

to begin with ; and you either have to be content to leave that unanswered or to jump to the tremendous proposition with which the Bible starts—"In the beginning God created" We are too deeply convinced of the necessary relation of cause and effect to imagine that anything exists, least of all this wonderful effect which we call the Universe, without a sufficient cause. But leaving that on one side, it is safe to say that the tendency of modern thought is to regard life as original, independent, and not to be explained by the operation of natural, or at least of physical and chemical forces, not to be so explained at all in its origin, and only partially in its development. When the British Association met in Dublin in 1908, Dr. Haldane, an eminent biologist, said : "In Physiology and in Biology generally, we are dealing with phenomena which so far as our present knowledge goes, not only differ in complexity but differ in kind from physical and chemical phenomena ; and