

are, so far, very diverse and partially unsatisfactory. The last few years have been prolific in pathological research and discovery. The earnest and keen-sighted workers, who are seeking eagerly after truth in this direction, may differ as to their interpretations of function, but they are a unit as to the all-importance of physiological and pathological investigation, in the hope of finding out the reason why of physical and mental modes of life.

Of course, our pathological researches in a dead brain and spinal cord may be interesting, but unless our knowledge thus obtained can lead us to improved therapeutics and rational diagnosis in the living, then is our work that of an antiquary seeking among ruins to know of the glories which have been, but unable to preserve those structures threatened with disintegration and decay.