

DOUBTS ITS POWER. A Prominent Southside Physician Denounces the Board of Health and Protests That VACCINATION IS A MERE HUMBUG.

He Claims it is Kept Up Only Because Our Ancestors Had Faith in it, and It's a Superstition. A SOUTHSIDE REVOLT AGAINST IT. Views a Number of Doctors Who Stand by Virus Quills and the Authorities.

A little storm cloud of indignation hovers over some parts of the Southside. The matter at issue is not entirely new, but it has been brought to the front in a vigorous manner. Many Southsiders who do not believe in vaccination, at least in times when the community has no fear of smallpox, are protesting vigorously against the vaccination "virus" of the city physician.

One of the prominent physicians of that section of the city comes out point blank on the question by declaring that vaccination is a "humbug," and says a good deal more that is spicy on the subject. Not only that, but he declares that he is willing to argue the matter. He says it is one that should be looked into, and that other citizens have taken the question in hand.

The physician cited is Dr. Z. T. Miller, who enjoys a large practice on the Southside, and is a well-known homeopathist of the city. He not only bolts square up against the popular belief that vaccination is a preventive of smallpox, but questions the right of the Board of Health to require the vaccination of school children before entering the public schools.

EVEN MORE RADICAL. The doctor goes further, and says that vaccination often induces and aggravates disease. When seen yesterday he said he was loath to enter into any newspaper controversy, and did not wish his name used, if the result he wished could be accomplished otherwise. He is in earnest in his convictions, and says he does not speak on the subject without due consideration of the storm of opposition that may arise.

He says he can back up his assertions by statistics that do not lie, but prefers to give his "thunder" until needed. As a preliminary shot at vaccination and the rules of the Board of Health, he noted down the following: "To be brief and bring the question at issue to a focus, I would say that vaccination is a humbug; that we practice it because our ancestors did, without stopping to think whether we are justified or not. Further, the question of the right of any board of health to compel our children to submit to it, voluntarily or involuntarily. To declare children from the public schools for the lack of it seems to me an annoyance not justified by the constitution.

RIGHTS OF THE BOARD. "The Board of Health has no more right to prescribe a prophylactic for smallpox than it has for scarlet fever. And I am sure that every physician abreast of modern medicine is acquainted with just as good a preventive of scarlet fever as vaccination is of smallpox; indeed, I believe a great deal better.

It is a question whether persons inoculated by the vaccine virus do not have their organisms so modified by it as to increase their susceptibility to diseases thereafter. Particularly is it perilous when children are already, by heredity, made unstable by scrofula and kindred diseases. The ravages produced in such by vaccination is at times simply frightful. Children who are in perfect health withstand the poisonous effects of the vaccination quite well, but I offer that such children are no way in need of it, if they would dispose of their health as well as we are attacked. The other poor wretches already staggering under the weight of loathsome disease must have added another death-inviting malady, beastly in its origin.

"Many able men have repudiated the horrible practice and given their reasons for it, yet our Board of Health, with beautiful precision, send its servants into every street and alley to vaccinate our little children (none too young) that they be inoculated (free of charge), and thereby escape (?) something that is in no way threatening their lives.

A DIFFERENT VIEW. Dr. E. A. McDonald was seen, and said that he had long been against the vaccination question to his satisfaction. During the smallpox epidemic in the city some eight years ago he was appointed by the Board of Health as one of a number of vaccine physicians to vaccinate the people of the city. During this work an extensive investigation was made of the subject of vaccination, and he has since been a decided opponent of it.

He said that the two points cited as to vaccination transmitting disease, or spreading disease, have been already treated by numbers of doctors, among them Drs. Martin and Harbison, of this country, and Dr. Curschmann, of Berlin. The fact of the Board of Health wishing to establish whether vaccination is a preventive of smallpox. Continuing the doctor said: "The section of the city chosen for the investigation was in a district where millmen and their families dwell in a crowded state. It was thought that this section might open to the invasion of the disease, and the standard was verified when smallpox broke out in an alarming manner. Vaccination as a preventive means, was then enforced on all individuals living in the infected section. Upon the completion of the work, the health officer of the district did not have occasion to hang up a single smallpox sign in the district.

MANY OTHER INSTANCES. "In another instance 500 individuals, hailing from various infected districts, were taken without special regard to age, sex or previous condition of health, and vaccinated successfully with well-defined marks on each, and then set aside for special study. They represented, as a body, the humble and needy. Many were women and child belonging to this group passed through the epidemic safely. At the same time, 106 persons, whose vaccination fell short of the necessary amount of vaccine virus, owing largely to defective quills, were kept under observation. Of this number 21 were assailed with smallpox, but only 5 perished.

