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## THE RIGHT OF THE FREE MAN AND VACCINATION

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In democracy, the right of the free man is to have his own ways, provided they do not cross other men's. The free man is to choose his own doctor, and his method of treatment, preventive as well as curative. Of course, the State has every right to intervene, if a particular method or procedure adopted by a particular individual infringes another man's right to treatment and protection. The question then centers round the merit of the treatment one adopts.

Apparently for the sake of common good, vaccination has been made compulsory in India. You are to vaccinate and re-vaccinate yourself and your children, the violation of which renders you liable to fine or imprisonment. But this totalitarian method, too, which infringes the right of the individual to have his own chosen method of prophylaxis, must be justified by the merits of its own. The question arises : Has vaccination been justified during the 160 years of its propagation since its inventor Jenner first performed it in 1798. In 1946, vaccination laws has been repealed in England, the land of its invention and first propagation, where it is now only optional, and is becoming gradually obsolete day by day. In America, Australia & New Zealand, this totalitarian law has been repealed in the same way. After the repeal of the Act in England, important physicians of England sent an appeal to the President & Members of the Indian Cabinet, in order that the compulsory vaccination law may be repealed in India, where

the people could be freed from the tyranny of an enactment, based upon the superstition and quackery of a past century. But, unfortunately, the people of India have been kept in the dark in regard to the said appeal.

Has vaccination been justified by its almost universal operation for 160 years all over the Globe? World statistics do not show. Small pox raged epidemically every five years, even after mass-vaccination, and the mortality rates could not be diminished. Jenner assured protection for a life time, after a single operation. But his claims were falsified within a hundred years, when immunity could be said to extend upto 3 years at the longest. 30 years later, one would hear of one year's immunity only, and now we hear of three months' immunity only. One can visualize the day is imminent when immunity will be guaranteed for one month only, and we are afraid our grand-children will have to be re-vaccinated every day-break. The more one gets vaccinated, the more is its efficacy diminished, for the less are the antibodies grown and the less is the defence mechanism worked up. What is more, the vaccine lymph as a pathological foreign protein, besides causing dangerous encephalitis, sensitizes the organism with each repeat operation, and works as an allergen, that brings in its train various constitutional disorders, malformations and malignancies. Who can say how far responsible are vaccination and re-vaccination for Hypertension, Coronary-disease and Cancer,—the three scourges of modern society?

Small pox has been raging epidemically for the last two years in Bengal and many other States of India. We have seen a large number of cases where even effective primary vaccination or re-vaccination could not give protection. Not only many persons vaccinated effectively contracted small pox after 7-28 days of vaccination, but they developed suppressed or hæmorrhagic Variola, which proved fatal on many occasions.

A free man has to pay fine or court imprisonment, if he declines to get vaccinated. But what punishment will the Welfare State inflict upon itself when it can not protect the health and life of its citizens, who are compelled to abide by the vaccination Laws?

To build up statistics, we have decided to collect facts regarding vaccination & small pox, which our generous readers and physicians, if in their knowledge, may please assort in the following form and send to the Editor, Hahnemannian Gleanings, who will gratefully receive them.

## FORM

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| 1. Name of Patient.....                         | 5. Date of appearance of<br>Small pox..... |
| 2. Address.....                                 | 6. Treatment.....                          |
| 3. Date of vaccination<br>Effective or not..... | 7. Date of recovery or<br>death.....       |
| 4. Date of temperature<br>(eruptive).....       | 8. Signature of physician<br>.....         |

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**SUCCESS OR FAILURE**

*(Extracted from the Editorial of Homœopathy, Nov. 1956)*

It is sometimes said in somewhat cynical vein that the physician (or surgeon) makes much of his successes and says little about his failures.

It is natural that this should be so, both for the physician's own comfort and cheer and also "pour encourager les autres".

That there should be failures with homœopathy, or with any other method of therapy, is not surprising, for curative medicine has to cope with individual human minds and bodies. Each one of these individuals is unique in its possibilities and in its unpredictabilities. Human beings are not robots with mechanical brains turned out in standardised types by machinery. They are delicately constructed finely balanced marvels of creation, each one possessing capabilities for joy or pain, for achievement or failure, that transcend thought and imagination.