

*STRIVE WITH A PURPOSE.*

Strive with an earnest purpose  
 In every task to excel;  
 That which is worth the doing  
 Is worth the doing well.  
 Where there's the will for winning,  
 Surely the way must come;  
 That which is worth beginning  
 Is well worth being done.

Think that however humble  
 Tasks which around you lie,  
 Half-hearted work will ever  
 Yield but a poor reply;  
 Then let us strive with fervour,  
 Toil with whole-hearted zest;  
 That which is worth the doing  
 Is worth our very best.

*A GREAT EXPLOSION.*

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HERE has been a great deal written; a great deal thought, and a great deal of Christian faith made doubtful by the various theories of Evolution.

Evolution has been made by its promulgators, to do duty of a God. Miracle has been declared impossible, and the faith of the Christian world in the creation of earth and of man has been ridiculed and vilified. This system has been advanced by theorists to such an extent that by it its advocates have attempted to account for all things, and more especially for the origin of matter and of human life, indeed of all life. But as fast as one theory was worked out and seemed settled; it was, at once opposed by another, and this new one in its turn was attacked and proved to be untenable, until all of the principals in these thozings have been forced to make concession after concession, until they scarcely have an atom of their origi-

nal theories left to uphold their names. Scores of points once held to be essential truths by them, have been conceded to their opponents. e. g. It has been granted that

1. Spontaneous generation has never been known to occur.

2. That the missing links between the lowest man and the highest ape have never been found.

3. That the oldest fossils discovered are as essentially perfect and fully developed as are any specimens of the present day.

4. That all life is incompatible with the gaseous state or the state of fusion in which state the earth was when it was "without form and void."

5. That design in creation, yet stands proved.

These concessions, besides many others, have been made by the principal propounders of the theory of Evolution, which even by themselves are most damaging to the theory. But it has been declared, and in a way proved that a kind of protoplasm, called by its discoverer—Bathybius exists in the ooze of the beds of the deep seas, as great sheets of living matter, extending around the globe, and that this jelly-like, gelatinous substance was in the past and will be in the future, the progenitor of all life on this our planet. This Bathybius was made to fill up the vacancy between the living and the not living; it was made the missing link between the so-called supernatural and the natural, between the organic and inorganic.

Straus declared, "now no educated man can longer be a Christian, a believer in miracle, a believer in the fable of a special creation by a Divine Being," Bathybius was to take the place of Almighty God. It was, by these theorists an organism without organs.

It was to perform the acts of nutrition and propagation.

It was to span the chasm between the living and the dead.

It was to render all supernatural ideas null and void. Wise men indeed at the time disputed these great claims.

The microscope proved as conclusively as evidence can prove anything that Bathybius was a myth and a delusion, till finally, lo and