

Correspondence.

Editor Maritime Medical News.

DEAR SIR: Were we to answer your editorial in last month's issue in a general way we could do no better than quote the first two paragraphs of Dr. Crawford's excellent paper in the same number entitled "Smallpox and Compulsory Vaccination."

Misery likes company and it is quite consoling to find that the Board of Health of our sister city is being set upon and abused as per your editorial. "The Solons and Wiscacres, the patronizers of Osteopaths, Christian Scientists and Holy Ghosters" do the snarling in St. John. Judge of our surprise at finding the editor of the *Maritime Medical News* consorting with the vulgar throng in throwing mud at his fellow practitioners. But your editorial demands more than a general answer inasmuch as its particular assertions are not based upon facts but are concoctions of the writer's imagination.

Take the assertion that the offer of twenty-five cents for each successful vaccination received no takers among the profession in Halifax. Here is the offer and the names of the parties to whom it was addressed.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Halifax, N. S., April 6th, 1901.

To Dr. ———

Dear Dr.,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held this day you were appointed one of the public vaccinators for Ward ——— to carry out the scheme of Compulsory Vaccination as ordered by the Board. The remuneration is placed at twenty-five cents for each successful case, the Board to supply the vaccine.

If you accept the appointment, kindly notify the City Medical Officer, *in writing*, at once, and meet at the City Hall on Monday at 3.30 p.m., for instructions.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN A. WATTERS,

Secretary