

The value of thorough examination at the very beginning of school life, however, has been proven by the fact that about 27% of the six-year-old children have been found by this clinic to need immediate attention to their eyes. In this connection, a special student from the School of Social Work assisted materially in following up the children in the classes of the first three years and in getting the parents to provide glasses for those who needed them.

Dr. Leichter, a neighbourhood dentist, who feels strongly the needs of the school children, has spent several mornings a week in examining the children. As he could not cover all the children, he has centered his efforts upon those in the nutrition group and in the Terman classes. There is a great need for a permanently established dental clinic in the school and especially for a dental hygienist such as was provided one term. This work has been dropped all over the city, however, by the Board of Health under this Administration, but it is one of the strategic points in conserving children's health which should be resumed at the earliest possible date.

The Nutrition Experiment which has been carried on in the school for two and a half years by the Bureau of Educational Experiments, while essentially intended for research, has a practical aspect, which, from the point of view of the general experiment in grading, is of great importance. This year all the children in the entering class in September were weighed and measured the first week of school. Those who were seven or more per cent. underweight were placed in a special class and problems of health made the centre of their curriculum. Much home visiting has been done and mothers' classes have been held in connection with this work. This has been a very thorough piece of work, and should be taken over and made permanent as a part of the school. The Bureau is not going on with it next year as it feels that the experimental stage has been passed.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special co-operation with the experiment from different departments of the Board of Education has been particularly helpful.

The Department of Ungraded Classes has created special observation classes for young children so that those who are not necessarily mentally defective, but in need of an extra start, might be rescued from the discouragement of failure in the regular grades. Some of these children have been found to be real defectives, but many of them will be able to go back to the regular grades.

This department also made possible the Neurotic Class, the only one in the city. This class, in particular, has been very interesting to visitors who come from other cities where this problem has not yet been