

of revealing the mysteries of existence and for the purpose of giving us instruction as to how some of the ills that flesh is heir to may be cured. Blessed art thou ; for thy death helps to build up life, and the preservation of the lives of many noble men and women will in part be due to thee. In them and with them thou wilt gain an immortality of a noble kind, which in the same way is otherwise not granted to the brute creation."

There is a great field for the humane societies, and they can do a noble work by elevating mankind and refining its sentiments, and also by protecting the dumb creation against the cruelty of savage masters. We are with them in all these worthy endeavors with heart and soul. In addition they may set their face against any kind of vivisection performed by those not called upon, but when they begin to meddle with science and forbid the physiologist to investigate life in the living animal, it is time to pronounce the *quousque*.

Vivisection, if strictly kept within the limits of its important purpose, is a moral obligation ; and he who would hinder the physiologist in the performance of his duties makes himself guilty of immoral conduct ; but any cruelty to animals, viz., every lack of respect for life, every thoughtless or wilful infliction of pain, every delight taken in torturing, injuring, or destroying sentient beings, is a crime that should be denounced and reprimanded and, if necessary, checked by the power of law.—*The Open Court*.

ICHTHYOL IN BLEPHARITIS.—Darier (*Clin. Ophthalmologique*, February 10th, 1897) recommends the following ointment for application in cases of blepharitis: Ichthyol 0.50 cg., powdered starch 5 g., oxide of zinc 5 g., vaseline 25 g. Its use has to be continued for some time, alternating, if necessary, with the application of silver nitrate, etc. In bad cases a little pure ichthyol may be smeared on the swollen lid margins at night, the lids being well washed with boric acid lotion in the morning. While ichthyol diminishes congestion it does not seem to diminish the conjunctival secretion, and where this is marked silver nitrate is called for. In rebellious phlyctenular keratitis with much vascularisation, Darier has obtained good results by introducing daily a minute portion of pure ichthyol into the conjunctival sac. This causes some smarting, which, however passes off in about ten minutes.—*British Medical Journal*.