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THERE are three respects in which our holy religion is progressive; not in its record or spirit of divine truth, but in its influence and destiny in the world which it came to save.

1. *The ideas of Christianity are progressive* in the human mind. These are the ideas of God, the thoughts of the omniscient intellect. They are the laws of the moral world, and as such are unchangeable. But as it regards the mind of the recipient on earth, they are capable of greater or less admixture with error. It is the same sun that gives us light in a cloudy day as in a fair one; but in one case he shines with direct effulgence, and in the other quenches and dulls his arrows of light in a floating screen of vapor. The communication of truth depends not only on the purity and power of the giver, but also on the condition of the receiver. It is one sign of the Divine origin and authority of Christ, that, born and brought up as a