

exposure to rabies. The public can see then the wisdom of protecting themselves against hydrophobia, the disease most terrible to the popular imagination. They know that the bite of a rabid dog is fully expected to result in hydrophobia, and they will resort to the remedy at once and without question. I doubt very much whether there is a solitary member of our Board of Education who would decline to undergo treatment immediately, if bitten by a mad dog. No, not even for the sake of appealing to popular prejudice, if such existed, would he do such a foolish thing. It is safe to say that there is no prejudice against the use of Pasteur's serum. Must men be infected with a disease which is necessarily and rapidly fatal before they will consent to use the remedy? Rabies—horrible and terrorizing to contemplate, but comparatively rare in occurrence—fatal. Yes, the argument is convincing—Pasteur's serum prevents—we will be advised by our physician and even consider him a fool, if he does not send us to New York at once.

Smallpox—vile, loathesome, extremely contagious, large numbers attacked when there has been no immunity previously provided, wiping out the population of large cities by thousands but recovery possible in a proportion of cases—no, we may not be infected, and if we are infected we may recover. We will not be vaccinated, nor have our children vaccinated, nor will we require children attending school to be vaccinated. It would lose some votes for us on Jan. 1st, we are afraid. Thus in this disease the health of the public is allowed to be a political football. Nothing short of a frightful epidemic of smallpox which decimates our population will prove to these men the efficacy and wisdom of vaccination.

One hundred years ago, or a little more, one anti-vaccinationist asserted, "Smallpox is a visitation from God, but the cowpox is produced by presumptuous man; the former was what heaven ordained, the latter is perhaps a daring violation of our holy religion." Of the two v's in that quotation, all I have to say is, neglect the violation, and you will sooner or later get the visitation.

Vallery-Radot says, "One day Pasteur, having wished to collect a little saliva from the jaws of a rabid dog, so as to obtain it directly, two of Bourrel's assistants undertook to drag a mad bull-dog, foaming at the mouth, from its cage. They seized it by means of a lasso and stretched it on a table. These two men, thus associated with Pasteur in the same danger, with the same calm heroism, held the struggling ferocious animal down with their powerful hands, whilst the scientist drew, by