

influence of proper regimen and correct hygienic care. The teeth of the inmates also undergo changes in the same ratio. Caries becomes less frequent, and in many instances it has been noticed that complete arrest of dental decay has taken place.

The text-book used in our Public schools at the present time contains but twenty-seven lines of matter supposed to make the complete study of the "care of the teeth." Here is an extract: "Human teeth loosen and drop out in advanced age. The wisdom teeth, so-called because they do not appear until maturity, the 'age of wisdom,' are usually the first to disappear. The structure of the tooth is so hard and compact, that long after death, when the bones of the body have all crumbled to dust, the teeth remain whole." You will all agree with me that in that quotation very little is given as to the care of the teeth, yet it is a part of the twenty-seven lines in the text-book on that subject. When the whole knowledge of an individual is summed up in so few lines, it is not strange that the "third set" appears as often as it does in early life. That a crying need of improvement exists here, I believe no one will question. I would suggest that a chapter on the care of the teeth be added to the text-book on Physiology. This should be prepared and written by a competent dentist, not by a physician as heretofore; for the average physician, although he means well, does not know much more about the preservation of the teeth than the average school-teacher.