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SOME SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF VACCINATION.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Medical Society of the State of New York,—I have to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me through the invitation to address your Society on a subject which, however old and hackneyed, becomes, in view of its present importance, one of extreme interest.

After a hundred years since Edward Jenner's discovery had been accepted in Europe and by some of the more eminent physicians of America, we find a disease, which in the eighteenth and preceding centuries had its victims indifferently in the hovel and the palace, so little prevalent that until within the past three years the majority of living physicians in America and Canada had never seen a case of smallpox; and as it has happened the greater number of cases which have been seen on this continent recently have been so mild that we have to go back to the days of Sydenham, in the seventeenth, and Van Swieten, in the eighteenth century, to find a parallel for this anomalous type of the disease. It has not been, therefore, unnatural that to those inexperienced in the appearance of the disease, and even to those familiar with the type of the disease as it has appeared when introduced from Europe, much doubt has arisen as to whether or not the disease

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