

the motion, is, probably, the first assemblage of the molecules which proceed from the sexual parts of the other individual; they must arrange under the form of an organized body which will not be another foetus, for the reasons we have before given.*

On the whole, I conceive there are organic particles of the sexual parts, which serve as a fixed point, or a centre of union, around which all the other parts that form the embryo collect. I speak of it only as probable; but as they are the only particles which differ, I have thought it more natural to imagine, that it is around these different particles the union is formed than those which are common to both sexes.

We have before observed, that those who have imagined the heart was the first formed, are deceived: those who say it is the blood, are no less so. All is formed at the same time. If we only consult observation, the chicken is seen in the egg before it has been sat upon; we perceive the spine of the back and the head, and, at the same time, the appendages which form the placenta. I have opened a great number of
eggs,

* In this, as in some other places, our author has gone into a diffuse repetition which we have considered unnecessary and therefore avoid.