

be secured by vaccination. The wild talk against vaccination is very wrong, as it is creating a needless fear in the minds of the people. The operation is both safe and simple, and when performed in early childhood causes no trouble.

The irresponsible talk about introducing into the body disease is also a wrong use of the facts. It is true that vaccination is a disease. It is the cow form of smallpox, a form that does not kill, and yet protects. If the people neglect vaccination there will be an epidemic of smallpox from time to time, with the usual suffering, scarring, and deaths, say nothing of the loss of time and money. Are the people going to be led by the great body of scientists, or by a few, who do not know, or who designedly are misleading them, by declaring that vaccination is of no value, or offering "a vaccine pill?"

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#### WHY THIS THING?

At the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association last year, the Committee on Ethics brought in a report, which was adopted by the association, condemning in unstinted language the editors and publishers of medical journals in Ontario because such advertisements as *Sal Hepatica* appeared in their pages. We called attention to the fact then, and showed that the best journals in the world carried such advertisement. We also pointed out that Dr. T. C. Routley, Secretary for the Ontario Medical Association, edited a journal which was guilty of the very thing the Committee on Ethics condemned in others.

We have just looked through the pages of the *Canadian Medical Quarterly* and find *Sal Hepatica* advertised in the December issue of 1919. We also note that Dr. J. H. Mullen, Vice-President, is on the editorial board, and that Dr. T. C. Routley is Editorial Secretary. How is this sort of thing to be explained? We do not for a moment say that advertising *Sal Hepatica* is wrong, but we do say that those who condemn others for doing this should be brought to the test of the recommendation of the report on ethics of last year, and be asked to resign from the Ontario Medical Association.

We do not care what others do in such matters; but when certain persons undertake to set the pace for others they should be willing to keep it up themselves. To all such we would give them these words: