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ETHICS AND EVOLUTION HARMONIZED.

The members of the Boston Ministers' Meeting gathered promptly and in large numbers last Monday to hear Prof. George Harris's continuation of his previous lecture. Briefly reviewing the four theories of the relation between ethics and evolution, he proceeded to develop the fourth one, that of their harmony. The problem is to reconcile self-sacrifice, which has been considered the ruling principle of ethics, with self-regard, the ruling principle of evolution. Professor Harris defined the good as perfection of personal character, the right as the good regarded as obligatory, and claimed that love includes both. Love of others seeks their highest good and is satisfied with nothing short of righteousness. Worthy self-love, then, would seek to realize the same ideals in the *ego* as are demanded in persons beloved. Since one cannot seek good for others except at the same time he seek it for himself, it follows that only those who have a due realization of and regard for their own progress toward perfection can effectively serve their fellowmen. Christ's second great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," was quoted as ground for belief that self regard is the only true basis of love for others. Sympathy has in itself no moral value, and may be so mistaken as to become absolutely immoral. Altruism unmodified by the saving principle of self-regard would result in a state of society where there would be competition to receive favors rather than to bestow them, on the ground that the greatest kindness one can show another is the opportunity of service. The true altruist seeks good for himself and increases it by imparting to others. All intellectual and moral satisfaction, such as is found in contemplating the beauties of nature or the truths of science, is increased by sharing with others.

Self-sacrifice, then, which would give up all one's powers and possessions for the sake of others, is limited by self regard, which prohibits the surrender of character. Thus both work together toward the ideal condition of moral perfection in the individual and in society; and the whole process, though gradual and at times indirect, is divine. This lecture was even more enjoyable than that of last week, and was received with hearty appreciation. *June, 1895.*

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