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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We desire to say to our Subscribers that it will oblige us if they will take a look at the date on their address label. Many, very many, are in arrears, some greatly so. Will these remember that the RECORD costs money, and remit the amount due us.

ON DIT.—It is reported the Ursulines are making overtures to the authorities of Laval University for the purchase of their buildings at Quebec, and that it is possible the whole University may be removed to the city. We give the report for what it is worth.

ANIMAL VACCINE, HOW IT IS PROPAGATED.

The following account is from the pen of the reporter of a secular paper (*Montreal Witness*), who visited and described what he saw at the vaccination stables of our confrère, Dr. Bessey of this city.

"We may echo the words of our contemporary, the *Canadian Medical and Surgical Journal*, in a recent issue, when it says: "Small-pox may be said to scarcely exist in Montreal at the present time, and the closing of the small-pox hospital is seriously contemplated. There can be no doubt that this very satisfactory state of things is largely due to the supply of pure lymph which has been at the disposal of our public vaccinators for the past three years."

"Through the courtesy of Dr. Bessey our reporter visited his vaccination stables, and was shown the vaccine disease in a well-developed stage on a handsome young heifer. None but the best animals are fit for the purpose. This animal, which had been vaccinated seven days previous on the in-

side of the buttocks, previously cleanly shaven for the purpose, was literally covered over the vaccinated region with well-defined genuine cow-pox pustules, singly and in groups of six to ten."

Fig. 1 gives the appearance presented on this heifer.



Fig. 1.

"Another choice heifer stood in a stall awaiting vaccination from this animal, one being vaccinated from the other consecutively. This had been kept up in uninterrupted succession from the original cases of spontaneous cow-pox found upon the Leney farm, Longue Pointe, in November, 1877, of which Fig. 2 is a representation."

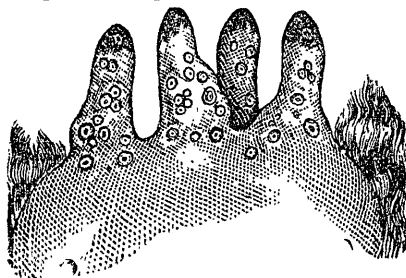


Fig. 2.

"There has already been furnished from this source lymph for the vaccination of over 50,000 persons, with uniformly mild and gratifying results. It is now used by the profession from Halifax to Winnipeg in Canada, and by a goodly number of the profession in the border States. Lymph has