

martyrs of science, such as were Myers, my friend and former assistant, Lazear (both of whom died from yellow fever), Dutton, and young Manson. Of them may fitly be sung in words from the noblest of all American poems, that in which Lowell pays a tribute to the young Harvard men who fell in the war of secession:—

Many in sad faith sought for her,  
 Many with crossed hands sighed for her;  
 But these, our brothers, fought for her,  
 At life's dear peril wrought for her,  
 So loved her that they died for her.

As a result of twenty-five years' work we have an extraordinary volume of knowledge concerning the causes of most of the tropical diseases and the nature of the measures required for their prevention. And yet when one considers the existing conditions it is safe to say that our task has scarcely begun. When we read in *The Lancet* of October 23 that during the last four months of 1908 400,000 deaths from fever were reported in the Punjab, and that it is estimated that a fourth of the total population of the province suffered from malaria, one realizes the truth of such a statement. And yet the situation is one full of encouragement, particularly in connexion with the practical prevention of insect-borne diseases. For centuries there has been a popular belief in the transmission of disease through mosquitoes and flies, and in the middle of the nineteenth century that remarkable clinician and anthropologist, Nott of Mobile, suggested the association between the mosquito and yellow fever and malaria. A more scientific presentation of the question was made by the French physician Beauperthuy, an enthusiastic student of the epidemics in the Spanish Main. But the first clear demonstration of a mosquito-borne disease was made by Manson in the case of filariasis. The whole story is told in a fascinating way in Sir Rubert Boyce's just issued work, *The Mosquito or Man: the Conquest of the Tropical World*. The discovery by Laveran in

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