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A Merry Christmas
AND



A happy New year's day

Vedamata bestows upon us the following cantation which is uttered before and after every Vedic recitation by the Guru and the desciple.

तच्छंयो रावृणीमहे

गातुं यज्ञाय

गातुं यज्ञपतये

दैवीः स्वस्ति रस्तु नः

स्वस्ति मानुषेभ्यः

ऊर्ध्वं जिगातु भेषजम्

शन्नो अस्तु दिपदे

शं चतुष्पदे

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः

This is how the Rishis of India brought the Divine Bliss for the benefaction of the four-legged and the two-legged animals along with the human beings. Not only that. The Vajnam and the Vajnapathi are also included in the list to be protected by the Almighty. With the same spirit we extend our hearty prayers to the Omnipotent for bestowing His Bliss on all the beings stationary or moving. (स्थावर जंगम)

—The Editor.

Live Food Centre for India

By Dr. Ganga Sahai D. Bi (Doctor of Biotrophy)

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We cannot live 100 percent right as the Mother Nature demands us to live according to her plans of natural living. Why? Because, man is a social being. To live in the society of man we are obligated to each other. But a Yogi or Rishi living in the woods is not obligated to any one, because he is free and living all by himself communicating with mankind by using the Nature's forces. Lower animal, living a wild life, can evacuate himself and be free from stomach gas whenever and wherever he is urged to do so, but man cannot be so obedient to the call of nature by living in the society of man. However, man can talk and teach others how to live a natural life even if he does not live so naturally by himself. Diplomacy is the instrument we have to make use to handle the mankind. It is impossible for a person to live a perfectly healthy life and teach at the same time how to be in good health. Life is sacrifice. Mouse sacrifices his life to feed the cat and cat sacrifices her life to feed the wolf. Vegetables and fruits sacrifice their lives to feed the man. The Sun is sacrificing its life to maintain the existence of physical growth on this earth. A man lives an indoor life to carry on his study at the expense of losing his eye sight and then he goes out to preach before the mankind by using his eye glasses. We learn something worthwhile from him at the expense of physical energy which he has lost. So, I believe I have the right to teach the mankind how to live a healthy life even if I am not in good health. I have studied it by straining my body and imprisoning my vision within the four walls of my room. Those who want to learn something from me will be benefitted at the expense of sacrifice of my physical energy. Therefore, by living in the society of mankind we cannot live a perfectly healthy

life, but we can hope and we can try to live as close to the principle of nature as possible within the limit of individual environment.

Mankind has been living on cooked food since the discovery of fire and art of cooking is so highly developed among all nations of this earth that cookless food is not only forgotten but condemned of creating some trouble and causing ill health. In America to introduce a gradual reform in the dietary habits of people; a transitory food system is established for the last 25 years which is named Health Food. Health Food includes purely vegetarian diet excluding meat, refined flour, bleached rice, refined sugar, seasoning with lard, vinegar, dried fruits with the aid of sulphur, pasteurized milk, salted butter, table salt, roasted nuts, all kinds of spices, etc. To-day, we have in America Health Food stores opened all over the country selling 100 percent whole wheat flour, raw sugar, nut butter, unbleached brown rice, sun-dried fruits, vegetable salt, raw milk, soy bean milk, candies made with raw and cane sugar, all kinds of fresh nuts, uncooked olive oil, soy bean flour and soy bean breads, cocoanut milk, vegetable concentrates, dried olives, pastries made with whole wheat-flour, cornflour, bean flour, honey, and all sorts of dried and powdered herbs for therapeutic purposes, and fresh fruits and vegetables' juices.

Then we have another system of food established under the name of Live Food or cookless food free from all cooking processes. We have only two restaurants in the whole world devoted to purely uncooked food in this city of Los Angeles. But there are many vegetarian restaurants throughout U. S. America. To make a

clear understanding we have three kinds of food system in America. Commercial Foods, Health Foods, and Live Foods. Commercial Foods include all the disease-creating foods and highly advertised and also strongly advocated by medical profession, such as made with meat, lard, table salt, refined sugar, refined flour, vinegar, chemicals, and all the junk which makes the person sick to feed the medical profession.

