

Modern Instances of the Result of Vaccination.

THE following recent instances of the efficiency of vaccination are of interest and importance, as they show the good results which can be obtained where the influence of the unenlightened opponents of vaccination have no influence, and where there were none of the so-called conscientious objectors. Note the good results in these modern instances!

Puerto Rico.—Three thousand cases of smallpox were reported in January, 1899, in sixteen of the seventy-one municipalities. On January 27th the Governor-General ordered that every resident who had not had the disease, *be at once vaccinated*, and *that hereafter all infants must be vaccinated* before reaching the sixth month. On October 20th of the same year not a single case of smallpox could be found on the island by either the military or the civil authorities.

Philippine Islands.—Referring to smallpox in these islands the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service of the United States, says in his annual report for the year, 1907. "No greater proof as to the efficacy of vaccination exists than in the Philippine Islands, provinces heretofore having had from 2,000 to 6,000 deaths from smallpox every year, have not had a single death from the disease since their vaccination has been completed."