

numerous organizations, and particularly the various women's clubs and teachers' associations.

The task of educating the public logically falls to the specialist, who, by training and experience, is best fitted to present the subject in a comprehensive manner, and if one or more specialists in every community will take an active interest in the work it will not be long before the eye tests of school children will be a part of the curriculum of every school in the country.

Dr. Bulson favored the Allport plan, which provides that the tests be made by school teachers, or, if not by the teachers, by regularly appointed members of the Board of Health. If oculists make the tests it is sometimes looked upon as an interference with private affairs, or it is charged that the oculist is working in his own interest (sometimes true), and the charge is reiterated by envious fellow-oculists who have not been selected to make the examinations. If the examinations are made by teachers, there is seldom any serious objection, and for practical purposes the teachers in our schools can be readily taught to recognize the pronounced eye defects, and the latent errors of refraction will be noticed by the observing teacher if she notes the manifestations common to such conditions. Few teachers will be found who are not willing to go to the trouble of making the examinations when they once understand what can be accomplished in making their school work easier by raising the mental and physical standard of a large percentage of defectives, who are a source of annoyance and extra work because of their defects. Every parent whose child has been benefited by the eye tests immediately becomes an ardent champion of the plan to make eye tests a regular feature in the schools. When public sentiment sanctions the plan, and the more progressive schools have put the plan into operation and demonstrated its value, then and then only will it be possible to secure general legislative enforcement of eye tests in our public schools.

Inspection of Eyes in School

In the course of a series of articles to a lay paper, Dr. J. Grimshaw urges that examination of children's eyesight must be done by specialists. Some extracts may be given:

Systematic examination of children's eyesight is revealing the existence of optical errors in vast numbers of children. These errors cause either defective vision or eye-strain. To prevent physical deterioration and educational waste, it is necessary, by means of spectacles, to relieve the one and cure the