SMALL-POX

Small-pox is a member of the group of diseases described as zymotic, which originate in unwholesome conditions of life, and in common are diminished or prevented by the reduction and removal of these conditions. It is a disease of ancient historical records. Long before the date of inoculation and vaccination we find the disease identical in every respect with that of to-day. Small-pox appeared at sundry distant periods, sometimes not returning during an entire century; and was at times virulent, and at other times mild. Into whatever country it penetrated, amongst whatever people it found a home, and wherever its ravages decimated the population, the conditions which formed its development and its diffusion were one and the same; it fed upon filth, and claimed its victims where filth and disease dwelt under one roof; a selection indeed, which is a common characteristic in connection with the rise and spread of all zymotic diseases. Man is his own worst enemy. Ignorance and superstition have made him view this pestilence as a thing or superhuman origin, and a punishment for national sins; whereas, it is too true, that the small-pox and cholera—the plagues of our time like those of centuries past—owe their existence to the unhealthy conditions by which we are surrounded, due to the irregular and unsanitary lives which characterize a great majority of the people. Disease is the fruit of disobedience; and we must learn henceforth that to obey is better than sacrifice—that cleanliness is next to godliness.

The small-pox now raging in this city is strictly confined to certain unhealthy districts in the East End, proverbially filthy and unclean. Wherever the streets are narrow, the alleys and courts filthy, where the weak, intemperate and unclean congregate together, and where children are ill-fed and badly clothed, there the small-pox makes its home and rots in filth and death.

The causes, then, which give rise to and propagate small-pox are within our control, and are preventable.

They may be summed up briefly as follows:

Overcrowding in unhealthy dwellings or workshops, where there is insufficient ventilation, and where animal and vegetable matter in a state of decomposition, is allowed to accumulate; improper and insufficient diet, habits of intemperance, excess in eating, idleness, immorality and unsanitary habits of life; such as the neglect of ablution and the use of pure water, want of proper exercise, and other irregularities of a like nature.

To the removal, therefore, of the causes which are disease-producing, the efforts and skill of sanitarians and philanthropists must be directed. The Legislature can do much—the people can do more; but the people must be taught to recognize the existence of the subject in all its relations to their daily life. Our children must be educated in the science of life, how to preserve it and how to promote its welfare. Knowledge which its results can save or destroy must not be left to get anyhow, or not to get at all.

Social and sanitary science, by producing a healthy mind, will teach a man how to regulate and economize his life; and reason will teach him how to utilize it. Man is a sanitary animal. The structure and the uses of the skin prove this beyond doubt. Pure air, pure water (inside and outside), plain, wholesome food, plenty of exercise in the pure air—these are natural health-producing agents.

INOCULATION FALLOUT.

Before the present system of vaccinating with cow-pox virus was introduced, the practice of inoculating with the virus of small-pox was followed. The effects of this inoculation were greeted with the greatest praise; it was considered certain that small-pox would be completely stamped out by this means.

Inoculation and vaccination are twin-foes—the devil and hiserrer. Vaccination in the highest measure was introduced both by Jenner and the sanitary reformers of the time as an attempt to stamp out cow-pox. The objections which were advanced against this practice, to the extent of which we are now laboring, the cow-pox project has been started, why the unscientific nonsense about reserving to pure lymph from the calf! The process of obtaining this filthy pus is thus described by one of the oldest vaccinators ever:—A healthy and well-nourished calf, about three months old, is hired from a butcher, and vaccinated in the usual way on its shaved abdomen in about 60 places. The punctures thus made vesicles form, as from ordinary vaccination on the human body. These vesicles run their due course, and the pus which issues from them is used for inoculation. This pus is not for use for the fifth or sixth day of that course—for use, namely, from the living animal in direct vaccination, and for collecting the pus with which the cut is made for inoculation is reviled. Thus six thousand cow’s calves are inoculated on Tuesday, and the pus taken from this calf is called calf lymph, but it is not calf lymph. It is the erucr of a particular disease of the calf thrown out upon the skin. Calf lymph is the natural fluid that circulates in the lymphatic vessels of the calf; a healthy thing as remote from scabby pus as the sun is from night. It is this virus from the calf that our children are now being poisoned with. Thousands of calves have been filled with this filthy pus are now being used by vaccinators all over Canada. Nobody has the right to transplant such a mischievous poison into the life of a child.

