

women who were fortunate enough to get the beneficent malady might be published in large type, pointing out at the same time what increased vigor each exhibited after recovery; certificates testifying to the better health enjoyed by patients after a couple of months' quiet in St. Camille or St. Saviour's would be forthcoming—in fact, about as many special pleas on the side of universal variolation as are usually adduced to bolster up the worn-out creed of the Anti-vaccinationist. Increased facilities might also be arranged for the successful propagation of this desirable blessing among the rank and file of the Society.

When the supply of pure "picotte" runs low here, resort might be had to inoculation, or a few variolous patients might be "imported" from St. Cunegonde for the exclusive use of those members who were not fortunate enough to have previously contracted the disease. The "League" has been started rather late in the day, for anti-vaccination is fast getting to be a dead issue here, but the "Pro-Smallpox" might still have months of usefulness before it, as there is still a fair percentage of the community who have not yet indulged in the delights of the disease. I am, of course, aware that certain anti-vaccination "martyrs" have been threatened with the law, but if they will only use their influence to have the "League" converted into a "Society" of the kind described above, and will carry out its provisions in detail, although the membership of the Society may in time diminish, from natural causes, yet the *raison d'être* of the League will have departed and legal proceedings may be dispensed with!

To speak seriously for a moment, because the subject is a very serious one, it passes my understanding, first, how men of good judgment in other affairs (and the leaders of this movement are, to my knowledge, men of that stamp) can so contemptuously reject evidence of a kind which has so successfully appealed to minds of all kinds and conditions; and in the second place how, having decided to oppose vaccination, they should attack it at that point where its greatest strength lies, viz., its efficacy and freedom from danger. Something may be said against the expediency of *compulsory* vaccination, but the merest tyro, the most superficial observer of the epidemic just leaving us, must acknowledge the protective value and trifling character of the procedure called vaccination.

Somebody should protest against the Pasteur hydrophobia rage—against the unwise publication of sensational newspaper reports, and against the absurd conclusions arrived at from the inoculations already made by him. Pasteur may be depended upon to tell his own story correctly, but the value of rabious inoculation can only be properly placed when we know (1) how many of Pasteur's patients were bitten by animals suffering from *genuine* rabies. (2) Whether the percentage of recoveries is greater in these instances than in cases where other treatment has been exhibited.

I am inclined to believe that only a very small proportion of patients who take the pilgrimage to Paris for treatment are in any real danger from hydrophobia, and that this sensation, like many another that has in the past agitated the human mind, will in time give way to something newer or more attractive. In the interim everyone will wish that the noble French scientist will be able to add from the rewards of medicine to the lustre which surrounds his successful efforts in other departments of science.

Dr. Chadwick of Boston has given us his experience of "ten cases of pregnancy complicated with fibroids, with remarks." The results are as follows:

Miscarriage.....	1 case
Recovery of mother.....	7 cases
Death of mother.....	2 cases
Living child.....	7 cases
Stillborn child.....	2 cases

He says that intra-uterine disinfectant douches should be begun long before secondary symptoms set in.

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Lindsay & Blakiston Visiting List for 1886.

This list, published by P. Blakiston, Son & Co., of Philadelphia, is advertised in our pages. Reference thereto will show the price at which it can be obtained. We still use it and have done so for twenty years, and believe it, take it all in all, to be the best Visiting List issued. If this should be read by any medical man who has not yet adopted the plan of using a Visiting List, we advise him not to delay longer. Its use will save its value ten times over every week of the year.