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Editorial.

VACCINATION AND THE CITY HEALTH BOARD.

On another page of this issue will be found a letter from Drs. N. E. McKay and M. Chisholm, defending themselves against the stricture passed upon the Halifax Health Board in our January number. After carefully reading their defence we fail to see that they have bettered their position by anything stated in that letter, nor have they—save one petty inaccuracy—taken conclusive issue with any one of our charges.

They publish a couple of letters, a list of names, and a part of a resolution passed by the City Health Board in 1885; and beyond these—which contradict no statements made by us, they content themselves with a bald, general denial of our accuracy.

As medical journalists we have two duties to perform. The first, our duty to the general public and the community in which we live; the other to the profession to which we belong and the best elements of which we try to represent, and support in their struggle with those who would attack their dignity and imperil their interests.

We would therefore, despite the letter of Drs. MacKay and Chisholm, reiterate *seriatim* the statements made by us and say that we are prepared to prove them.

1. No inspection has been or is being made of passengers arriving by trains from infected districts.
2. No general vaccination, even of children, has yet taken place—hundreds of school children remain still unvaccinated. This in spite