

Is
Science
for or
against
Human-
ity?

And what shall be our final judgement—for or against science? War is more terrible, more devastating, more brutal in its butchery, and the organization of the forces of nature has enabled man to wage it on a titanic scale. More men will be engaged and more will be killed and wounded in a couple of years than in the wars of the previous century. To humanity in the gross science seems a monster, but on the other side is a great credit balance—the enormous number spared the misery of sickness, the unspeakable tortures saved by anaesthesia, the more prompt care of the wounded, the better surgical technique, the lessened time in convalescence, the whole organization of nursing; the wounded soldier would throw his sword into the scale for science—and he is right.

The War
and
Inter-
national
Science.

To one who is by temperament and education a Brunonian and free from the 'common Antipathies' and 'National repugnances'¹ one sad sequel of the war will be, for this generation at least, the death of international science. An impassable intellectual gulf yawns between the Allies and Germany, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts. That

¹ Sir Thomas Browne, *Religio Medici*, pt. ii: 'I feel not in myself those common Antipathies that I can discover in others: those National repugnances do not touch me.'