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Dr. Anderson, formerly of the Public Health Service in Washington, in this report, states that infection with tetanus is received by the contamination of the vaccinated wound, such as might occur in the infection of any other minor surgical wound not properly cared for. One only needs to recall the enormous number of deaths from tetanus following the celebration of the Fourth of July until that was abolished.

Furthermore, out of over 6,000,000 vaccinated in the Philippines by the United States Public Health authorities, there was not one fatality, and yet the mortality from smallpox previous to the introduction of vaccination ranged from 25 to 40 per cent. and in some municipalities practically one half of the entire municipality was wiped out and the balance disfigured for life.

In the year 1917, reports from the New York State Department of Health state that in 50,000 vaccinations, in only one case out of the entire number did a death occur, which had the slightest connection with vaccination, and even in this case the evidence was not at all conclusive.

It must be apparent to you that it is impossible for me, having regard for space and time, to do more than quote some of the outstanding authorities who endorse in an unqualified way the value of vaccination as a protection against smallpox. We cannot all be experts in advanced medical science, but we should be sufficiently intelligent to interpret in an intelligent way the evidence placed before us by these scientists who are making a life study of these problems, and if we are not capable of doing this, we should know enough to maintain a dignified silence. If all the people in the world could be persuaded to stick to their last, the world would be much better advised and there would be decidedly less unrest.