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the required energy, in both cases, being extraneously supplied, and only transmuted into the appropriate form by the guiding principle which controls the operation.

We do not know how to generate life without the action of antecedent life at present, though that may be a discovery lying ready for us in the future ; but even if we did, it would still be true (as I think) that the life was in some sense pre-existent, that it was not really created *de novo*, that it was brought into actual practical every-day existence doubtless, but that it had pre-existed in some sense too : being called out, as it were, from some great reservoir or storehouse of vitality, to which, when its earthly career is ended, it will return.

Indeed, it cannot in any proper sense be said ever to have left that storehouse, though it has been made to interact with the world for a time ; and, if we might so express it, it may be thought of as carrying back with it, into the general reservoir, any individuality, and any experience and training or develop-