

this only tells a small portion of the real difference between the two classes.

Many vaccinations are of no value, owing to the careless manner of their performance, or inert lymph. These persons readily fall victims to the ravages of smallpox, and are quoted as instances of the failure of vaccination. This is entirely unfair. The vaccination must be properly performed to yield protection.

It may be laid down as a rule that careful vaccination in infancy, and re-vaccination at puberty, protects the persons as well as the disease. In the face of all that is known of the great value of vaccination, one would think that there should now be no opposition; and that when a person had to run any reasonable risk of contagion, his first act would be to have himself vaccinated, or re-vaccinated. Among the vaccinated 80 per cent. of the cases are mild, whereas among the unvaccinated 80 per cent. of the cases are severe. One final word. In the case of attendants upon smallpox patients, those who are properly vaccinated and re-vaccinated do not take the disease.

Were it not for vaccination, how could an epidemic of smallpox be brought under control? It will readily appear that this could not be accomplished until the disease had lasted long enough to permit of the recovery of a certain number of persons who could wait upon the new cases. What a slow and costly way this would be, as compared with the thorough and prompt vaccination of the community, and especially the first attendants upon the sick! Many say, "I don't believe in vaccination." For this lack of faith the success of vaccination is largely responsible. It has so reduced the frequency and severity of smallpox that many have lost fear of the disease because they have seen none of its ravages, and have no practical knowledge of the value of vaccination. They begin to think that the absence of smallpox is due to other causes than vaccination. Herein lies their error.

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