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about where Lord Lister got to. And is there any reason, if we are true to the blood that is in us and to the breed of which we are, why we could not make as long an advance for the children in five hundred years as was made in those twenty-five thousand? "Ye also are sons of God;" and "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

Take another illustration. You know the character of a crab apple. And you know the quality of a McIntosh Red from the Experimental Farm. Each is attractive in its way. Did you ever take a fine, full grown, red crab apple, take a bite and chew what you had in your mouth? It was not very satisfying. And have you tried the same experience with a McIntosh Red from the Experimental Farm? When you have taken such a bite you want more of the same sort of thing; you want more. The difference was not in the colour of the skin, or in the glisten put on by the cloth of the maid. It was not the superficial polish that made the difference. The quality of sap that ran up and down the old tree made the difference in the fruit, which in one case was satisfying and in the other distasteful. How was the sap altered? By cultivation; by grafting in all that was good out of the past of cultivations into some fine tree, of the Lord's making in partnership with a man. A fruit grower finds some "sport" or mutant or seedling in which human labour had allied itself with the wisdom and mystery and power of the Almighty in the production of a new strain of fruit. Then he grafted that into the wild tree and cultivated and pruned and sprayed; and you had a cultured fruit, satisfying because of the