

## VACCINATION.

Frequent objection has been made by parents to procure certificates of vaccination. The following sections of the law of 1864, are printed, to show that the teacher or commissioner has no discretion. He must require the certificate or pay the penalty.

Parents who neglect to have their children vaccinated, are also liable to be fined.

None can plead poverty as an excuse. The law provides for the gratuitous vaccination of children of indigent parents.

The great importance of this subject to health and even life ought to commend it to the prompt acquiescence of all who have the guardianship of children. Only ignorant and obstinately prejudiced persons refuse to comply. Such, the law coerces by a fine.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE LAW OF 1864.

It shall be the duty of every parent or guardian to have his or her child vaccinated within twelve months after its birth, if it shall be in proper condition, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and if such parent or guardian shall have any other person under his or her control or care, not duly vaccinated, he or she should cause such person or persons to be vaccinated prior to the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this section, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a sum not less than five, nor more than ten dollars.

No teacher in any school shall, after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, receive into such school any person as a scholar until such person shall produce the certificate of some regular practicing physician that such applicant for admission into the school has been duly vaccinated. Any teacher so offending shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars for each offence, and no public school trustee, or commissioner, shall grant a permit to any child to enter any public school without such certificate, under the same penalty.

All fines imposed under the provisions of this Act shall be recovered before a justice of the peace, in the same manner as small debts are recoverable, for the use of the School Fund of the county or city in which such offence shall occur.

For every child vaccinated, whose guardian or parents are too poor to pay for the service, the County Commissioners of the several counties, or the City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, shall pay or cause to be paid to the physician performing the service, the sum of fifty cents for every such case, on presentation of such account duly authenticated by an affidavit setting forth that the service was duly performed, and that the parents or guardians are unable to pay for said service.

It shall be the duty of every practicing physician in this