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[An excellent little brochure under the above caption, written by our most renowned and old veteran Physician of the town, Dr. W. Younan, M.B., C.M. (Edin), and was read at the last birth-anniversary of our Master held at the Calcutta Homœopathic College and Hospital. It contains a sober and lucid statement of his mature views throughout the long and successful practice extending over more than half a century. So these observations carry a weight. In fact, it is a history of conversion of the worthy Physician from an ardent adherent to an uncompromising antagonist to the so called immunising process of "Vaccination." The pamphlet will speak of itself. For the interest of our readers we publish it *in toto*.—Ed.]

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In the last February number of "The Homœopathic World" appeared a leading article under the above heading—its appearance at this time is very opportune, now that an Epidemic of Small-Pox is subject matter of daily conversation, both lay and professional.

Every Homœopathic Physician is tired of dissuading people from being vaccinated in the ordinary way, while Allopathic Physicians are never tired of persuading people to have the operation of Vaccination done without delay.

What is the Homœopathic objection to crude Vaccination? The principle of Vaccination is Homœopathic, *while the dose is not.*

The Science of Homœopathy rests on three pillars—the Law of Similars, the Single Medicine and the Minimum Dose.

And what is Vaccinosis, of which we are writing?

It is the diseased condition of the system induced by the introduction into it of a poison, euphemistically called Vaccine Lymph, but which is really Vaccine Pus.

We do not get the Cow-Pox Disease to order, and so the Virus is passed through the human subject, and the resulting Lymph or Pus is preserved in sealed tubes, to be used whenever

and wherever occasion arises for its use. Just reflect for a moment on the heredity of an agent so prepared and so used.

Many conscientious objectors to Vaccination base their objection on this ground, and rightly so.

Compare the risk run by a person vaccinated in the ordinary way with that which is incurred by one who is vaccinated Homœopathically. In the latter case the Virus is run up to a high potency or attenuation by the methods laid down by the Homœopathic Pharmacopœia and the risk of overdosing or poisoning is reduced to a minimum.

It is well to remember that the immunity conferred by Vaccination from Small-Pox is relative and not positive. Most of us know of people dying of Confluent Small-Pox soon after a successful Vaccination, and we homœopaths believe that the potentised Virus is *as* protective as the crude one, when *it is protective*.

It may surprise you, gentlemen, to hear that on one occasion I yielded against my will to the repeated solicitations of a life Insurance Agent. When the business was well under weigh I received a communication from the Insurance Office that as the examining officer could hardly find marks on my arms of a primary Vaccination, it would be necessary for me to be re-vaccinated. This necessity proved to be the utter collapse of my Insurance Policy—both the Insurance and the Insurance Agent were put off *sine-die*!!!

When a student at the Edinburgh University I had been taught to revere the memory of Jenner as one of the benefactors of the human race. Vaccination, as introduced by him, was considered an unalloyed blessing. But though it is half a century since I was a student I well remember a circumstance which took the bottom out of my medical conceit.

Very shortly after I took my degree, a Senior Doctor, practising at Folkestone in the South of England, requisitioned my services as an assistant for a few weeks, to enable him to take his annual holiday.

I was called one morning to a neighbouring cottage, and on my arrival there found a fire burning at the far end of the dining-room, and close to the fire I noticed a heap of blankets apparently covering an object beneath. Just then the lady of the house appeared and I asked her the meaning of a fire on such a hot day—for the South of England, especially by the sea-side, can be quite hot in the Summer and Autumn months. And what is the object by the fire-place covered with a heap of blankets? "Come and see Sir," was her reply. Taking me to the place, she pulled aside the blankets and revealed the figure of a child covered from head to foot with an eruption as thick as the bark of a tree.

What is the meaning of this? I asked, and the distracted Mother of the child replied that a second Vaccination was responsible for it. What a shock to my nerves, when from my early student days I had learnt to regard Jenner as a hero and his discovery of Vaccination as one of the greatest in the domain of medicine !!

Unfortunately my stay at Folkestone came to an abrupt termination and I heard no more of the patient—but the memory of this case has never faded, and as the years went by it served as an illustration of the ill-effects of Vaccination.

How many ill-effects have accumulated with the experience of years of Medical practice it will be difficult to calculate. I have become, and mean to remain, an anti-vaccinationist. By a strange coincidence when I married rather late in life, my wife told me that her Father was an anti-vaccinationist also, and had paid fine after fine to the French Government. (The family lived for years in Paris) rather than get himself and his children vaccinated. It is very sad when the pendulum swings to the oppsite extreme. Truth often lies in *medias res*.

Only a few days ago I heard of a leading Allopathic Doctor who could not in conscience recommend Vaccination to his patients.

"My child," said he, "developed unusual and alarming

symptoms after Vaccination and was saved from death with difficulty. Besides all the European patients admitted into the Small-Pox Wards of the Campbell Hospital had been vaccinated shortly before the attack."

This reminded me of an incident which occurred shortly from my return to India from my studies in Edinburgh. A rich lady from Agra, with her two daughters, came to see my Mother. In course of conversation, and as there prevailed an epidemic of Small-Pox in town at the time, I naturally asked if she and her daughters had been recently vaccinated. "Don't talk to me of Vaccination," she replied with tears in her eyes. "I lost two bonny boys of Confluent Small-Pox soon after a successful Vaccination."

