



The Chemical Basis of Life (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Chemical Basis of Life Now nothing is more familiar to the student of elementary chemistry than that heat facilitates and cold retards the activity of a chemical process, but it is equally well known to the student of elementary physiology that heat facilitates and cold retards the activity of a vital process. This does not indeed amount to a formal proof of the identity of life and chemical action, but it constitutes a high probability that they have something essential in common. When we make the remark that red-haired persons are usually irritable, we assert something that cannot mean that red hair in itself is the cause of bad temper. There must underlie both red hair and bad temper some one common antecedent chemical condition. That hair should be red instead of black or brown is a question of the chemistry of melanin; and the chemical peculiarity in the skin which is expressed as redness of hair must be intimately related to some other chemical peculiarity of the nervous system which expresses itself as irritability in the mental...



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