

one still, in order that he may fulfil the chief end of man. "I am come," said Jesus, "that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." "Marvel not that I said unto you, ye must be born again." The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the revelation to us of the Source of life: of all life,—physical life, moral life, and spiritual life. "In Him was life." I have wondered that the scientific world does not exclaim "Eureka!" at the empty sepulchre hard-by the walls of Jerusalem. Prof. Tyndall toiled long and arduously to find it, and forever dispelled the illusion that it could be spontaneously generated. Whence, then, comes this mystery of mysteries; life of all kinds, whose hiding has infatuated the soothsayers to pursue it in vain? Here is its Source! Here is its Author! "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, and for Him are all things, to whom be the glory forever;" and "By Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are upon earth."

Among the things created by Christ are a new heart and a right spirit,—a superadded new life to man's other lives; or, if you please, a new energy added to his other energies, giving the promise and potency of evolution in a more highly organized totality of life. Conversion, then, is creation *per saltum*, at a bound, instantaneous, as we say in our theology.

Remembering that many lives or energies are bound up in the bundle of a human life, we will see that there is room for respectfully regarding the operation of the principles laid down by evolution as applicable even to the character of the organism in each individual new life, and to its future development. A man's present physical and intellectual life, and all his past history, have to be reckoned with. They, in turn, must modify the superadded life, and the resultant new life is the outcome of all the combined forces at play. Not even chemical and vital force cease to give their individual peculiarities to the kind of Christian produced. Mr. Beecher once said that it is good to be born well the first time. Transmitted brain and nervous modifications do count for something in the struggle for existence. Paul considered that the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy, granted a divine gift, still bore some hereditary relation to that which was in his grandmother Lois, and his