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LIFE AND WORK OF LOUIS PASTEUR.*

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A study of the lives of the Masters in Medicine or allied sciences is, and ought always to prove, interesting and inspiring to the student of medicine, and the life of Pasteur when so studied will be found to abound in interest, be highly instructive and full of inspiration, especially to those who possess the true scientific spirit. In the course of my inaugural address, delivered in October, 1896, before the Medical Faculty and students of this college, I stated that "the man to whom more than all others we owe experimental medicine is Louis Pasteur. To him we owe our present-day science of bacteriology, for he first indisputably established the microbic causation of many diseases. In fact, Pasteur's discoveries have not only widely extended the boundaries of physico-chemical and biological science, but have been the means of practically revolutionizing medicine and surgery." The Life of Pasteur, as presented by his son-in-law, Vallery-Radot, is one of the most interesting and entertaining books it has been my good fortune to read for some time. I cannot hope to present the subject in any such manner as it is found in his volumes, but will attempt to shortly sketch for you his life and his work, looking at the latter from the medical viewpoint.

Pasteur was born at Dole, in Jura, in 1822, his father, Jean

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