

and true religion cannot contradict each other ; but true science is fact and not theory, and true religion is the teaching of God, and not So-and-So's interpretation of the Bible. Sir Oliver makes a double mistake in thinking his ideas of science and of the Bible are correct. Sir William Ramsay, himself a Nestor of science, says Sir Oliver's science is "pure theory". Does Sir Oliver Lodge fondly imagine that the Son of God could be so lacking in wisdom, intelligence and foresight as to have passed his life on earth without taking full and proper precautions in the establishment of means for expounding and protecting the message and teaching He decided to convey to mankind through all ages? People, who are satisfied to trust in surmise, theory, and conjecture as a preparation and a guide for their career beyond the grave, will find in Sir Oliver's catechism just the dead-sea fruit they want. Here is his first question and answer : " Q.—Who are you? A.—I am a being alive and conscious upon this earth, my ancestors having ascended by gradual processes from lower forms of animal life, and with struggling and suffering became man". This, of course, is Darwinism elevated into dogma, and to reiterate the words of Sir William Ramsay "it is pure theory to say that our ancestors ascended by gradual processes from the lower forms of animal life". The lowest forms of life known to present-day science are the bacteria and single cell vegetables and animals. Perhaps Sir Oliver will tell us how it comes about that after the indubitably long time demanded by the Darwinians for the evolution of so complicated a being as man, we still have those simple organisms as they were, and unchanged by the ages of natural and other selection? How comes it that so erratic and chanceful a power, as natural selection is put down to be, has acted in harmonious unison to produce the two hundred and ten bones, five hundred and fifty muscles, heart, blood vessels, nerves, lungs, stomach, liver, brain, eyes, ears, and other complicated organs of man all unified into a noble and intelligent being? Darwinism is after all but a theory and to elevate theory into dogma and tack it on to religion is the great mistake Sir Oliver Lodge makes in his catechism. Evidently for "future religious education" the old penny catechism of our fathers in the faith is much to be preferred.