

copy of the circular, "Suggestions for the Teaching of Cleanliness Among School Children," is being put in the hands of every teacher, with the request from the superin-

tendent that they be continuously enforced. The gist of these suggestions is that much may be done to restrict the spread of contagion by teaching habits of cleanliness.

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On behalf of the correspondent who had called your attention to one or two points in the editorial in the *Educational Monthly* of last April on "County Model Schools" I desire to make the following remarks:—

The necessity of these schools was felt more than forty years ago, and provision was then made for their establishment. Thus, in the first School Act passed in 1843 to regulate Common Schools in this province, section 57 of that Act declares:—

"That it shall and may be lawful for the court of wardens of any county in Upper Canada. . . . to raise and levy by county rate a sum not exceeding £200 (\$800), and to appropriate and expend the same for the maintenance of one or more County Model Schools, within such county, and to constitute, by by-law, or by-laws, to that effect any Township, Town or City School, or Schools within the county, to be, for any term not less than one year, such county Model School or Schools," etc.

"A sum not less than £40" was appropriated to each such school towards "the payment of the teachers and the purchase of books and apparatus." The 66th

section of the same Act also declared:—

"That in every such Township, Town, or City Model School gratuitous instruction shall be given teachers of Common Schools within the Township, Town, or City, wherein such model school may be established during such periods and under such regulations of the Township, Town, or City Superintendent may from time to time direct."

Again, in the first Common School Act prepared by Dr. Ryerson, and passed in 1846, after providing for the establishment of District Model Schools—it was declared (sec. 40):—

"That at every such District Model School gratuitous instruction shall be afforded to all teachers of Common Schools within the district in which such Model School may be established during such period and under such regulations as the District Superintendent may from time to time direct."

These county model schools (as it will be seen) had higher functions than have the county model schools of the present day. They were designed to afford instruction to persons who were already