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MAJOR BOUDREN FLAYS PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Gives Actual Facts In/Two Bridgeport Cases Where Evil Results Followed Vaccination.

To the Editor of the Farmer:
Sir: In a recent issue of the Farmer appeared a communication from the Publicity Committee of the Bridgeport Medical Association, describing an "entertainment" at one of their meetings, the "entertainment" being furnished by one of their members who described "an intensely interesting case in his practice." The case was that of a girl nine years of age who had an abscess and disease of the bone in her arm as the result of an injury. The child, they declare, had fallen down stairs, and the diseased condition had developed; and it seems, the injury was so serious that it resulted in a long siege of fever and of falling strength, so that her life was despaired of, and it took three years of watchful care "and treatment before a complete recovery was made." It seems that this was an uncommon result from injuries of this kind, for our medical friends say that abscesses and even cancers are found to have their origin in some injury like this. If this is true the hunt for the "germ" that causes cancer had better be abandoned. But the thing in connection with this case which interested me was the statement that this girl had been used by the "anti-vaccinationists" (so-called) "to prove their alleged results of vaccination." One of these persons who is always out smelling around for "game" learned of this condition in the left arm of this child, and had taken it upon himself to diagnose the case and to claim it as a glaring exhibition of the terrible results of vaccination. This person also charged with having visited the family unbidden, and that he "did browbeat the mother and tried, but unsuccessfully, to convince her and make her say that all this trouble was the result of the vaccination."

These statements compel me to take notice of the communication, because the person, "the anti-vaccinationist," can be none other than myself, and I have not yet arrived at that point where I will submit to such charges as that I indulge in "such distortion of facts, such perversion of argument," as the members of the Bridgeport Medical Association charge me with in this case, through their Publicity Committee. Neither am I so constituted that I can calmly make public the actual facts in this case, which I take it for granted is that of the DeLally girl, because it is the only case of this particular kind I have personally investigated, and I "feel this to be my duty," if I may be allowed to borrow a phrase used by my medical friends.

My attention was first called to this case about three years ago by an intimate friend of the family, who told me that the child had been vaccinated a short time previously in order to be admitted to the public school in her district, and that an ugly phagedenic sore had developed, eating into the flesh clear down to the bone, and that the doctor who committed the crime, realizing that he had a severe case on his hands, had called in a brother physician who remarked "You have a bad case here; I would not want it." The parents were advised to consult a noted specialist in New Haven who advised the amputation of the arm as the only means of saving the child's life. The child was then taken to the Bridgeport hospital for inspection by the doctors and they all said that the only way to save the life of the child would be to amputate the arm. The father, after some consideration, concluded he would not allow the arm to be taken off, but would take a chance with other treatment.

The intimate friend of the family who gave me the above facts invited me to visit the family and see the case for myself. I was unable to do so at that time, but about six months later I called on the family then residing at 46 Elizabeth street, and found the girl suffering with a fearfully developed sore on the vaccinated arm, at the seat of the vaccination, which had eaten down to the bone, and from which a piece of bone was then protruding. Three ugly ulcers had also developed on the under part of the arm. The family fully confirmed the account of the case as told me by their friend,

and the history of the case was freely given, no "browbeating" of the mother being resorted to or needed. I received permission to call again, and to bring with me one of Bridgeport's most experienced physicians to see the case, and did so. This physician described the condition as "Periosteal Inflammation—Periostitis, with necrosed bone," and had no difficulty in tracing and attributing the trouble to its proper cause, vaccination. The Publicity Committee admit, in the communication, that "it happened, indeed, that the child had been vaccinated some weeks before," and declare that "the result showed that she was not susceptible to the inoculation; the vaccination did not take." But, their story about the injury resulting from a fall down stairs was not true, and I determined to know how much truth there was in this story. I arranged with some gentlemen to call on them and secure information on this point. These gentlemen have just reported to me as follows:

"We called on the DeLally family, now residing on Seaview avenue, near the R. R. crossing, and obtained from the mother the following statement in her daughter's case: 'A few days after the child was vaccinated the arm began to swell and the mother, thinking the doctor who told her that the vaccination had not taken,' and that the child must have fallen down and hurt her arm."

Dr. Nettleton was the man who vaccinated this child, and if he could be persuaded to tell the truth about the "falling down stairs" part of the story I would have no difficulty in accounting for the fact that nothing of the kind was told me by the parents on any of my visits.

When it comes to "browbeating" I think that any person who would try to mislead the mother regarding the real cause of her daughter's trouble, by suggesting "that the child must have fallen down and hurt her arm" has nothing to learn from me, and the scoundrelism of the part of a doctor in making the suggestion needs no comment.

It is regrettable that one cannot be permitted to denounce perpetrators of these crimes and their methods of blaming the results of their handiwork to other causes, in proper language to the public. If the Publicity Committee are, in fact, aware of another similar case which they can publish, so much the worse for them, and I hereby challenge them to publish this other similar case, giving name, add other necessary data, to permit of an investigation.

However, if this other similar case is merely a "bluff," I have a case to relate, which, in so far as the honor (?) of the members of the medical profession is concerned, is very similar to that of the DeLally girl, and while I am about it I will make the case public, as I feel this also to be my duty. The case is that of Hazel Schulz, 19 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schulz, recently of corner of Central and Stratford avenues, this city, made nearly blind by vaccination. Now, one of the doctors who appeared at the hearing on vaccination before the Board of Education, last year, stated in his address "that the statement that her blindness resulted from vaccination was false, as he had interviewed the mother and learned that her daughter had suffered from eye trouble from infancy, and that her affliction was not in any way due to vaccination."

I know the doctor's statement to be false, for I had personally investigated this case. Witnessing, however, to be in a position to absolutely disprove so false a statement should occasion to do so present itself again. I again called at the Schulz home, taking with me a representative of one of our daily papers, who made the following record of the interview:

"Mrs. Schulz not only denied that she had made the statement credited to her by the doctor, but she also declared that no doctor had called on her in relation to the matter, and she reiterated her former statement made to Major Boudren that she fully believed her daughter's affliction was the direct result of vaccination. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schulz were present during the interview, and they gave the following history of their daughter's case: Miss Schulz was vaccinated when but a child of three years. At that time the family resided in Meriden. A week after the operation of vaccination was performed the girl was seized with convulsions, and these continued for a year. Then her eyesight became affected. At first her trouble was only slight but it steadily grew worse until she was scarcely able to see at all. The best medical attention possible was secured for her, and after treatment by specialists for over a dozen years Miss Schulz's sight has somewhat improved

and she is now able to see fairly well. Before the operation of vaccination was performed she was a perfectly healthy child and could see as well as anyone. There are five other children in the family none of whom have ever had eye trouble. Mrs. Schulz is 52 years of age and can read a newspaper without glasses, and none of her relatives or those of her husband have ever been afflicted with any eye trouble whatever.

Mrs. Schulz said that she attributed her daughter's trouble directly to vaccination. She declared that an older daughter, named Vera, suffered from varioloid three weeks after she had been vaccinated. From the actual facts in these cases, now made public, one can but arrive at the conclusion that it ill becomes the members of the medical profession to accuse anyone else with "distorting facts," with "perversion of arguments," or any other polite term of calling a man a liar they might choose, and will only add that in all the fertile fields for humbugging the people, the medicine men of all times have always taken the lead.

But, their crimes are fast being found out against them, for "all the people cannot be fooled all the time," and the time is fast coming when the doctorous of the vaccinating kind will meet with their just reward. MAJ. THOS. BOUDREN, Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 12, 1909.

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