

# DONAGHUE DICTIONARY

## prac'ti-cal'ity

**P**racticality is the third of four stated Donaghue Foundation values, selected because of the emphasis placed upon it in Miss Donaghue's will — and in her life. "Practical," in common usage, means useful, as opposed to any number of other adjectives some-one other than Miss Donaghue might have attached to the "benefit" she charged her Trustees with pursuing through the Foundation.

Serendipity, whereby there may be gained an incidental, accidental benefit in the course of the pursuit of pure knowledge, seems to be a primary value of basic science, which certainly is a noble pursuit and merits substantial funding support. It's not quite the same for Donaghue, however, with our benefactor's preference for practicality. The search for a direct route to beneficial results from research is at times a harder course for a funder, but it's the right thing for Donaghue to do. ▀

