

vation, and in whom, therefore, no syphilitic consequences of vaccination could possibly escape notice; where, moreover, the chances of latent constitutional syphilis in subjects furnishing the lymph must be about the same as among our civil population, but in all this vast and critical experience, so far as is known to Dr. Balfour (the eminent and laborious reporter on the diseases of the British army) no single case has ever been alleged of a soldier syphilized by vaccination. Indisputable certainties, which any one can verify for himself, are:—First, that year by year millions of vaccinations are performed in Europe with scarcely a solitary accusation transpiring that syphilis has been communicated by any of them; and secondly, that physicians and surgeons who could not fail to see such cases in abundance, if such abundance were a reality, concur with an almost absolute uniformity, hundreds of them together, in declaring that they have never in their experience seen even a single case of the kind. One terse observation from the Board of Health Report of Ohio, and I have done: "*When properly vaccinated* by an intelligent physician, no disease can be produced by inoculation other than vaccinia, the one to be desired." Surely, for every practical purpose, certainties like these are our best guides, and with such certainties in our knowledge it would be the merest pedantry to insist on infinitesimal speculative uncertainties. It may be some satisfaction to the learned and laborious writers, from whom I have quoted above, to learn that their views are fully coincided in by most of the leading minds of the profession in Montreal. On Friday of last week I submitted the following questions to the members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this city. Doctors are said to differ, and knowing, as I do, the difference of opinion of the members, on almost every medical subject, the unanimity of opinion on the following was most noteworthy. The meeting was an unusually large one, and the Secretary (Dr. Bell) has