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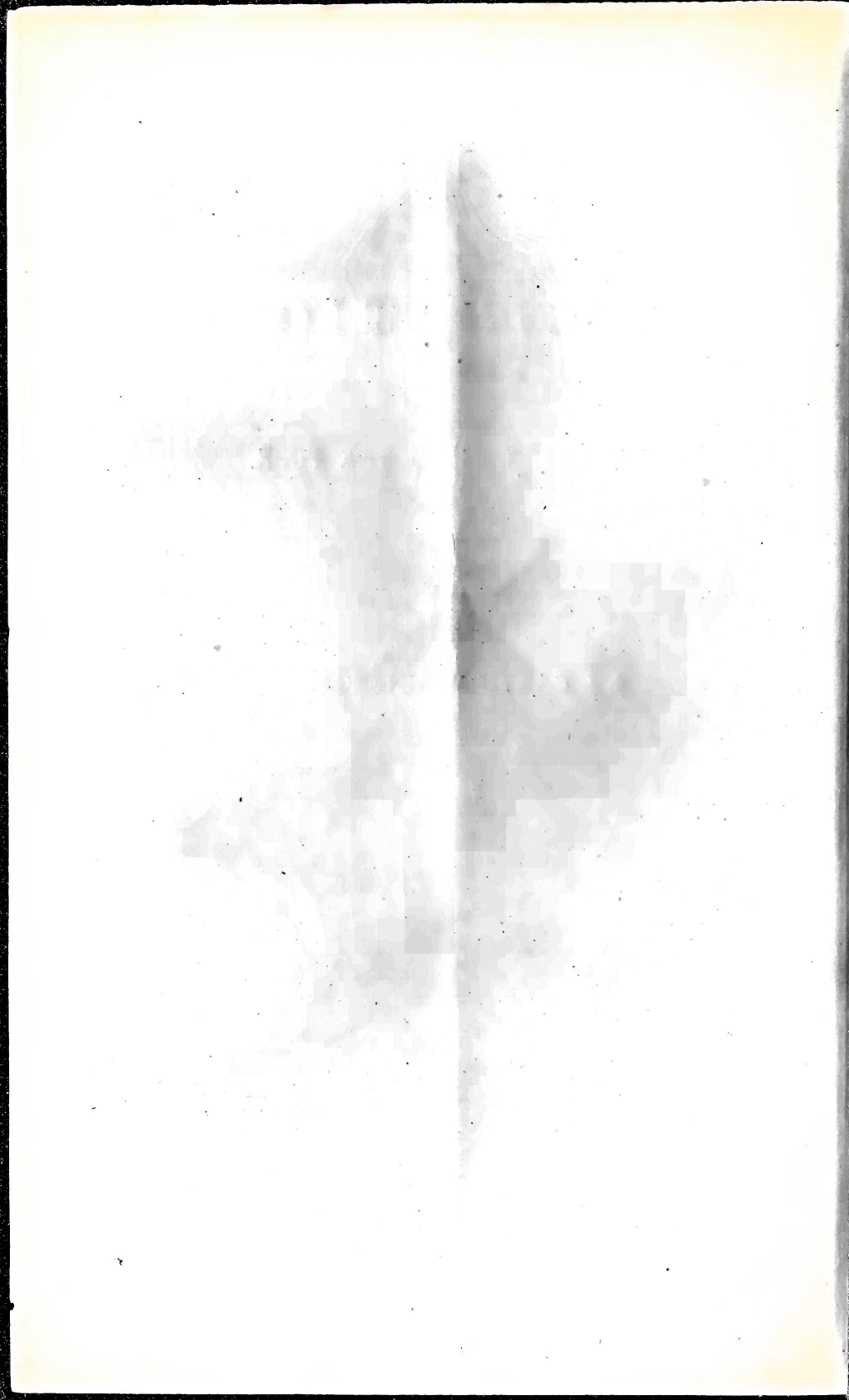
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P R E F A C E.

It has been thought desirable to reprint the following pages, in the present stage of the national movement against Compulsory Vaccination.

The *Times* newspaper gives recent statistics of the Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Deaths for London. Thus :—

ABSTRACT OF DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX, <i>Times</i> newspaper, December, 1872, and January, 1873.	ABSTRACT OF DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX, <i>Times</i> newspaper, December, 1872, and January, 1873.
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Showing that about 6 per cent. of small-pox cases are saved by Vaccination in London.

The Blue Book for 1870, pp. 124, 5, records twenty deaths from erysipelas after Vaccination.

Since my pamphlet was written, the history of recent

Vaccination, and of the late epidemic of Small-pox, has confirmed and magnified its positions.

It has come out that the Compulsory Laws were enacted, because the evil consequences of Vaccination to health and infant life were widely spread among, and well known to, the poorer classes, whose resistance to medical destruction required fire and prison to check it. Public events now demonstrate that, if Compulsion were removed, the mass of the rejoicing working men and women would spurn Vaccinators and Vaccination from their doors.

The evil diseases caused by Vaccination have come more manifestly to the front in the last year. It is admitted by established Medicine that Syphilis—called in *The Lancet* VACCINE-SYPHILIS—has been sown broadcast; and I never make inquiry of a poor man or woman without eliciting accounts of cases of injury from Vaccination to their own or their neighbours' families. Vaccination is more terrible than it used to be. This depends upon two causes: 1. When Small-pox is rife, as during these years, Vaccination meets the leaven everywhere, and its own venom is intensified. Recent cases prove, beyond a doubt, that it is then a predisposing cause of Small-pox. A writer in *The Lancet* says that it has also the power of evoking latent syphilis. 2. The transmission of the Vaccine poison through system after system gathers up the taints of the bodies it comes from, until a sheaf of impurity is in the arms of the medical harvesters, very different from the disease of the cow from which, *perhaps*, the first poison originated. The modern Communists of evil do a deadlier work than Jenner could effect in his day. For the personal pollution of three more generations is on the points of their lancets.

It may be added that the legal necessity to vaccinate all the poor involves, perforce, that they be driven, like sheep, into the Vaccination-pens, and blood-poisoned higglety-pigglety, with no power of question or appeal. They cannot, as Her Majesty did, have a select baby for their babies, but are all imbrued in each other's taints, and carry them into their miserable homes to be developed to the utmost. Vaccination amuses and abuses the rich; it is palpable obscene murder to the poor.

In the meantime the magistracy and the medical profession are doing their very worst. Imprisonment for non-compliance is greatly the order of the day. Where one child has been killed, or maimed, the case to the Authorities becomes the more urgent for compelling the Vaccination of other children in the same families. The indignant rebellion of the bereaved parents must be stamped out. The climax of shameless evil is reached. Church doors are hung with boards of command proclaiming the law about this devil's sacrament, Vaccination. And the power of the medical dragon seems complete in its offences and defences.

Turning to the medical men, they are more than ever convinced of the paramount good of Vaccination. As a rule—Mr. Hutchinson to the contrary—the eminent ones have never seen or heard of a case of injury from it. They never can see or hear of such a case. Magnificent blindness, deafness, and unfeelingness!

The Press of the country, with few exceptions, is in their power. It is gagged in favour of Vaccination. It is an engine for suppressing truth and propagating falsehood on the subject. Its temerity betokens its fears.

The lower classes, however, are less beset by panic of small-pox than the higher; therefore are less amenable

to voluntary submission to the medical Lie; partly, perhaps, because they see from continual observation of their own injured babes that the certain evils of Vaccination which they get, far outweigh the merely possible evil of small-pox, which they have not. A viper on the hand is worse than two vipers in the bush. But, whatever the cause, the resistance of the unenfranchised masses, under their leaders, is becoming more compact. This, with the progress of events in God's providence, will abolish Compulsory Vaccination.

While the following pages were passing through the press, it was asserted that Vaccination had "stamped out small-pox in Ireland and Scotland." Since then a malignant and most destructive epidemic of the disease has raged over Ireland and Scotland, and caused a frightful death-rate in Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, and many other towns. The Vaccination was admitted to be complete at the commencement of 1872. What has been the cause of the enormous death? The Vaccination? In Berlin, a well-vaccinated city, the proportional death-rate among Germans has been four times that of London.