"Another group of 1,200 individuals, coming also from around and about the centers of infection, were vaccinated and kept under supervision. Many in this class were employed taking care of their kindred infected with the disease, and others boldly depended on their vaccine marks and visited their sick friends. Every person in this group escaped.

"These groups made a total of 2,000 cases vaccinated. Out of this large number, not one single case of death from smallpox occurred, even in modified smallpox; neither did we observe in any vaccinated case a permanent injury to health. Surely, then, does vaccination fail to prevent!"

CAUSING SOME SURPRISE. Dr. Grimes was a little surprised at any-

ONE ATTACKING VACCINATION. He said that it had been tested too often to be thought otherwise in its effect than a preventive. He said the Board of Health regulation requiring vaccination was controlled by law. The doctor added that disease could be transmitted by "quills" prepared from human veins, but where the virus is taken from healthy heifers, he did not see how it was possible to transmit disease.

Dr. Heiman, as well as a number of others seen, assayed themselves soundly on the side of vaccination, and were somewhat anxious to see what proofs could be possibly arrayed against the great discovery of Jenner.

Dr. Klein, of Wright's alley, below South Twentieth street, says he will not allow another of his children to be vaccinated if they never go to school. If it comes to that pass he will go to law before he will submit to the rules of the Board of Health. He has had more or less trouble each year about sending his children to school without having them vaccinated. He thinks he is justified in the stand he has taken by the trouble he has had from the effects of having his oldest son vaccinated.

His son was vaccinated on the arm, and it swelled up to the size of two arms. The sore nearly caused the amputation of the limb, and now has no use left. Of 14 persons vaccinated at the same time, he maintains, 13 died in quick succession from various blood diseases induced by the vaccine virus.

He has seen last night know of several cases where vaccination had induced disease, but would not mention any names.

STRUCK A MARE'S NEST. THE WIND TAKEN OUT OF A REALLY SENSATIONAL STORY.

Steel From a Pittsburgh Firm Claimed to be Real Standard-A Tale That Might Have Been of Great Interest, but Isn't Established.

A New York paper of Saturday and yesterday contained an account from its Washington correspondent of alleged frauds in the quality of steel furnished by the Linden Steel Company, of this city, to the Naval Ordnance Foundry at Washington, which, it was, would be of vast interest here.

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TUMULT IN A CHURCH. A Hot Dispute in the Orthodox B'nai Israel Congregation.

CALLS FOR POLICE INTERFERENCE. Counter Charges of Disturbing the Meeting Considered.

TWO OF THE MEMBERS SUSPENDED. There was a stormy time in the synagogue of the B'nai Israel congregation, on Grant street yesterday, and it was all caused by a dispute as to who should read the prayers.

THE TROUBLE BEGINS. Then another member arose and began reading the forty-fourth psalm, but the President ordered him to desist. This brought Mr. Samuel Miller, an ex-Vice President to his feet, and he demanded to know why the rules had been changed.

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THE PROGRAMME PREPARED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C. T. A. U. OF AMERICA.

To be Held in Pittsburgh, Commencing August 5—Powderly and Others to Address The Convention—How The 500 Delegates Will be Entertained.

Yesterday afternoon the local branches of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America met at St. Mary's School, Penn avenue, to complete the final arrangements for the annual convention, which will be held in this city on the 5th, 6th and 7th, commencing August 5 and ending on the 9th.

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GOD'S FIRST TEMPLES. Outdoor Sunday Services at Valley Camp and Silver Lake Grove.

BISHOP ANDREWS WAS ELOQUENT, And an Interesting Union Meeting Was Held in the East End.

MIDSUMMER SERVICES OUT OF DOORS. "Valley Camp was the Mecca yesterday for a large number of pilgrims turned their gaze and directed their footsteps. The beautiful campmeeting grounds were thronged with the faithful.

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A CIRCUS ON SUNDAY. How a Great Show is Enjoyed by Hundreds on Its Arrival in Town.

ORDER BROUGHT OUT OF CHAOS. Lots of Fun for the Small Boy Who Peeps Through the Fence.

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SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY. Hundreds of People Leave the City for Rest and Refreshment.

THE CAUSE OF TO-DAY'S CROWD HERE. One often hears about hens raising ducks, etc., but that's nothing to a man raising a man 11 feet in the air, nor does it approach the speechless wonder which excites the agitated small boy as he glues his eye to a knot hole in the fence and watches with emotion the raising of a circus tent.

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A DRUNKEN HUNGARIAN FIGHT ENDS IN A SHOOTING AFFAIR—One Colored Man Killed Another With a Club—Both the Murderers Succeeded in Escaping.

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