

sight, and of humiliation, because we appear to have taught the public, less faithfully than our fathers did, the demonstrated fact that this disease can be controlled, and in times of epidemic can only be controlled, by vaccination and re-vaccination. Two of the factors which increase the difficulty of stamping out smallpox undoubtedly are humbug vaccination and a failure to make the differential diagnosis between this disease and chicken-pox. In regard to the first, let me cite the case of a girl, exposed to so-called chicken-pox occurring in a man who had come here from Cleveland. This man lied to his physician about his symptoms. I cannot use Browning's euphonism and say "He fell from truth in climbing toward it." He knew that he had been exposed to smallpox and that he had the symptoms of that disease, but to avoid being placed in quarantine, he lied, and as a result his physician took smallpox and died from it. The girl referred to and one other member of a large family had certificates of vaccination but no scars and both took the disease. Both had been "vaccinated" by a physician who did not believe in Jenner's discovery and who had used the uncharged ends of ivory points in performing the operation. Justice fails when a man who spreads smallpox is not made to atone, so far as he can for his offence, by serving a long term in the penitentiary. May I here raise the question of the necessity for a standard certificate of vaccination, stating the result obtained in each case, and may I in this connection also ask if the time has not arrived for placing chicken-pox on the list of diseases which must be reported to our medical health officers.

It is a matter for mutual gratulation that we have, now available in our gloriously health-giving Muskoka region, a hospital for the free treatment of 50 patients with incipient Phthisis. If my own connection with this and with its sister institution, the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium had been less intimate, I might have been tempted to say more regarding them. Old men are said to talk of what they have done, children of what they are doing and fools of what they are going to do. As I am no longer a child, have not as yet begun to grow old and cannot believe you would have placed one of the third class in the chief office of this Association, I am precluded from entering into any detailed statement at present. Instead let me be content with extending, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Sanatorium Association and of my associates of its Medical Staff a cordial invitation to each one of you to visit Gravenhurst at your earliest convenience and to see for yourselves just what is being done. Let me assure you that the "latch strings" there always hang outside for the members of this Association.

Perhaps from a professional standpoint the most regrettable incident of the year was the simultaneous publication in all of the Toronto daily