

ing this, it would remove other unsatisfactory conditions of school life, including bad lighting and defective ventilation, overcrowding and over pressure, which together or separately are sources of fatigue and injured sight.

Again, it is pointed out that physical exercises in suitable playgrounds, have a wonderful bearing upon the health of children. And before sanctioning, therefore, any substantial outlay in specific medical treatment, the Board of Education should insist upon the necessity of receiving assurance that the local authority concerned has taken this into consideration and was really attempting to grapple with the local problem in a broad and scientific way. The British Board of Education advises that existing machinery in each area be used before hastily embarking upon an attempt to create new agencies, institutions or instruments of amelioration, and suggests a healthy economy in the use of such machinery or resources; an economy that might be obtained by wise co-operation between the local authority and neighboring authorities.

Dental disease has received separate treatment in Dr. Newman's Report, probably because it calls for aid from a special branch of the medical profession, the dental; and on account of the universal prevalence of oral trouble, so vast and often so imperfectly appreciated in its bearing upon the general health of the sufferers.

We believe that this report of Dr. George Newman marks a real epoch in the history of education, not only in England and Wales, but elsewhere. The report clearly indicates the lines upon which education should be conducted in the future; and in reading it one realizes the great fact that healthy bodies are a condition absolutely precedent to sound minds.

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There have been a number of crimes in Ontario during the last year or so committed by people of ungovernable temper or other insane tendencies; people who were known to be mentally unsound and liable at any time to develop homicidal mania. Among the most recent of these crimes is the Goderich case, where a man beat his six-year-old son to death. This man had been arrested a year

previously for threatening to kill his wife. The rumored excuse for insane people being at large in Ontario is the insufficiency of asylum accommodation; and this in spite of the fact that the Provincial Secretary, Hon. W. J. Hanna, is one of the most efficient heads who has ever administered the department dealing with such affairs.

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One of the noteworthy features of this day and generation is the constant seeking for higher standards of living and of warefare against disease and pestilence. Much thought is given right living, attention is given sanitation and hygiene and the effect of our environment on our health is studied. All of these things are to-day regarded as of first importance. A score of years ago we were just awakening to a knowledge that these things were factors in the constant struggle against those ills that beset the flesh, while when our grandsires were boys practically no importance was attached to them.

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In the last few years some of the greatest scourges of mankind have been robbed of their power to harm or knowledge has been given the world by some student which has made it possible for mankind to ward off the attacks of these enemies. Among these are yellow fever, typhoid, small-pox, diphtheria; and much progress has been made in the fight against tuberculosis. Twenty years ago any one of these diseases was considered a most serious affliction. To-day either we may prevent infection or contagion or we may combat the disease and nullify the venom of its attack.

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So it is that we have come, in this latter day, to plead an interest in any movement that tends to better health and higher living. Not only have individuals taken up the battle, but local, provincial and the federal government have been interested. They have come to a realization of the fact that one of the most sacred duties of government is to conserve the life, health and happiness of the governed.

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Winnipeg in many ways has a tendency to lead among Canadian municipalities. The Winnipeg Health Department's cam-