

become tired of waiting, into a general war, which mole-eyed statesmen will not or cannot foresee and prevent? Oh, for a trumpet tongued warning in the ears of the nations! Forget a while your petty international disputes, your party politics, and personal measures, and hand in hand crush out this wanton slaughter of men, women and children. But perhaps it is too much to hope for such humanity when nations are willing to sacrifice half a million of their own private citizens for some petty international dispute, and sink themselves in debt in the preparation for such a crime. The present is a transition period. And who knows but this is the means employed by the great Designer of the universe with which to hew another step in the slow ascent of the ages.

\* \* \*

We are not in sympathy with that class of protestants who demand for their religious views and preferences a government recognition in the public school which they deny to others. If this were a protestant country, and religion after the protestant form of worship were a part of its law then we should cheerfully concede that, however unjust and improper such an order of things might be, they would have the argument of law on their side. The people know or ought to know that no such fact exists in the constitution of this country. This constitution is neither protestant nor catholic but a simple political instrument for the organization of civil government without any discrimination for or against any religious sect. The wise course for any citizen, no matter what his religion may be, is to accept the fact with all its consequences. Protestants accepting it in respect to themselves are strong as against all who decline to accept it; but if they decline the acceptance and demand for themselves what they are not willing to concede to others, then they are logically weak.

\* \* \*

The scientific journals have been lavish in their praises of the work of the late M. Pasteur. The hundreds of thousands of lives saved by the discovery of

vaccination have made the name of Jenner immortal, placing it high in the temple of fame. Side by side with his shall the world place that of the brilliant Pasteur, the remains of whom his proud nation has with much honor laid to rest. With a clue from his illustrious predecessor he made a double discovery: his work led to the ascertainment of the cause of the communicability of infectious diseases and the scientific method of curing them. These facts, experimentally discovered, are revolutionizing the world of medicine and surgery.

His life was marked by thoughtfulness, painstaking and persistent effort. No man in our day, said one writer, has come nearer illustrating throughout a long life the words of the dying Velpeau, "One must work always."

\* \* \*

THE average Canadian student in the advanced schools and colleges, as a reader of books in his special line of study, is most assiduous; he knows his specialty well. But his knowledge of the world and literature in general is, we believe, less than that of his American or English brother of the same age and training. This results to some extent from his being less-travelled, less communicative, more devoted to his specialty, and more limited as to the amount of general reading he does. A marked upward intellectual movement would follow the introduction into more of the homes of our country and village folks of the best books and magazines. This thought often occurred to the writer during a trip through Canada in the past summer, when he shared the hospitality of the common people, and thus got a glimpse into their home life. The interior of their houses and the exterior of themselves showed that they had patronized all tradespeople better than they had the bookseller; suitable provision having been made for bodily comfort, but little for mental up-building. Eight or ten authors placed on a shelf in these homes would help the young man at the university. A little knowledge of everything is better than a complete knowledge of one thing sandwiched in between slices of dense ignorance.