How her remark cut me to the quick, and how it set me thinking of the possibility there might be of Jenner's discovery of Vaccination not being the whole truth after all !!

How many of us, practitioners of the medical art, would have a similar story to relate ?

We Homœopathic Physicians, therefore, have our own method of Vaccination, and we believe that the so-called Vaccine Lymph is rendered safe by being highly potentized.

In our method of case-taking, the question is invariably asked, how often have you been vaccinated ? And when it is found that the operation has been repeated, an antidote to the poison is prescribed and usually works well. Of such antidote there is more than one. A favourite with me is Mercurius. In Thuja Occidentalis is another. In Antimonium Tartaricum is a third. Re: the last, I well remember a railway journey to Hooghli I made in the company of a well known Senior Allopathic Doctor who had served the Campbell Hospital for many years. The conversation naturally turned on subjects medical, and, as it was the Small-Pox season, I told my companion that Homœopathy possessed a number of specific remedies for this fell disease. Antimonium Tartaricum, Tartaremetic, came in for a lot of praise, and its skin symptoms, in the proving of the

Materia Medica under that drug, were pointed to as being similar to the eruption of Small-Pox. Startled by this revelation my companion confessed that on one occasion he had given Antimony injections to a patient supposed to be suffering from Kala-Azar, and, as a number of pustular eruptions appeared on the skin, he decided that the poor fellow had developed Small-Pox. No time was lost in sending him to the Small-Pox Wards of the Campbell Hospital where he died. Assuring my companion that he was responsible for the death of that poor man, I hoped he would become a better and a wise man !!!

[If we may incorporate our experience on the subject, we may unhesitatingly say that far from giving any immunity, the method of vaccination with the Vaccine Lymph in vogue makes the human system more and more susceptible to Small-Pox, and hence defeats its own object. Then, over and above, the process of Vaccination is an introduction of a positive poison into the human economy, and therefore brings in its train lots of serious diseases some of which end fatally within a few days after the Vaccination, and the rest engraft upon the system various chronic disorders that persist up to the very last day of life. The prophylactic agent must be health-giving and not disease-producing. The Homœopathic process of internal Vaccination is far more efficacious, and we have seen through our long experience that higher the potency given for the purpose of prevention, the better the result, so that the lowest potency best suited for the work of avoiding an attack is the 1000th, even sometimes higher up. This proves the truth that the crude virus makes us rather more susceptible to the fell disease than avoids or prevents it. We would therefore humbly request the Health Department to try the experiment in any future Epidemic of Small-Pox, of using or allowing us to use the Homœopathic internal vaccination with highly potentised agents, and to compare the result in unprejudiced way. Then and then only can the truth of our statement be seen, and the humanity can be better served than heretofore.

I cannot refrain from quoting at length the statement of Dr. J. Henry Allen on the subjects from his volume on Sycosis :—

When writing about the different sources of the Sycotic poison, the world-renowned Physician, Dr. J. Henry Allen, M. D., of America has said thus,—“Before closing this article, I wish to say a few words about another mode of the entrance of the Sycotic poison into the organism, and that is through the vicious method of vaccination, now in vogue. We believe this to be a form of Sycosis. indeed we have no longer a doubt of it. The frequent occurrence of all those disturbances, often assuming dangerous forms

following the insertion of the virus into the system, cries out in the affirmative. Vaccination causes all the race to be Sycotic, and is the father of multitude of skin diseases, such as erysipelas, impetigo, psoriasis, gangrene, roseola, papular and pustular eruptions of different forms, urticaria, eczema and many others that can be mentioned, whose names are a legion. All cry out,—“stop the death-dealing process of vaccination or the whole race will soon become degenerated.” We believe that the people should rise up as one man, and with one voice demand this thing to cease. Every physician should be a zealous teacher, carrying these truths into every house and to every patient who employs him. Let compulsory vaccination cease and no longer let the people and especially the innocent child be led as a sheep to the slaughter.

“We believe in prophylaxis in disease, and the subject is of special interest in such acute contagious diseases as small-pox, but let us not be confined to one stereotyped remedy as is now being forced upon the public by unjust laws (the crude bovine virus) that leaves its trail of death and disease behind it. It is especially dangerous to children, more especially to the tuberculous child. “Away with it” should be the cry.”

The above quoted words are not coming from a Homœopath whose words do not carry much weight in this unfortunate country where a physician must be an Allopathic physician to have any voice in these matters. Here Allopathy only counts, and a Kaviraj or a Homœopath, however learned and efficient he might be, is not to be recognized officially or in any high quarters. It is really a pity that our people do not think over all these things that are vitally important to them and their families, but out of slavish inertia they are inclined to follow the *ipse dixit* of Allopathic authorities. Let our people hear all, sift all, and hold fast what is true. They say that there is a Law which makes it an offence to refuse vaccination. Quite true, but do they mean to say that Law cannot be changed? The Sanitary Department got the Law passed when it believed that vaccination would conduce to public welfare and safety. Now if it is found otherwise and so a strong public opinion is formed, the Department may be convinced and do away with the compulsion.—Ed.]