These details give no light to the Medical Profession. Endowment and Establishment have put it into its coffin: as they always put everything else into its coffin.

Two things are sure. The coffin, though the body in it is alive with Vaccination fees, must not rule the throne and the people. 2. Woman, to whose love and insight all babies first belong by God, must come into all voting power, to be a heart of flesh over the stony heart of Parliament.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION; ITS WICKEDNESS TO THE POOR.

VACCINATION is no protection against Small-pox ; 80 per cent. of the patients admitted with Small-pox into the London Small-pox Hospital, and 95 per cent. of the patients admitted with Small-pox into the Paris hospitals, are reported vaccinated. Of 227 persons dead of Small-pox last week, 86 are returned as vaccinated ; and 20 doubtful. "The Registrar-General tells us that on an average of four years, only 65 per cent. of the English people were vaccinated ; that is, less than *two-thirds*. The vaccinated *two-thirds* furnish *four-fifths* of the Small-pox cases, whilst the unvaccinated *one-third* furnish only *one-fifth*. That is, the vaccinated are twice as liable to Small-pox as the unvaccinated."*

It is mere assumption that re-vaccination protects against Small-pox ; the re-vaccinated take Small-pox, and you cannot assert of a re-vaccinated person who has been free from Small-pox, that he would have had it but for re-vaccination. You know nothing about

* A similar result is presented in France. See *Report by the Imperial Academy of Medicine respecting Vaccinations in France in 1867*. Translated and abridged with the Arithmetical Proportions of the Statistics calculated and arranged by GEORGE S. GIBBS. Longmans, 1870. Wherever Vaccination was most common, Small-pox was most rife.

that. In all ages the vast majority of mankind have not taken Small-pox ; in this age an increasing majority does not take it.

The contagiousness of Small-pox is one thing ; the mortality of it is another. If Vaccination cannot be asserted to lessen the contagiousness, and if re-vaccination cannot, at least, so the statistics inform us, Vaccination and re-vaccination diminish the death-rate of Small-pox from 42 per cent. to 1 per cent. ; and make all cases of Small-pox comparatively mild.

Who are the unvaccinated ? and the un-revaccinated ? At present, as a rule, they are the poorest, most wretched, or sottish, of the population, to whom all zymotic diseases are more fatal than to other classes ; enormously and fearfully more fatal. Let the statisticians settle how the forces of severity and mortality are to be apportioned. Non-vaccination has, as competing causes of its 42 per cent. of death,—drink, poverty, crowding, all final foulness, deep slums only heard of because Small-pox is there. How much of the 42 per cent. is due to non-vaccination ? And how much to abyssal slums, including moral slums ?

There were many mild cases of Small-pox in the world before Vaccination was heard of. Has the death-rate of unvaccinated persons increased under the present treatment ? Forty-two per cent. of bad cases lost, as a constant quantity, is an awkward comment on any mode of treatment. It were well for medical consciences to be dissatisfied with it. Are the doctors continually on the move to try means after means, and to trample orthodoxy after orthodoxy, to abate the pestilence of that statistic ? It is a disgrace to them.

If the statistic is crazy because it overlooks all raging causes of disease existing in the slums of the

people, and alleges all their destructiveness to the fault of little non-vaccination, it may well be also suspected from the historical character and antecedents of the statisticians. When cholera was in London, a Homœopathic Cholera Hospital was opened in Golden Square, for treating cholera patients. The House of Commons moved the College of Physicians to procure statistics of all the treatment of cholera in all London hospitals. The statistics were sent in, and respecting those of the Homœopathic Hospital, Dr. Macloughlan, the Government inspector, certified that the Homœopathic treatment was the most successful of all in what he certified were real cases of severe cholera; and he added that though not a Homœopath, he, were he a sufferer from cholera, would be constrained by the Homœopathic success to become a Homœopathic patient for that disease. The Blue Book of all the statistics was ordered to be printed under the directions of the College of Physicians. That Blue Book appeared. But the Homœopathic return of cases was not in it. The College of Physicians had vitiated their result, and voided the *good* of the book, by turning the one healing virtue out of their pages. Dr. Paris, then President of the Royal College of Physicians, was asked why he had done this. He said,—Because Homœopathy is quackery. The question was not what Dr. Paris and the College thought quackery, but what fact proved to be the best treatment of cholera. That question the College was clearly not answering in the Blue Book. It was fighting for medical supremacy with another body at the bedside of the dying. [The House of Commons printed the statistic separately.] This is of a piece with the historical action of these chartered bodies wherever medical dissent crosses them. In all such

cases, their statistics are vitiated by the love of supremacy which is the only unvarying fact in their career.

Add then the impurity and want of single eye in the medical corporations to the abyss of the slums of London as another factor of the 42 per cent. of deaths alleged by these corporations to belong entirely to non-vaccination.

Reader, take in the passion with which those statistics are engendered; the clique force which lives in every figure: they look cold enough in columns and lines; but every cypher is white hot if you attempt to handle it. It has been gathered with tones unmistakable from the least reliable, poorest creatures in the town: beings whose memories from their dire circumstances drop piecemeal from month to month; and of whom, in many cases, family ties can hardly be alleged; whose oath as to whether they, or theirs, have been vaccinated, is idle wind; and if leading questions are put, signifies mere falsity; it has been gathered by powerful medical cliques which for their very life now, have a case to make out; and which have for a long stream of history shown similar passion, and have for ages been chased by fact from fortress to fortress of their own delusions; and from everything but their love of supremacy. Reader, take all these factors in, and deduct them from the figures of death ascribed to non-vaccination, and you will scout the figures; and be little liable to be deceived in the future, when you find that statistical tables of disease and of treatment may be mere masks of medical passion. As they were in the cholera tables drawn up by the Royal College of Physicians.

For the most part in the said 42 per cent. of fatal cases, the fact of non-vaccination cannot be verified.

In the majority of such cases, the person is so concealed by the disease that it is difficult to tell whether he is old or young; and hence the fact of his Vaccination rests upon a hear-say gathered by a voice and an ear determined for only one answer to the question.

The 42 per cent. statistic of deaths alleged to non-vaccination, may therefore be relegated to the limbo of assertion gathered from the fields of a foregone purpose, and not from the good grounds of fact. The statistic itself comes of those thoughts which Lord Bacon characterises as "steeped in the affections,"—in this case, in the affection or lust of medical rule.

Where are we, then? Owing to this passion, now embodied in laws, colleges, in a great profession, and a corresponding police, and closing in fines and in jails for the poor, and in threats for all malcontents and dissenters; owing to this passion, we do not know, and we cannot know, whether Vaccination is any protection against the severity and mortality of Small-pox or not. Personally, I have no founded conception on the subject, because no trustworthy data. The buttresses of Vaccination argument are as flimsy as the castle of Vaccination statistics is illusory. They are the weakest outworks of the medical passion in its war on the health of the people.

The nurses in Small-pox hospitals are all vaccinated, and they never take the disease. Some of them, they tell me, are pitted with Small-pox previous to becoming nurses; and the most are of "a certain age" little liable to Small-pox. But do not my medical brothers know that nurses and doctors enjoy a large immunity from the contagious and infectious diseases which they attend. Fearlessness in their functions at the beginning, and afterwards custom with the diseases, protect them; or

otherwise both the nursing and medical professions would be down with the various diseases of London, continually. Deduct this fact from the immunity of nurses, and how much of it remains due to Vaccination ?

In Ireland the Small-pox has been stamped out by Vaccination. The ground here is a little sacred from the tradition of a similar instance ; the toads and serpents were stamped out by St. Patrick. The case is precisely similar : in both cases the stamping was successful because the stamped object was not there. When he comes, the stamping mania of Vaccination will wear out the feet of Old Physic without making any impression upon Irish Small-pox. What amount of credulity can believe that our dear Paddy, with his habits and his cabins, is a perfectly vaccinated creature ; that his inimitable power of non-society, of secret organization, of resistance to general orders, is contradicted here ; and that the wolf of general Irish lawlessness is a lamb in the single fold of Vaccination ?

