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HE WHO KNOWS ONLY HIS OWN SIDE OF THE CASE, KNOWS LITTLE OF THAT.—*J. Stuart Mill.*

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FOLLY OF ESTABLISHED MEDICINE.—No science can flourish if it be enforced by the State. If Newton's astronomy were enforced, we should lose the means of knowing whether it were true. So of religion. In consequence, we all now understand that the State transgresses its limits if it enact anything in science or in religion. Equally so as to medical art. I am not yet very old; yet I remember enormous change in medical practice. About forty years ago I had 220 leeches put on me in fever, and I believe my constitution has never recovered from it. Such was the practice of that day. Blood was in general taken copiously from the arm. Also in apoplexy, cupping on the temples or back of the head was used. What a horrible mischief it would have been if Parliament had enacted bleeding as compulsory, so as to sustain it when practitioners desired to disuse it! More recently, it was the rage to give wine in typhus fever; but the tide has turned. In Longford Fever Hospital, Ireland, and in Scottish and London hospitals, alcohol is now disused; and, as reported, with excellent result. How mischievous it would have been to pass a compulsory law twenty years ago, at the bidding of the then ascendant school of medicine, to command the giving of wine to fever patients! Evidently, as an astronomer and a theologian must be left free by Parliament, so must a physician. To enact a medical creed, or command a medical process, is usurpation—not legitimate legislation, even viewed from the scientific side.—**PROF. F. W. NEWMAN.**

THE AIM OF THE VACCINATOR.—The aim of the vaccinator is to keep us all in permanent cow-pox. He confesses and proclaims that his poison is apt to be rejected by a powerful vitality; therefore he recommends a *renewal* of the poisonous process so quickly as to keep us in permanent disease. His panic about small-pox makes him overlook the total uncertainty what disease his beloved corrupt matter (mismamed pure lymph) may infuse, and the *certainty* that Jenner's confidence in vaccination was unfounded. Nay, it makes him careless in removing the causes of small-pox, because he fancies he can remove small-pox by vaccination. Common sense tells me that if he leaves the causes of small-pox untouched and, by tampering with the blood, hinders that disease from coming out in the blood, he can only drive the disease inwardly into some equally bad or worse disorder.—**PROF. F. W. NEWMAN.**

HOW THEY CHANGE!—Although only a few years ago the leading London physician used to drench the sick in alcohol, some of his successors are now found to doubt whether even the healthy obtain any positive advantage from it. It is now the fashionable doctrine that some men are better without it altogether, and that many of those who take it freely are a good deal the worse.—*Pall Mall Gazette*, Mar. 12, 1880.

MR. WALTER HASKER will deliver a lecture on the "Tyranny of Compulsory Vaccination" in Quebec Hall, 25 Great Quebec Street, Marylebone Road, on Tuesday evening, 6th April, at 8.30. Mr. Tebb will occupy the chair. Admission free.

INOCULATED AND VACCINATED IN VAIN.—J. C. J. writes—"The father of a guest of mine was inoculated and vaccinated, and had small-pox as badly as possible, short of being confluent or fatal."

ABSURDITY IN PERFECTION.—An M.D. seems to imagine that if he can make out a higher death rate from small-pox among the unvaccinated, he is entitled to take his neighbour by the throat and hale him away to prison, unless he forthwith consents to use whatever stuff maybe offered him under the name of "pure vaccine-lymph." A medical candidate for representing the University of Edinburgh in Parliament is evidently of the same opinion, as he is in favour of compulsory vaccination "with perfectly pure and reliable lymph." As if to make the joke a little broader (so as to come within the comprehension of even country magistrates, whose education has been neglected), he adds, "the hardship of compelling anyone to submit otherwise is too obvious to require comment." What is to be said of the effrontery of this statement, from a man who knows well that the conditions in question are absolutely unattainable!—**E. HAUGHTON, M.D.** in *North Wilts Herald*.

LEPROSY FROM VACCINATION.—A cautious observer, but a calf-lymph, who has just returned from the Sandwich Islands writes—

"A Honolulu Doctor told me that he had no doubt leprosy had been spread by careless vaccination. It is horrible, but it does not affect the principle. It shows how desirable it is to get the matter from the cow."

Leprosy is common in Hawaii and affects the inhabitants with much concern as a cause of their diminishing numbers."

IN NORWICH in the year 1819, after vaccination had been pushed at public meetings by the interested zeal of medical men, by bribing the poor with public money to have their infants vaccinated, there was the severest epidemic ever known in England. Then the child, with the finest marks of vaccination possible, died of malignant small-pox, while in the same house the unvaccinated infant was smitten and recovered! Then, in the worst month of the epidemic, over twice as many died of small-pox as of all other causes.—**W. GIBSON WARD** in *North Wilts Herald*.