

The ophthalmic children are kept separately, and an assistant is allowed by the Board to look after them. He has a separate dental equipment, and is paid a salary of £50 a year for an attendance of six hours per fortnight. The dental surgeon is responsible to the Board for the dental conditions of all the children and the total salary then is £150, with two surgeries equipped, but the officer is allowed to provide an assistant.

In the provinces the salaries offered to dental surgeons are so small, and the guardians, as a rule, not supplying any dental equipment, that it is very difficult for any dental surgeon to work up to the high standard of the London Poor Law Schools, where usually a thorough equipment and room is provided. We hope, however, as the value of dental attention makes itself evident in the improved condition of children's teeth, that the provincial guardians will see the importance of thoroughly equipping their dental surgeons.

Oxford Poor Law County Schools have a dental surgeon at a salary of 15 guineas per annum, for 150 boys. He attends six times a year, but must supply his own instruments and materials.

The Watford guardians have appointed a dental surgeon for 50 children, at a salary of £20 per annum. He attends fortnightly, and has been provided with a very good dental equipment.

The Birmingham guardians appointed a dental surgeon to the Marston Green Cottage Homes, but yet in this large city they have not seen the necessity of providing the dentist with a dental equipment.

This communication is only meant to convey to the congress examples of dental appointments in the Poor Law and Public Schools of England.

It will be seen that, in some of the Public Schools, a high standard is set; there is a systematic examination of the boys, the parents are advised as to their dental condition, and a dental officer attends to deal with dental disease. In other schools the importance of dental attention is being realized by the masters, and facilities are readily granted for the boys to be treated.

There is a general tendency in public schools to appreciate the value of the dentist's services; this also applies to the Poor Law Schools.

The London Poor Law authorities are leading the way in providing the dentist with an outfit capable of enabling him to do effective work, and the provincial guardians, although far behind, have made a beginning, and it is only a question of time before they follow the example of the Metropolis, and give their children equal advantages.