

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Compulsion Still Talks About Illegal Vaccine.

Kingston, Dec. 8.—(To the Editor): Allow me to say, in reply to Dr. W. T. Connell, in your issue of the 4th inst., that "Anti-Compulsion" did not threaten the physicians with the terrors of a section of the vaccination act. I simply gave the doctor's statement at the city council, and quoted sec. 18 of the act. Putting the two together the only interpretation to give is that which I stated, that vaccinating to give smallpox is illegal, as was at the city council and heard the doctor state that in vaccination you give the disease, smallpox, but not in the contagious form; he further said, that by so doing "you are protected from the smallpox to the same extent as you would be by a previous attack of smallpox and no more." I can prove, by at least some of the members of the city council, that he made these statements. I would like to ask what a "medical mind," or any other mind, with an ounce of gray matter, could understand by such statements? I repeat if by vaccination you give smallpox, the material you use must be "variola." He said nothing at the city council about cowpox being a form of smallpox, and the idea did not seem to be in his mind at the time, for some one asked him if he did not know that it was illegal to give smallpox? and he answered "yes," but that "the disease is not given in the contagious form." I wish to remind the doctor that the act does not say it must be contagious, but simply "smallpox." I have read vaccination literature pretty extensively, and I have never seen the disease produced by vaccinating with "cowpox virus" called smallpox; the disease is called "vaccinia." He now says, "vaccine that is used for vaccination purposes is lymph secured from calves inoculated with cowpox and is not variolous material." How does he know this? There are dozens of brands of vaccine virus on the market to-day. Does Dr. Connell know the "seed virus" of all the calf lymphs? If not, he cannot tell whether they are "variola" or not. The lymph for vaccination purposes used here is obtained from manufacturers in the States. Some of the vendors there do not conceal the fact that their vaccine is variolous. (That is, the strain of vaccine is started by inoculating calves with smallpox matter taken from smallpox patients.) Others will not divulge the secret of the origin of their vaccine. I have in my possession copies of several letters obtained from vaccine firms across the line. Here is one, in answer to Dr. Z. Y. Miller, Pittsburg, Pa., (who wanted to know the character and original sources of vaccine virus). "Dear Sir,—Replying to your favor of the 25th, desire to say that in our opinion all bovinized calf lymph is from an original variolous infection, and that there is no such thing as kind-pox aside from such infection, yours truly, National

Vaccine Establishment, Washington, D.C." If the statements of the N. V. E. in its letter to Dr. Miller are based on facts, it is obvious that the people who are inoculated with National "vaccine" are not vaccinated, but are variolated. Again, Alexander & Co., Marietta, Pa., in a letter to Dr. Hodge, Niagara Falls, admits that the seed-virus used by them is variolous saying the cow from which they started their lymph was "evidently inoculated from a tramp having smallpox." These are the manufacturer's own words. I am not responsible for them. Alexander's tramp lymph has been used in Kingston. Park, Davies & Co., say: "Our seed-vaccine was obtained from spontaneous cases of cowpox in Germany and Switzerland." This is the only legal kind of vaccine, and strange to say, Park, Davies & Co.'s vaccine was turned down in Kingston because, I suppose, Jenner said that "spontaneous cow-pox" was among the spurious varieties of the disease. He said the only vaccine virus that was effective against smallpox is the variety derived from "horse-grease." The cowpox to which he ascribed mysterious anti-variolous virtues was a fifth-disease communicated to the teats and udder of the cow by dirty stablemen whose hands were soiled with the matter from the "greasy heels" of ill-kept horses. Dr. Connell says, "the matter of the principles underlying vaccination are entirely scientific." Can he tell by analysis or by any bacteriological test, known to science, whether a given sample of vaccine is variolous or not? If he can there are \$5,000 waiting for him. There is no known means of definitely testing the composition of any of the various strains of "vaccine lymphs" now in use, and it is idle to talk about science and technique in connection with the question. Dr. Hadwen, of England, says: "Vaccination is the most gigantic piece of quackery ever exploited among a civilized people." Dr. Connell says, "that the reason cowpox vaccine protected against the smallpox was that the cowpox virus had been proven to be a modified form of smallpox." To the "non-medical mind" the doctor has made this question as clear as mud by his illustration of "man and the higher apes." I always thought there was some "monkeying" about this question of vaccination, now I see there is. But the statement that cowpox and smallpox are related is disputed by Dr. Charles Creighton, of Cambridge, Eng., author of "Natural History of Cowpox," "Jenner and Vaccination," "History of Epidemics in Great Britain," &c. As good an authority as Dr. Connell, of Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., Dr. Creighton says, in his work: "Cowpox and vaccinal syphilis," page 155-6, "The real affinity of cowpox is not to the smallpox, but to the great pox. The vaccinal roseola is not only