In India we can preach and teach and open a Health Food system which will exclude all the seasoned foods with tropical spices, milk and dairy products, and others. Along with this we can teach and open a Live Food system which reform is to be done gradually avoiding all violent efforts to remove the centuries old habits of the people. In all the vegetarian restaurants in this country the vegetarian food is cooked entirely in a different manner from that which is cooked in India. How? In India the baking system is not known and food is cooked openly upon fire. In Europe and America baking ovens are used to bake foods and with the help of ovens many and many varieties of foods can be baked and sold. There are small ovens for home use and there are large ovens for commercial use ranging from prices of a few cents to hundreds of dollars.

If a Health Food store in connection with a vegetarian restaurant is opened in India, it is very necessary to buy different machines of grating vegetables, of making vegetable and fruit juices, fruit and vegetable drying machine, nut butter making machines, hand mill machines, ovens, steamers, Ice cream making machine, and other utensils. We have ice cream made in the Live Food dining room which is served and sold to the public under the name of Cowless ice cream. This Cowless ice cream is made just with fruits and nuts and no milk at all. It is sweetened with honey and not with sugar. The machines should be bought first from America and then have them made in India, because they are worn out after they are used every day. They are very simple in construction and I believe they can be made in India.

Every dollar worth of article we buy from America, that will hit three rupees in India on account of exchange. So, I believe, if I am not mistaken, it needs Rs. 50,000 (fifty thousands) or \$ 16,000 to cover up all the expenses.

I need co-operation of some patriotic Indian Naturopath who can finance to materialize my plans of Health Food and Live Food system in India. I know the way how to make the business go even in the midst of ignorance in India. Let no one be skeptical to co-operate with me as I have my experience of 12 years behind me to guide me to make the business go like it is flourishing in America to day. Life constitutes Co-operation. Man, by the very constitution of his being, is a creature of relationship. Each of us exerts an influence through character or conduct upon all with whom we come in contact. No one can live to oneself, we are all dependent upon one another. From dead generations to moulders of future destinies, each life is linked in with other life by ties which cannot be escaped. Let us co-operate and establish a Health Food and Live Food business in India not for the sake of profit but to spread enlightenment throughout India sweeping away the centuries old ignorance caused by medicine men of medical profession.

Let us start a Health Blitzkrieg throughout India. Health movement is not very old in America. It was started 20 or 25 years ago and I am here in America for 24 years. During the last 12 years the Health movement has spread throughout America blitzkriegly. America was built on co-operation of private enterprises. Let us catch up with America in starting a Health movement throughout India.

The more interest grows in Health and Live Food the better magazine of The Indian Naturopath we will have. I hope you will permit me to say that your magazine needs great deal more to be developed and you cannot expect to build it up unless you spread the teaching of Health and Live Food in India.

There are not many people in India who are health conscious. They believe to go to medicine man to take medicine when they are sick. They believe that traditional food is the food given to them by God to eat and live. Then came the western scientist who has taught them that disease is caused by the germs and they should buy this medicine for that germ and that medicine for this germ. They gave such jaw breaking names to those invisible prophets and founders of medical science that ordinary man walking on the street can't pronounce and spell them out. Lately, another witchcraft is bloomed out in the medical profession of how they express vitamin. In America, today, these pseudo-scientists of medical profession are putting vitamin in eggs, beer, canned food, milk and in many other foods. Vitamin craze is spread so widely that the customer wants to know if the food, he is buying, has certain alphabets of vitamin. To day, these vitamins can be bought in drug stores and put in the manufactured food. I have a relative who went to England just to study vitamins.

To day, when the faith of public is gradually losing out in medicine, the medical man hollers, "wait a minute, here are A, B, C, 26 alphabets of vitamin for your health." Each one is so algebraically named that ordinary person can't remember them. They are doing the best to make money by keeping the public guessing. The vitamins are never seen by the scientist but he is forcing you and me to swallow the English alphabets under the excuse that we are eating vitamins. The truth is always simple given to us by Mother Nature which requires no complicated system to remember it. Vitamin is derived from the

latin word 'Vita' which means 'Life'. Life is eternal and cannot be manufactured and sold in drug stores. IT IS THE SUN ENERGY PLUS LIFE FORCE, LATENT IN FOOD MOLECULES, called Vitamin. When the food is cooked upon fire, the life (vitamin) kisses good bye and files away. Let the medical man cook himself upon fire as long as he cooks his food and then let us hear from him if he has vitamin to sell his medicine stuff. When the food is cooked upon fire, it is dead and life is gone. While the food is cooking you can smell it. What you smell is the life. No one has been able to revive the dead man by putting vitamins in it like they do to revive the foods by putting vitamins in them. Putting English alphabets in the food in the name of vitamin is nothing but a purely money making proposition at the expense of ignorance of the general public. Let us be wise and start a Live Food system in India which is full of SUN ENERGY AND LIFE called VITAMIN.

