

had no idea that his attempts to gain cultures of anthrax bacilli from the cattle that died in his district would result in his becoming the great auxiliary in this revolution. And so it is always—science, to be successfully pursued, must be pursued for itself. To-day, however, I think I do rightly in showing the great results of such a pursuit, and in proving in a way appropriate to the end of the nineteenth century the truth of the old Arabian proverb—"The ink of science is more precious than the blood of the martyrs."

This, however, ladies and gentlemen, is not my ultimate moral. I have throughout this lecture endeavoured to keep that in the background, though to do so has been difficult,—and just as the Irishman in dock, when asked by the judge whether he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced upon him, replied, "Sure, my lord, and I leave it to your conscience," so I, too, would much prefer to leave this moral to the conscience of my audience. We who have the cure of bodies are infinitely more diffident than our brethren of the cure of souls; the miserable condition of the building in which our Faculty is housed—the Faculty that has made McGill what you now know it to be—is, I think, a strong argument in proof of our diffidence.

You will have learnt from the cases that I have put before you that human pathology and human medicine are based upon comparative pathology, that it has been through study of disease in the lower animals that man has thus greatly benefited. And this study of the disease of animals along with that of man ought especially to be pursued in a country like this, a country that depends so largely upon its cattle for its prosperity. Surely Canada ought not to be behind in the beneficent race that is now being run between the civilized nations to discover the prevention and cure of disease. Surely the time has come that due opportunity should be given to the student to study worthily a subject so rich in promise, and fraught with such actual and prospective benefit to our race. And here in this the leading medical school of the country, with its associated veterinary faculty, it is that the start should be made.