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of self-preservation ; that this, again, enhanced by more and more subtle psychical attractions, passes by a gentle gradient into the love exhibited by the higher birds and mammals, and by the average human individual.

“But the possibilities of evolution are not ended, and though some may shrink from that comparison of human love with its analogues in the organic series, the theory of evolution offers the precise compensation such natures require.”

Those of us who go on in life, as too many still do, without recognising the possibilities of individual and of racial evolution which naturalist, cultivator and breeder from the one side, psychologist and artist from the other, are constantly demonstrating, are shut up to the conventional view that the poet and his heroine alike are exceptional creations, hopelessly beyond the everyday average of the race. There are still too many pedagogues and professors who tell you this of their boys. Whereas, admitting the idea of evolution, we are not only entitled to the hope, but logically compelled to the assurance, that these rare fruits of an apparently more than earthly paradise of love, which only the forerunners of the race have been privileged to gather, or it may be to see from distant heights, are yet the realities of a daily life towards which we and others may journey.

But are not these the words of an over-