- a. Complex (physically, chemically, physiologically).
- b. Durable, hence well regulated physico-chemically. This conclusion applies to —

1. The Organism.

- 2. The Environment.
- c. Endowed with a metabolism. Hence there must be exchange with the environment of —
  - 1. Matter.
  - 2. Energy.
- III. The primary constituents of the natural environment are
  - a. Water.
  - b. Carbonic acid.
- IV. In places where life is possible the primary constituents of the environment are necessarily and automatically formed in vast amounts by the cosmic process.
  - V. Water, carbonic acid, and their constituent elements manifest great fitness for their biological rôle.
    - a. Water possesses a great number of unique or very unusual prop-