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One piece of Temp's retrospective  
of the past few weeks is the  
work Dr Addams (1939) that  
I must have read ~ 1940 and  
was indeed bemused to discover.  
(I most vividly recall its closing  
line.) The work is well  
forgotten today - but I have  
copied out a few telling  
phrases, (most of which I can  
also recall.)

In a way I am impressed  
how fresh it is. 1939 seems  
much closer to 1974 than it

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was to 1904 - particularly in  
the frame of the scientific  
career. [In fact many of the  
problems "Addams" was studying  
were well stated and are still  
not quite understood (e.g.  
role of prostaglandin in  
labor, and its utility for  
contraception!)].

I would affirm that much  
more could be done with the  
use of literary material.

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