I send my appeal again through the Indian Naturopath to finance my efforts for starting a Live Food Centre and preaching a Gospel of Live Nutrition throughout India by lecturing and writing articles in The Indian Naturopath. Let us build up this magazine folks. Its improvement depends upon the number of followers we can have of Live Nutrition throughout India. Love is the natural spirit of this world, service is its law. This is our great covenant to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love and to help one another. I have no money neither to pay for my steamship passage to India nor to start any Live Food business there. Let me hear from some one who likes to invest his money for a noble cause.

TO YOUR HEALTH

Eat less, chew more.
Ride less, walk more.
Clothe less, bathe more.
Worry less, work more.
Idle less, play more.

Talk less, think more.
Go less, sleep more.
Waste less, give more.
Scold less, laugh more.
Preach less, practise more.

(Natures' Path.)

RADIUM treatment in CANCER

BY

EMANUEL JOSEPHSON, M. D.

A united Press dispatch announced to a startled public on the 23rd day of November, 1939, that Sir Leonard Hill, the distinguished physiologist, urged eliminating the use of radium in the treatment of cancer and other human ailments. If the radium which England has buried in deep holes for security from bombing were left there forever, he stated, the world would be better off. This statement he supported by the accumulated evidence that radium exposure that is sufficiently intense to produce an effect, is always *harmful*.

To many folks Sir Leonard's statement was a shocking surprise. But to the informed, the surprise was that the truth about radium had been suppressed for so long a time. Intensive publicity and propaganda extending over a period of more than three decades has created firm popular belief in its curative properties.

Until now no prominent scientist has had the courage to tell the public the truth about it; or having the courage, has been able to surmount the high wall of medical and commercial censorship of the Press set up about the topic. Only Sir Leonard Hill's great reputation and distinction as a scientist could penetrate it.

The use of radium in the treatment of human ailments has a curious history. After years of struggle spent in the discovery of radium, the Curies found that they had on their hands a substance for which there was no apparent use. In the biography of her mother, Eve Curie describes the odd joy of her parents when they found that radium belatedly would burn gaping holes in their flesh and cause painfully destructive inflammation of their fingers. Paul Curie hastened to make a report of these experiences, in 1901, to the *Academie Francaise*, which read in part as follows :

"After exposure to the rays (of radium) the skin became red it looked like a

burn, but was scarcely painful. After several days the red area without enlarging grew redder; on the twentieth day scabs formed and when they fell away they left a deep wound ...; healing of the epidermis first began on the forty-second day.....

.....Mme. Curie carried a few centigrams of very active substance in a sealed tube and received similar burns... One exposure of less than half an hour... resulted in a red spot fifteen days later, which was followed by a blister similar to that of a superficial burn, that took fifteen more days to heal.

"... We have suffered from various changes in our hands during researches..... The skin of the hands scales; the tips of the fingers which come in contact with tubes or capsules that contain very active preparations become hard and sometimes extremely painful; one of us had inflamed fingertips for a fortnight, which subsided with scaling, but at the end of two months were still painful."

In spite of the slowness with which radium unfolds its destructive effects, a group of French physicians, with true Gallic ebullience, lost no time in applying it to the treatment of human disease. The primitive state of the surgery of that era, which made dangerous and deadly large operations such as those for the removal of internal cancers, did constitute some justification for this hasty application to humans.

As time elapsed it became apparent that radium could not only destroy cancerous growths, but also could and often did cause cancer and other deadly diseases. The Curies themselves were the first victims of radium.

Long before his accidental death Paul Curie suffered from a painful bone and joint disease of the type that is caused by

radium. Marie Curie died, after years of ailing, from what Dr. Tobe diagnosed as "aplastic pernicious anemia," rapid in its course because "the bone marrow did not react, probably because it had been injured by long accumulations of radiations" of radium. Since then many folks have suffered the often painful deaths caused by radium.

