

A boy, 22 years, came from camp near Sudbury, suffering with what doctors called chickenpox. He remained in Reufrew Hospital until pronounced cured for chickenpox, and then went home to Admaston Township. His father, aged 55, and mother, aged 50, and two brothers and two sisters, the youngest twelve, all took the disease. There was one very severe case, semi-confluent, and the patient, old Mr. K., very sick, and recovered.

Variations of these may be seen in cuts set forth, in a circular on diagnosis issued recently by the Provincial Board of Health.

It is quite apparent, however, that remembering the extraordinary mildness of the present outbreak as regards type, the well-known variations due to temperament, age, surroundings, and general health, and the notable effects of former vaccinations on the disease, every physician must recognize that not only should he preserve a memory-picture of the normal disease, but he must, even more, remember its variations from the normal as influenced by the above conditions. Especially will he by a careful process of exclusion, such as noting the antecedents of the patient for a fortnight or more, his environment at home, his occupation, his previous vaccination, and indeed every circumstance calculated to throw light on the history of the case, determine whether smallpox could have been contracted. Assuming that thereafter any doubts exist, he then must follow hour by hour the progress of the case. From the moment the suspicion crosses his mind he cannot morally neglect to isolate the patient and vaccinate him. In ten days' time, the case, if vaccinated with a clean lymph, will have either taken and shown that the disease was not smallpox, or will have confirmed the diagnosis of smallpox by its being unsuccessful. The clinical histories of some 100 cases, which have been under the supervision of an officer of the Provincial Board of Health in the Tent Hospital at Sudbury will shortly be available for study, and other interesting facts will doubtless be brought out, which will serve, however, only to substantiate the facts so repeatedly made known regarding this disease.