

CHAPTER VIII

HYPOTHESIS AND ANALOGIES CONCERNING LIFE

THE view concerning Life which I have endeavoured to express is that it is neither matter nor energy, nor even a function of matter or of energy, but is something belonging to a different category ; that by some means at present unknown it is able to interact with the material world for a time, but that it can also exist in some sense independently ; although in that condition of existence it is by no means apprehensible by our senses. It is dependent on matter for its phenomenal appearance—for its manifestation to us here and now, and for all its terrestrial activities ; but otherwise, I conceive that it is independent, that its