

the inauguration of preventive measures against disease, examination of the eyes and ears of children, and a general study of the surroundings and habits of the scholars.—*New York Medical Journal*.

PHILADELPHIA FAVORS PAYING MEDICAL INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS

The question of granting to medical inspectors of schools remuneration for their services, which have thus far been voluntary, was considered recently by the Committee on Medical Inspection of Schools of the Public Education Association in Philadelphia. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That for purposes of uniform work and for definite and responsible organization, it is desirable that the medical inspectors of schools should be paid. It is the opinion of this committee that the work can be done by 200 inspectors, and that each should be paid \$500 for eight months' work, September 10 to June 1." The resolution was indorsed by the County Medical Society and the College of Physicians will consider it later.—*New York Medical Journal*.

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONSUMPTION IN GERMANY.

The German Department of the Interior has recently issued a set of instructions conveying compulsory precautions to be taken against the spread of tuberculosis in the empire. The instructions provide that doctors must under all circumstances

where their patients have tuberculosis of the lung or larynx, give written notice to the police as soon as the case in question has been diagnosed; that immediately after the death of a person from this form of the disease the deceased's room and effects must be thoroughly disinfected; that professional women who lay out the dead must report at once in writing to the police authorities whether the disease was of the lungs or larynx; and that keepers of hotels, lodging-houses, asylums or other public institutions shall immediately report the appearance of the disease in the establishment under their control. Noncompliance with these regulations is subject to a fine of 150 marks (\$35.70) or six weeks' imprisonment.—*New York Medical Journal*.

BATHS.

In all the new school buildings of New York space has been provided for a system of shower baths. These baths are now ready for use in two or three schools in the east side.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS REDUCES MORTALITY ONE HALF.

Dr. Reynolds, Health Commissioner, has published a statement to the effect that of 75,000 children examined in the course of eight school months in Chicago 4,539 were temporarily excluded from school on account of some contagious disease, and that as a result the mortality from scarlet fever and diphtheria has been reduced almost one-half.

SCIENCE.

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THE approaching meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Easter gives an opportunity for the discussion of important topics in connection with the

school life of our province. At the meeting of the natural science section of the Association last year, a committee was appointed to consider and report upon the position of