So completely has vaccination become a hobby of this period, that ribaldry and abuse are the chief arguments employed to sustain the greatest criticism of our question. The vaccinators show that it is at best only an expedient, and has no known foundation in truth or philosophy. It has no real merit or principle. It is defenseless against attack from scientific enquiry.

It is claimed that the majority of the profession support vaccination; but majorities have no monopoly of truth. The majority is not the standard of medical profession. Jenner opposed Harvey’s discovery of the circulation of the blood. The majority blid the people for a century. The majority denied a cup of cold water to the sick. The majority mercerized the people till they became walking barometers. The majority have bitterly opposed every real and scientific reform in the healing art. In short, the majority has usually been in error.

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If an offence come out of the Truth, better it is that the offence come out of the Truth by concealed.

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OUR PLATFORM.

That just as small-pox was increased and propagated by inoculation (now abandoned), so that disease is multiplied and intensified in the present day by vaccination: forasmuch as in both the actual germs of small-pox (the base of the virus) and of the blood, the latter is of the blood, which is the life.

That vaccination is useless and dangerous; that it is not a prophylactic against small-pox, but on the contrary produces its like (i.e. small-pox); and in addition to this, it is a fearful engine of destruction and death to children, by communicating, along with the vaccine virus, other diseases, all equally lethal, and which are yearly on the increase.

The small-pox of to-day is the plague of vaccination.

That exemption from epidemics of small-pox, cholera, and other diseases of the zymotic class, is not to be found in vaccination, or any pretended inoculation, for although it may encourage the enforcement and extension of wise sanitary regulations, such as better habitations for the people, pure water, good food, dejection of sewage, perfect drainage, and inculcating amongst all classes of the community habits of personal and domestic cleanliness.

We will be heard! This is a struggle of health against disease. We are seeking to disseminate views which we are convinced are beneficial to mankind. We believe in what we utter, and believing, mean to live up to it. Although alone in this fight against vaccination, we believe the cause we advocate will finally triumph. Personal abuse and persecution are the weapons our opponents rely upon to defeat our purpose—which is to expose to the light of reason, this vaccination delusion. We may be defeated at present, but the cause will live, and in less than twenty years from now, the people of this city will look back with feelings of horror at the outrages upon health and life perpetrated by the vaccinators of this day.

Sanitation and Isolation will stamp out small-pox; vaccination will stamp it in.

Seventy-three were Vaccinated.

The official report of August 17th, states:—

That up to that date 133 patients suffering from small-pox had been admitted to the Civic Hospital; of these 73 were vaccinated, of had one mark on the arm, 13 two marks, and 4 three marks. In all 44 died; of these eighteen were vaccinated.

The Prognosis Ominous! Since August 17 we have had no statistics from the Health Office showing the number of vaccinated who have died of small-pox—this is ominous.

Why not? If vaccination is the only safeguard (which we deny) against small-pox, why not let the people know how many of those who have died of small-pox up to date were vaccinated? Why not tell the parents of those hunte red children have died of small-pox; how many of them were vaccinated?

There are many Physicians who disapprove of vaccination, but dare not give expression to their convictions for fear of being ostracised by their conferees and the public. The medical Robespierres have established a reign of terror within the ranks of the profession, and the physicians who dares to think and act for himself independently—-who dares to look the petty despots in the face and defy them. His ruin is certain. Ridicule and professional ostracism can accomplish it.

Compulsory Vaccination.—Certain meddlesome newspapers of this city, having done all they could by their frantic cry of Vaccination! Vaccination!—to excite fear and dread in the minds of the unthinking masses of people, and thus drive them to the shambles of the vaccinators, are now advocating the enforcement of the Compulsory Vaccination Law, and house to house vaccination to bury down those who refuse to have their children poisoned by Vaccination. This is out- Heroding Herod! 1

In a land of boasted freedom, have we citizens of this block-headed, stupid legislation, and medical despotism are bidden to respect? Certain revolutions have taught, and are teaching the would-be tyrants of the world, that human beings have certain essential inalienable, undying rights, which inhere in and grow out of their constitutions as human beings. These natural rights are sacred from the cradle to the grave, and especially to be kept unpoluted from the greedy grasp of priests, doctors and legislators. Whoever would encroach on these rights, the same who believes in thrones, and their very despotic laws, and whoever deprivates an individual of these natural rights, the same are tyrants, and should be treated as such.

