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The domain of Science lies open to all who will enter in and take possession. What we chiefly need in this branch of study is to stimulate each other to greater effort to clearly investigate the causes of this disease, and by scientific research to overcome the difficulties that obstruct the way, and let the light of knowledge shine out on the public mind, &c.

True scientific men should be public benefactors, seeking truth in a spirit of entire disinterestedness; they should hold in view the good of all mankind, without distinction of class, color, nature or creed. Any estimate of the function of science which falls short of this, is too low and unworthy of the matter to which it is applied.

Ira Warren, M. D., says, We have much need of liberality. That medical progress may be real, physicians must be free from bigotry. They must have no narrow prejudices against any man, or class of men; but be ready to examine candidly any new thought or new remedy brought to their notice, from whatever source it may come.

They should not hedge themselves about with such restrictive by-laws and societary rules as are calculated to fetter their thoughts, and turn their investigations, by a sort of moral necessity, into the narrow channels of party conservatism; remembering that he who is once enclosed by such restrictions, must have a path for his feet through bigotry, and even malevolence itself, before he can escape them or be a free man in any noble sense.

The members of medical societies do themselves no credit, in the nineteenth century, by putting on airs and telling others to stand at a distance. This would do better, had medicine become an exact science; but while the primary effects of even *opium* are not settled—some physicians considering it as primarily stimulant, others as sedative, others as stimulant to the nerves and sedative to the muscles, others as neither, and still