

water, and of cleanly habits and surroundings, and through them has an ultimate effect on the general mass of the people.

Our attention has been called to this subject by the very excellent address delivered before the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society by Professor Ruttan, and the paper which appeared in our last issue by Dr. Tait McKenzie, who has worked for some years among the youth in this city to develop physical culture under careful medical supervision. That such a state of affairs as recorded by Dr. Church, whose paper appears in this issue, should be permitted, certainly speaks very little for the supervision exercised by the Board of Health in this city over our public schools, and we earnestly hope that the resolution adopted by the Society will receive the careful consideration of both our Boards of Education.

AMERICAN MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Apropos of the coming meeting in Montreal (June 17, 18, 19 and 20), of the American Medico-Psychological Association, a few words as to the origin, constitution and objects of the organization might not be amiss.

The honor of first proposing the formation of the society is due to Dr. Samuel B. Woodward, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Lunatic Hospital, at Worcester, and Dr. Francis T. Stribling, Superintendent of the Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia, at Staunton. During a visit paid by the former to the latter, it was felt that the mutual benefit derived from their exchange of views on asylum management, made it but reasonable to suppose that the cause of the insane would be materially promoted by the meeting together at stated periods, for consultation, of all those in charge of similar institutions. It was accordingly arranged between them that Dr. Woodward should, on his way home from Virginia, call upon Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, at Philadelphia, and that they should, by mail or personal interview, confer with Dr. William M. Aul of the Ohio Lunatic Asylum, Columbus, and others interested in the good work.

The result was a meeting of medical superintendents of asylums at a then famous hostelry, Jones' Hotel, in Philadelphia, on October 16th, 1844, and the organization of an association, which it was resolved should be known as "The Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane." It was further resolved that the medical superintendents of the various incorporated or other legally constituted institutions for the insane then existing in the