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social cell-communities, and subsequently tissue-forming plants and animals" (p. 131).

In this hypothesis of automatic origin by the agency of matter and energy alone, he could probably find many biologists to agree with him speculatively ; but he goes further than some of them, for he does not limit the automatic or material development to animal and vegetable life alone : he throws automatic consciousness in, too :—

"The 'cellular theory'. . . . has given us the first true interpretation of the physical, chemical, and even the psychological, processes of life" (p. 1).

"Consciousness, thought, and speculation are functions of the ganglionic cells of the cortex of the brain" (p. 6).

"The peculiar phenomenon of consciousness is not, as du Bois-Reymond and the dualistic school would have us believe, a completely 'transcendental' problem : it is, as I showed thirty-three years ago, a *physiological* problem, and as such, must be reduced to the phenomena of physics and chemistry" (p. 65).

Holding such a view concerning consciousness, in the teeth of the general