

"Fully aware of the suggestions that might be made, that evidence was prepared for your committee, the quotation we have given from Dr. Rose effectually dispels the idea. It is quite evident that there exists an imperative necessity for instructing our children upon the care of the teeth; the sooner this is done the sooner will the many evils arising from the present neglect be stayed.

"The possibilities of the propagation of disease in our public schools through the present condition of the children's teeth, the suffering of and the consequent discomfort of the parents, are features in our daily life which would be soon remedied by the proper instruction in our public schools as urged by Dr. Rose in Baden, and Dr. Adams, in Toronto.

"The proposals of Dr. Adams are that a periodical system of examination should be had at once, with a view to the immediate amelioration of many evils, the parents of children being advised by the examiner's report of what is required to be done, free of charge, at places duly appointed for that work. Dr. Adams and many other dentists are willing to undertake the work of examination and the dental work, so that the cost to the taxpayer would be very small; but legislation is necessary to give effect to a system of examination. At the present stage it might be safe to make it permissive with School Boards to have periodical examinations if they desire it.

"We recommend that the Minister of Education's attention be called to the matter, and the Public School Board be urged to investigate it, and if the evil is as represented they be still further urged to adopt a system of examination, if they have the power to do so; if they have not, to seek the requisite powers."

A letter addressed to Dr. Bryce on the same question by J. G. Adams, L.D.S., was also read at the same time. The following is a copy of the letter:

"TORONTO, February 10th, 1896.

"*P. H. Bryce, Esq., M.A., M.D., Secretary for the Provincial Board of Health.*

"DEAR SIR,—Allow me to call the attention of the Provincial Board of Health to the alarming change in the quality and condition of school children's teeth of the present day, and the effect of this condition on the health of the children.

"For the past twenty-three years, in addition to caring for the teeth of the children in my regular practice, I have, with the aid of assistants, carried on dental hospital work among the children of the poor of Toronto, filling and caring for their teeth free; and in addition to this I have examined the teeth of a large number of children in the public schools in leading cities of Canada, and also