The opponents of vaccination in England have of late been more active than ever; and, as a result of their activity, a royal commissioner has been appointed, whose duty it shall be to make a full investigation of the whole subject, and submit a report thereon. Friends of vaccination should welcome such an inquiry, as the method stands upon such a firm foundation of facts as to be able to stand the most searching examination. If it has not accomplished all that is claimed for it, the failure is due to insufficient or inefficient performance of the operation; and the sooner such abuse of it is made public, the better. It is a rather remarkable coincidence that just at this time events should transpire at Sheffield, England, which show the value of vaccination. Small-pox has recently been very prevalent in that city. In a population of about 320,000 there have been 6,088 cases of the disease, of which number 590 proved fatal. Dr. Barry, who has made a report to the Local Government Board, finds that the attack-rate of the vaccinated children under ten was 5 in a thousand; of the unvaccinated of the same age, 101 in a thousand. The death-rates for the same classes were respectively 9 and 44. In every hundred-thousand of those twice vaccinated, there were eight deaths; once vaccinated, 100 deaths; and unvaccinated, 5,100 deaths.