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The Progressives find themselves in a difficult position, and one not of their own seeking, according to their leader, Robert Forke. People will sympathize with them. However, a great many people would like to be able to hold the fate of a government in their hands. It is a great responsibility, we must confess, but it carries with it great possibilities. It makes it necessary for the men in that position to enlarge their outlook as much as possible and refuse to be carried away with the temporary power which has been placed in their hands.

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Naturally the library comes in for its share of criticism. We all have our favorite authors and some imagine that the authors they read are the only ones worth reading. However, the management endeavors to cater to all classes, although it tries to encourage the educational feature. The chief demand is for fiction but the library provides a large share of non-fiction and tries to interest readers in that class of reading.

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### SIR OLIVER LODGE GIVES HIS VIEWS HOW WORLD CREATED

Evolution of Religion Commenced  
When First Man Got Assurance that there were Higher Beings

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Sir Oliver Lodge, in another of his addresses on evolution, given at Westminster, viewed man as an infant on the earth, and an infant with perhaps a lot of time to grow up in. He believed the order of evolution was first some grade of plant, then water beasts, then land beasts. The first truly land animals were lizard or reptiles, some of which took to the air and became birds, while others developed into mammals which were in the line of human ancestry and were comparatively late comers on this planet. We could not really follow the whole process of man's evolution, which must have been gradual, but at some stage a special kind of consciousness must have begun, and these higher faculties must have shown themselves markedly in some early human ancestors. They had an imagination which gave the assurance that higher beings must exist, although they were not apparent to the senses, a feeling of awe at the unknown power by which they were surrounded. Here was the first crude idea of religion, and if we supposed we had attained to perfection in the matter of such development as this, we were surely mistaken. It was not easy to specify at what stage the developing creature might be called "human," but he thought all agreed that it was only a case of thousands of years, perhaps 50,000, perhaps 100,000, but certainly a short time. So far as humanity was concerned we were still in the morning of the times and the human race was still in its infancy. The human race began but a short time ago and might have millions of years before it on this planet.

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