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PREFACE.

TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

In introducing the following pages to the Medical Profession, and to those of the lay public into whose hands they may fall, I make no pretensions to interfere with the works of those who have written so elaborately upon the subject, but simply set forth the practical deductions I have made from more than twelve years' experience as a Public Vaccinator, and from having vaccinated nearly twenty thousand persons. At a future time I hope to be able to go deeper into the subject, and bring to bear a more extended experience acquired by their

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SOME PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS ON VACCINATION.

WHAT IS VACCINATION?

Vaccination is the transferring of a portion of the lymph from the vaccine vesicle, on the eighth day of its growth, from one human being to another, through the medium of the blood circulating in the skin, which if successfully performed results in the formation in eight days of a vesicle similar in all respects to the vesicle from which the lymph was taken, such vesicle formation being attended by more or less constitutional disturbance.

ITS OBJECT.

To prevent the individual from being attacked by smallpox, or at least to modify the course of that disease.

THE ORIGIN OF VACCINATION.

Vaccination may said to have originated from the discoveries made by Dr. Jenner in his inves-