Notes by the Rev. George Lewis. London: The Religious Tract Society. 1888.