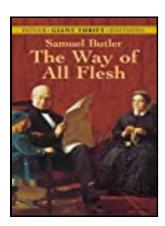
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It must be remembered that we are dealing with physical organisations only. But most men mis-carry and never come to the true birth at all and some live but a very short time in a very little world and none are eternal.

Erewhon

The prominence given to the arguments of opponents completely carried us away; it was this which threw us off our guard.

Full text of note

And, when one comes to think of it, death and birth are so closely cor- related that one could not destroy either without destroying the other at the same time. I am not committed to the vibration theory of memory, though inclined to accept it on a primâ facie view.

Erewhon

Erasmus Darwin, with their reiterated foreshadowing of a more lofty interpretation of Nature, have affected his grandson, who in his youth assuredly approached them with the devotion due to the works of a renowned poet. Where there is intention it is organic, where there is no intention it is inorganic.

Full text of note

Old Sir Patrick Cullen shocks the heretic's disciple by not even recognizing the name. Henceforward, then, instead of saying that a man is hard up, let us say that his organisation is at a low ebb, or, if we wish him well, let us hope that he will grow plenty of limbs. Erasmus Darwin, as translated by Mr.

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