

## THE FAILURE OF THE VACCINATION ACTS.

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SIRS,—In the discussion which occurred recently upon Dr. T. P. C. Kirkpatrick's paper, read before the Section of State Medicine in the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland, on January 8th, 1915, and reported in the *Lancet*, February 19, Sir John Moore is reported as having said that he looked upon Dr. C. K. Millard as "sitting on the fence" (presumably between the pro-vaccinists and the anti-vaccinists).

With all deference and respect to Sir John Moore and at the risk of appearing egotistical, may I suggest to him that I am not sitting on a "fence," but on a granite wall; and having succeeded in climbing there after many years of groping, I find my position so secure, and my outlook so much wider and less obscured, that I have certainly no inclination to descend again into either the camp of the pro-vaccinists or that of the anti-vaccinists.

But surely Sir John Moore cannot seriously think that after I have consistently adhered to my position for twelve years, and after having just published my views in permanent form,\* I am still halting between two opinions or, to use his own expression, sitting on the fence!

I am, &amp;c.,

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Town Hall, Leicester,  
4th March, 1915.

\* The Vaccination Question in the Light of Modern Experience: An Appeal for Reconsideration. H. K. Lewis. [This "notable contribution to the literature of the Vaccination Question," as we described it, was reviewed in the number of the Dublin Journal of Medical Science for November, 1914. Vol. 138. Third Series. No. 515. Pages 352 *et seq.*].

## ERRATA.

In the March number, page 162, line 2 from foot of page, for "Speak up, Sir Sarden Sum," read "Speak up, Sir, *surdus sum.*"

Page 166. In the third line from top, omit "1828" and insert "page 96,"