

common in both children and adults. This could arise from tuberculous milk or meat. He mentions the case of a man who was tattooed on both hands, milk from the same cow having been used. Both hands developed lupus. Prof. Behring, of Marburg, in his recent work, contends that human and bovine tuberculosis is identical. He has infected animals from man.

Compulsory Vaccination.

The Supreme Court of Kansas, a short time ago, decided in the case of *Osborn v. Russell* that the State Board of Health had no power to insist on compulsory vaccination. The Act provides that "the State Board of Health shall supervise the health interests of the people of the state." The Board of Health adopted the following: "No person until after being successfully vaccinated shall be admitted into public or private schools." The court held that the section in the Act did not go so far as to justify the State Board of Health in adopting the above regulation. The school Act of the State declares, "that the schools shall be free to all children, etc." Under these circumstances, the State Board of Health had no power to refuse admission into a public school to a child, because such child had not been successfully vaccinated. Compulsory vaccination did not come within the meaning of the words "supervise the health interests of the people"

Smoke Nuisance.

From time to time the question of coal smoke from factories and other establishments where there are large furnaces, comes up for a passing criticism. Nothing has been so far done towards the abatement of the smoke nuisance. In London, England, there has existed, for some time, a society for the study of this subject, and for the dissemination of information on it. The cities of Canada are now assuming considerable importance as manufacturing centres, and it would be well if some efforts could be made to abate the smoke nuisance. Clouds of smoke are objectionable to the eye, dirty to the clothing, and injurious to the lungs. It may be that no public body will take up this matter, and that any reforms to be sought will have to come from some voluntary effort as in London. Much can be done to improve the present state of affairs. We hope that the matter may be taken up in some quarter.

The Heart Muscle in Rheumatism.

Rheumatism may affect the muscular tissue of the heart in various ways. In the *Lancet*, for 7th June, Dr. Fisher, of Bristol, points out that there may be dilatation, going on to a fatal termination, without