

powers. But we are able to learn enough of nature and man to improve our lot upon the earth, and to get the satisfaction of believing that even our greatest mysteries are not irrational. Nowhere should optimism reign more powerfully than in a university. The records of the past are being opened up before us, we read lessons in the book of man's history; and every day word comes to us of some discovery which reveals new vistas for his future on earth, and these may, as they accumulate, redeem him further from fear, prejudice and disease.

On occasion these discoveries or newer theories, when announced to a public to which they come for the first time, may cause criticism of the university. That we must be prepared for. It has always been so, and is inseparable from the growth and diffusion of knowledge. But let me urge you to be patient and tolerant. There was once a wise old Jew named Gamaliel who said with regard to the new faith: "Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what ye are about to do—for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God." And to-day the truth of science and of history will prevail, even when hypotheses and theories are discarded, but it will be tested not by intolerance but by further knowledge.