

rigid and continuous preventive measures are taken, the school is a powerful agency for the spread of contagious diseases.

2. Teachers feel the need, and welcome the physician's aid.

3. Parents give no opposition when they understand the matter, and soon appreciate highly the object sought to be attained.

Naturally the need of Medical Inspection is greatest in the large cities, where the population is much congested. Urban schools, likewise, call more loudly for the system than do the rural, but there is a need, to a greater or less degree, everywhere, and the progressive colony of Tasmania has lately established the system of medical inspection in the rural schools.

Before concluding, I desire to read a few of the many testimonies of School Superintendents and Health Officers as to the value of Medical School Inspection where the system has had a fair trial. These reports came to me last May in response to a series of inquiries. They show the practical working of the system and its popular approval.

In reply to your enquiry of May 18th, I may say that we have had systematic medical inspection in the Public Schools of this city for the past eight years.

We have one medical inspector, who gives practically all his time to the work. This inspector is a regular physician of wide experience; he is likewise a member of the Board of Health. His work has been of very great service to the schools, so great, in fact, that we feel that we could scarcely do without it.

JAMES E. BRYAN, *Superintendent.*

Camden, N.J., May 23rd, 1907.

In reply to your recent letter concerning Medical Inspection in our Public Schools, I beg to say that our Board of Health appropriated \$10,000 at the beginning of the current year for this purpose. Twenty-one district physicians were named to inspect the schools. Pupils suspected of having contagious disease are sent to the office by the teachers and there examined privately by the district physician. The principal has power to exclude pupils on the order of the district physician.

F. D. DYER, *Superintendent.*

Cincinnati, May 25th, 1907.

Medical inspection is carried on in the schools of Hartford directly by the Board of Health, operating so far as exclusions from school are concerned in connection with the Board of School Visitors. It has been carried on for about eight years, and has been very successful in preventing the spread of contagious and infec-