

The use of glasses for reading, "not that the patient may see better, but that he may see *farther off*," is absolutely necessary, and should always be enjoined during school life, or periods of close study, as the only means of preventing an increase of the Myopia or near-sightedness.

It is the more necessary to render this clearly understood, because patients are naturally most disposed to prize and to use glasses for doing what can not be accomplished without them, that is, for seeing distant objects.

They are often unwilling to use them for near work alleging, and for a time with perfect truth, that they can see better and more comfortably without them. It is not uncommon, indeed, for short-sighted people to say, when asked if they have used glasses for reading, to assume a tone almost of self-righteousness in their denial of the imputation. They say, "Oh, no, I have never done that!" and are often greatly exercised in their minds when the urgent necessity for a total change of their habits in this respect is explained to them.

If we consider for a moment what must be the state of a person who has grown up to manhood or womanhood with an uncorrected Myopia of only a slight nature, we shall not fail to perceive the great importance of its correction.

A person with healthy sight may produce the condition artificially by placing magnifying spectacles before the eyes. The Artificial Myopia, or near-sight, thus produced, would be deprived of