

intended ultimately that separate rooms, or a separate building, shall be set apart for these pupils.

In the meantime we would recommend that special consideration be given such pupils at promotion that they may not be kept in lower grades until they have reached an age where they feel so out of place that they become discouraged and drop out.

X. DISTRACTIONS.

The efficiency of the schools, especially of the High Schools, undoubtedly suffers from the lack of home discipline, which seems to characterize the present age. Children are allowed too much freedom in attending moving picture shows and in going out to various forms of entertainment, too often on the streets. No growing child can dissipate its energies in this way and be capable of doing satisfactory work in school. The period during which children can attend school is necessarily limited, and if full advantage is to be taken of it, parents owe it to their children to see that their hours of recreation are spent in such a way as to increase rather than diminish their nervous energy.

XI. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Board is to be congratulated on the provision it has made for the medical care of the teachers and children under its charge. This Department is deserving of commendation. We would, however, recommend that the head of the Department be consulted to a larger degree than at present in the appointments to and the dismissals from his staff.

1. *Morality.*

While a certain amount of morality is to be expected in so large and diversified a body of growing young people, we believe that every reasonable precaution is being taken, both by the Medical staff and the teachers in the various schools, to cope with the situation. We deprecate most strongly the exaggerated reports which from time to time have gained currency as to the amount of immorality in the schools of the city. Those having knowledge of any facts bearing upon this situation will receive the most sympathetic and serious consideration on reporting to the Municipal Inspector, the Medical Officer, or any of the teachers.

At the same time we wish to impress upon all parents the necessity for cautioning their children with regard to the dangers which menace them in any large community, and for giving such instruction in the facts of life as will safeguard them from morbid or degrading suggestions from others.

The Medical Officer and his staff are doing all in their power to safeguard our young people in this regard, but the ultimate responsibility must be thrown upon the parents.