Fathers and Mothers, your helpless little ones are in danger, do not allow meddlesome newspapers to influence you. Bear in mind that these newspapers refuse to publish one word against vaccination, and how they advocate Vaccinate! vaccinate! and open their columns freely to the vaccinators now reaping an unhonorable harvest from seed sown by these newspapers. It should not be forgotten how inoculation, now abandoned and made a penal offense, was, a few years ago, as loudly lauded by the newspapers and medical profession as a panacea for small-pox, as vaccination is to-day, showing how much reliance is to be placed on the shifting quicksands of passing medical dogmas.

Enforced Sanitation.—We are in favor of thorough, incessant and enforced sanitation. We believe that in one-half of the time and energy they now devote to calf lymph (?) politics and contracts, to thoroughly cleaning every lane, alley, street, and premises in the city, we may defy small-pox and other fifth diseases. But there must be no half-way spasmodic effort; it must be thorough. We are in favor of instructing the uninstructed in simple hygiene with the censure and condemnation of the same practical nature. Get the people interested, and self-preservation, if nothing else, will incline them to help the authorities. The sanitary literature seeks to impress young people, friends, and neighbors, and the public. It is fraught with all that is not only good to the body, but good to the soul. Science, cleanliness, are the sciences, because natural safeguards, again, small-pox and all other fifth epidemics.

"Stamp out the Small-pox!" Yes, our forefathers tried to stamp it out in 1722, when "inoculation" came upon the stage of life, introduced with all the sanctions which wealth, royalty and distinction could bestow upon it, and it was not till about the year 1798 that the people fully awoke to the bitter irony of the taunt, that instead of stamping it out they were stamping it in with vengeance.

Inoculation spread the very disease it was intended to check; and history confirms the fact, that when the disease was given to healthy subjects, it did not modify the attack, for it only increased the mortality from small-pox, as under inoculation than in its absence; and so it is with vaccination. With all our vaccination, the mortality of the people is increasing, and there is no wonder that it should—the "weltered venom" of vaccine poison the young blood of the nation, and in its pretensions to save us from one disease, creates a score of others as direful as small-pox itself.

One hundred years ago not one in England dare say a word publicly against inoculation; it was worshipped as a safeguard against small-pox by all, from the king to the people; now it is a criminal offense to inoculate.

The proper and only safeguard required against small-pox is pure air, cleanliness and temperance. Observe these three simple rules, and you have the slightest fear of the contagion. Vaccination only increases the risk by weakening the vital forces of the system.

The hatred of Vaccination is engrafted upon the very hearts and consciences of our people, and until a fire is kindled—then, and only then, will the people know it. "Its end draweth nigh."

Compulsory Vaccination is not law, excepting in the sense in which murderery tyranny is law. It is not medicine, but save in so far as consummate blood-poisoning is disease.

If once Vaccination goes wrong, nothing can save the life. For other poisons there are antidotes; for vaccine virus no antidote is known. If a child takes an overdose of arsenic, you can, provided you are in time, undo the mischief; but an overdose of small-pox vaccine means agonizing death, which no man's hand can stay.

Hundreds of cases are recorded in which the deaths of children were caused by the administration of vaccine virus, and followed, after greater or lesser periods of suffering; the suffering generally dating from the operation, and disease steadily advancing from that fatal attack. The vaccinators deny all connection between the Vaccination and the death, and pronounce death from some other cause. The difficulty is this, that we witness in the death of patients, a whose blood, pure of water (free to the poor), personal cleanliness, are the sciences, because natural safeguards, again, small-pox and all other fifth epidemics.
We claim that Vaccination is useless as a sanitary practice, and exceedingly dangerous to the cultivated man. We possess abundant and reliable proof that arm-to-arm Vaccination has been the direct means of poisoning the life-blood of our race with manifold foul and dangerous diseases of the blood, the skin, the eyes, and the ears; but arm-to-arm Vaccination is now abandoned—as cow-pox Vaccination soon will be. We possess abundant and reliable proof that cow-pox Vaccination has imported into the bodies of thousands of the rising generation, many skin and other diseases peculiar to cattle—thus adding to the "sins of the fathers" the "sins of the children." Our claim that Vaccination is both useless and dangerous is substantiated by official records from England, France, Sweden, and the Sandwich Islands. For proof we refer to Dr. Pierce's "Vital Statistics" of Great Britain, to the Returns of the Registrar-General of England, to the Official Report of the British Consul at Honfleur, to the Official Report of Dr. Kalb, of Munich, and to the "Vital Statistics" of Sweden, by Dr. Siljestrom.

