

on June 1st, 1884. From that time the diminution in the number of deaths from smallpox has been extraordinary. In 1886 only one death occurred; in 1895 but three deaths were recorded; in 1903 seven. In only three years has the number exceeded one hundred, *i.e.*, 1897, 1898, and 1901. For the rest the yearly deaths have been enumerated in tens, where before 1884 they were counted in hundreds and even thousands. This seems to me favorable testimony as to the efficiency of compulsory vaccination in populated areas.

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## Correspondence.

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*To the Editor of DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY :*

1. I believe the sons of physicians make the best physicians, and the sons of clergymen the best lawyers, authors, and poets.
2. I believe the schoolmaster, provided he has reached the age of sound judgment and is recognized as a suitable judge, should be able to notice in the pupil such virtues as are essential for the medical profession.
3. I believe that an early age should be selected, provided the pupil evince an adaptability or genius for our art. He should possess marked discernment, a sound judgment, a character of mildness, boldness, and full of sympathy; he should be studious, patient, inventive, and resourceful.
4. I believe the student should have thorough training in the Latin, Greek, and English classics, in fact, should not be allowed to matriculate in medicine except he possess the B.A. or B.Sc. degree, or proceed in his medical course unless he combine an arts or science course with medicine, and obtain either of the degrees when he graduates as M.D.
5. I believe that each province or state should have its university, and it alone be allowed to grant degrees, although one or two well-endowed colleges should be permitted to be federated and to teach similar courses, if the state or provincial university be not centrally located and in a city not affording hospital advantages of the highest order.
6. I believe that if four hundred of the universities in the U. S. would cease to exist, the remaining number, eighty-four,