

says of him : " His combination of philosophic thought with really considerable knowledge in history and exegesis gives him great power " The " philosophic thought " is a blend of Kant and Hegel and Comte. With such philosophy to poison the springs of thought in his soul, it is little wonder that the Count's faith should wither away and die.

"The theory of organic evolution has been extended to the domain of theology and it is assumed that the whole body of christian doctrine slowly evolved from a few germs sowed by the Apostles. Organic evolution involves the transformation of species, and after the analogy of this, doctrinal evolution is regarded as involving a transformation of ideas or forms of thought. Such men as Kant, and Hegel, and Darwin are considered to have introduced new forms of thought in science and in philosophy or, in the high-sounding language of the day, to have ' revolutionized thought,' and Catholic scholars who pride themselves on being "in the foremost files of modern progress keep warning us that we must move with the times, that the period through which we are passing is one of transition, that the Church must accomodate herself to the new ideas, that the existing theology on such subjects, especially of creation and the inspiration of the scripture, may have been very well in time going before but is now outworn and in sore need of a thorough overhauling. But the Church holds fast, as she has held fast, by her principle of *Nihil innovetur—Let there be no innovation.* Development of doctrine along the lines of traditionnal teaching she admits and affirms ; evolution of doctrine, in the modern sense, she never can admit, for the simple reason that the truths which she is commissioned to teach, while capable of growth, are not capable of change. And if it be objected that there can be no growth without change, it may be answered that strictly speaking, it is not the truth that grows, but the intellect of the Church that has an ever widening vision of the truth in all its bearings.

After showing that there are in this book clear traces of this mischievous theory of doctrinal evolution, the reviewer deals with a remarkable statement on page 224 "that errors of fact may exist in Scripture and it is added : There are not errors in God's Word but current ideas incorporated—the *Communis sermo*—to use the phrase used in later years by Leo XIII. The Pope does indeed declare