In the few days since this was written Small-pox is announced to be making steady ravages in Ireland ; and the doctors, who accounted for the absence of the disease by the universal stamping of Vaccination, now account for its prevalence, and weekly increase, by the statement that Ireland is "only half vaccinated." What ground to go upon is there in such assertions and statistics ?

The same fact was alleged of Sweden in 1842 ; of Sweden, "the best vaccinated country in Europe : " only two deaths occurred from Small-pox ; and Old Physic then said : "Lo ! triumph ! Vaccination has stamped out Small-pox !" But again, Lo ! In the next four or five years the figures rose steadily to an annual death-rate of between 2000 and 3000 in well-vaccinated

Sweden. Small-pox was easily stamped out when it was not there ; but so soon as it came, its heavy feet made a football of colleges.

Dr. Lyon Playfair, M.P., in a clever speech traced the statistics of the decline of Small-pox coincidently with the terrific frowns of the House of Commons, embodied against the monster in the various vaccinatorial laws culminating in the last Act of Universal Compulsory Vaccination. He made out most beautifully that every fresh turn of the Parliamentary screw wrung the withers of the disease ; and that complete compulsion would banish it from the earth. Unhappily for the beauty of his statistics, they were pitted with a few afterthoughts. In the first place, the diminished death-rate was so immediate on Act after Act of Parliament, that the effect was clean against time if Vaccination were supposed to enter into it. The Small-pox might have been frightened by the Laws, but could not have been hurt. In the second place, the Acts were at first coincident with outbursts of Small-pox, after which, decline of the disease is the way of nature : proving that the coincidence is by a Natural Law. In the third place, which seams the face of the Doctor's speech from vertex to chin, and puts out its eyes,—after the Law of General Compulsory Vaccination has had time to work, and has worked, a worse outbreak of Small-pox than before, occurs ; and has to be accounted for by the statistician on some grounds quite different to the power of Parliament through Vaccinatorial Laws over Small-pox.

Doctor, what are those grounds ? I ask you with pained interest, as being myself a member of a Special Commission of the poor men and women of England who won't have their children's blood violated and poisoned by Acts of Parliament ; and who, if even they are as-

cended from gorillas, refuse to have their natures mixed again with the disease of beasts. What are those grounds? You will answer at once,—The Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League. But men will know everywhere that this “small body of fanatics” has no influence to account for the fact. You will say secondly, the absence of universal re-vaccination. But neither vaccination, nor re-vaccination is known to check the spread of Small-pox, however mild the form induced; and when once the disease is among us, it can spread from the mansion, in which it does comparatively little death, to the slum in which it does all death. That, you know, is perfectly natural. Why, the tenants of our slums are in such a state physically, that to scratch them each and all with a pin at fever-time and disease-time, would cause a considerable mortality in London. And when Small-pox, ever so mild elsewhere, creeps upon the slum, men and women and children, they, the proper food of death, die in shoals. Vaccination, if you could do it, and watch the results, would kill shoals of them at once. No theory of the case is needed. When Small-pox is not here, it has no death-rate. When it is here, its death-rate has little to do with Vaccination, and almost everything to do with bad habits, depressed minds, and filthy slums. Almost everything to do with the apathy and somnolence of Parliament.

As soon as this outbreak is done, if you will pass a tremendous Compulsory Law, and use the military to enforce it, you will find that the decline of Small-pox, and the existence and working of the Law, will go side by side for a time. Simply because, as I told you before, Small-pox always mitigates its ravages after a great attack has been consummated. After a great scourge, of cholera, if you will smoke a pipe every day for ten years,

you will also find that the absence of cholera, and the smoking of your pipe, are contemporaneous pieces of history.

But the slums, Doctor,—they are the causes of Small-pox ; and the taking of patients out of the slums through the various neighbourhoods, the medical taking: that is a chapter of wide infection. When the Small-pox exists, move and touch the person as little as you can : let him or her be, and clear the neighbourhood from about him. Don't infect Hampstead* and Haverstock Hill out of St. Giles, as you are now doing. But how can you clear out the slums ? Very easily, if you will make war upon them ; but not if you enter into a treaty of peace with *them*, while you make war upon all healthy persons and places.

At present Parliament is much bent upon Compulsion : in the present case, the compulsion of Papa Medicine upon the thirty-three millions of patients whose health, failing to come from heaven, comes only through the channel of papa, who alone knows what is good for his little ones. But Parliament will discover that this compulsion has not obvious honesty enough about it, or results of health, to be borne by the patients, who are more important to Parliament than Mr. Simon and Papa Physic. And so Parliament will have to gratify its love of compulsion by allowing to the people their own private doctoring, or no doctoring ; and by attending to

* Four hundred Small-pox patients gathered in Hampstead ! Patients taken up in open ambulances on the side-walks ! Mothers and nurses, and children, have to run for it to avoid them ! An ant-walk of patients going, convalescents returning, and I suppose, coffins carried somewhere. The very shaking up of London in the Government bottle of Small-pox ! And ridiculous Vaccination, Parliament's gift *per contra*. Strain at gnats and swallow camels.

its own proper business, of national, municipal, and rural general well-being. Nothing to do whatever with poisoning people's arms or opening their bowels. Everything to do with the forcible abolition of all buildings and styles of building that make disease and epidemic inevitable to the community. Here is room enough for general officers, field-marshal against disease, working through surveyors and engineers. But medicine, a purely private art, has nothing to say or do in the case.

Take the fact of Westminster. Out of its square miles of squalor blossoms a colossal marquis: his surveyors and engineers are re-building on a Paris scale aristocratic London, because it was not fine enough for the rich before: the palaces were not sufficiently palatial. Now why not compel here? Why not enact that the money crops of Westminster shall be put into filthy and not into already splendid Westminster; that every questionable tenement in it shall be re-built; that Peabody houses universal, or something better, shall rise, and be Westminster; houses for the poor with good greensward between them; and that this shall be done of compulsion by the landlords of Westminster from one age to another; they being forced to improve their estates in this matter; and to administer their royal wealth in this manner? Why not?

To this compulsion it must come at last. And the peddling compulsions of vaccinating people whose very homes and bodies are deathbeds, and of taking them through healthy neighbourhoods to centres of infection, must be abandoned. State medicine, that despotic lie, must be abandoned, State-health, the good of the people, must be thought of.

A heavy argument is thought to rest in the decline

of Small-pox since Vaccination was introduced ; and in the few persons one now meets who are pitted with Small-pox. Since then, however, inoculation has been forbidden by law, on purpose to limit the propagation of the disease ; moreover, the treatment is different. In former times, everyone who had Small-pox was put into the slum-condition at once ; fresh air and water were sedulously excluded ; and crowding and stifling with bed-things and curtains was carried out. That alone accounts for a vast difference in death and disfigurement. Does it not ? But again, cholera has sensibly declined since it first appeared in India ; has declined in every country in the world. Why, we do not know ; but it is certainly not owing to any medical procedure. Plague has declined ; the sweating sickness has disappeared ; syphilis is constantly on the decline ; the leprosy of the middle ages, with its ten thousand hospitals, has died away ; but medical prowess is not to thank for it. Why should it be assumed if Small-pox declines like all these diseases, that it alone would have been a fixture but for Vaccination ? You perceive, reader, that the agency alleged of Vaccination in this result, is a baseless assumption ; and that the cases of numerous other great diseases proclaim loudly that the assumption is not necessary to account for the facts.

On the other hand you know again that slums and hundreds of square miles of landlorded human putrefaction are no assumption as causes of small-pox, scarlatina, diphtheria, typhus, typhoid, and nearly every disease ; and therefore I compel you to face this fact, divine in its truth, and devilish in its matter, and to draft your compulsion away from the blood of little children, and direct it by more than German requis-

tional enactment upon those who can be made to grasp and purify their own Augean slums, out of which their brazen palaces now rise into our air.

Let every landlord be compelled to sleep for a week half yearly in the worst room in his dominions ; the house to be selected by Dr. Farr according to the death-rate. Let him be vaccinated before he goes in if he likes. If he decline, let it be recorded as his testimony about Vaccination. From the cell-germ of that one room, sweetened by the great fortune, New London will arise, fair as loving justice, and swift as an exhalation.

