

vidual, a drone, arises out of the eggs of the queen, if the egg has not been fructified; a female, a queen, or working-bee, if the egg has been fructified."

Take up your Mivart, your Lyell, your Owen, and you will read this same important fact which Huxley here asserts, when he says that the law that perfect individuals may be virginally born extends to the higher forms of life. I am in the presence of Almighty God; and yet—when a great soul like the tender spirit of our sainted Lincoln, in his early days, with little knowledge, but with great thoughtfulness, was troubled by this difficulty, and almost thrown into infidelity by not knowing that the law that there must be two parents is not universal—I am willing to allude, even in such a presence as this, to the latest science concerning miraculous conception. [Sensation.]

17. "The phenomena which living things present have no parallel in the mineral world" (*Ibid.*, p. 684).

What now, gentlemen, is the conclusion of Huxley from all these propositions that seem to point one way? You notice that his facts are Beale's. You find an explicit agreement here of Beale, of Huxley, of Bain, of Drysdale, of Ranke, and I might say of Carpenter, of Dalton, and of scores of recent specialists. The facts being established, the supreme question as to their interpretation is,—Life or mechanism, *which?*

Beale says life: Beale says a principle that cannot be explained by any form of merely physical force. But Huxley says, and be amazed all men who hold