Baron Lohrut, statistician of the Saxon Government, says: "Vaccination never prevails against small-pox; it is nothing but a blood poisoner!!!" For further proof that our claims against Vaccination are supported by the most eminent physicians in Europe, we refer to the writings of Dr. Lancerott, Carder, Leloir, and others. We could mention if time permitted, who support our claims and bear testimony against the useless and dangerous rite of Vaccination.

**TESTIMONY OF VACCINATORS.**

The evidence of the most observing among the vaccinating officers employed in England, is conclusive.

Doctor George Gregory, for fifty years director of the Small-pox Hospital in London, published the following declaration in the *Medical Times and Gazette* (London); to which we may add, that those writs of libel which the "small-pox" doves invoke the vaccinated, and the extermination of that dire disorder is as distant as when it was first heededly, and in my humble judgment, most presumptuously anticipated by Jenner." He also declares further: "The idea of extinguishing the small-pox by vaccination is altogether erroneous; it is as irrational as presumptuous." He refused to permit his children to be vaccinated.

Dr. Stowell, for twelve years Vaccinator in England, says: "A nearly general declaration of my patients enables me to proclaim that vaccination is not only an illusion, but a curse to humanity.

Dr. Arbuthnot Epps, director for twenty-five years of the Jenner Institute, says: "The vaccine virus is a poison. As such, it penetrates all organic systems, and infects them in such a manner as to require a disease of the highest order. It is neither antidote nor corrigent; nor does it neutralise the small-pox, but only paralyses the expansive power of a good constitution, so that the disease itself takes upon the symptoms of a slow, insidious, and stealthy progress. Nobody has the right to transplanted such a mischievous poison into the life of a child."

Doctor Lethby of London, made special observation on ninety-three cases of small-pox. Out of thirty-four that died, twenty-one had been vaccinated. Those results were published in the London Medical Times.

Dr. W. J. Collins, for twenty years Vaccination Physician in London and Edinburgh, writes: "There really exists no change in the virulent character of the small-pox, notwithstanding the time; and unhappily those attacked by the disease, at least two-thirds were satisfactorily vaccinated. I have not the least confidence in vaccination; it nauseates m., for it often transmits filthy and contagious diseases without offering any protection whatever."

Sir Thomas Chamber, Q.C., M.P., Recorder of the City of London, says: "I find that of 159 persons admitted at the Small-pox Hospital, in the parish of St James, Piccadilly, 115 were vaccinated. At the Hampstead Hospital up to May 13, last, out of 2,563 admissions, 2,374 were vaccinated. In Marylebone, 22 per cent. of those attacked by small-pox were vaccinated. Can anyone after this be found to contend that Vaccination is a protection against small-pox?"

The "Standard," February 24th, 1883, says: "There is no sign that the small-pox patients in the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, are three-fourths of those persons who had been successfully vaccinated in infancy; and amongst such vaccinated patients there occur some of the worst cases of small-pox, in which the eruption is convulsed."

The Birmingham Daily Gazette, March 26th, 1883, says: "It is totally unnecessary to go outside of England, in order to find one who has refrained from the practice (of Vaccination).

Dr. B. F. Cornew, M.D., President of the Homoeopathic Medical Society of New York, says: "It is my firm conviction that Vaccination has been a curse instead of a blessing to the race. Every physician knows that cutaneous diseases have increased in frequency, severity, and variety, to an alarming extent. To these must be attributed the increased Contagion may account for some of the varieties; in a large majority, however, to no medium of transmission is the widespread dissemination of these diseases so largely indebted as to Vaccination."

In England vaccination was made compulsory by Act of Parliament in 1853; and again in 1867, and still more stringent in 1871. Since 1853 there have been three epidemics of small-pox, each being more severe than the one preceding. The Registrar-General of England, in his Annual Summary for 1880, tabulates the small-pox mortality of London for the last 50 years as follows:

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Now, when it is borne in mind that this enormous small-pox mortality occurred where 85 per cent. of the population were thoroughly vaccinated, the fact, coupled with the additional one that during the 26 weeks ending December 31, 1880, 1,634 persons died in London of small-pox, 422 of whom were under five years of age, three hundred and sixty-four of whom had been vaccinated. Can anyone after this be found to contend that vaccination is a protection against small-pox?"