But long before its dangers were manifest radium was firmly entrenched. The situation is aptly expressed by a paraphrase of Eve Curie's statement: "A radium industry was born."

Millions and tens of millions of dollars were invested in radium, its preparation, its by-products, its accessories and its use, and in allied industries and activities. Hundreds of miners have lost their lives in St Joachinsthal and Congo mines from cancer of the lung caused by the effects of radium ores, to provide the raw materials for more radium that may produce more cancer, pain and misery. The highly exploited medical use of radium made the prize worth while. Radium sold at almost ten million dollars a pound.

The victims of cancer clamoured for this substance that was widely and intensively publicized as a miraculous cure. They were willing to pay their whole fortunes to be rid of the disease which gnawed at their lives. Doctors bought bits of radium salts at exorbitant prices and sold "miraculously curative" applications, which in no wise depleted its substance, for equally exorbitant fees. Charges ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars for radium applications were not unusual. Radium purchases paid good dividends on the investments.

The word radium became synonymous with the treatment of cancer. Radium was acclaimed as a cure-all and was used in the treatment of every conceivable disease, real or imaginary. Radium drinking water was recommended and imbibed for the preservation of everlasting youth. As Eve Curie says; "Radium was useful... magnificently useful."

Eventually radium was produced from ores mined in Colorado, and there arose the question of the business-stimulating testimonial or acceptance by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association. Persistently the Association discriminated against the American product and refused its acceptance.

Mr. Flannery, the president of the Standard Chemical Company which produced the American radium, was distraught by the persistent rejection of the product by the A. M. A. and sought the advice of an eminent authority on drugs.

"The quality of our radium has been affirmed by Mme. Curie as identical with her preparation, and there can be no doubt or question about the quality of our product," he related. "But I have done everything possible to secure the acceptance of our product by the American Medical Association without any success."

"Everything" asked the doctor. He suggested that other methods might be tried.

Two weeks later Mr. Flannery informed the doctor that the A. M. A. Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry had accepted all of the products of the firm. Included among them was radium drinking water.

The accepted radium drinking water has proved to be highly poisonous and deadly. The death of millionaire manufacturer named Byers, one of its many victims, gave the "curative and youth restoring" drink international notoriety. As a consequence its use was barred by health authorities and by the law. Then Dr. Morris Fishbein editorially attacked the radium drinking water in the columns of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, without mentioning the fact that the product was accepted and recommended to the profession and the public by his Association and advertised and publicized in the *Journal of the A. M. A.*

Associations were formed to "control cancer". If they incidentally increased

the returns on their doctors' investments in radium, that was hardly unexpected. On the contrary, their physicians have fought among themselves over the splitting of the business which the Associations lure. Since much of their money is invested in radium, it is natural that they should favor the use of radium.

The more closely one studies the situation, the more one is inclined to wonder whether the true function of these cancer associations is not possibly to place cancer on a more lucrative financial plane. They do serve to give a virtual monopoly of the cancer business to the cliques of doctors who dominate them; and some of them count the annual returns of the business, which they have built up in this manner, in six or more figures.

Some of these doctors proclaim themselves to be "authorities" and "specialists" in cancer. Since virtually nothing is known concerning the true nature of cancer, these specialists might be regarded as approaching the acme of specialization: Specialists are men who know more and more about less and less.

"The acme of specialization is one who knows everything about nothing."

The "authorities" systematically deny everything that does not emanate from themselves. They always allege as the reason, that the material to which they object would be used for the exploitation of the public.

Since a few doctors would be robbed of their livelihoods and incomes by an effective method or prevention of cancer, they can be depended upon to reject promptly any such method that might be discovered. As omniscient specialists they vehemently scorn and discredit any such possibility. They hopefully insist that the cancer problem will be with us forever. They levy contributions and support from the public and from the Federal and local governments.

These cancer associations have been formed for the purpose of gathering cancer

statistics and not for the relief of cancer victims or for the payment of institutions for their care. They have succeeded in establishing a virtual censorship of the press on the subject of cancer.

