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NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN.

It is highly satisfactory to hear of a change of opinion on the part of one of the most prominent physicians in this city. Time was, and not long ago, that he urged the fact of his having had his own children vaccinated, as an argument for vaccinating the only child of a patient; the doctor now says—"If you wish to have your child vaccinated, you must ask some other doctor to do it; I will not."

Several years have elapsed since the Editor of this publication was requested to write a series of local biographies; he assented to the request, and as he has always cherished the idea that a writer under such circumstances, should be master of the situation, he undertook to find fifty persons in Toronto, who would be worth writing about. The publisher, whose experience had been chiefly confined to the other side of the line, appeared not to know that there are men in the world, who are unlikely to use a literary white-wash brush; he therefore struck about among the plutocracy for orders for "Notabilities of Toronto," and in one case received an order for fifty copies of the work, on the assumption that the afore-named brush would be applied to the person who gave the order; the publisher had to learn that not only that man's possessions would not ensure the writing of the biography, but that no other possessions would. It so happened however that the Editor, almost immediately on his reaching the city, had cultivated friendly relations with a journeyman painter, and he was satisfied that the painter deserved a place among the selected fifty; he wrote the biography accordingly, to which a photograph of the subject of it was attached, and he always felt more interest in that particular life, than he did in the other seven of the only number of the work that was published; in concluding the biographical notice, the Editor expressed his conviction that Mr. Carter (the subject of it) merited a position in parliament, and it is not a little satisfactory to realize that the time has now arrived when the wage-earning classes have awoken to the discovery that they have hitherto been the tools in the hands of rival parties (each of which for the most part aim at individual aggrandizement), and have consequently decided that they will secure direct representation of their interest; Mr. Carter would probably be too modest to tell them what the Editor may be permitted to communicate—that he has repeatedly declined the position of an employer, in order to advocate their cause as one of themselves; he has done this as a member of a deputation to Mr. Gladstone, and repeatedly on this side the globe, in deputations to Mr. Mowat; these circumstances would not have been mentioned in this place, had it not been probable that, when in Parliament, *Mr. Carter will assist the doctors to take care of us.*