

The appropriation of the Board of Education for the maintenance of these schools is based upon an average daily attendance of 100 children at each of the schools. This appropriation provides for equipment, feeding, tuition, both academic and hygiene, car tickets for those children who are too poor to provide them.

In as much as these schools are intended for children physically subnormal and presumably more susceptible to secondary infections, great care is exercised to select only such cases in which infectious pathological conditions are quiescent. Frequently it is found necessary to cope with bad environment, poverty and ignorance, and here the agencies of pure air, selected diets, and education are the remedies par excellence. After Easter holidays the medical inspector of each district is instructed to send to the chief medical officer the names of all the children in his district who are physically subnormal and who he believes would be benefited by attendance at the forest school.

The children are selected in the following order:

1. Those who are positive T.B. (closed cases).
2. Those who have been exposed to T.B.
3. Those who are subnormal from other causes—anaemia, malnutrition, etc., who might be called *suspect cases*.

Every child is reported upon a form giving name, address, age, school, grade, height, weight, chest, mentality, physical defects, personal history, family history, home conditions.

From this list submitted the chief medical officer selects about 250 of the most deserving cases in the order above named. (We find that a registered attendance of 250 children gives us a daily average attendance of about 200.) Any child selected who is suffering from adenoids, enlarged tonsils, defective teeth, etc., must have these defects corrected upon entering the school, in order that there may be no impediment to his receiving the greatest amount of benefit. The staff of each school consists of a principal, who is in charge, and two assistants, a nurse, who looks after the feeding and personal hygiene of the children. Besides these there is a cook and two kitchen help. These schools are open about six months of the year. From the middle of May until about Nov. 1st, or as long as weather conditions will permit. During fair weather the children spend about 10 hours in the open. They arrive about 8.15 a.m. and leave for home about 6.15 p.m. The following is the daily routine: Breakfast, 8.30; school, 9.00—10.30; then a glass of milk and a play period; school, 10.45—11.30; then another play period and a wash-up for dinner at 12. From 1.00 to 3.00 they sleep in the open. Then a glass of milk, and school 3.15—4.15; then a play period and a wash-up for supper at 5.00. Afterwards a play period