Legislating medical treatment ingeniously takes the mind away from the true and great problem of fiscal Sanitary legislation. It opposes some small and most dubious medical dogma to the common sense of national and municipal and rural cleanliness, air and light universal. But I ask Parliament, do the antecedents of medicine make the adoption of medical dogma into law, feasible ? Inoculation, current for some fifty years, has been forbidden by law. The thoughts and practices of Old Physic vary with the moons. There is only one way of fixing any of them ; and that is by endowing and establishing them ; and by this method Parliament has given the fixity of cash and vested interest to Vaccination. Parliament has made a church out of cowpox, the smallest and nastiest of churches. This, and that other foul jakes, the Contagious Diseases Act, —an edifice in which a Royal Commission is now a-sitting,—are, I predict, the two last prescriptions which Parliament will force upon Great Britain at the bidding of the medical profession. Before it has done with Vaccination, and the money power which is its coat of mail, it will have learnt to rue the day when it went

out of its own general path to embody a poisonous puncture in a law.

Let us hope that in its awakening it will not only clear the Privy Council of a medical department, but also discharter all medical bodies ; and disconnect them from the State.

So far for one side of the case ; the side against Vaccination and Re-vaccination as preventive of Small-pox, its deaths and its disfigurements. We have seen that Vaccination does not prevent Small-pox ; and that there is no proof that Re-vaccination prevents it. We have seen that the diminished death-rate alleged in vaccinated cases, has in it several other causes more obviously important than Vaccination, and which probably reduce Vaccination to *minus nil*. We have seen that the decline of Small-pox takes place after outbreaks, just as the decline of all other un-vaccinated diseases takes place. We have seen Small-pox leap up again in spite of legislation. We have seen the steady decline of the disease for one or two centuries, as we have seen the steady decline of plague and other un-vaccinated pestilences in the same time. We have seen the common sense hygienic conditions of patients, their well-being, followed everywhere by an abatement of the malignity of the symptoms and legacies of Small-pox. We have seen that misery and want are the beds of Small-pox ; and that Vaccination is inevitably also one of its beds, because every disease—the Vaccine disease—increases the weakness of the body, and diminishes its resisting power. And so we have proved the negative indictment against Vaccination. We have found that there is no good thing in its bones.

Yet the medical pack hunts on its scent with almost unanimous voice ; it has an endowed and established

smell which pleases them. To me, as a Homœopath, their unanimity counts for nothing : I know how unanimous they are in shutting their eyes, and closing their ears, to a way more excellent than their own. I know what they have rejected in the great truth of Homœopathy. And until they are more open-minded and open-hearted, I cannot value their unanimity as containing in it one element of strength, or of love. It is but the cruelty of routine incarnate in its vulgarity.

The positive indictment against Vaccination is a different chapter, and cannot be fully written yet ; but the informations which will instruct it are being prepared in several journals read chiefly by poor men and women who are almost out of the ken of the medical profession. They will form bulky documentary evidence ; and probably will be made the basis of claims for compensation by the poor in some future and better Parliament, when the Medical as well as National citadels are all in the hands of the people. For money payments *on a scale* are, I see, to be in the indemnity of all social wrong-doing. What sum of money will the rich owe the poor for the deaths and destructions caused by compulsory Vaccination ?

The allegation of the best informed is, that Vaccination widely spreads disease among the people ; that erysipelas immediately, and consumption, syphilis, scarlet-fever, decline, are sown broadcast by Vaccination. New, certainly, by Vaccination, physic adds one more disease to human beings. Certainly it is a beast's disease. Certainly there are sensitive people, especially the mothers of infants, so framed as to loathe the thought of it, and to wonder at a large profession not being in the main sick at the filthy little fancy of it. If this be a prejudice

it is not an astonishing one. But others allege more tangible proofs against Vaccination.

There are two parties here to put into the witness-box. Let the medical profession enter the box first with the lictors before it, and the State Lancet (only to think of the State having that abomination of desolation, a *lancet*) in its hand. The medical profession deposes that it almost never heard of any ill effects to the health of children or persons arising from Vaccination. (*Mem.* The great lords of the past might depose that they know no particular evils arising from seduction : they see no more, and want to see no more, of the victims when the deed is done. They want very particularly *not* to see them.) I believe the profession almost. But then, abate this from their word of truth. They have a dogma that everything ill that follows Vaccination is not a consequence of Vaccination ; the converse negative to the wrong use of *post hoc ergo propter hoc*. If a child has a bad skin disease running from the date of ripe vaccine, *that* is said to be a time when children usually have skin diseases, and consequently the malady in question is *not* due to Vaccination. I deny that it is such a time. Does not the public see that with this article of the Church of Cow-pox regnant in him, a doctor can have no chance of knowing whether Vaccination causes disease or not. He is out of knowledge, and is well-fenced, well-feed stupidity. As far as gathering the facts here are concerned, he is an oaf in livery, and does not know a hawk from a handsaw, being clique-insane. (*Mem.* These are the men whose opinions Parliament makes into compulsory statutes.) Besides this dogma, that whatever disease comes after Vaccination cannot be caused by it, the doctors extend their fortress by proclaiming that fathers and mothers, being not medical,

can have no just opinion on any particular case which arises in their children. The doctor's word overrides the mother's observation coming sharp out of the mother's love. He will hear no evidence but that of his own dogma, which puts its penny-pieces over his own heart-dead eyes.

Here are indeed two incommunicating parties.

What is the relation between them? The Vaccinator in many cases, among the poor in the most of cases, performs his operation, sees the child a week after, and knows nothing more of mother or child thenceforth—until she is brought to him again with a second child, to tell him how ill the first fared after his deed, and to receive from him a grand pooh-pooh at the end of her mother's tale of her child's sickness, or death. The child is taken to another surgeon, who also pooh-poohs, and gives a little medicine, and the longer the case lasts the less it has to do with direct ruin by Vaccination. She finds the medical men sealed against her piteous story all round. As a man at Plymouth, whose horrid dominion is over 2000 women a fortnight, said of the poor wretches violated by the Contagious Diseases Acts, "We listen to no complaints."

Is Parliament going to proceed on this ex-parte evidence? Does Parliament not know that the opinions of professional experts are not safe unless common experience is added to them from the largest field of good sense and ordinary attestation?

What then is to be done? I say, let a Parliamentary Commission sit in any great borough of London, and summon the Vaccinated poor, and take their depositions with regard to the effect of Vaccination on their children. Let there be a house to house visitation, such as Mr. Gilpin's canvass of Northampton proved to be, when he

said it was pitiful to go from one to another, and to have to listen to the long story of disease and death which parents forced upon him as the sequel of the Vaccination laws. I maintain that parents do know much, and all, about these consequences. They see their immediacy upon Vaccination. The Vaccinators do not. They watch every point of the Vaccination diseases. The Vaccinators do not. In reality they have a scientific knowledge which the Vaccinators have not, if science is founded upon experience, and ever-widening experience, and comparisons of experience. And then they have quick affections which gather the terrible knowledge, where the Vaccinators have now but the love of power, and for eyes, dogmas, which are not to see.

I have taken the trouble to inquire of parents whether they had ever known evil consequences to arise in their homes from Vaccination. And the results are curious. Knowing that I am a medical man, at first they were silent on the subject. But when they found that I was not one who "listens to no complaints," they have in many cases opened to me a breast of suffering. From my inquiries I state, under full responsibility of the statement, that I could without difficulty gather tens of thousands of cases of serious and irreparable evil, and a large rate of death, if I were able to make anything like a wide inquiry. A figure so great, that after all eliminations and honest deductions, it would appal the people, and make them cry aloud for guarantee and indemnity.

This morning, February 27th, in my Dispensary practice, a poor woman, Mrs. T. (thanks to Parliament, I dare not mention her name) brought in her baby. Her words: "Vaccinated last September. A fat, strong boy till he was done. Never well since. Wasting away.

