

January 26th., 1922.

The President,  
Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons,  
L O N D O N.

Dear Sir:-

Vallery Radot's life of Pasteur creates the impression that Pasteur, had he lived, would have succeeded with cancer. Humanity has the benefit of Pasteur's achievements and students have before them an example of what patient, intelligent research can do. As you well know, many would give munificently to secure the world against the dreaded scourge of cancer. The reading of Pasteur's life impelled me to the writing of the following letter, as my humble contribution:-

"Montreal, January 23rd, 1922.

"Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
M O N T R E A L.

Dear Sir:-

To help in stimulating the work of research throughout the world, I hereby offer a prize of one hundred thousand dollars to the graduate or student of any recognized university who, within five years after date, is the first to discover a medicinal treatment for the effective cure of cancer. The decision to be left to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, London, England.

This offer may be renewed.

Yours very truly,  
Atholstan.

In leaving the decision with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, it was felt that the opinion of the College authorities would satisfy the public and silence criticism.

Of course, it was not meant that you