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The scientific man has only one object—the discovery of truth and its application to the happiness of mankind and the relief of suffering. There is nothing so humble that he disdains to study it, nothing so vast that he fears to grapple with it. He knows nothing of the petty distinctions separating parties and nations, but longing to clear up the obscure, to make certain the uncertain, he toils with loving patience, convinced that good must come from his labors, and that, whether the fate of Galileo, or the applause of friends and countrymen awaits him, all will one day be well, and his character will be cleared from suspicion. Anything that can be proved to be a scientific fact must be deserving of attention and acceptance. Neither religion nor morality can suffer in the long run from more knowledge. Science and religion are never opposed, and the immutable principles of right and wrong are unaffected by the dicta of priests, or the fanaticism of so-called discoverers and inventors. All knowledge is good, and since the devout student of science labors to add to what man knows, he must be toiling for the happiness and enlightenment of mankind. To blame the discoverer, because his labors seem to our weak judgment to endanger the foundation on which religion rests, is to show distrust of God and man. Is