

There certainly have been evils in connection with vaccination, but what are the very worst of those compared to an epidemic of true smallpox in an unvaccinated neighborhood.

It would be safe to pay no attention to these anti-vaccinationists and class them in with the followers of Christian Science, the Dowieites, Vitosophists, Osteopathists, etc, were they not such a menace by reason of their assumed position as guardians of the public health. We see very many, apparently sensible people, led off by these fads, so it becomes our duty to impart to them all the knowledge we can on these important questions of health and disease, and particularly along the line of preventive medicine.

Germany has possibly the most compulsory system of vaccination known in the world, and the result is that smallpox is almost banished from the Empire. In 1899, with a population of 54,000,000 there were only 28 deaths, and these nearly all came in from an adjoining country.

If we consider the duty of the true physician is to stand by all measures that tend to promote health and prevent disease, there should be some way then of punishing those doctors who encourage the laity in their foolishness in combating the laws which are intended for their own best interests. Such action is certainly highly reprehensible and it is hard to believe physicians of any school could be guilty of talking such "utter nonsense" as was attributed to them at one of their anti-vaccination meetings.

It is quite probable that Dr. Councilman's great discovery of the germ that causes smallpox will assist us in a short time to a better understanding of the rationale of vaccination.

Two years ago the then president, Dr. McKinnon, referred to the great and serious delay there was in gaining admission to our asylums for cases of acute mania, particularly with those at a distance.

This need never occur at the present time with our long distance telephone facilities, if our physicians are only careful enough to supply sufficient information. In all our asylums, the superintendents are anxious to take in and look after this class of cases, and if applying physicians will but send full particulars, setting forth the urgency of the case, complete papers for admission will be sent at once.

Asylum authorities, as a rule, send the history or application paper to fill up first and then, if the case is a suitable one and they can at all make room, the patient is admitted.

A great many senile cases are sent into asylums which could be looked after all right in their own home.

It is a matter of deep regret that so many insane people are sent to gaol, without first making application to our asylums to see if such can-