Mr. John McLaren, M.P., Lord Advocate for Scotland, says: "I should have thought it advisable to enforce Vaccination by compulsory legislation, because it is a principle of common law that no man should be called to bear himself or family to a medical or surgical operation without his own consent."—Jan. 24, 1881.

Herbert Spencer says: "The measures enjoined by the Vaccination Act of 1840 have evidently failed, and yet the Registrar-General's Reports shew that the deaths from small-pox have been increasing." (Social States, p. 367.)

Sir Wilfred Lawson, Bart., M.P., says: "I am opposed to the present system of what is called Compulsory Vaccination. The existing system is not compulsory, since a rich man, by giving or paying fines, can avoid it; and so can the poor man, although he is sent to prison.

The Right Hon. John Bright, M.P., says: "The law which inflicts penalty after penalty on a parent who is unwilling to have his child vaccinated is monstrous, and ought to be repealed.

The Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., says: "Each (small-pox) epidemic, since Jenner's system, has been preceded by an increase in the preceding ones,—"(J. of Commons, 1877.)

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, says: "I regard compulsory and penal provisions, such as those of the Vaccination Act, with mistrust and misgiving.

"Infamies of Cranks."—Our courteous contemporaries, the Stere, calls anti-vaccinationists "infamous cranks." The first argument against the dissector is always brow-beating; the second, ridicule; the third, пространие. The mere mention of these topics can oftentimes, if not always, be accomplished by the mere mention of these three, is perennial, and is certain ultimately to win. They who bow obsequiously to opinion, however dogmatically or arbitrarily enforced, are the enemies of mankind. They almost justify oppression by their willingness to accept its yoke.

Vaccination is now being weighed in the balance; in less than twenty years it will be abandoned like inoculation and a score of other medical quackeries.

**COMPULSORY VACCINATION RESISTED.**

The attempt of our Civic Authorities to enforce the hated Compulsory Vaccination Law led to a violent demonstration of resistance (Sept. 29) last night. Two thousand and anti-vaccinationists marched through the public streets, threatening violent resistance to the law. Breaking the windows of the Health Department; then they attacked the houses of the Vaccinating Physicians, committing many acts of violence. While we sincerely deprecate such conduct, we cannot help thinking that the spirit of petty tyranny and despotism manifested by the medical authorities, incited by certain newspapers, is the direct cause of last night's demonstration.

No State can be called free when a man has not perfect control over his own health, bodily, mental and spiritual.
HISTORY OF A CRIME.

"A Dead without a Name."

MONTREAL, 1835.

In the land of the Canooodles,
In the valley of St. Lawrence,
In the city of Mount Royal,
Lives a people, French and English,
Lives a people fond of pleasure,
Lives a people so neglectful
Of the dirt and filth abounding
In their streets, and lanes, and alleys,
In their houses, yards and bodies,
That the dread disease zymotic—
Which is filth and dirt abounding—
Found a dwelling in Mount Royal,
A house in filth abounding,
In the east end of Mount Royal.

There in filth it luxuriated,
Grew in strength and virulence,
Whilst the City Fathers busied,
Bashed o'er the spots and corpses,
Cared not, thought not, of the monster,
That was knowing at our vital,
Slaughtering children by the score;
Till on this the Great and the play
Reached the papers, Star and Witness—
Star and Witness, of Mount Royal.

Then these papers, moved by pity,
Cried in tones of fear and frenzy,
We must find a powerful magic,
Magic that will save our people
From the horrid plague small-pox,
That is killing off our children—
Children of both French and English,
In their houses of dirt and filth.
(Still the filth and dirt abounded
And was left to accumulate.)

What the papers looked for, sought for,
Wished for, longed for, was a fetish;
Not clean homes, and lives and bodies,
Something wonderful and magic,
To hoodwink and fool the people,
People of both French and English.

So the papers, Star and Witness,
Called on doctors learned and wise,
Asking for the help of them
Something wonderful, mysterious,
To "stamp out" the plague, small-pox.

All the doctors met in council,
French and English came together,
Looking wistful and mysterious
To prepare a powerful fetish;
Fetish that would save the people
From the dread disease zymotic,
Now grown strong, in filth abounding.
The doctors for their chairman
Dr. Peachock, noted for his sagacity,
Who appeared upon the platform,
Holding in his hand a paper,
On which was written words of magic;
Words describing a rare fetish—
That would save, would save the people
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