

fat oxen, should himself be fat ; " but whoever he was, his epigram only proves him to have been fonder of fun than of fact. Much more *à propos* to my purpose is the sentiment of another, and, I should feel tempted to declare, a better man, who speaks of one's thoughts being lifted "from Nature up to Nature's God." If, as has also been said, "The undevout astronomer is mad," much more may it be affirmed of the biologist. That opinion is changing in regard to evolution, I take the liberty to append the following from a once bitter opponent of the theory—Prof. McCosh of Princeton. Says the Professor: "There is no real antagonism between the doctrines of evolution and those of Genesis. The discoveries made by science seemed at times, he said, to be inconsistent with the principles of the Christian religion. But in the end such inconsistency disappeared, and it is found that the startling discoveries are reconcilable with Bible doctrines of the creation. There is a unity in the process of evolution which indicates it to be a system of development originated by God. It is admitted that all the occurrences of nature are due to cause and effect, and men of large minds have hereto-

fore found nothing inconsistent in the assumption that God works in a secondary way through these operations of nature. The earth in its present form, with all its beauties and its wonders of regularly changing seasons, and its reproduction of species, is the product of agencies which have worked for thousands of years. These agencies (it mattered little what their original constituents were) all combine to produce beneficial results. These results are evolved, if one choose so to term it, but they come of elements originally created by God. They all, furthermore, operate in perfect harmony, arguing that some mind and power directs their development. The periodicity and stability of nature in all her operations go to prove this. Everything follows a predesigned system, and never deviates therefrom. Nature, moreover, has a progression, and there has been a steady advance from age to age since the beginning. Mankind has steadily acquired a larger capacity for happiness, and has developed in intellectual growth. In all this God can be seen as the inspiring cause. Because a horse, dog, or rose is developed by natural causes, its creation is none the less the Divine handiwork."

It may be said of thousands of so-called men and women, that though they bear the human name they completely fail to illustrate its worth. They neither enrich the world nor bless it; and when they pass out of it they are scarcely missed, and no one sustains any serious loss in their removal. Surely this is not in harmony with reason or with common sense. "Something attempted" and "something done" alone indicate the possession of a right conception of life. The noble influences of truth, and the grand manifestations of its power in the life, are in every way worthy of man's being. The

mind, therefore, must be prepared to receive truth, so that we may be prompted to make every endeavour to produce its living reality in our daily life.

A NATION'S advancement depends upon its teachers. To make true progress each generation must give to the next something which it did not receive, but itself discovered or originated, and added to the common hereditary store. This, then, is the duty of the teacher toward the world, to help his generation to take a step higher in the scale of civilization.—*Philadelphia Teacher*.