very like the syphilitic roseola, but it means the same sort of thing. The vaccinal user of every day practice is to all intents and purposes a chance." Professor Edgar M. Crookshank, author of the "History and Pathology of Vaccination," probably the greatest authority in the world on the subject, expresses the belief that "so-called 'cowpox virus' is a modified form of syphilis." Until Professor Connell refutes these men by equally able and independent work, they will stand as the authorities. Here we have the testimony of the highest authorities who have produced the clearest evidence in support of their belief that so-called "cowpox virus" which has been used in vaccinating millions of healthy children, is "modified syphilis," and not "modified smallpox," as claimed by Dr. Connell. In the face of such evidence is it "sufficient to know that recent successful vaccination protects against smallpox?" If we must have some disease let us have smallpox before that produced by vaccination; and so say many Kingstonsians to-day who declare they "never will be vaccinated again." "You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but not all the people all the time." That is a pretty theory of Dr. Connell's about cowpox and smallpox having a common ancestor, but it is not borne out by the authorities. I have quoted, who have made a life study of the subject. Cowpox and smallpox are in no way related, therefore they never could have had a common ancestor. "Cowpox is not 'variola vaccine,'" as claimed by Jenner, who by a master stroke of boldness and cunning placed the Latin name on the title page of his book; and although the want of likeness, more in circumstances than in form, between the pustules of smallpox and even the modified form of inoculated cowpox vesicle, has been pointed out in elaborate detail by several writers, and ought, indeed, to be obvious to anyone as not to need pointing out at all, yet the Jennerian fable of variolae vaccine continues to be the creed of the medical profession."—(Creighton).

Dr. Connell says that sec. 18 of the act, quoted by "Anti-Compulsion," only means "infectious material taken from the pocks of smallpox patients." The section needs only to be read carefully to see that it means more than that for it distinctly says, "or by any matter, article or thing impregnated with variolous matter." Note the word, "impregnated." That word is not there by accident but for a purpose, as the history of the vaccination laws clearly shows. Inoculation with smallpox matter was practiced in England from 1722, when it was introduced from Turkey by Lady Montague, until 1830, when it was put down by law. In those days, of course, as everybody knows it was from arm to arm inoculation. That was not taking the "material from the pocks of a smallpox patient," but it was variolous lymph. It was something "impregnated" with variolous matter, and for using it a penalty of one month in gaol was imposed. It was found that the inoculation with smallpox matter spread the disease, smallpox, and the whole merit of Jenner was that he had found a better kind of matter than the old smallpox matter, namely cowpox matter.

The two things in the law of England at the present day, and in our law, are not only separate, but the one is prohibited and the other enforced. The point is, if the calf lymph in use now for vaccination purposes had as its origin, no matter how remote, human smallpox then it is variolous and illegal. Dr. Connell says that "it is practically impossible to inoculate cattle with smallpox matter." It is admitted that it is difficult, but it has been done hundreds of times, and stocks of genuine variolous vaccine lymph obtained, and when the stocks run out new strains are started again. Dr. Creighton says, "there is no question whatever that there is a hankering after the old smallpox matter, and stocks of lymph are established with matter drawn from smallpox in the teeth of the law which puts it down." I have reason to believe that smallpox matter is widely distributed at the present time, one proof of it is got by observing what happens upon the arm. The marks produced are the pocks of cow-pox scar. The kind of marks or no marks produced now are proofs of smallpox." Further he says, "we know that smallpox lymph is used without any disguise in Germany, Switzerland, India and America. There is not much concealment of the fact that their stocks are sometimes though not invariably produced from smallpox matter." Dr. J. W. Hodge, Niagara Falls, N.Y., says, "most of the vaccine virus in current use in this country is undoubtedly derived mainly from human smallpox." The vaccine used in Kingston comes from Dr. Hodge's country, and judging from reports produced it is the kind in current use there, where they have no law prohibiting variolous vaccine.