Arm never has got well." I examined and saw. "A similar place on forehead and throat." I saw them. "There could not be a stronger child than this was before. Three days afterwards he came out with something which the doctor said had nothing to do with Vaccination. *She is now being summoned to have a second baby done!*" Out! child of hell by Parliament! Out! damned Law!

If this happened to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, and they had had the utter conviction which these poor parents have, they would, or could, have paid fines, and kept their next child unvaccinated; but this blacksmith cannot pay the fines, and must go to prison, and let his wife go to beggary, or offer up another babe to what they regard as State murder. That blacksmith is certainly not equal to Mr. Gladstone in the face of British law.

Another case. My coachman's child was vaccinated, and took with it erysipelas, which overspread the body. The mother who was nursing it took the erysipelas, and both nearly died of it, I assert that this result, of two long and all but fatal illnesses, was, in a poor man's house, due to Vaccination, and consequently due to Parliament.

3.—Miss Edith Hutchinson, of Kensington, was vaccinated by the late eminent Dr. Joseph Laurie. The arm swelled enormously, and was hard like wood. After a month it subsided, and then a putrid thrush occurred, which disappeared after some weeks. The disease was next transferred to the abdomen, and its lymphatic system, and she died of great purulent collections in its cellular tissues, the matter, putrescent, voided by the bowels. I attended the later stages of the case with Dr. L. Vaccination, careful

conscientious vaccination, did it as plainly as fire burns.

I give this case again in Mrs. H.'s own words.

“ 2, HORNTON VILLAS, KENSINGTON,
“ 6th March, 1871.

“ MY DEAR DR. WILKINSON,

“ The dear child was in perfect health in May, 1863 ; but as Small-pox was prevalent, and our household being vaccinated, she was subjected to the process,—though the operation had been performed upon her, and had ‘ taken,’ when she was four months old. Within a few days of the Vaccination in May, 1863, she—(being then nearly six years old)—was attacked with inflammation of the lymphatic glands of the arms to so severe an extent that her arms were immensely swollen, and so heavy and hard that each arm had to be supported in a sling ; her sufferings for ten days were very great, at the end of which time her arms gradually resumed their natural appearance. But within a few weeks the poor child was prostrated by an attack of aphthous ulceration of the mouth, which was of a most distressing character from the peculiarly offensive odour emitted from the gums, &c.

“ The dear child was more or less delicate ever after, and, in the following June, enlargement of the abdominal glands, and mesenteric disease set in, her life being terminated by a succession of abscesses in the bowels in July, 1864 ; the doctor who attended her telling me that the glandular disease had been coming on for some months.

“ I felt then, and still do feel convinced that her system was poisoned by the introduction of the vaccine matter, for she had never had a spot or swelling of any

kind before, nor had there been a previous case of mesenteric disease in our family,

“ Ever, my dear Dr. Wilkinson, believe me,

“ Yours most sincerely,

“ S. HUTCHINSON.”

The three stages in this case are a linked chain of consequences uncoiling from the Vaccination. 1.—The Vaccination itself, poisonous lymph, producing poisonous lymph. 2.—The enormous swelling of the cellular tissues, and consequently of all the tissues of the arm ; the cellular tissues being the great plane at the end of the whole lymphatic system : the universal lymph plane. All the lymphatic vessels and lymphatic glands of the body stand in the relation of centres to the cellular tissue as their great circumference. Effects in the cellular tissue are reflected in intimate effects in the vital lymphatics. It is a great arena of transferences of fluids ; and if you disease it, of transference of diseases. It runs into the depths of every organ in the body ; and a spark of poison in its skin may soon be a devouring fire of poison in its mesentery. 3.—The next stage, the malignant thrush, was no doubt the index of commencing destruction in the lymphatic system of the abdomen. 4.—The centre of the Vaccination was reached ; the abscesses in the abdomen were the end of the Vaccinatory deed. Verdict—*Death by Vaccination !*

This was a comparatively acute case, and only lasted about one terrible year. But you can easily infer from it the certainty, in many cases, of more subtle and chronic destructions. Keep your minds open where they have before been willingly closed, and you will see.

4.—Lady Campbell, the wife of a British Ambassador, (not known to me, but well known to Mrs. Hutchinson, of the last case,) was vaccinated by a Dr. L. The vaccinated arm swelled to enormous proportions. A strong fine woman before, she died in a twelvemonth from the direct effect of Vaccination; which the doctor did not deny. All the particulars of this case are extant, and can be verified if required.

5.—The Rev. Dr. L.'s daughter had Small-pox last autumn, for which I attended her. Mrs. L. asked me to vaccinate the family. I declined, and gave my reasons. Dr. L. expressed surprise; but Mrs. L. said she was rejoiced to hear me speak thus; and added, "Do you not recollect that our eldest son has a scrofulous swelling of the arm from Vaccination, and has never been well since?" He then remembered; and I examined the son, and verified the fact of the disease.

6.—A well-known literary gentleman, a name known to everyone in Parliament, consulted me last autumn, for an affection of the leg, attended with a skin eruption, which much crippled him. He said, "Four years ago I was overpersuaded by a lady to be vaccinated; and I have had this affection ever since. I showed it to Mr. ———; he pronounced it to be gout, and did not admit its connection with Vaccination." (Gout may be caused by Vaccination, see p. 38.) This case wonderfully illustrates the *post hoc ergo non propter hoc* pleaded against big linked facts, written out in two tangible and similar diseases, while the *post hoc ergo propter hoc* is held by the same surgeon in favour of the invisible, intangible, untraceable connexion supposed to exist between Vaccination and non-Small-pox; or between something and nothing. To such a logic, endowment and establishment have

brought the heads of the profession. The logic of fees simple.

But if doctors are so subtly able to trace the absence of Small-pox when it *is* absent, to the fact of Vaccination, than which no greater mental ingenuity is conceivable, how can they refuse the common public the right to put tens of thousands of like antecedents and consequences of the broadest kind into the same relations of cause and effect,—the right to attribute visible immediate consequences to visible immediate deeds and causes ?

I could multiply my cases from my own note-books, but have not space ; and I will content myself with repeating that every neighbourhood is full of such cases, which are only concealed in their ghastly multitude by the Egyptian darkness, that is, the scientific darkness of the established Medical Profession. If the reader wants more information, let him consult the *Anti-Vaccinator and Public Health Journal*, edited by Councillor Pickering, Cookridge Street, Leeds. I have touched the matter merely to give the pointing of my own personal enquiries and observations.

All this experience, the whole other half of the question, is ungathered, and Parliament has legislated Compulsory Vaccination without it. Now I maintain that it is the men and women of England, especially the poor, who are the depositors of all the real scientific information on the subject. The doctors know the microscopy of pustules and pock-marks ; the poor know the serpent whose trail is death in their homes. Why has Parliament cast out the science of the poor ? Why has it only listened to the venal science of the experts ?

There is a class intermediate between the poor and the doctor, which can supply a link, and that is the

Chemists and Druggists. To them the wounds and woes of the vaccinated are freely taken ; they are not established into stupidity ; and they listen to the tale. If they will honestly speak out, they can tell the tale. A Parliamentary Commission ought to call their evidence in preference to that of the professional experts. But the substantial evidence will always be that of the vaccinated poor themselves, who have the real science.

Why the poor ? Because their circumstances cause the Vaccine Disease, like other diseases, to create greater ravages among them than among the other classes : and hence it is a more heinous wrong to vaccinate White-chapel compulsorily than so to vaccinate Belgravia.

Add now to these facts, that in the medical darkness, the Egyptian darkness that can be felt, and that is cruelly felt by the poor, Parliament has enacted that thirty-four millions of people shall, generation after generation, be vaccinated to lower the death-rate (not the disease-rate) of a few thousands of cases of Small-pox. Is it less than certain that the death from such a vast field of Vaccination towers over any immunity ever pretended to be secured by Vaccination ? If the doctors dispute this, in which they are themselves arraigned, let them come down from the bench, and go into the dock, and let Parliament order a personal minute to be taken of the experience of the poor ; then, and not till then, Parliament can set death against death, and strike a just balance as between compulsory Vaccination and natural Small-Pox.

