

by the late lamented and renowned French Scientist Louis Pasteur, marked the advent of a new era in the evolution of Medical Science, and made the name of its great author, immortal. It placed upon a rational foundation the Science of Hygiene—the ground work of modern Medicine, and was the solution of a problem that had long puzzled the understanding of scientific men. It opened up a new world of infinite treasures of inestimable value to mankind, a vast mine of wealth which will never become exhausted, but which will continue to be a source of blessing to humanity as long as human life endures. The name of Pasteur will live forever in the annals of the lives of noble men of imperishable fame.

The son of a poor farmer, he attained by the force of his genius, to the very highest pinnacle of fame among scientific men, and he died mourned by the whole world.—the recipient of all the honors and decorations that his grateful country could bestow, with victories more numerous and more glorious to his credit than ever were won by the great conquerors on the fields of battle. His labors and successes have shed a lustre upon Medical Science and have elevated the practice of Medicine from a condition dependent upon empirical rules, to one founded upon the basis of the exact knowledge of cause and effect.

He was an adventurous explorer into the undiscovered regions of scientific truth, and brought back from his expedition tokens of his discoveries of more signal import than those the great Columbus brought from the New World, and of a richness infinitely greater than the vivid imagination of the greedy Spaniards ever dreamed of. Like the Dove sent out from the Ark, he brought back the olive branch testifying that the flood of epidemic disease, which had so long devastated the human race, had already begun to subside, and that the advent of a time was almost at hand, when man would be enabled to grapple successfully with his hitherto invincible foe. In the path trodden by this dead hero of science, many others are following and clearing the way where he led.

The promulgation of the doctrine, that fermentation and decomposition were due to the action of infinitely little living organisms, was the first opening up of a great region of scientific wealth. That the disturbances in the human body in system diseases were due to the same cause, was, a second grand step towards a great consummation. In the successful demonstration of his theory, Pasteur proved himself to be the most accurate scientific observer the world has ever seen.

He was the sole opponent of the doctrine of spontaneous generation