

having been duly vaccinated." The experience of Massachusetts is summed up in the report from which I quote : that small-pox has appeared here and there, but where it has appeared sporadically it has always been in places where vaccination had been neglected. The town of Holyoke, in the Connecticut valley, was an illustration. One-fifth of all the deaths from small-pox occurring in the whole State took place there. The people in Holyoke had not been vaccinated as elsewhere. Dr. Geo. Darby, of Boston, Secretary of the State Board of Health, summarises for his Board as follows (and his summary receives the sanction of the Board) : Vaccination "invests the human body with an armour which may hardly be penetrated by this subtle poison." A year later (an epidemic of small-pox having passed over the Continent) he writes : The present epidemic is of such intensity, that it is quite common for persons who have had small-pox in former years to now have it again. Such occurrences have been previously rare. Vaccination, whether from the cow or from the human body, "takes" readily, and re-vaccinations prove abundantly the extraordinary susceptibility to the vaccine disease now prevailing, and *never before existing*. In view of these facts, with which physicians and intelligent persons, of whatever calling, are now familiar, let us thank God for Jenner's great discovery, without which our homes would be desolated, and our peace and happiness destroyed. The imagination can hardly picture the horror which would to-day pervade Massachusetts, were the present epidemic unchecked by vaccination." A year later (1874), the epidemic being over, the same authority, and the same Board, report *inter alia* : One year ago * * * * we were in the midst of an epidemic of small-pox of extraordinary intensity * * * the protective power of vaccine has been proved beyond all question, and the absolute need of *careful vaccination* is equally evident." From September 6th to the close of the year, not a single death from small-pox has been reported to us from the cities of the State." I received the last "State Board of Health" report, a few days ago, an interesting document of nearly four hundred pages, and so completely had vaccine done its work that the report contains no