

ever, that the 8-hour working day for most occupations and trades will be generally accepted before long. The prospects for such a working day for the doctors, however, are not at present very bright.

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### A PETITION.

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Three thousand signatures is a fair number to be appended to any petition, and furthermore, when these signatures are all the names of duly qualified medical men (with the very trifling exception of a few laymen officially connected with the London Royal Free Hospital (School of Medicine for Women), it becomes evident that the aforesaid petition is worthy of the attention of all, and will undoubtedly receive the careful consideration of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to whom it is addressed. The prayer of the petition is that women may be admitted to the examinations conducted by the College for its diplomas in surgery. Fifty years ago the burden of proof that women should be regularly admitted to the medical profession may be said to have rested on the claimants of such admission and their friends, but now, on the contrary, it may rather be said to rest on those who would close any such avenue of admission. It would appear to be somewhat difficult to justify the closing of such admission to women in England, merely because they are women, especially when we remember that the Conjoint College in Scotland, and the Conjoint College in Ireland have granted admission to them.

A broad and wise consideration of the whole matter, and a thoughtful and impartial decision are to be expected from the authorities of the College.

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Types of cases which will most likely benefit from treatment by inoculation: