

their studies. Boys like to work with tools and there should be shops provided where they could do little jobs of carpenter work. A child has energy that wants an outlet and the work provides such an outlet. But when they work they think, and the workshop thus serves in the double capacity of aiding in building, both the body and the brain. There should be plenty of room provided for play grounds for each school. There should be plenty of room for the boys to play ball and their rougher games without interfering with the quieter play of the girls. Part of the grounds should be used to teach the pupils the rudiments of agriculture, which could be done by having them work in a patch of garden which they could take care of. Above all the teachers must remember that play is absolutely essential to healthful development of a child, and they should superintend and aid the children in their play.

The medical inspection of schools, the open air school room and the open air recovery school are matters of public health conservation, whose virtues have been demonstrated in other countries. The medical inspection of school children means the detection and isolation of contagious diseases, nipping the bud of epidemic and preventing unnecessary sickness and death. It means the correction of physical defects of teeth, eyes, ears, nose and throat acting as handicaps to general health and progress in grade work.

School hygiene is not spectacular, displaying its virtues in the beauty of public buildings. It is displayed rather in physical health the basis of mental and moral progress.

When we attempt to remedy one form of social evil to the neglect of all the rest, the results will not be satisfactory to the myopic reformer, who would drive prostitutes to prison, suicide or even segregation. No one social impurity can be eliminated from a community while the business and social life remain corrupt in a thousand different ways.

People should be taught the extreme importance of light and air to life and health.

A crusade should be started against useless curtains. Every house has show curtains which are never used. Blinds, also, are drawn to keep out the least peep of sunshine in order to save the carpet and incidentally ruin health. In every bed-room there should be a clear opening in the window at night for pure air, free of blinds and curtains summer and winter.

The veil is another device for swallowing impure air and lowering vitality. It is principally worn, not because it is necessary to keep the hat on, but because it is supposed to be "becoming."

Further, to improve the general health, and thereby to keep consumption at bay, more work and less food are required for one section of the community; vice versa for the remainder.

Bad housing begets low ideals of living. If children are reared in an environment of filth, litter, dampness, darkness, putrid odors, and immodest family and neighborly relationships, the future citizenship will consist of men and women willing to content themselves, if not cheerfully, at least without protest, with such conditions. Many a child of the tenement has grown to a noble and conspicuous career, but the vast majority are content to reproduce through long and tedious lives, the conditions under which they made their advent into the world.

Bad housing sows the seed of immorality, of betrayed womanhood and of fallen virtue. The more bad housing, the more Florence Crittenden homes, the more reform schools, the more jails, the more police, the more divorces, the more blighted homes.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson says we are winning the war against tuberculosis because we are providing for better housing, more playgrounds, better food, decent shops, cleaner workshops and shorter hours. We have laid low the bugbear of the transmission of the disease by meat and milk and heredity while concentrating the fire on the infected house and tenement room—the place where we now look for new