

I consider is a very serious one, and that is, that these girls whose teeth are in the state I have described will, in a few years' time, be the mothers of the next generation. What about the chances of their children, unless we now do our duty by their mothers, and give them a fair chance to grow up as strong, healthy women?

"I am thankful that, after years of personal experience, I am able to say that this can be done; but it will have to be by systematic half-yearly dental inspection of their school children's teeth in time to save them. In connection with this inspection, dental hospitals for the care of the teeth of the children of the poor would require to be provided, all of which can be done without increasing the taxes of the citizens, as this work can be made self-sustaining.

"The Toronto Trades and Labor Council has taken much interest in the subject, and has passed a resolution to be forwarded to the Minister of Education and the Public School Board, requesting that action be taken in the matter of providing systematic dental health inspection for the children in our public schools.

"Trusting that your Board will give this important subject (which has much to do with the welfare of the present and of the coming generation) its careful attention,

"I remain, most truly yours,

(Signed)

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The following resolution, which was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted by the Toronto Dental Society, was also submitted: "This Society, appreciating the menace to the present health and physical development of children whose teeth are in an unhealthy condition, desire respectfully to represent to the Provincial Board of Health, in view of the importance of the health and well-being in future years, of good and useful teeth in childhood, it is in the highest degree desirable that some scheme be devised to direct public attention to that subject, and that the Board of Health be requested to give the matter its earliest consideration."

Dr. Herbert Adams, a physician of this city, who was present at a session of the Board, was also heard on the question.

It was finally decided to refer the matter to the Committee on School Hygiene with instructions to report.

In forming an opinion on the necessity of dental inspection, a city physician is unable to draw as largely from his personal experience of dental disease as he can in judging upon the prevalence of ordinary diseases with which he is familiar in his practice. Dental ailments for many years have been peculiarly the province of dentists, and few physicians, except some in the