With the aid of the press, the cancer association maintain a constant cancer hysteria and phobia among the public and a constant flow of patients into the offices and clinics of their doctors. It would be interesting to know how many millions of dollars each year are mulcted by them from persons suffering from cancer-phobias created deliberately by this propaganda. Every phase of the cancer problem approved by them is garishly exploited in the press.

In the propaganda the associations resort to gross misrepresentation and deception. Their favourite expedient is cancer statistics. They tell the public that cancer is increasing. Some of the truth in this regard has been told by Dr. Madge T. Macklin of the University of Western Ontario Medical School. She points out that some of their increase is apparent, not real. She said; "We must all die of something, and it is inevitable, as we eliminate one cause of death after another, that we increase the death rate from the causes that remain; for while we may increase the length of life, we do not decrease the certainty of death."

A bit more of the truth regarding the death-rate from cancer was related by Dr. William W. Sanford in a letter in the New York Times of April 25, 1939. He pointed out that the diagnosis of cancer as cause of death is frequently false. There are also other things that are common knowledge among the initiate such as:

1. The diagnosis of cancer is not always reliable even when a part of the tumor can be removed and examined under the microscope. For if such tissue is submitted to pathologists often there will be as many different diagnoses as there are pathologists.

2. There has grown the practice of covering up rotten surgery by false diagnosis of cancer, to justify needless infections and deaths and to protect the surgeons' reputations.

These factors also account for many members of the "Cured Cancer Club."

The American Society for the control of cancer has gained a dominant position in the field of cancer. Under social service auspices it was organised in 1913 by delegates from medical societies associated with the Congress of Physicians and Surgeons, and was incorporated in 1922. The Society states in its publications that it cooperates with those paragons of altruism and virtue—the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the American Public Health Association, and the national radiologic societies. It describes its functions as follows:

"To collect, collate and disseminate information concerning the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer, to investigate the conditions under which cancer is formed and to compile statistics in regard thereto."

Its progress and conquest of the field in which it operates was such that it could boast in the October 1937 issue of its BULLETIN as follows.

"The Society is effectively passing through a period of transferred emphasis of its major activity and is well on the road to assuming a position of national influence similar to that of the National Tuberculosis Association."

This means that the Society is becoming the official cancer agency of the Medical-Social-Service Trust.

Shortly thereafter the Society also gained direct representation in the Federal Government with the support of the National Association of Science Writers, through the formation of the Cancer Research Institute under the United States Public Health

Service. On the advice of its Cancer Advisory Council, composed of officers of the Society, two hundred thousand of the seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars appropriated by Congress for the Research Institute were spent, as might be expected, for the purchase of radium.

The American Society for the Control of Cancer has been quiet successful in securing the full cooperation of the press. It won the hearts of the editor-members of the National Association of Science Writers in October 1938, by bestowing on the Association the Clement Cleveland medal "for outstanding work in the campaign to control cancer". In presenting the medal on behalf of the Society, Mrs. Mead said to Mr. William Laurence, who has given the Society liberally his newspapers' space and represented the science writers. "...Because of this Association, small and select in its membership and rigid in its requirements for admission, the doctors working in cancer feel that they are safe in giving to the public through this medium such facts as they are entitled to know and use."

The Society has free access to the new columns, and the reliance of editors on it for cancer news is tantamount to censorship. The Society and its officers enjoy persistent favorable publicity.

In order to secure first-hand information about the operations of the Society, in the role of a layman I visited the office of a local committee. Photographs of certain doctors modestly adorned the walls of the committee's office.

I told a person in charge that I was making an inquiry on behalf of a woman friend who was suffering from what she thought might be a cancer of the uterus.

"The lady should go to the Woman's Hospital for examination," I was told. "Who will she see there?" I asked. I was told the name of the doctor. "Suppose the lady would like to be examined privately" I queried. "The Doctor has a private office at the hospital," I was informed.

I asked the name of a doctor, a large and attractive picture of whom hung on the wall. He proved to be an ultra-specialist in cancer whose dicta have a finality. The lady was therefore referred to the St. Luke's Hospital where this doctor would examine her for a fee of ten dollars. The Society informed me that the charge for X-ray or radium treatment might range from twenty-five to a hundred or more dollars.

