

Supreme above all partisan healing sects and systems and creeds stands the scientific medicine of to-day, the heir of all that has preceded it since men began to heal. It asks itself these questions: What is health? What is disease? How may disease be prevented? How may the sick be cured? Its business is to discover and to apply the correct answers to these questions, and in doing this it exhibits the liberalism that characterizes all true science. It seeks its knowledge from all sources and by all legitimate means. All that it acquires it puts to the rigid, critical test of experiment, and it discards all that which does not stand this test. It thus represents a great body of selected, scientific knowledge which is the best that science can offer to-day. To-morrow its knowledge will be more abundant and more exact, and as general science continually advances, medical science will keep pace. Its followers are terribly in earnest in their warfare against disease. Like the intrepid Ulysses, they are

“strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

The altruism of men of medicine has become proverbial. Their heroism in investigating and treating disease is often put to the test, and is rarely found wanting. Their ideals are high, and they can be trusted to do what is within their power to put an end to the ills of suffering humanity. Yet it should be borne in mind that scientific medicine unaided has a well-nigh impossible work before it. If it is to accomplish the final banishment of disease, it must have the sympathetic co-operation and encouragement of mankind, in whose interests it continually labors.

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