

bestowed no gift comparable to that of the researches of her great scientist, Louis Pasteur.

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Pasteur Institute, in the city in which we are assembled today, Louis Pasteur in whose honour the Institute was founded, enlarged upon the significance of scientific research. Overcome at the reception accorded him by the scholars and statesmen of France, this great benefactor of mankind asked his son to read from a manuscript he had prepared. In that notable document, there appeared the following epoch-marking paragraph:

"Two contrary laws seem to be wrestling with each other nowadays; the one, a law of blood and of death, ever imagining new means of destruction, and forcing nations to be constantly ready for the battlefield - the other, a law of peace, work, and health, ever evolving new means of delivering man from the scourges which beset him. The one seeks violent conquests, the other, the relief of Humanity. The latter places one human life above any victory; while the former would sacrifice hundreds of thousands of lives to the ambition of one".

This profound analysis of the nature of international conflict was made a little over half a century ago. It has not yet received the attention it merits. We would do well to recognize that beneath all else, and stronger than all else, are unseen forces which are very powerful, and which have operated, not in our day only, but from the beginning of recorded time. The wars the world has witnessed have been no matter of Chance or of Circumstance. They are the hideous manifestations of contrary laws, wrestling in human society, and working the destruction of civilization from within.

The years of war have surely taught us that no man liveth to himself, and that no nation liveth to itself. We are all members one of another's. Henceforth, in the interest of its