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In these days when cure by injections or inoculations is attracting such widespread attention, it may be of interest to note that so far back as 1863, Dr. James Grant, of Ottawa, (now Sir James Grant), applied ordinary vaccination for the cure of skin disease, and with evidence of success. His paper on the subject may be found in the *Medical Times and Gazette, London*, for the year above mentioned. In some of the cases various remedies had been administered as alterative with apparently little benefit, but after vaccination the disease disappeared in a comparatively short time. In other cases no remedy other than vaccination was tried and healing followed. From all the conclusion is drawn that the vaccination acted as an alterative on the nutrition. Apparently this is just what Koch's lymph does, though it would seem that it is peculiar in selecting the tissues that are the site of the specific disease.

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I humbly apologize for calling the attention of the Association to this important subject, after half a century of almost slumbering science, but my chief desire is to guard the position of Canada, as to priority in this great problem, on the success of which rests, the relief of suffering humanity, in a great variety of diseases, not the least Tuberculosis.