

have been able from inorganic matter to form compounds which they claim to be exactly similar to various organic substances. But the opinion of other chemists respecting these compounds is by no means flattering, and Dr. Sam. Wainwright says: "A vast array of substances have been compounded or decomposed, but, towards that border-land which separates the organic from the inorganic—if such a border-land there be—this triumphant chemistry has not advanced one single step. 'Chemists,' we are told, 'do not doubt their ability' to do that which has hitherto mocked all their efforts. Thirty-five years ago they were equally untroubled with doubt, and equally destitute of achievement. But who is this 'they?' It is not the chemist; it is the philosopher. The chemist knows better. He knows that, notwithstanding an altered classification of 'organic' and 'inorganic,' yet between his compounds on the one hand and the construction of organizable matter on the other, there still stands the impassable barrier which demonstrates that the affinities of life and living matter belong to a chemistry of which to strive to imitate is to strive in vain." Dr. Elam, quoted by Dr. Wainwright, declares that it would be just as easy to construct a full-grown ostrich as a bit of albumen.

The Rev. Dr. Sears of Staunton, Virginia, in an admirable article on Bible study, makes a little slip when he asks, "Shall we go to those modern scientists who will believe in nothing that they cannot touch with their hands or see through a microscope, and be told that, in all their experiments, they have detected nothing supernatural, 'neither angel nor spirit,' God nor immortality?" As we have seen, these modern scientists *do* believe what they can neither touch with their hands, nor see through a microscope, nor verify by experiment, but what is utterly at variance with the result of their own researches and all our experience.