

see if in an informal talk we cannot hit upon some way in which we can bring the physical education of school children down to a practical basis. Our children who are healthy and buxom when they begin school-work, come out pale, sickly, and with round shoulders. If you require the children under you to sit far back on a chair and to hold their chins up, you will cure them of being round-shouldered, and the lungs and other vital organs will have free and healthy play. Another simple plan is to have the children bend over backwards until they can see the ceiling. This exercise for a few minutes each day will work a wonderful transformation. If a well qualified teacher could be employed to superintend the physical development of the children, the best results would be seen."

JUVENILE SMOKING.

The evils of juvenile smoking were recently considered at a conference of the Sunday-school and day-school teachers in Manchester, England. Dr. Emrys-Janes, of the Royal Eye Hospital, who presided, laid special stress upon the injurious influences of tobacco upon the sight, and said he

was convinced that the use of tobacco, say of half an ounce a day for ten or fifteen years, resulted in serious injury to the eyes, and sometimes in absolute blindness. Resolutions were adopted setting forth that as physicians of the highest eminence declare tobacco to be injurious to health and longevity; as smokers smoke to satisfy the same artificial craving which induces drinkers to drink; as careful statistical investigation shows that the smoking teetotaler is five times as liable to break his vow as the non-smoking teetotaler; as smoking is an unmanly leaning on a solace to care and labor, neither sought nor needed by women, enabling the smoker to be idle without growing weary of idleness, tending to take the ambition out of him, and to make him happy when he should be miserable, and content when his divinest duty is discontent; as it is almost impossible to smoke in an inhabited country without causing discomfort or nausea to others; and as, finally, the passion for tobacco has been the cause of many serious fires and disastrous explosions, parents, teachers, and all others who have influence with British boys, should warn them against this barbarous habit both by precept and example.

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES.

INTERMEDIATE—ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Time—Two Hours and a-Quarter.

Examiner—J. M. BUCHAN.

* * * *The figure set at end of each question indicates the value to be given for an answer which is correct, so far as concerns its matter. The Examiner will add to the marks which he assigns for the matter of each answer, half as many for its literary form, provided that be correct.*

SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY.

1. Sketch the character of the Chaplain.—Value 6.

2. "The court was sat before Sir Roger came; but notwithstanding all the justices had taken their places upon the bench, they made room for the old knight at the head of them; who, for his reputation in the country, took occasion to whisper in the judge's ear that he was glad his lordship had met with so much good weather in his circuit."

(i.) What court was this?—Value 2.

(ii.) Who are meant by 'the justices'?—Value 2.