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ADDRESS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF EXECUTIVE HEALTH
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Gentlemen of the Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Of the many subjects which claim the attention of an association such as ours, some have already been discussed at former meetings and some are comparatively new. One of the more important of the latter is the regular daily medical inspection of schools. As you know, according to Schedule B of the Public Health Act, it is the duty of a medical health officer of a municipality, if thought advisable by the Board of School Trustees, to act as Medical Inspector of Schools, as well as advisory officer in matters pertaining to school hygiene. When a contagious disease, such as scarlet fever or diphtheria, attacks a number of pupils attending a school, the services of the Medical Health Officer are called into requisition by the Board of School Trustees in order that the necessary preventive measures, such as isolation and disinfection, may be put into operation. As a matter of fact, in our own city schools at least, the services of the Medical Health Officer are frequently required, and the reason of this is based on a fact, which has long been known to exist, namely, that the public school is always a centre of infection towards which the contagious diseases, incident to child-life, make their way from infected homes, and from which these same diseases are carried to

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