

6. It seems probable that, in spite of increasing neglect of vaccination, smallpox (in this country) will ere long become virtually extinct.

7. A system of infantile vaccination which is not followed by re-vaccination is only a half-measure. Half-measures often do as much harm as good.

8. The effect of vaccination in masking smallpox, and thereby thwarting modern preventive measures, is a serious drawback, which has not yet been sufficiently considered.

9. As a *dernier ressort*, unvaccinated communities can always fall back upon universal vaccination, should the need for it ever really arise.

10. It is the hostility to vaccination (engendered by compulsion), rather than the neglect of it, which constitutes the real danger to unvaccinated communities.

11. The injuries to health caused by vaccination have not been so carefully recorded as they might have been. The debit side of the balance sheet has not always been filled in.

12. Vaccination, as a scientific operation for conferring complete but temporary immunity against smallpox, was never in a stronger position than it is in to-day. It is justly regarded as one of the most striking discoveries in the history of medicine.

Vaccination, as a State system for the compulsory inoculation of infants, is no longer really necessary; it is largely discredited with that section of the community which it is specially intended to serve, and it is becoming obsolete.—I am, etc.,

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SCHOOL HYGIENE.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, has accepted the invitation extended to him to attend the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, which will be held in Buffalo from August 25 to 30.

It is expected that 3,000 of the world's most famous scientists and educators from all parts of the globe, with at least 5,000 from all parts of the globe, with at least 5,000 from all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America, will attend the sessions of the congress.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President emeritus of the Harvard University, is President of the entire congress. The vice-patrons are the