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The medical members of the Board of Health being satisfied that vaccination and re-vaccination is the only protection against SMALLPOX, have issued the following statement for public information.

These members are Sir Charles Mackellar, Sir Normand MacLaurin Professor Anderson Stuart, Dr. J. Foreman, and the President, Dr. R. T. Paton.

VACCINATION and RE-VACCINATION AFFORD THE ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

It is the duty of everybody to be vaccinated as each unvaccinated person is a danger to the community.

The protection given by vaccination is very great and lasts for at least five years, in most cases for a much longer period. Vaccination two or three days after exposure to the infection of smallpox will prevent it developing.

During the epidemic now present in Sydney no one who has been vaccinated twelve days has been known to take smallpox.

The experience of other countries has proved that the only way to prevent smallpox is vaccination and re-vaccination.

In Germany the law requires that during the first twenty-two years of their lives every male adult shall have been vaccinated three times and every female twice, as the result of which smallpox as an epidemic has ceased to exist in Germany: such is the practically complete protection given by re-vaccination.

Doctors, nurses, and attendants in smallpox hospitals protect themselves by means of vaccination and re vaccination

The present epidemic of smallpox in Sydney is very mild, but it may not continue to be so.

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