Parliament, if it will meddle with particular kinds of physic, ought also to enquire into the practice in its Small-pox hospitals. Do the men there, who lose 42 per cent. of bad cases, stick to their routine and violent drugging ? or do they try all the available means and

new discoveries for treating Small-pox? At Hampstead and Highgate do they try the Homœopathic way, with tartar emetic in infinitesimal doses? Do they try the Hydropathic way, which is, I believe, excellent; and always a good adjunct? Do they try Mr. Rose's plan, with cream of tartar, the great success of which is alleged? Do they use the *hydrastis* and *veratrum viride* method? If they do not try all these ways, they are playing with Small-pox, and the death-rate is greatly due to their own perverse incapacity. Parliament, if it meddle at all, ought assuredly not to stop meddling until it searches out these things, which must affect even the half-statistics on which it makes its laws.

But is not a clear case made out for abolishing compulsion? It has been shewn that the statistics in favour of Vaccination—founded as they all are on *post hoc ergo propter hoc* for their own side, and *post hoc ergo non propter hoc* for the other side—are subtle and unreliable; it has been also shewn that the statistics against Vaccination, gross as sick-beds and coffins, come up in numbers, so that the whole foot of Old Medicine cannot stamp them down; but they have been refused to be heard in the case. In the face of the flimsiness of the one part, and the horrible doubt of the other, what has a wise Parliament to do but to repeal these compulsory laws? Let them compel epidemics to relax their hold on the throat of the country, by compelling municipalities to compel property-holders to set towns right, and estates to set cottages right; but let them beware of all compulsion that rests on grounds more subtle and metaphysical than these.

If compulsory Vaccination is right, compulsory Revaccination is right, and moreover necessary. But no parliament dare enforce it. Were it attempted by fines,

it would break down ; were it carried out by violence personally, the lancet would be jostled by the pistol, the poker, and the knife. And laudable homicide, and godly homicide, and if ordered or done in court, good and just magistraticide, would become common verdicts in the land.

Even the present law, if unrepealed, will lead to civil war of its own kind. Against the mother who has one child destroyed, or badly poisoned, by Vaccination, and is compelled to bring up another and another to the same ruin, it is civil war ; and she, and her kind, will elude it not by the laws of peace, but by the ways of war. If she has strong convictions, who can say what is not lawful for her to do ? She may conceal her births ; and to do so, call into existence a new and clandestine class of midwives who will turn the doctors out of the neighbourhoods of the poor. She may invent substitutes for Vaccination, such as *tartar emetic* injected under the skin, and forged certificates on a large scale. She will assuredly do everything to barricade her room and her neighbourhood against the compulsory Vaccinator. In the process, a complete alienation must occur between the poor and the medical profession. And a new, an unrecognized, and probably secret medical service must supply the traitor's place among the poor. How far this will be serviceable to sanitary progress it is for Parliament to think.

It may strike Sunday schools, and all education of the poor, heavily ; for the poor will become secretive under fear for their children's lives ; and if the Hymn Book means the poisoner's lancet, woe then to the Hymn Book.

But if it will create war between the poor and the doctors, these laws, if persisted in, will speedily destroy

the humanity of the profession. The doctor used to be a familiar friend in the cabin, and the poor abode ; but now he is the herald of the policeman, the bringer of fine or imprisonment, the stern derider of the mother's eye, and the mocker of her complaints, the minister to her children, as she believes of disease and of death. He is not the single-eyed man of charity, but the tool, the protected tool of the State, as the State is itself, by base sufferance, the tool of the medical head-centres. What is his comfort to the lying-in bed, if his knowledge of birth which he thus gains, is treacherously turned into a summons against father, or widowed mother, to render her child to Vaccination in three months' time ? He can only be detested while he serves. His own heart, and capacity, must be seriously affected by the State making him into a spy, and an informer, and his studies and his skill cannot but be wasted by the sense of official power against the people, where he ought to be a minister and interpreter of nature only, and a private friend of the poor man's needs.

Panic is the direct out-come of the present laws ; and panic is a potent feeder of Small-pox. House to house Vaccination puts all persons in dread ; and the vast fee field which is thereby created corrupts the senses of the medical profession. The bigger the panic the greater the profits. In the meantime, the death-rate is scarcely affected by the disease, which only robs scarlatina of its usual victims ; for when the one disease rises the other falls, so that nothing is gained to present life. In the last week, when 227 died of Small-pox, the whole death-rate was six under the average of the ten years. But the doctors stupefy themselves and terrify the public, by proclaiming "the terrible scourge"

of Small-pox, when scarlatina, a scourge far more dreadful, is unnoticed in their public action altogether. This moral deadness is a direct consequence of the endowment and establishment of the treatment of one particular disease by Parliamentary acts.

The laws indeed confound the mind by their stupidity of conception. Within three weeks, I, as a medical adviser, have urgently recommended between twenty and thirty families *not* to be vaccinated. I have done so on all the grounds I know, with all my light, and all my conscience. As a medical man I am entitled to an opinion, and am a free agent. But what is my relation to the law? It is undoubtedly, without intending offence, a seditious relation. If I could be heard, I would prevent all London from being vaccinated; at any cost I would prevent it. If dragons were in the streets to do it, I should still stand only in a medical right and say to the people, "At all hazards do not be vaccinated." Again I ask,—Is my little light and skill forbidden by the laws? And am I a traitor to my country because, as a medical man, I do what I know to be right for the people?

Perhaps you will say, I ought to succumb to the profession. I answer, that all the gain of man by time comes out of minorities of one, and that we, the Anti-Vaccinators, cannot yield. I know the profession too well, its fashions, its fluxions, its prejudices, its passions, its hopes, and its fears, to be able to cede an inch of insight to its decisions, embodied in, and further vitiated by, Acts of Parliament. Upon this particular question I know that the profession, in spite of its routine, is a hot mass of uncertainty and unhappiness.

There is nothing for us to do but to resist. And those who resist here will have on their side the working

people of England, and in time the majority of the House of Commons.

The agitation against the Compulsory Vaccination laws cannot die, but is growing every hour. The attempted coercion of the people by medical despotism cannot die, but is growing every hour. And the Gladstone Ministry determined upon one permanence, its own dynasty, cares nothing about small questions that kill and maim hundreds of thousands, because these questions do not seem to imperil the Gladstone empire, the Cabinet life. The people, the masses, often invaded, always invaded by these party lusts, the frontiers of their rights constantly infringed, and their homes wasted by empire-loving Gladstones, who are determined to secure to the bullet boys of party their thrones, the people are not yet drilled ; but there is a nucleus of militant resistance springing up in the ANTI-COMPULSORY VACCINATION LEAGUE, and the NATIONAL ANTI-CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS ASSOCIATION. The only thing you can do, my brothers and sisters of the British Islands, who have bodies to be defended, and babes to be defended, is to pass into the ranks of these little armies, by your allegiance, and by your money, where you will be silently drilled and informed for the coming hour. Medical despotism, the despotism of science, Egyptian darkness and Egyptian despotism, that which brings down upon your houses the curse of the death of the first-born, the worst despotism of all is going, when you are fully ready, but after hard fields, to die the death. As against the medical Gladstone Government, to-day is your Jena ; if you join ranks obediently and heartily, another not distant day will be your Paris.

You must insist on new frontiers to your homes, frontiers of fortified right over your persons, which me-

dical science and medical men cannot overstep without your sovereign pass, and then always as private citizens.

You must insist on the demolition of all the fortresses from which they have sallied against your lives ; on the dischartering of all medical and scientific corporations. You must have *Science itself completely dismantled*, and reduced to its own exact but utterly individual authority, or you will never be safe ; for science, erected beyond its place into any power not its own, is the worst tyrant of all ; red democracy is nothing to it ; and while governmental fortresses of it stand, you are a constantly invaded people. You know now, by experience, that the rule of science by divine right is the most enslaving of superstitions ; that an uninspired schoolmaster on the throne, or above the throne, ferruling overgrown men and women, is a very devil incarnate. Besides this, during the civil war now waging, you must keep account of your destructions,—careful books of harm to persons and to industry, and life, wrought by these Government Acts,—first least volumes of the new Doomsday Book of God and the People,—and when the day of treaty comes, you must demand from the common stock your war indemnity. The first Parliament of the people will levy it for you. And if Mr. Gladstone be then Prime Minister, as we trust he will be, he is greatly capable of assessing from the poor man's point of view, under the poor man's thumb and pressure, to secure his dynasty, the *Weregild* to be paid ; the value of babies to the mother, and of sons and daughters to the country.