Dr. Francis Carter Wood, Director of the Crocker Cancer Institute, is reported to have expressed as recently as 1921, views regarding radium less flattering even than those of Sir Leonard Hill. These statements were as follows:

"Radium is but the weapon of the charlatan and the quack," voiced he, before the graduating class in medicine of Columbia University, in 1917,

"As for radium in cancer work, it effects very few cures, perhaps one out of every thousand," reported in an interview of the NEW YORK TRIBUNE, October 14, 1921.

X-ray treatment, which, as Sir Leonard suggests, is more readily subject to control than radium, has been responsible for the death of many more cancer workers than even radium. The dreadful character of the slowly progressive death by radium is illustrated by the recently demised Dr. Charles Vaillant, a French Pioneer in radium work. After losing phalanx after phalanx, digit after digit, member after member, and limb after limb, by amputation because of radium-induced cancer, the balance of him succumbed early in December, 1939.

The sharper danger of X-rays is illustrated by the experience of C. P. Injured while driving a truck, his condition was diagnosed at one hospital as a fracture of the skull. He was a work-men's compensation case and the insurance company ordered his immediate removal to another hospital where its consultants conveniently diagnosed a tumor of the skull and stated that the man's condition had nothing to

do with the injury, thus saving the insurance company a large sum of money.

In spite of the fact that this diagnosis appeared to release the company, it insisted upon P, going to a third hospital for X-ray of his head. At the third hospital he was given intensive X-ray treatment which was continued even after he developed a dangerous X-Ray burn.

When he refused further X-ray treatment on my advice because of the danger of cancer, he was ordered by the company to return for treatment, under the threat that he would receive no compensation. Within two years P. died from generalized cancer caused by persistent X-ray burning. This might be labelled death by X-ray. The insurance company completely escaped payment of compensation on this case.

The success of the cancer associations in preventing competition or the introduction of new methods of treatment other than operation, X-ray and radium, is illustrated by the Coffey-Humber affair. These two prominent Pacific Coast physicians prepared from the adrenal cortex a substance similar in action to that recently announced by Dr. F. E. Adair of the Memorial Hospital for the relief of pain and the arrest of cancer. Nevertheless the Memorial Hospital group vigorously opposed the Coffey-Humber treatment and clinic; and the West Coast doctors' method was discredited without trial. Though they rendered, free of charge, treatment that may well be useful, they were accused of profiteering on human misery.

The accusers particularly pretended to bemoan the expense incurred by the victims from the East who were compelled to travel to the West Coast for treatment. But when in 1932 a philanthropist offered the doctors a clinic on Long Island, the cancer associations, organized medicine and the New York Academy of Medicine opposed and blocked the granting of a license for the competitive clinic.

It is highly probable that in the instance of cancer there will be repeated the

history of the diet deficiency diseases. Defective diet as a cause of disease, scurvy, was first brought to light in 1740, not by doctors, but by seamen. Organised medicine refused to accept this discovery until a century and a half later even after vitamins were discovered and isolated, the American Medical Association refused until 1921 to "accept" or sanction the advertisements of such "nostrums" as cod-liver oil.

It is highly probable that among the cancer discoveries which have been made but have not been publicized there lies the solution of the problem. It is worthy of note that in recent researches, such as that published from the Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research on the checking of a type of cancer growth in animals with liver and yeast, the role of diet and hygiene in the prevention and control of cancer is coming to the fore.



**Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of
The Indian Naturopathic Association, Bezwada,
Held on 19-10-1940 in Surya Vilasam at Dantalur Agraharam at 1 P. M.**

Resolutions:—

- I Resolved that the statement of accounts for the year 1939 prepared by the manager be passed
- II Resolved that the following be elected as office-bearers for the current year :

President: K. Lakshman Dr. Sarma

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N. D.

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- III Resolved that the following be nominated as office-bearers of the Association, from the various provinces under sections 46 and 49 of the rules and the by-laws made thereunder:—

Vice-Presidents:—

Andhra: B. S. Gopala Rao

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BRITISH CHILDREN IN CANADA

The Vaccination muddle and how they got out of it?

From 'Vaccination Inquirer' London.

Dr. Mc Ghie, Deputy Minister of Health for the Province of Ontario, informed the Toronto 'Star' (14th June) that when the refugee children from Great Britain reached Toronto, they would be segregated for a week or 10 days for medical inspection, vaccination, tuberculine testing, and a single dose of toxoid.

