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Sir:

I beg to report that in my judgement Dr. Graham's precautions against the spread of small-pox here were not adequate. I was absent at the time that the case was discovered, on a recruiting trip, and although I had left a full list of all my proposed movements, with dates, I was not notified, and knew nothing about the affair until my return six days after the case was discovered.

When I returned I found that the case, Tom Peters, Pupil No. 183, had been discovered on the afternoon of Dec. 18th. When discovered the patient already had vesicles on his face, but in spite of this fact, all the boys (about forty) belonging to the dormitory in which the case was found, were put to sleep there according to Dr. Graham's instructions, that same night without any previous attempt at disinfecting it.

Dr. Graham says that he gave verbal instructions that the dormitory and bedding, and clothing should be fumigated next day, but no instructions were given that the boys' bodies should be disinfected. The dormitory was fumigated next day with formalin, but with less than the required half-pound per thousand feet, and with windows unsealed, and ventilators open, so as to still further dilute the fumes. No attempt was made to fumigate the personal clothing of the boys, as that part of Dr. Graham's instructions had not been heard, and apparently on Dr. Graham's next visit he did not take pains to ascertain to what extent his orders had been carried out.

Again no vaccination of those exposed took place for about forty-eight hours after, and some fourteen were left for three days more.

However I am thankful to say that we had only the one case, and it was so mild that the Dr. said it was hard to diagnose.

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