

made out, and a report sent to the parents with a letter from the medical officer, sent at the wish of the head master, and an estimate of fees is quoted. It is quite optional on the part of the parents as to whether the work is done at the college or not. A report is, if necessary, sent with chart in the case of all new boys who do not see a dentist regularly, and no work is undertaken for new boys without the written consent of parents or guardians. Other boys desirous of professional attendance are considered as private patients, but the fees must not exceed £4 4s. without written consent from parents or guardians. The dental room is within the college and belongs to the medical officer's suite. The medical officer attends for all anesthetic administrations. Hours of work are from 7 a.m. or 7.30 a.m., according to time of year, and ends at 3.30 p.m., with intervals for meals.

Mr. Baker, the dental surgeon, who has kindly furnished the above particulars, has attended at the college for the last eight years at the invitation of the head master. He, from his experience, has been much struck by the fact that the boys going there now are very much better looked after, as regards their teeth whilst at preparatory schools and before they pass through his hands, than was formerly the case; nothing like the number of extractions are now, he states, required. Mr. Baker strongly holds the opinion that the six-year-old molars, if thoroughly filled when the patients are thirteen years of age and upwards, will last splendidly, and, except for overcrowding, keep all of these teeth possible, as they will, he believes, make most useful masticatory organs whether filled or crowned.

Wellington College.—Mr. Vernon Knowles, who has given me the following information, has attended this school for the past nine years, weekly, during term time. His rooms are outside the college buildings, these, as well as the dental equipment, being supplied by him. At this school there is no compulsory attendance of new boys for visiting him. At the same time facilities are given to the boys for visiting their own dentists, if their parents so desire. The weak spot is the lack of systematic inspection, not yet adopted here, especially considering the number of boys who pass out into the army from Wellington College.

Mr. Vernon Knowles, as a public school dentist, is strongly of the opinion that all new boys should be examined on entrance, for the following reasons:

1. Through neglect, their teeth are often in a bad state; this, he thinks, applies to 50 per cent. of the boys.

2. Owing to the stringent regulations of the army and navy on this question, and because the officers are generally drawn from public schools.

3. It is important that a high state of dental efficiency be maintained, as it is not an uncommon occurrence for boys who have