

Early Growth It is anti-christian, but not cleverly so. It is irreverent, at times vulgar. Like Dr. Mitchell, the ex-professor believes man was evolved from the lower animals. Then comes a mixture of Lubbock, Tyler and Keary in his evolution of culture. Ancient oriental history is brought down to Telleh and Tel el Amarna. But the Hebrews are frauds, a race of very wicked sun-worshippers. Their Bible is a myth from end to end. Miracle is impossible, and the New Testament an apparent fiction. The ex superintendent scatters little bits of astronomical and astrological lore through Humanity's history, and denies the resurrection of the body, but thinks it possible that the soul may continue to live after the body's decay. Finally, he winds up with a more than half expressed belief in the truth of judicial astrology, into which he resolves prophecies that he cannot deny. It cannot possibly do any person good to read this book, and might do those, who, in their ignorance, imagine its author knows what he is talking about, a good deal of harm. A very different man is he who goes under the nom de plume of John Dignum. Perhaps he calls himself such, because he thinks he and *diggin cur*, that is the evolutionists and higher critics, metaphorically under the fifth rib. He belongs to Warrington, England, but his two lectures on Evolution, and Common Sense versus Criticism are published, in 70 well printed small 8vo pages in a neat paper cover, by Messrs. Williamson & Co., of Toronto. We who live in and about Montreal, and are familiar with Sir William Dawson's books and addresses, know beforehand all the arguments of the Warrington anti-evolutionist, who is moderate and does not deny the possibility of evolution under Divine superintendence. In his second lecture, John will not allow Cheyne, Driver, Gore, and other followers of Ewald, Wellhausen, and Knobel, to shut him up as a Hebraic non-expert. He says he has got common sense, which for general purposes is superior to Hebrew. Doubtless, some of the gentlemen who have been under the hands of professors Cousirat and Scrimger would have liked once to put in a similar plea. The lecturer lays much stress on the contradictions of the critics, and on the fact that Biblical scholars of equal learning dissent entirely from their views. The brochure is well worth reading and circulating. A friend has sent me a large number, almost 50 quarto pages, of South Africa, a weekly journal for all interested in South African and Financial Affairs. The date is February 27th, and its most important article is Theodore Bent's account, before the Royal Geographical Society, of his exploration of the Zimbabwe Ruins of Mashonaland, south-west of Sofala. These ruins cover a great area, and are built of granite blocks, the walls, thirty feet high and sixteen thick, being laid, in part, in ornamental courses of different patterns. Relics of ancient worship, some sculptures, implements, traces of gold mining and working, were found by the indefatigable explorer, and cuts of some of them and of the buildings illustrate his paper. The ruins are supposed to be ancient, going