

(2) There is need also for an organized School Medical Service. It is true that much valuable work is being done in many of the schools by Public Health authorities. But this is not the same thing as a School Medical Service, the functions of which would be a comprehensive oversight of all educational work under the Board from the physical point of view.

In England and elsewhere highly efficient services of this kind have been organized and have proved of high value. Modifications and adjustments of educational arrangements and processes, suggested by a School Medical Service, have often proved to be real economies, in the best sense of the word. For example; the care of defectives requires the active support and supervision of a School Medical Service.

CONCLUSION

The Association puts forward this statement in the hope that it may assist public opinion in forming a judgment on the general question.

Should a Single Board be constituted, it may be found desirable to form also some consultative body which might furnish the Board with advice on special problems from time to time and would also serve to keep the Board in close touch with the varied needs of a highly diversified area. Through such a consultative body, or in any other way that is legitimately open to them, the associated Protestant Teachers of the Province will be ready and eager to offer the contribution of their own study and experience to the effective handling of the not inconsiderable educational resources which the Island as a whole is able to command.

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