

PRACTICE OF VIVISECTION

Subject Discussed from the Points of View of Science and Humanity.

RESTRICTIVE MEASURE BEFORE CONGRESS

Political Pressure Exerted for and Against the Practice—Symptoms of Warm Opinions by Eminent Men.

A crusade against the practice of vivisection is being inaugurated throughout the country by the National Humane Alliance and kindred societies.

The medical journals during the past week one of the resolutions advocated a general action to put a stop to the vivisection of animals.

The Bee has secured from the most prominent advocates and opponents of vivisection their opinions as to the scientific value and practical humanity of the practice of vivisection.

Dr. George P. Shady is asked to state his opinion for or against vivisection. As editor of the Medical Record he has kept abreast of general opinion on this subject and is well qualified to speak.

"Well, you know I am considered to be an arch enemy of the vivisectionists, but as a matter of fact my disposition is such that vivisection when I am present causes me more pain than it does the animals.

"Now I do not think that the practice of vivisection in schools can be justified from any standpoint. It is wrong every way you look at it.

"The preventing of disease is quite as important as the getting of the ordinary sustenance of life. In getting that sustenance it is one of nature's laws that one animal shall kill another.

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term 'animal experimentation' in preference to 'vivisection, for it is not always necessary to hurt animals in experimenting upon them.

"I am opposed to many of the luxuries of life, but when its necessities are considered nothing should stand in the way. I will illustrate with my own dinner table.

"Regarding the first claim, Prof. Yeo, a well known experimental physiologist of England, has estimated that 75 per cent of all physiological experiments are painless.

"Regarding the second claim, among hundreds of similar cases that of nitrite of amyl may be cited. Since 1866 this drug has been used to counteract the terrible pain of angina pectoris.

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"In our own journal we have published from time to time accounts of some atrocities which have taken place in institutions throughout the country.

"There is nothing new to be said about this thing, unless some development takes place. We can but reiterate our arguments over and over again.

"I do not think any danger is likely to result from the efforts of the National Humane Alliance. If the point of actual legislation is reached the doctors of the country will rise up and most effectively protest.

"It seems to me that the most effective argument you can use against these people is to note the standing which doctors have relatively in any community.

professors under him to inflict unnecessary cruelty upon helpless animals? In short, the claims of these people really are not worth serious consideration.

Favorable Reasons. Mr. E. C. Vick, the secretary of the National Humane Alliance, which association met in Washington this week for the purpose of promoting legislation for the restriction of vivisection in the United States.

The greatest argument I have against vivisection is that it has never produced one valuable fact for science. I do not know of any bit of good which has been accomplished by it.

"In one of the east side New York school districts in which some slaughter houses were located, it was noticed that the general trend of the school children's characters were toward blood-thirstiness.

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"The general were relieved, and what at first seemed an awkward predicament, proved to be one of the funniest incidents of the day.

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Law Should Regulate the Matter. President John P. Haines of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals graphically showed his position on the question of vivisection by pointing to some volumes of protest which he had built up against the practice.

"I like every member of my profession, I was brought up in the belief that vivisection had been obtained almost by an important fact in physiology, and that many of our most valued means of saving life and diminishing suffering had resulted from experiments on the lower animals.

science, which is called vivisection, is, in my judgment, to be condemned.

"First—Because there is really no necessity for it.

"Second—Because it has been proved to be not only useless, but misleading.

"Third—Because it takes the place of other methods of study and observation which are infinitely preferable and to which no one can possibly object.

"Fourth—Because it is a gross and cruel abuse of the power which God has given us over the lower animals, and virtually a surrender of our chief claim to mercy for our own sake.

"The bugle sounded and the column passed, marching in splendid form to the music of the various bands, each doing its best.

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EXPERIENCE ON BOARD A TRANSPORT

Delphic Orders from Army Officers and a Raid by Enlisted Men on Delicacies Stored in the Ship's Hold.

On the return trip from Santiago to the United States one volunteer regiment shared a transport with the 'Stentch regular infantry. The transport had just returned from Porto Rico, where it had disembarked a regiment of western volunteers.

"Ten-shun! The field rations issued at Santiago were for the trip. There are plenty of such rations in the hold. There are also delicacies there which we have no authority to touch.

"The reader may interpret that order to suit himself. This was not the only occasion during the campaign that volunteers heard such an order with similar results.

"It happened somehow that the officer of the guard was a volunteer. The sentry at the hatchway to the hold was also a volunteer. The details from the two regiments slid down the ladder to the hold.

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