

steps of reasoning required by ordinary minds and put his finger upon the true sequence; with infinite industry he tested his methods and results to eliminate possible errors; with unwavering conviction, when he had reached his conclusion, he held to it and could not be moved; with unexampled enthusiasm he followed his various lines of study; and with impatient disregard for mere theory or pre-established custom he struggled with the strength of an intellectual giant, for the good of "man and bird and beast."

These are the marks of genius, but with it all there was the simplicity of a little child.

Born in the remote Jura—the Boeotia of France—Pasteur was unspotted by the artificialisms of his native land; the whole of his life he pursued by the clear light of truth his own path; unlike many of the world's reformers and benefactors he never failed to have his ideas appreciated; and struck by a



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paralytic stroke before he had reached his fiftieth year it was pathetic to see him struggling on for well nigh a generation later, making discovery after discovery, until at the age of seventy-three he passed away in the last decade of his century.

To examine somewhat carefully the workings of a great soul like that of Pasteur's is certainly worth our while; it may be an inspiration to us; it may give an impetus to us, so that we may endeavor to make our lives sublime. Materials for such an investigation are plentiful, and we are greatly indebted to the admirable biography of the scientist by his son-in-law, M. Rene Valéry-Radot; an appreciation of his work by Prof. Percy Frankland, of Mason College, Birmingham; a sympathetic critique by Professor Tyndall; and to some description of his discoveries by Lord Lister in his Presidential address before the British Association in Liverpool, in 1896.

Anticipations of Greatness

As a youth Louis Pasteur exhibited marked bents of character. The son