MARCH 4, 1871.

NOTES.

THE profits accruing to medical men from a diligent cultivation of the Fee-Field of Panic during these last weeks, are in the aggregate enormous. One practitioner, they tell me, in a neighbourhood not remote from my own, has been making sixty guineas a week by Vaccination. Statesmen, who can measure interest as a factor in the instincts of cliques and corporations; as a creator of class-doctrines; as a power in shutting the eyes, or opening the eyes, to facts; as a new lease-giver to abuses,—of course regard heavy fees as a powerful though unconscious operant cause why the medical profession has a great love for Vaccination. It may be a legitimate love, but, were it not so, the fees would give it artificial permanence. Of that, no statesman can doubt. Gain swerves the mind very dangerously from the rails of fact, and is a general conjuror with statistics. Large profits, then, must be regarded as at least a possible element in the building of the present collegiate tables, which, while undestroyed, are professional gold mines.

BAD cases are said to be due to unhealthy lymph, and the first object is to get "healthy lymph." Clean dirt, and healthy cow-disease! But passing this by, we know what they mean,—that only the disease of the beast should be actual in the matter. But what a surprising want of subtlety of mind, what pint-pot materialism, as though men and women were vessels filled with blood and juices from the tap of the "King's

Arms," reigns in the medical profession, if they can dream that matter transmitted through the offspring of men and women for ten or twenty years, does not contain all kinds of abominations. If a drop of seed will make a man, because it is a man's, a drop of lymph will make a gout, or a consumption, or a syphilis, because it has been trailed through systems impressed with those diseases. Even if it were all mere dirty cow, cows may differ so far as to be full of hereditary taints, and our babes may take the analogues of human diseases very well from the domestic animals. There is no way out of it. 'Tis all pollution together, though the vaccinator's cauldron may have more or less complexity, or simplicity of disease and decay in it.

THOUGHTFUL dentists suggest Vaccination as a probable cause of the early decay of the teeth in this age. The surmise gains countenance from the consideration, that the germs of the second or permanent teeth are appearing at the time selected by Government physick for performing Vaccination. Lay this down as sure—wherever nature is busy upon any conceptive operation in the body, any sudden unnatural shock to the system is likely to impress the embryonic structure; and hence it is feasible to suppose that if Vaccination and the beginning of the second teeth are contemporaneous, deformity of the teeth may be the birth-mark on them inflicted by Vaccination, and premature decay of the teeth, consumption of the teeth, the inheritance. Small-pox at the time would not have the same power of ill, for it is taken because the system is predisposed to it; but in Vaccination a disease is given by violence against pre-disposition *not* to receive it.

VACCINATION is sometimes claimed as in principle a part of Homœopathy. Falsely, so far as Homœopathy in its whole scope is concerned. Homœopathy, by an incomparable drug-science, cancels the symptoms of disease. But there is no case in which it aims to give a disease. Vaccination is unsuccessful unless it gives a disease. It also violates the body in a way that no disease, not plague, or scarlatina, or typhus does, by an actual wound into the blood; a poisoned wound. Neither pestilence, nor physis, has any analogy with this procedure.

THE clerks in the War Office have lately been vaccinated. A large number of bad arms has been the consequence. Vaccination during epidemic Small-pox is more likely to produce acute bad results than at other times; because the town is already charged with a poisonous miasma. In the War Office, axillary abscess, and crops of boils on the body, have, I hear, followed it, and *rheumatic affections have been reproduced*. One reason of the latter is, that depressing diseases bring out all the weak points. See p. 28.

THERE is also good reason to suppose that a process like Vaccination, which in its theory of prevention, affects the whole organism, is potent, and harmful, in an increasing ratio from age to age. We have work for brain and nerves which make morbid disturbances in our bodies less tolerable than they were in those of our ancestors. We cannot do that work, and live grossly as our ancestors did. Finer causes count for us, and against us. I submit that on this ground the special empoisonment of Vaccination is more against us now than it was in Jenner's day. See if the effects of the

present re-vaccinations do not bear out this remark. And also add to the subject the cumulative effects of successive Vaccinations.

THE baby T., mentioned p. 25, died of convulsions in the night of March 10. The Vaccinating Doctor's certificate ran—*Died of Congestion of the Brain during Teething.* My certificate would have been—*Died of Convulsions, the product of inanition and nervous exhaustion, caused by mesenteric disease directly caused by Vaccination.* See what a different statistic will be gathered from the two different views.

LAST Sunday (May 12, 1872) I lost a little patient, Edith Clare Patterson, aged six months, of whooping-cough. She was twice vaccinated—successfully at three months old. Always weakly, she seemed no worse, but her parents said, rather better, after the vaccination. The whooping-cough was of the adynamic kind: convulsion throughout the frame rather the character of the disease than cough. She was so blue during the “inward fits,” as almost to suggest blue heart-disease. This weak child had a delicate mother. What had vaccination to do with the case? In the first six months of its life vaccination gave it, by shock, a disease it need not have had. The disease could not but take away some of its life. And (1st) predispose it to any current infantile maladies, such as whooping-cough—viz., by weakening its powers of resistance: and (2nd) weaken it for surviving the whooping-cough when it came. These positions seem to be incontestable deductions from vital economics. The case is valuable to me as illustrating the causes of the present great death-rate from whooping-cough. The parents, I may add, are distinctly averse to vaccination, but coerced.

POINTS SUBMITTED

BY J. J. GARTH WILKINSON

to the Vaccination Committee of the House of Commons.

I.—He is prepared to offer evidence giving actual observation of evil effects arising from Vaccination.

II.—To allege that such evil consequences are wide spread, and very serious to the community.

III.—To show reasons why they are to a great extent hidden from the medical profession. And why, so long as Vaccination is endowed and established, they will be so hidden.

IV.—To show that the statistics on this side of the question are unknown, and that it is not policy to legislate without them.

V.—To dispute the statistics which allege fatality of Small-pox to Non-Vaccination, by showing that other obvious factors are the causes of the fatality, and Non-Vaccination only the coincidence of it.

VI.—To dispute the fact that Vaccination, or that the stringency of Compulsory Laws, has anything to do with the abatement of the disease in modern times, or with the immunity of faces in our day from pockmarks.

VII.—To show that the medical profession is inconsistent in rigidly applying the rule, *Post hoc ergo propter hoc*, to all who after Vaccination do not take Small-pox, and at the same time in rigorously insisting on

Post hoc ergo non propter hoc against all domestic evidences of grievous complaints following Vaccination.

VIII.—That fathers and mothers, from the necessity of the case, have a greatly larger *scientific* basis of knowledge of the real consequences of Vaccination than the doctors can obtain. That Acts of Parliament have brought this state of things about, so far as medicine is concerned. They have paralysed medicine.

IX.—That Small-pox is a bugbear, because the medical profession will not look at the various new means now known of treating it.

X.—That its hospitals, in carrying the people from Whitechapel to the tops of Hampstead and Highgate, propagate the disease ; and by the severe act of carrying, as well as otherwise, increase the death-rate. That medical men carry it also, and are wide infectors. That both these infectors can be easily done without.

XI.—That the medical profession will be socially ruined if it has compulsory laws to carry out its prescriptions ; if it is associated with the police ; and the accoucheur of to-day becomes the informer afterwards ; and is either a party to violent Vaccination for the child ; or a means of fine, or gaol with ruin, to the husband, or widow.

XII.—That the humanity of the medical profession is seriously compromised by such acts, and its skill against suffering diminished.

XIII.—That the poorer classes will become a league of secrecy against such acts ; and concealment of births, or false Vaccinations, and forging of Vaccination certificates, will be means of public safety.

