

that when mechanical devices for artificial respiration are used they should be used principally as auxiliary means and then only by specially instructed laymen or physicians.

Realizing that all efforts for sanitary conditions in workshops and for clean personal habits of persons while at work would be brought to naught if the persons themselves would not make similar efforts in respect to their homes and their personal habits outside the workshop, the Board decided to prepare a set of "*Health Hints*" of prophylactic character, written in simple, concise and direct language, so that they can be readily understood by the average person. The Care of the Teeth, the Care of the Eyes, the Healing of Wounds, the Value of Proper Breathing, the Danger of Promiscuous Spitting, the Cause of Headache and of Kidney Trouble; these are some of the subjects on which the Board has prepared statements which are intended to be printed, each on a separate leaflet, for wide distribution among employees generally.

STUDY OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

The Conference Board has also entered into a careful study of diseases peculiar to certain occupations, with a view of learning the most effective treatment of such diseases and the best methods of reducing or entirely eliminating their causes. Some members of the Board who are connected with industrial establishments in which the nature of the work or the materials used are apt to cause such diseases, have become experts by special study and extended experience in this field of medical practice. With their assistance and with the help of other invited experts in this field the Board is proceeding cautiously and painstakingly in the study of "*Occupational Diseases*," and expects, in due time, to arrive at and publish definite conclusions.

Another important phase of the work of the Board is the exchange of specific experiences by the members as they encounter special situations in industry, or as they come in practical contact with the administration of workmen's compensation laws. Many of the corporations represented on the Board through their respective medical officers are operating in several States and are therefore subject to more or less widely different workmen's compensation laws and health regulations. The necessity for uniformity in statutory provisions and in their interpretation has therefore been pertinently brought home to the Board and has convinced it of the desirability and need of a standardized nomenclature and definition of medical terms as they relate to industrial work. The Board realizes that progress along these lines will be slow, but it