Think of the injustice of enforcing a medical nostrum upon the people without observing what happens upon the arm, or what its effect will be. The Board of Health that enforces vaccination should be required to prove that the vaccine used is legal vaccine, since the

law distinctly says it shall not be variolous (and there are good reasons for believing that it is, as I have shown), the burden of proof lies with those who enjoin, and not with those who object. The original source of the seed-vaccine should be clearly proven. The proof must be historical in connection with every sample of vaccine to be used. Such proof cannot be furnished in connection with the imported virus used here. I venture to affirm. That being the case its penal enforcement is a crime. Yours truly—ANTI-COMPULSION.

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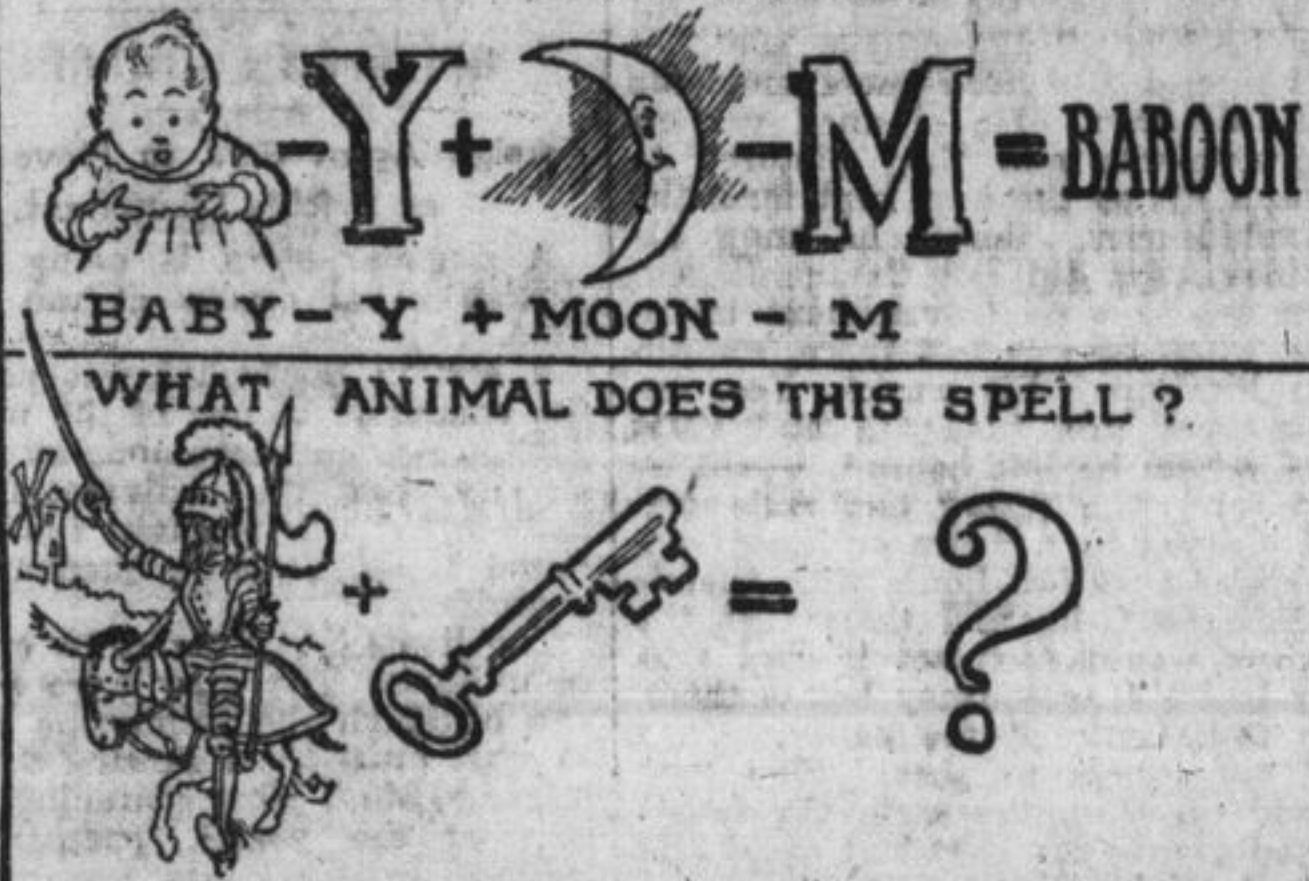
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