

MR. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Mr. Shaw's latest book, *Everybody's Political What's What*, published in his 89th year, is in such demand that the first edition was sold within a few days of publication.

Anti-vaccinists will revel in Mr. Shaw's chapter on "The Man of Science," "The Medical Man" and "Law and Tyranny."

In his chapter on "The Medical Man" Mr. Shaw shows how the conversion of the believer in Bible miracles to a believer in "the miracles of science" may easily be a change for the worse. "The most staggering political instance of this occurred," he maintains, "when our governing classes changed their belief in the efficacy of baptism for a more fanatical belief in the efficacy of vaccination, and made it compulsory by law." Although it failed to fulfil its promises, received its death wound from the epidemics of smallpox in 1871 and 1881, and the home-made statistics on which it was based were easily pulled to pieces by its opponents, "compulsion was not withdrawn until a monstrous persecution, ruthlessly enforced by deluded magistrates, provoked a rebellion against it to which Parliament had to yield. Yet," says Mr. Shaw, "the medical broadcasters and writers of leading articles still keep repeating like parrots that vaccination abolished smallpox, though vaccinia is now killing more children than smallpox."

After describing how the suppressive treatment of syphilis and malaria may do terrible harm and how the allopaths, Nature Cure practitioners and the homeopaths all assert with conviction that their particular system is the only one that brings the desired result, and the difficulties in which this involves the statesmen, with a paragraph on how this evil might be partly remedied, Mr. Shaw returns to the evil of enforced inoculations. Showing how Nature and sanitation do the work for which the doctor gets the credit, Mr. Shaw writes: "Nobody blames the doctor for the plague, which is regarded as an act of God; but as it slackens, and cases are less and less fatal, he gets the credit of all the recoveries. If he has inoculated his patients against the disease, those who escape infection attribute their immunity to the inoculation and not to the resistance of their blood to it; and as a huge majority of the deaths will be those of the poor, the illiterate, the ignorant, and the careless who have not been inoculated, imposing statistics will be available suggesting that the inoculation (or any other sort of prophylactic in use) secures immunity. . . . Of all legalized tyrannies none is more unbearable than those which lay violent hands on us and our children and inject poisons into our veins or thrust them down our throats." Telling how, when compulsory vaccination was doing its worst, doctor diagnosed cases of vaccinia as syphilis contracted and communicated to the children by the parents, Mr. Shaw writes: "But to make it and similar cases known, the anti-vacs. had to publish a special newspaper and get what circulation they could for it. The newspaper press in general would do nothing in the matter but repeat the falsehood that vaccination has abolished smallpox, and suppress every scrap of evidence to the contrary."

Mr. Shaw shows how the same thing is happening in the latest craze. He writes: "Now that vaccination has been succeeded by inoculation against diphtheria we have the same credulity, the same suppression of the fact that it has been followed by spells of infantile paralysis more or less prolonged, and the same parade of amateur statistics on a background of threats that every child who is not inoculated will die of diphtheria after infecting all other children until the human race is wiped out of existence by a bacillus which has been found in the throats of people who are quite well. Nobody mentions that the children of parents conscientious and careful enough to have their children 'immunised' will come out of any statistical test better than the children of the comparatively careless. Poverty, too, produces startling vital statistics which can be turned to account by the exploiters of any nostrum. If the jewellers had thought of claiming that the possession of a gold watch and chain is an infallible prophylactic against smallpox, their statistics would have been quite as convincing as those of the vaccinists."

THE ARCHIVE COLLECTION

THIS LITERATURE WAS COLLECTED
FROM VARIOUS SOURCES
OVER THE YEARS OF MY RESEARCH
ON VACCINATION
WHICH STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 1991.

FORTUNATELY I RECEIVED
SEVERAL DOCUMENTS
AND BOOKS FROM INDIVIDUALS
WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN
THE ANTI-VACCINATION LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN
DURING THEIR LIFE TIME.

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I HAVE SCANNED THESE PUBLICATIONS & LITERATURE
TO PRESERVE THE WEALTH OF INFORMATION
CONTAINED WITHIN THESE DOCUMENTS
IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE CIRCULATED
& MADE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WISHES
TO STUDY THE HISTORICAL DATA
SURROUNDING THIS SUBJECT.

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