

In concluding I may add: As it will be somewhat difficult for you to obtain a sufficient supply of lymph to *continue* your vaccinations, owing to the circumstance that many mothers, while solicitous regarding the physical condition of the child who has the honour of furnishing vaccine lymph to *their* children, refuse, in turn, to render the same service to others, under a pretext that it disturbs or fatigues their precious offspring. Explain to such mothers, please, that they do an act of injustice; that as they received immunity on the one hand, they are obliged, in justice, to dispense it on the other; that had other mothers acted as selfishly, the supply could not have been set up for *their* advantage. Some mothers refuse, under the belief that puncturing a vaccine vesicle, and receiving a portion of its contents, will diminish the protective influence intended to be gained by the vaccination in the first instance. But this is an error, and should not be permitted as an excuse to those who are slow to do for others what has been done for them. A mother should never hesitate to permit her child to be the source of safety to other children, not less dear to their mothers. You can assure them moreover, with confidence: that the removal of a portion, or even of the whole—(which is never done—see Clause 7 of *Instructions*) of a vaccine vesicle, in no way impairs the protective influence, or produces any, even the slightest inconvenience or suffering.

Gentlemen: I have detained you much longer than I intended, and beg to thank you, and my many medical friends and fellow citizens who have honoured me with their presence this afternoon, for their and your most patient attention.