

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS.—Referring to the neglect of vaccination in the Seaham Harbour Urban District, Dr. Luke Dillon, M.O.H., quotes the following reasons given by parents who desired to claim exemption for their children:—(1) Smallpox is bred in the stomach, and if you keep the stomach clean there will be no smallpox. (2) God made man pure, and it would be wrong to put matter from a beast into him. (3) Would have no animal disease put into his child. (4) Would not have his child vaccinated unless the matter gave protection against all other diseases as well as smallpox. (5) Saw no good in vaccination, because although his brother had his boy done the lad had been only a week at work when he broke his leg. (6) Had none of his children vaccinated, because he had a conscientious objection to having anything done which would stop disease sent as a punishment for the sins of men. (7) Said he had a conscientious objection, and then asked, what did a conscientious objection mean. (8) Several persons said “they got the paper signed because the children were bother enough without vaccination.” As Dr. Dillon says, these “reasons” would be amusing but for the danger such ignorance involves.—*The Medical Officer.*

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A SEVERE BURN. By H. B. Lee, M.D., Summerville, S.C.—My first use of Antiphlogistine in burns and scalds was accidental. I was called by telephone to Mr. J. T., aged twenty-seven, weight 180 lbs., brickmaker, a steam-pipe having exploded between his legs, scalding him badly. I ordered that no grease of any kind be used, but that cloths soaked in a strong solution of bicarbonate of soda should be laid on the parts till I could get there. I stopped at a drug store to procure another salve I had used in such cases, and by mistake the clerk gave me two boxes of Antiphlogistine. When I reached my patient I found him suffering intensely with a big blister extending from the crotch to the ankle on the inner side of both legs, at least three inches wide and surrounded by a red inflamed surface two inches wide on each side. I had used Antiphlogistine before in pneumonia and in sprains, so when I found that by mistake this had been sent I decided to try it. I covered the entire injured parts with a thick layer of Antiphlogistine (applied cold), put absorbent cotton over all, and after bandaging loosely to keep things in place, took Mr. T. home in my buggy. When I first saw him his face was contorted with pain and he could not suppress the groans that the agony wrung from him, but, as I covered more and more of the burnt surface with the dressing, I could see the expres-