

thought in turning the tables on Bishop Wilberforce, the distinguished defender of the accuracy of Genesis. I believe, however, that it could be more properly designated as an instance of how ^{using} the great ideals of the Victorian Age as a means of ^{overcoming} those who were clinging to the letter of the source from which those ideals had come.

Before the famous meeting Huxley was comparatively unknown. At the meeting a noted scientist presented arguments against Darwin's theory. Darwin had been invited to come but, ^{as usual} sent Huxley as his representative. Huxley sat on the platform among ecclesiastics and scholars, almost all of whom were strongly opposed to the ⁽²⁾ theories ⁽¹⁾ of Darwin's ⁽³⁾. After the ~~scientist's~~ speech by the scientist the main event of the afternoon occurred. A great speech by ~~the~~ Bishop Wilberforce, ^{who a} ^{man who} possessed acute intelligence, great width of knowledge and a trenchant wit. Although ~~he~~ not a scientist he felt that his knowledge was wide enough to enable him to present in dogmatic ~~the~~ fashion arguments that he had picked up here and there. Many of these seemed to Huxley to be quite shallow. Then he ^{heard him} set about to ridicule the idea that man might be descended from a monkey. ^{with} Then turning to Huxley he asked him to tell him whether it was through his mother or through his father that he claimed ~~to~~ descent from an ape. Huxley slapped his hand on the knee of the man next to him and said, "The Lord has ^{given} dropped him into my hand." After Bishop Wilberforce finished Huxley was ^{invited} given the opportunity ^{to} of answering. He spent a certain amount of time presenting scientific arguments to offset the points that Wilberforce had raised and showed that in at least some of the instances the arguments were based on incomplete knowledge of the facts involved. Then he took up the matter of the descent from the monkey. He said something like this: "I have been asked through ~~his~~ parent I trace descent from an ape. I find myself compelled to say that I would feel far less shame at being descended from an innocent and simpleminded monkey than to have to trace my ancestry to a man of great gifts and wide intelligence who would be satisfied to deal with matters from a purely superficial basis and to try to shrug off ~~earnest~~ (honest?) scientific problems on a basis of mere ridicule." When Huxley said this the audience went wild.