

a dirty nose, with nothing whatever the matter with it only a dirty nose, with chronic ozena or a sero-sanious ichorous discharge, which even the medical man is apt to overlook, is the most venomous of all, because, when the child sneezes, as it often does, or coughs or wipes its nose upon its cuff, it scatters this infection upon book, garment, playmate, everywhere.

If these are facts, the lines upon which they must be overtaken are clearly indicated. The mouth toy must be banished from the school; space and air and sunshine provided for the child in the school-room; the teacher must be instructed and educated up to the point of recognizing the indication of contagion in children; and the school children must be inspected by a competent medical inspector whenever contagious disease appears amongst the scholars.

To cover this work in a practical manner is not always simple. It requires a recognized system and money. Municipalities generally incline to the opinion that money for the ordinary sanitary work of inspection is waste, yet as a matter of fact there is no expenditure in connection with municipal economics which yields a larger and more direct return. Moreover, the Health Department and inspectors must work in harmony with the Educational Board and school teachers, for the latter, when rightly informed upon ordinary health matters, constitute the strongest ally a Health Department can have. Every case of contagious disease must be promptly reported to the Health Office, and the case as promptly followed up. The scholars exposed or domiciled in the infected house must be rigidly excluded from school during the incubation period of the disease, and until such time as they can be certified to as no longer liable to convey the disease, and this certificate must be furnished by the officer who alone is personally responsible for controlling the epidemic. How frequently we see medical practitioners imperfectly informed as to the details and conditions of an individual case, sometimes actuated by the desire to meet the convenience of influential or wealthy parents, furnishing certificates which are not always consistent with opinions usually entertained by physicians. In Toronto, I am happy to say that, with the co-operation of the School Board, we have in the past been able to maintain the position that no child of a family wherein there has been contagious disease can be permitted to return to school without a certificate authorized and signed by the Health Officer. The ordinary contagious disease inspector has furthermore instructions to report instantly to the principal of the school where the child has attended, and must ascertain for himself that no members of the infected family are in attendance at school, and if such children are found so to be to remove them, and it is