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MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS AND THE PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.*

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By the term Medical Inspection, I understand the inspection of schools by a sanitary inspector under the direction of the Medical Health Officer, as well as inspection by the Medical Health Officer himself.

At the outset I may candidly state that I do not intend to follow closely either the official programme, or the preliminary announcement, but to broaden the subject so as to touch upon school sanitation from what should be the standpoint not only of local boards of health, but of all school boards, viz., the physical well-being of school children.

This ground I shall endeavor briefly to cover in the order in which experience generally comes to us (1) from the standpoint of cure, and (2) from the standpoint of prevention; or, in other words:

- (1) What can be done in the presence of an epidemic?
- (2) How can we minimize the danger of having one?

Under topic, or question, No. 1. I may be permitted to give in outline some experience gathered by the Berlin Board of Health in the years 1897 and 1898, at which time I had the honor to be connected with the Board in the capacity of chairman.

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