

health officers and others besides physicians. It pays much attention to hygiene and contains frequent notes on school affairs. Within the past month an extended editorial reference to one of its original

articles appeared in *The Lancet* and a similar reference to another, of its articles appeared in the *British Medical Journal*. This fact alone shows the high standing of this journal.

SCHOOL HYGIENE.

THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF EDUCATION.

Prof. Oliver delivered the introductory address before a conference of teachers, which recently assembled at Durham, upon the medical aspects of education. His remarks on ventilation, fatigue, the sufferings of teachers and the mental and physical condition of school children are admirable. Dr. Oliver also referred to the "Communitistic" distribution of slates, pencils, pens, etc., as undesirable. He recently took some school pens and pencils and sent them to a London laboratory where they were bacteriologically examined and pyogenic organisms found on them.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Ignorance and carelessness prevent the stamping out of tuberculosis and the interests of public health demand the education of the community about this disease. In 1900, Dr. Osler, the Medical Chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital appointed a third-year medical student to visit the home of every consumptive patient who came to the Johns Hopkins Hospital Dispensary, and

the Dispensary also published a free circular giving directions to these patients and their friends. The result has been most encouraging, the student having been able, in many cases to get the friends to take proper care of the patient so that he was not a source of danger to the community.

NOISE AND HEALTH.

When will our legislators recognize the fact that the health of the community is its most valuable asset, and take the necessary steps to assist in preserving it? Doubtless there are many noises incidental to city life which it is impossible to suppress, but a very large proportion of them are easily preventable—for instance the incessant discordant clanging of car gongs, the screeching and tooting of switch engines in railroad yards, the rattle of heavily loaded wagons over badly paved streets and the deafening yells of fruit venders and newsboys. In London the city government has recently taken steps to suppress the last-named nuisance—a proceeding which might be followed with advantage in our own cities.—
[Health.]