

"OBSERVATIONS ON THE PATHOLOGY OF POLIOMYELITIS AND ON THE
IMMUNOLOGICAL BEHAVIOUR OF HERPES FEBRILIS VIRUS, WITH
ADDITIONAL PAPERS ON PATHOLOGY."

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"Incontinently one came after another dissevering and
dividing the grain, and after that they had put each
kind of corn in order they ran away again in all haste."

--From "Cupid and Psyche", of Apuleius.

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INTRODUCTION.

Medical research workers may be compared with members of society in general, all producing their best work when unhampered by demands for results. Indeed, many endeavours begin and end with the search for new knowledge for its own sake, whether this knowledge be immediately useful or not. In the end, quite apart from possible material gain, an individual so occupied will emerge equipped in methods of research which may be applied for the common good. The members of a society which thus provides for its individual needs of expression, may rightly feel blessed.

It was with similar thoughts in mind that most of the components of this thesis were begun, and excluding the new observations described, there is the satisfactory feeling of work done and recorded. In regard to poliomyelitis there is sometimes an attitude of hopelessness, that histopathological examination may not be worth the trouble necessary to uncover seemingly insignificant facts. In our present state of ignorance every fatal case is a fresh field for examination and although death may not be preventable, failure to examine material from fatal cases is an extravagance we can ill afford.

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