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‘The Middlesbrough Epidemic of Small-Pox.’

To the Editor of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*. Sir,—I see that Mr. James R. Williamson has induced you to publish one of the circular letters against vaccination which he is so industriously sending to newspapers all over the kingdom. His letter mainly consists of selections from an essay by Mr. Alfred Russell Wallace, which is crammed full of misrepresentations and fallacies. I will not on the present occasion trouble your readers with a dissection of them, but will invite their attention to the closing paragraph of the letter in which the writer suggests that the Middlesbrough epidemic “ought to open the eyes of members of Parliament.” It is to be hoped that it will do so, for the facts of this epidemic illustrate in the strongest possible way the nature of the protection which vaccination affords against small-pox. It would be too much to ask you for space to explain what these facts are, but they are fully detailed in the pamphlet which I inclose with this, a copy of which I shall be happy to send to any of your readers who will write to me for it.—

Yours truly,
Francis T. Bond, M.D., of London,
Hon. Secretary, Jenner Society.
Gloucester, 18th April, 1898.

The pamphlet is entitled “Two Lessons of the Middlesbrough Epidemic of Small-Pox,” and contains some valuable information.—Ed., S. C.]

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