Those arranging the evacuation in this country had given an assurance that only South Africa required the children to be vaccinated, and no intimation had been received as to what the Toronto medical officials were planning. The League's Secretary brought Dr. Mc Ghie's statement to the notice of over 50 members of the parliament, who were very concerned. Several expressed their intention to do what they could to safeguard the children, and Mr. William Leach, Mr. Rhys Davies and Mr. R. R. Stokes were amongst the M. P's who put questions to Mr. Geoffery Shakespeare about the matter.

These questions were cabled to Canada and on 18th and 19th July, all the Toronto papers published interviews with various medical officials and others in authority from which it appeared that the children would certainly be vaccinated and tuberculine tested and unless they objected would be toxoided.

On 11th July, Mr. Shakespeare had informed Mr. Rhys Davies that if a medical examination had taken place in this country, no further examination of the children would be required in Canada, beyond the customary line-up inspection at the post of arrival to ensure that no illness had developed during the voyage. He added that vaccination is not compulsory in Canada, except during an outbreak of small-pox.

It was not until 31st July that the Ontario Minister of Welfare and Minister

of Health, after a conference with certain officials, decided not to insist on the vaccination and inoculation of these children.

We presume that some communication must have gone from the London Committee arranging the evacuation or from Canada House, which resulted in this cancellation of the plans made by Dr. Mc Ghie. The newspaper reports on 18th and 19th July had maintained that toxoiding of the refugees was held to be not unreasonable, and that not more than a week would be needed for toxoiding the war guests. Hon. Eric Cross was reported to have said that "If a complete examination was made and treatments given in England before the child sailed, it would be waived after their arrival in Toronto." Hon. H. J. Kirby, Minister of Health said: "When the children arrive in Toronto, we move them to the university residences, where accommodation is available for around 1300 of them. We will X-ray their chests, give them any necessary dental treatment and follow the accepted practice of urban centres immunising them against diphtheria. However no coercion will be used to force them to accept the toxoid treatment. 'So far as vaccination is concerned,' he said, 'if a child has been vaccinated before leaving England no re-vaccination is necessary.' Much space was also given to the opinions of Dr. Bates, Secretary of the Health League of Canada, who might be medical dictator of the Province of Ontario, judging by the deference paid to his opinions. He advocated compulsory vaccination and toxoiding of all the children.

No one appears to have remembered that the Canadian quarantine laws permit the admission of unvaccinated persons from areas in which there is no smallpox, or that even in the days of steerage, passengers were required to be vaccinated, they were given the alternative of quarantine for 14 to 21 days from the last date on which

they have been in contact with a case of smallpox.

Mr. Kirby had referred to X.raying the children, but officials of the health and welfare departments were reported by the 'Globe and Mail' for 18th July, to have said: 'If for example, a child reacted to the tuberculine test, he would be placed immediately under care for tuberculosis and hospitalised if necessary, which shows that tuberculin testing was contemplated.

However, the newspapers of 1st August reported the children would be examined to ensure that they were in good health when they arrived, and the question of vaccination and inoculation would be left to their foster parents.

When the earlier batches of children arrived in Toronto, at the beginning of July not a single case of contagious disease was discovered amongst them. Nevertheless Dr. Jackson, the Medical Officer of Health, insisted on the need for toxoiding British children against diphtheria. As there is practically no Diphtheria in Ontario and as healthy British children would not take diphtheria with them, it is difficult to see

how there could have been any danger to the Canadian children, especially as Bates declares that they have all been toxoided.

Our Canadian supporters pay tribute to the National Anti Vaccination League in bringing about this triumph of medical freedom. The League thanks its supporters in the House of Commons for their persistence in raising the matter with Mr Shakespeare. Mr Shakespeare too, we believe, has rendered much appreciated service in making representations to the Canadian Government, and we understand that Miss Thelma Cazalet M. P. of the Evacuation Committee took a hand in the matter.

Parents sending children to Canada should give their instructions if they do not wish them to be vaccinated, or toxoided to inform their foster parents of their parents strong objection to these treatments. We cannot imagine that foster parents' would take the risk of injury or even death which is by no means remote result of vaccination. As in some Canadian cities only 5% of the children have been vaccinated, the chances are that, most of the foster parents will not wish the children to undergo that operation.

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