

proper diet being fundamental as a predisposing cause in other infections about the mouth, such as pyorrhea alveolar is a disease the etiology of which is obscure?"

Preventive Measures

"We hear much of preventive medicine, but preventive dentistry must be intimately associated with preventive medicine if we would eliminate some of the more common causes of disease. Preventive medicine has not generally included hygiene of the mouth in its work and so has missed one of the most promising avenues of attack on fundamental causes of disease. Many corporations, however, have grasped the idea that unclean, unhealthy mouths are detrimental to health. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in its 'Daily Bulletin' of April 29, says, 'The services rendered by the dental division since its establishment in 1915, have been so curative of impaired health conditions and so permanently helpful to the employes who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered, that henceforth every home office will require its employes to undergo examination and cleansing of the teeth, in the home office, dental division, twice a year.'

The Boards of Health

"All boards of health should have one member who is a high grade dentist to superintend a

corps of dentists and dental hygienists who care for the mouths of children in the grammar schools. Owing to the extension of time now demanded for the education of dentists and the requirements of one year of college as a requisite for entrance to dental schools, there will not be as many dentists in the United States two years hence as there were a year ago, since death and voluntary retirement from practice will more than offset the number graduating in this time. There are only 48,000 dentists in the whole U. S., a number wholly inadequate to dental needs, if all the people recognized the importance of oral health.

"We have been slow to recognize the importance of clean healthy mouths and consequently dentists have not been able to exert an influence as beneficial as they might otherwise have exerted. When we are all brought to realize fully that unhealthy mouths are a prolific cause of ill-health then, and only then, will a systematic effort be made which will bring about correction of present neglect. Dentists must play an ever increasing role through the care of the mouth in the prevention of disease."

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