

vaccination, and not a few credulous persons have been misled. It has been asserted boldly that vaccination increases the liability to take small-pox, instead of being the great and only safeguard against its attacks. These and similar statements are freely made and persistently circulated, although no facts or figures can be brought forward in their support. But reliable facts should be the best answer to the ignorant prejudices and to the absurd and criminal representations of such people. The following statistics have been compiled from the books of the Montreal General Hospital, and any person can assure himself of their correctness by calling at the Hospital and enquiring for himself. During the past twelve months there have been 55 *unvaccinated* persons admitted into the small-pox wards. All of them except five have had the confluent form of the disease, *i. e.*, the serious form; and out of the 55 who were admitted 28 died, showing a mortality in the *unvaccinated* of over 50 per cent. On the other hand, among those who had been once vaccinated and had two good marks on the arm, there were only four deaths. Only seven had more than two good marks, and those seven had the mildest form of the disease, and made a rapid recovery. Only two cases were admitted during the past twelve months who had been *successfully revaccinated*, and in them the disease was so mild that they might have been permitted, except as a precautionary measure, to follow their ordinary avocations. And what conclusions would any sensible man make from these data? In the *unvaccinated*, the mortality was over 50 per cent.; among those who had been properly *vaccinated* in their infancy, but who had neglected to be revaccinated, there were only four deaths, while only 2 cases had been admitted where *revaccination* had been successfully performed, and they were of the mildest description."—*Montreal Gazette*.

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MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—The fourth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Library of the Natural History Society on Friday evening Oct. 16th, 1874, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Reddy; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Craik; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Godfrey; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Roddick (re-elected); Council, Drs. Scott, Fenwick and Gardner.