

tion of schools, which will make his name to be remembered when the name of Sir Robert Morant has been forgotten. It was so recognized by all, and he was sent for by the Government and the place as good as offered to him. But Sir Robert Morant blocked the appointment, as he had tried to block the work of the Congress. An outbreak of indignation in the *British Medical Journal* and elsewhere expressed the feeling of the profession on the subject, but all in vain.

It seems to me that the progress of preventive medicine has been stopped, not once nor twice, among ourselves, by just such arbitrary use of "a little brief authority." When will those intrusted with any power learn to use it for the common good, and when shall we take the trouble to require that at their hands?

The profession in Great Britain and particularly the committee appointed by the British Medical Association are now working hard on the organization of the medical inspection of schools. The chief problems are these:

1. The methods and manner of medical inspection in schools.
2. The qualification of the teacher in hygiene, and the assistance the teacher can give in the inspection.
3. The duties of the school nurse.
4. The question of remuneration.

The following, among other things, have been brought to light:

1. A tendency of school boards to underrate the amount of work. Every child should be examined carefully twice in his school life. It is not the work of a few minutes.

2. The sudden need for teachers trained in hygiene.

3. The school nurse, especially in large cities, is indispensable to the successful working of the scheme. She makes it effective. In New York, where it was begun by Miss Lilian Wald, 98 per cent. of the children who would otherwise have been excluded were able to return to their classes through the help of the school nurse. She is a link with the home. (List of school nurses in the United States: New York, 65; Boston, 20; Baltimore, 5; Los Angeles, 3; Grand Rapids, 3; Jersey City, 3; Orange, N.J., 1.)

4. There is a great tendency to underpay the school medical inspector. The Medical Inspection of Schools Sub-committee of the British Medical Association recommend that the payment should be at the rate of £50 per annum for the attendance of half a school day per week, half a school day being defined as two hours.

The Board of Education has issued two most valuable memoranda on the medical inspection of children in public elementary schools, which were republished in full in the *British Medical Journal*, the first on Nov. 30th,