

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS.

Some extracts are made below from the reports of the medical and dental inspectors of the pupils in the Halifax Schools, for the purpose of aiding teachers, trustees and parents throughout the country, to think of the great importance and the little cost of arranging, as the law now allows school boards to do, to have the children in the school examined once or twice each year by the best medical man in their neighborhood.

The small cost for which this can be done all over the country is nothing compared with the amount of lifelong suffering which may be obviated in the case of a few in every school, and the added years of healthy life which are likely to be secured for many of the pupils. This is really more necessary in the country than in the towns where doctors and dentists are always within easy reach. But even in Halifax, with all these advantages at a maximum, there have already been hundreds of boys and girls saved, who unknown to their parents were undergoing physical degeneration which would soon have made life a burden, or cut it short. And still a greater number not knowing what was wrong with them, or not knowing that a serious menace to health, vigor and future success, had already set in, had their attention, and their parent's attention, called to their condition in good time. When we are spending so much money in bringing foreigners to fill up our country, how much more should we be willing to spend the small amount necessary to keep our own sons and daughters alive, in good health and vigor.

Parents! discuss this at your next annual meeting. Don't let the month of June pass without considering it. Authorize your trustees to arrange with the best local medical man to inspect and report upon the health of each pupil at school. At the following annual meeting pay close attention to the medical officer's report, and see, even if you have been so fortunate as to have received no benefit on account of the perfect health of your own children, if there will not be several cases in which candidates for a broken-down or weakened life have gained a chance for a vigorous and useful life. Each such saved boy or girl is of more value than a foreign immigrant—very much more, for they are our own people. Instead of being invalids on our hands, they will be helpers. The cost of these precautionary measures, will be a mere bagatelle compared with the life, light and labor saved in the school section.

Here are are some figures from the report of Drs. Cunningham and Doyle who had charge of one-half of the Halifax City Schools.

## NUMBER EXAMINED 3050.

Anaemia.....	2.4%
Enlarged Glands.....	6.6%
Cardiac Diseases.....	2%
Pulmonary Diseases.....	7%
Skin Diseases.....	1.0%
Deformities.....	3%
Defective Vision.....	8.1%
Inflamed Eyes.....	7.8%

Defective Hearing.....	2.1%
Discharging Ears.....	5.5%
Defective Nasal Breathing.....	1%
Deformed Palate.....	7.4%
Hypertrophied Tonsils.....	3.4%
P. Nasal Growths.....	2.4%
Under Treatment.....	10.2%
Treatment Recommended.....	