

" Pasteur was appointed Professor of Chemistry at the University of Strasbourg in January, 1849, within a fortnight he had fallen in love with the daughter of the rector, M. Laurent, and they were married on May 28th of the same year. She, during the whole of their married life, appreciated that she had become the help-mate of a great genius. When he was working on a problem he became oblivious to the outside world. He once forgot that he had promised to take her out to an important festivity; she waited hours, he did not come, but there was no reproach from her. On occasions she had either to send or to fetch him home from the laboratory to his meals; if not he worked on for hours forgetful of time; she shielded him from all domestic worries. She was never jealous of his devotion to science; in the evening she took down notes of the day's work from his dictation and helped him to state things clearly by asking him for explanations; not only was she an incomparable companion but his best collaborator. That he would have given less to humanity had he married a different wife must be true. The world owed much to Pasteur's wife."

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"Sir Humphry Rolleston, in moving a vote of thanks, said that there was one note in the President's address which must have found a response among many in that audience—namely, the President's estimate of the great extent to which Pasteur owed his success to the devotion and self-forgetfulness of his wife. Many of them, although much smaller men than Pasteur, would be more than ready to make the same acknowledgement."

*—At the Pasteur Centenary Celebration in London, 1923*

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