

be the only result produced. Our schools should be inspected as to their sanitary condition by an official independent of the local authorities. Whether such officials should be appointed by the Government or by the local authorities, their appointments being permanent unless it can be shown that they have been guilty of malfeasance in office, is a question beyond the scope of this paper. One thing however is certain they should not be liable to dismissal at the caprice of any body. Whether they should be sanitary inspectors specially appointed for this work or whether this work should form part of the duties of county medical health officers is a question which might be profitably discussed by this association.

Gentlemen, I have laid before you my views on this most important subject. I have pointed out what I consider dangers to the health of our children. I have told you candidly where, in my opinion, the responsibility rests. I have suggested how the dangers from these defects in our schools may be minimised. Such as my views are you have them. I trust that my remarks will have the result I hoped for when I consented to read this paper, viz., to open a discussion on the subject I have just had the honour of bringing to your attention.

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