

it possible that any band of men, claiming for themselves authority as the leaders of their countrymen in great philanthropic or religious movements, can so lose their presence of mind and their reliance on the King of kings, the destined Judge of all, as to clamor that scientific investigators are undermining the peace of mankind, covertly attacking the strongholds of religion and morality, and pandering to the depraved passions of the baser sort of men? Impossible. Let us have trust in one another and faith in God. Let the minister of the Gospel take the glad tidings of peace to the pallet of the humblest penitent as to the luxurious couch of the opulent. Let him, however, reverence as a brother the man who in his study is investigating the perfect works of God, and in his way trying to make the world happier, purer, and wiser.

The position of the man of science is difficult. His dislike of the strife of parties, and his objection to committing himself to unguarded statements, apparently lay him open to charges of indecision and half-heartedness. But with him the interests of truth are above those of party, and he meekly bows his head to the storm of reproaches assailing him. The well-trained scientific man becomes a bad partizan, for he demands proof, not assertion, and when uncertain what course to take, what opinion to adopt, suspends judgment, and patiently waits till that light comes which must sooner or later dawn. His eager companions meanwhile plunge madly on, losing themselves in the darkness and wandering from the path, and, when they discover their mistake, have to retrace their footsteps with pain and humiliation.

Further than his premises will warrant, the scientific man refuses to carry his conclusions. He knows that, having to do with demonstrable truth, patience and labor will one day make everything certain. Not so with debateable truth, where the strife of parties and the unsupported dicta of hostile leaders may long interpose obstacles in the path of the seeker or rather guesser after truth.

The medical profession, though practising an art as well as a science, is sufficiently tinctured with scientific training to rise superior to the hostility of parties, and to know no distinctions