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know of the peculiar difficulties of disproving an erroneous first impression.

The propriety of government control over drug manufacturers is widely debated in such journals as Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Reports of government action on behalf of the community when these controls are not observed by manufacturers are common. It would be useful, and fair, if scientists in society were allowed to judge the information that causes such action before conceding any restrictions on experimental technique. There must be better ways of combating carelessness or deception without tampering with the need to get the answer right.

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Drosophila: Tender Loving Care

Sonneborn could have found no more apt appellation for H. J. Muller than "Crusader for human betterment" (15 Nov., p. 772). I knew Muller well. As his student assistant at the University of Texas, he and I, together with our wives, spent much time cycling in and around Austin.

Muller was an intense, hardworking scientist who had little time for social frivolities. In addition he was quite shy and sensitive, although he easily lost himself in his scientific pursuits. One of my jobs was the care and feeding of Drosophila. This may sound simple but Muller was exacting in his requirements. I remember one Christmas vacation period in Austin when the weather turned quite cool, so that I was afraid the Drosophila might suffer in the unheated university building. I carried the tubes housing them home in my inner pocket, and since my meager quarters were not too thoroughly heated at all times, I took them to bed with me. I was very proud of their survival, and when I told Muller of this at the famous Dartmouth conference on "Great issues of conscience in modern medicine" some years ago, he conscientiously asked me, "Do I still owe you something for this?"

Muller contributed a great deal to the development of my career in medicine. I am one of many who have owed much to this man, rather small physically, but a giant in every other respect.

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