

The great work of a university is not solely limited to teaching. The staff of a university should be outstanding men in their various callings, and be leaders of opinion by their writings. They should also be makers of men by their teachings and examples. In addition to these functions, a university may add very greatly to its prestige by well conducted laboratory and research work.

This is one part of the university's work where we think there can be no ground for two opinions on the matter of state aid. Every discovery made in the way of preventive medicine, or on the cure of disease, is for the good of all; and should have the assistance of all through the public treasury. This is now coming to be recognized, but not to the extent that it should, or will in the near future.

It is very gratifying that a few of those, who have the wealth, are disposed to voluntarily aid such work, but all who can afford to do so, should in some way be made to do. This could be accomplished in several ways. There might be a certain percentage of the succession income set aside for this purpose. Or estates assessed over a given amount might be taxed a very small amount for this sort of purpose, the total returns being ample. Or, research work might be made the same as the civil service and paid for as a service rendered to the state and for the common weal.

In the meantime, until some more permanent plan is evolved we wish to congratulate those who have been mainly instrumental in securing the funds that have made a good beginning possible. The work is only in its infancy, and as more funds are available the work will be enlarged and additional workers appointed. Toronto is now a large city, with a great wealth of clinical material and several well equipped hospitals. There is an abundant harvest, we need the reapers and the means of paying them for their labor.

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#### THE TRUE HERO.

All ages have admired the brave man or woman, and when a great crisis arises these are not wanting. Poets have sung the praises of the hero. Historians have told of his deeds. Philosophers have discussed the motives that make the hero, and have argued at length on the difference between animal and moral courage. Quietly and unobserved there are men and women discharging their duty and, often humble duties, that have within them all the elements of the true hero.

At the time of the Titanic wreck, a young woman, who was an ordinary domestic, said to another woman, "You are the mother of several children, and take my place in the life boat." The mother was