

If Mr. Arnold were living now and were re-writing that poem, he would have to say, not that the "Sea of Faith" is full, but that it is rising. Let me illustrate my meaning. One of the ablest and most influential writers in America to-day is John Fiske. He is a disciple of Herbert Spencer and a leading exponent of evolution. Here is the title of his latest book: "Through Nature to God." A reviewer says, "The movement of Professor Fiske's mind from the destructive negations that characterised the evolutionary philosophy of twenty years ago, to constructive affirmations on the side of a spiritual interpretation of life, has been slow but continuous, and this last book places him fairly within the lines of the scheme of thought which finally brought the late Professor Romanes within the circle of Christian faith." In this book Mr. Fiske says, "The lesson of evolution is that through all these weary ages the human soul has not been cherishing in religion a delusive phantom, but in spite of seemingly endless groping and stumbling has been rising to the recognition of its essential kinship with the ever-living God. Of all the implications of the doctrine of evolution with regard to man, I believe the very deepest and strongest to be that which asserts the everlasting reality of religion." Here is a sentence from the late Professor Drummond, written as long ago as 1878: "The old cry, 'How far science has wandered away from God,' will soon be obsolete; and 'How near science has come to God,' will be the cry of the thoughtful and far-seeing." This that Drummond predicted twenty years ago may now be said to be fulfilled. We recall the experience of George John Romanes. Following relentlessly, as he supposed, the demands of the scientific method, he published in 1878, his "Candid Examination of Theism," the conclusion of which was pure atheism. But from this he afterward slowly but surely returned to faith, and before his death, five years ago, he re-entered the Christian church.

As regards agnosticism, here are some words on that subject from President Schurman of Cornell University, who on such a matter is a perfectly competent witness: "Our knowledge of God," he says, "is the same in kind as our knowledge of the external world, or of ourselves." Again, "Agnosticism, so