

winter to remove the ashes. The ash-hoist is near the fresh air intake so that, unless the plenum fan is stopped while ashes are being emptied, quantities of ashes are taken into the general air circulation. Results are similar when coal is delivered during school sessions, although the coal is always dampened. If the furnaces, ash-hoist and coal bin had been placed at the back of the school, this menace to the health of the children and teachers would have been avoided and more room would have been available for coal bins which might have been excavated under the playgrounds.

All of these defects could have been avoided by consulting school men and women before plans were drawn. After the plans were drawn, and while the building was under construction, several defects might still have been remedied if telephone messages and letters from those on the ground had been heeded. An educational advisory committee on school planning, presided over by the chief inspector, would be of great assistance to the business administrator in planning buildings for school purposes. The Building Department exists for the schools, not vice versa. During recent months principals and inspectors have been freely consulted on all matters of school planning.

SCHOOL HYGIENE

Sweeping, Dusting and Scrubbing*.

The sweeping appears to be done regularly. Dusting, however, has been very unsatisfactory. In response to the Bureau's questionnaire ten teachers stated that their class-rooms were dusted daily. One gave the same answer followed by a mark of interrogation. One stated that her room was frequently dusted. Two just used question marks. Such expressions as "occasionally," "seldom, if ever," are used by eight teachers; two teachers wrote that their rooms were never dusted, five teachers made no statement, one was non-committal, and one said she didn't know when her room was dusted.

An inspection of the corridors showed that they were mopped rather than scrubbed and the Bureau was informed that the floors are not scrubbed four times a year as required by the regulations. The floors were streaky in many places. The floor of the new manual training room was observed to be very dark. The reason given was that it had been oiled before being thoroughly cleaned. As pointed out elsewhere, the floor of the Kindergarten is seldom clean enough to make its use for floor exercises possible.

Heating and Ventilation.

At all times during visits the class rooms were sufficiently warm. There appears to have been some trouble during winter months, due, apparently, to deficiency in boiler power. It appears also that the radiating surface in the north rooms is about the same as that in the south, although, other conditions being the same, it should be considerably

*The Bureau is informed that the caretaker has since been transferred to a smaller school.