

VACCINATION.

Address by His Worship the Mayor, Wm. H. Hingston, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Health, to the Public Vaccinators, and other Physicians and Citizens, on Friday the 20th October, 1876:

Gentlemen: The prevalence of small-pox in this city, disturbing its tables of mortality; affecting its reputation; and injuring its trade; has rendered it necessary that more than usual efforts should be made to eliminate it from our midst. Large and airy hospitals are established, where every care and attention are secured to those who are admitted. It is hoped personal and selfish, (if not patriotic motives alone) will induce those afflicted with the disease to isolate themselves, and seek comfort and alleviation within their portals; and not continue to be sources of danger to others. But such isolation as can be secured is unequal to arrest the progress of the malady without the prophylactic means which science has secured to us. Your services, gentlemen, have been invited for that purpose, and to you is entrusted the important task of vaccinating throughout the city generally.

While having every confidence in your thorough fitness for the important work; that you may pursue a common course of action I have prepared a few rules for your guidance. They have received the sanction of the Board of Health to which I submitted them at our meeting two days ago; and will, I venture to hope, be found sufficiently clear and distinct for the purpose for which they are intended.