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FACT versus FICTION.

A REFUTATION

OF THE

National Health Society's Tract,

ENTITLED,

"The Prevention of Small-pox."

1.—Small-pox is a most loathsome and fatal, and the most contagious of diseases.

"If no mischief be done either by physician or nurse, Small-pox is the most slight and safe of all diseases." (*Sydenham*.)
"I look upon Scarlet Fever as the most infectious disease that there is." (*Marson's Evidence*, 1871, Q. 4213.)

2.—Before the introduction of Vaccination, Small-pox killed 40,000 yearly in this country.

Before 1837 there were no records of the deaths from Small-pox in England. "Small-pox attained its maximum after inoculation was introduced; this disease began to grow less fatal before Vaccination was discovered; indicating together with the diminution in fever, the general improvement in health then taking place. Fever has declined in nearly the same ratio as Small-pox." (DR. FARR, *M'Culloch's Statistics of British Empire*.)

3.—Thorough Vaccination in infancy is an almost complete protection against Small-pox.

“Of the 950 cases of Small-pox, 870, or 91.5 per cent. of the whole cases had been vaccinated.” (*Marson's Report of Highgate Hospital for 1871.*)

“There were 43 cases treated in the Bromley Hospital, between April 25th and June 29th. Of confluent Small-pox, there were 16 cases ; of discrete, 14 ; of modified, 13. All the cases had been vaccinated—3 revaccinated.” (F. NICOLSON, L.R.C.P. *Lancet*, Aug. 27th, 1881.)

4.—Of unvaccinated people one out of every three attacked by Small-pox die.

“Of 17,151 cases of Small-pox (all unvaccinated) 2,848 died, or one in six.” (*Furin.*)

5.—Of perfectly vaccinated people only one dies of every two hundred attacked by Small-pox.

6.—Perfect Vaccination is shown by the possession of four well-marked vaccine scars.

“Of 75 cases in perfectly vaccinated persons, with four good marks, three died, one of malignant Small-pox, or four in one hundred.” (*Report of Deptford Hospital, 1880.*)

7. — Vaccination is harmless and practically painless.

“In addition to the fact that people are ill after Vaccination, it is important to remember that people die after the operation, if not from the disease itself, at least from its sequelæ, notably erysipelas.” (*British Medical Journal*, 1877.)

“It sometimes endangers life, and in other cases leaves permanent impairment of health.” (*Dr. Felix von Niemeyer.*)

"There can be no doubt that the danger of transmitting syphilis (by Vaccination), is a real and very important one." (JONATHAN HUTCHINSON, F.R.C.S. *Illustrations of Clinical Surgery*.)

The mortality from Infantile Syphilis has increased four-fold, Scrofula has trebled, while skin diseases, Pyæmia and mesenteric disease have increased coincidently with increased Vaccination. (*Parl. Return*, No. 392, Sess. 2, 1880.)

8.—To ensure protection throughout life you should be revaccinated after the age of fifteen.

"With reference to revaccination I have no faith in it. Not one of the 36 attendants at the South Dublin Union sheds has taken Small-pox. Only seven of the number were revaccinated, and as the remaining 29 enjoyed the same immunity, wherein is the necessity of the operation?" (F. T. PORTER, M.R.C.S. *Medical Press and Circular*, March 27th, 1872.)

"Even revaccination is not absolutely preventive of Small-pox." (*British Medical Journal*, 1877.)

"Cases of Small-pox do occasionally occur after apparently successful revaccination." (*Deptford Hospital Report*, 1880.)

9.—Every soldier and sailor is revaccinated; the result is that Small-pox is almost unknown in the army and navy, even amid surrounding epidemics.

From 1859 to 1876, there were 1,306 cases of Small-pox in the army with 94 deaths, and 686 cases in the navy with 42 deaths. (*Vide Appendix to "The Truth about Vaccination."*)

10.—You can be Vaccinated free of charge by the Public Vaccinator.

The Public Vaccinators of England and Wales are paid out of the poor rates nearly £100,000 per annum, and a large amount from general taxation. (*Vide Blue Books*.)

How Vaccination has "Stamped Out" Small-Pox. ENGLAND & WALES.

Vaccination was made compulsory by Act of Parliament in the year 1853; again in 1867, and still more stringent in 1871. Since 1853, we have had three Epidemics of Small-pox, each being more severe than the one preceding.

	Date.			Deaths from Small-pox.
1st.	1857-58-59	...	...	14,244
2nd.	1863-64-65	...	...	20,059
3rd.	1870-71-72	...	...	44,840
Increase of population from 1st to 2nd epidemic				7 per cent.
Increase of small-pox in the same period				nearly 50 per cent.
Increase of population from 2nd to 3rd epidemic				10 per cent.
Increase of small-pox in the same period				120 per cent.
Deaths from small-pox in the first ten years after the enforcement of vaccination, 1854 to 1863				33,515
In the second ten years, 1864 to 1873				70,458
—From a Letter to the RIGHT HON. G. SCLATER-BOOTH, M.P.				
February 1877. By C. T. PEARCE, M.R.C.S.				

L O N D O N.

Latest Official Evidence of the Results of Vaccination.

The Registrar-General in his *Annual Summary* for the year 1880, tabulates the Small-pox Mortality of London for the last thirty years as follows:—

Decades.	Estimated Mean Population.	Small-pox Deaths.
1851-60	2,570,489	7,150
1861-70	3,018,193	8,347
1871-80	3,466,486	15,543

It is absurd to say, in the face of these returns, that Vaccination has saved thousands of lives, or that the mortality would have been greater but for vaccination, or that the deaths accrue, as DR. W. B. CARPENTER maintains, from the "un-vaccinated residuum," seeing that in the first decade, when but few, comparatively, were vaccinated, the mortality was not half as great as in the last, when 85 per cent. of the infant population had received the benefit of the State-endowed prophylactic.

These facts, coupled with the additional one that during the 26 weeks ending July 2nd, 1,635 persons died in London of Small-pox, 422 of whom were under 5 years age, show an enormous increase of Small-pox, are utterly subversive of the claims of Vaccination, and call loudly for a repeal of the despotic law by which it is enforced.

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