

cataclysmic disaster. The tremendous energy of the forces now stirring in society is too valuable to be wasted even if we could suppress it. It should be guided into the performance of valuable work. Led off through the proper channels and connected with the reorganized machinery of society it could do great things. But it must be led to service of society as a whole and not to service of any privileged class, proletariat, bourgeoisie, or aristocracy.

Class prejudice, class rivalries, class hatreds, any organized or individual self-seeking at the expense of others, must be fought wherever found and the open unselfish mind promoted. In leading and in upholding the hands of the leaders the men of true scientific spirit will effectively serve. They will be the leaven, helping the people to understand and accept the new order. The road to the new and better order is through intelligence and altruism, through appreciation of and devotion to the truth, that is through the scientific spirit. Does this seem a tame conclusion? It is old fashioned, as old fashioned as the man of Nazareth who is still unsurpassed in clear vision into the heart of the truths underlying human relations and in unselfish devotion to the truth as seen.

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### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MEDICINE

ACCORDING to the London *Times* a very large sum of money has been promised to found what will amount to a headquarters of the American Medical Association in England. The headquarters are to consist of a hospital, a library, lecture theaters, and demonstration rooms, reading rooms, and so forth. American doctors will thus possess a rallying point when visiting London, and the spirit of English medicine will be made free to them in a manner impossible by any other means.

It is understood that Lord Reading has accepted the presidency of the scheme and that Mr. Taft is much interested in it. The names of Messrs. Newton Crane and Van Duzen are

also associated with the work, while the secretary of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Franklin Martin, of Chicago, has taken a prominent part in furthering it. The new hospital may, it is hoped in some quarters, become a kind of Rockefeller Institute in London. British medical men are anxious to give all the help they can.

The forthcoming general meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City is likely to be attended by, among others, Sir Arbuthnot Lane and, it is hoped, Sir Bertrand Dawson, who will thus help further to cement the friendship which now exists between the profession in the two countries.

Efforts are also being made in Paris to increase the usefulness and importance of the British Hospital there. This hospital, the Hertford, is rather small and the site has certain drawbacks. A scheme recently put forward would transfer it to a new site in the Bois de Boulogne and would considerably enlarge its scope. Speaking at an informal gathering recently, Dr. Monod, a distinguished French doctor, declared that British doctors would receive the warmest welcome in his country, and expressed the hope that French doctors would be encouraged to go to England to study. This gathering, which was presided over by Sir Bertrand Dawson, included some of the most outstanding physicians, surgeons and medical officers in the British and Colonial professions.

#### THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

PROFESSOR HENRY NORRIS RUSSELL, of Princeton University, writes in the *Scientific American* as follows:

The present month is notable for the occurrence of a great eclipse, which happens on the 29th, and affords the longest view of the surroundings of the sun, while its own disk is hidden, which has been possible for many years.

At the time of this eclipse the moon is within a day of perigee, and unusually near the earth—her distance being a little less than 224,000 miles. In consequence her tapering shadow is still nearly 150 miles in diameter where it reaches the earth's surface, and observers situated within the belt, about 8,000 miles in length, over which this shadow sweeps as it crosses the earth's disk, will see a