

DR. MARMORECK.

Before entering on a description of the new method, I would like to say a few words about its inventor, I consider this but right as every discovery should in justice redound to the personal credit and honor of its author.

Dr. Marmoreck is an ex-director of the Pasteur Institute. He was decorated, at the age of 33, with the Legion of Honor, and the Order of Francis Joseph of Austria was bestowed on him in 1898, when he was commissioned by that country to combat a violent invasion of bubonic plague.

This new method is not his first discovery. A few years ago he brought out an anti-streptococcus serum which proved a valuable contribution to science.

I will say nothing of the numerous useful works he accomplished while in the Pasteur Institute of which he was one of the most highly esteemed members, but confine myself to an account of his greatest life-work, the anti-tuberculous serum.

As a consequence of this discovery, Marmoreck was subjected to all the worries and persecutions which Latin countries seem to reserve for innovators since the days of Galileo. From the date of his first communication about it to the Academy of Sciences he met with the most irreconcilable opposition; without a true knowledge of the method, perhaps, also, and without understanding the principles underlying it, its adversaries set it down at once, as both useless and dangerous. A quarter of an hour's investigation sufficed to condemn the result of eight years' hard study and patient methodical research controlled by a sound judgment, a marvelous intelligence and an energy that no obstacle could daunt.

Combated in France the method met with a better welcome from strangers. In England, Germany and Switzerland the most prominent specialist gave it a loyal test.

While this was being done, Marmoreck, not having met with the unanimous approval of the directors of the Pasteur Institute and to prevent any discord amongst them, sent in his resignation; he wished to assume alone all responsibility for his discovery. He founded an institute at Neuilly, near Paris, of which M. Maurice Cohen is director. This institute comprises a well equipped laboratory, a model stable containing sixty horses undergoing immunisation and a great number of rabbits and guinea pigs, used in daily inoculations and other experiments.

In the quiet and serenity of this retreat, Marmoreck labors incessantly at perfecting his serum, paying no heed to the more or less official clamour of the envious ones around him, indifferent even to his own personal success.

I cannot bring this short notice of him to an end without repeating the words he used to me, a few days before