XIV.—That resistance to the mother's knowledge, erroneous or not, that one child has been poisoned, or killed, by Vaccination, and forcing her to have the next

child Vaccinated, is a procedure which, if insisted on by Parliament, will cause virtual, and chronic, though it may be covered, civil war. The Acts that do it are regarded as declarations of war against, and as invasion of, poor men's homes. They may seem to triumph, but resistance will be perpetual.

XV.—That Law Courts could not carry out punishments against poor men and poor women if they oppose violent resistance to violent Vaccination. The moral sense and sympathy of the constituencies will be entirely with the poorer combatants.

XVI.—That the primary wrong of Vaccination lay in the Parliamentary grant of £30,000 to Dr. Jenner, which gave Vaccination, then a slight experiment, an artificial *prestige* all over the world, and made it so difficult to reconsider the question, that compulsory laws easily followed upon the hasty *status* thus given to Vaccination. The assumption that Vaccination can do no wrong is the first outcome of these laws. The next consequence is that all enquiry into the evils inflicted by Vaccination is regarded as out of date. And, third, all compensation for the mischiefs and murders, is barred by Act of Parliament.

XVII.—The endowment and establishment of Physic by the State, and its presence and influence in the Privy Council, is an anomaly, and the like of it exists with no other private calling; and it has been disastrous, as being, among other things, the main cause of the compulsory Vaccination laws, founded as they are not upon facts, but upon presumptions, and in disregard of wide facts of the evils of Vaccination, known to the poorer classes especially.

XVIII.—These futile and oppressive laws divert the mind of Parliament, and of the Municipal bodies of

the kingdom, from the true social way of stamping out Small-pox ; viz. : the rebuilding and systematic purification of poor men's homes in town and country.

FURTHER REMARKS.

When I was under examination, Dr. Brewer asked me : " Do you not approve of isolation of Small-pox cases ?" I said : " With oil ?" He said : " No, in hospitals."

There are two ways of isolation. 1. Keeping every case of Small-pox in the room where the patient is, and sending in a nurse. 2. Using a drug which will sheathe and destroy each poison particle as it comes off the skin.

The present way—Dr. Brewer's way—is the way of the general diffusion of Small-pox. That all London does not take it, shows how few persons are susceptible of the disease.

1. The patient is taken from a single room, where no one need be in danger, through perhaps six miles of streets, dropping contagion as he goes, into the ready furrow of panic, which the ambulance makes as it passes.

2. He is removed even with death upon him, and the act kills him, and his aggravated death increases the ripeness of the field of contagion.

3. He is taken into hospital, where contagion is concentrated and focussed, and whence it pours forth in compound waves over Dr. Brewer's city of London.

4. Doctors steeped in it visit as usual, and sow it on their own account.

5. When the patients are convalescing, they may be seen walking in the purlieus of the hospitals, and if wind and poison-dust exist, they must be sending showers of seed of Small-pox (see Tyndall on Dust) on the wings of the wind over their locality.

6. When the patients are half well, they are turned out, and communicate the disease to their own people and neighbourhood after all. I know this by experience. Why were they taken away at first?

Is this isolation? I say it is Diffusion of Small-pox by Medical Act of Parliament, Concentration of Small-pox in Barns and Granaries of Small-pox, and systematic sowing of Small-pox, and continual harvesting of Small-pox. The wit of man could not have devised any respectable means of making Small-pox more universal than Dr. Brewer's Small-pox hospitals, and the process of filling them, and emptying them.

Crown all with the fact, that Dr. Marson, the virtual Ruler of Treatment in the Small-pox Hospital, avows to the Select Committee that he has no new lights in the Treatment of Small-pox, which stands for his mind where it did twenty or thirty years ago: that his Art of Medicine can do nothing to combat Zymotic Diseases.

So Parliament endows and establishes Small-pox, and not to be unfair to its little sister, endows and establishes Vaccination also.

LETTERS TO A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON VACCINAL SYPHILIS.

FEB. 12, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—

Owing to your multifarious duties, it is probable that you have not seen *The Medical Times and Gazette* of Feb. 1, containing a Lecture by Dr. Jonathan Hutchinson, Senior Surgeon to the London Hospital—“*A Second Report on the Communication of Syphilis in the Practice of Vaccination*”—and a leading article in the same journal—“*Vaccinal Syphilis.*” In this article the editor says: “It is plain that our Compulsory Vaccination laws cannot be maintained unmodified. * * The number of instances yet before us is small, but we also well know the manifold inducements to keep these secret. * * If a full * * investigation were made * * we doubt not but that many more facts might be acquired. * * What we do know suffices to warn us of the possibility of the dreadful contamination. * * * It is not fair to subject peoples’ children to risks such as those Vaccination-Syphilis implies, with no alternative save to go to prison.”

Will you not move at once in this matter? The Compulsory legislation extends virtually to all subjects of the British Crown. Considering what the human race is, it is strongly probable that Vaccination syphi-

lizes more people—and these little children—than all debauchery put together ; and, whatever the number, the two Houses of Parliament have the responsibility of it. Every month of delay, those two Houses are syphilizing the Young Hope of the British nation.

The facts now at last admitted by the medical profession render it also certain that whatever other diseases blood can carry are imparted into the compulsorily-vaccinated by the power of your Honourable Houses.

I say nothing in detail of my own recent experiences, but I have lately seen many and sad cases of the irremediable evils caused by Vaccination.

Will you not, then, after brief consideration, move for a return of all fines and imprisonments under the last of the Vaccination laws, and beseech your Honourable House for an immediate delivery from fine and gaol of all who are suffering in the holy cause of protecting their infants from “ Vaccinal Syphilis ” and other law-made diseases ?

I cannot but hope that your love to the Lord will be shown in your prompt action here for the little children of your country.

Yours truly.

FEB. 13, 1873.

MY DEAR SIR,—

What you tell me of the communication of Syphilis in Vaccination is very distressing ; but the ravages of Small-pox appear to me more alarming, and much more extensive ; and I could not make up my mind, even under your high authority, to take a part in

withdrawing protection from helpless infants against that scourge.

Could not something effective be done to prevent such clumsy practice in Vaccination ?

Ever truly yours.

FEB. 14, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—

The ravages of Small-pox are not now alarming, while the death-rate of whooping-cough, probably caused by the weakness induced on infants by Vaccination, is very great, though taken no account of by the Legislature or the Profession. I had thought that the recent epidemic of Small-pox had demonstrated in large characters the futility of Vaccination as a preventive of Small-pox. In well-vaccinated and re-vaccinated Berlin, the death-rate proportionally is four times greater than in London. And all the statistics about the deaths in the Prussian and French armies, cited from St. Petersburg, have been shown by German officials to be fiction.

On the other hand, the curtain is now being lifted by the unwilling hands of the medical profession itself from the child-victims of Vaccination. A thick curtain it is, of prejudice, and greed of money and power; but under it the profession is forced at last to see the infant destruction lying, and to suspect the larger woe and destruction which is still for the most part covered.

The poor men and women of the country knew all this long ago: Parliament and the Profession are the last to know it. The judgment of Solomon proves who are the rightful fathers and mothers, and that your

Honourable Houses are neither paternal nor maternal. The eyes of the heart are the most precious of even scientific eyes, and your Houses have them not here.

After what has transpired, the longer maintenance of Compulsory Vaccination amounts to the National Endowment and Establishment of Syphilis by the Government. This is inconsistent with the avowed purpose of the Contagious Diseases Acts. Their aim is to stamp out Female Syphilis in the interest of the army, and of respectable youths who are one day to be virtuous husbands. But at the other end you are establishing a Syphilis Factory, applicable to all infants. In short, the law you have made is putting in Syphilis with its hands, and stamping out Syphilis with its feet. The babies of the country are in its hands, and the women under its heels.

This does not depend on clumsy, or careful, Vaccination. No Vaccinator can be sure that he is not syphilizing the babe on whom he operates. Will you still send fathers to gaol for their horror at the dreadful chance?

Yours truly.

THE END.