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William Osler.

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He becomes the true discoverer who establishes the truth; and the sign of the truth is the general acceptance. Whoever therefore resumes the investigation of neglected or repudiated doctrine, elicits its true demonstration, and discovers and explains the nature of the errors which have led to its tacit or declared rejection, may certainly and confidently await the acknowledgment of his rights in its discovery.

Owen Homologies of the Skeleton p. 76

In Science the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to the man to whom the idea first occurs

Francis Darwin Eugenics Review 1914

Modern Anaesthesia dates from the administration of ether by Dr Morton, Oct. 16. 1846, at the Massachusetts General Hospital Boston; and from the publication of the results obtained by Dr Morton in the paper by Dr Henry J. Bigelow in the enclosed number of the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal for Nov. 18. 1846.

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