

000 school children. "The results of these investigations," he says, "should be sufficient to convince the German Governments of the necessity of dental hygienic measures in the National Schools. This is a duty the Governments cannot shirk."

I am pleased to be able to give you these extracts from his paper, as they so fully correspond with my own experience in this country, and add greater interest to this subject. Some people say: "We look after our own children's teeth, let others do the same; if they do not do so, let them suffer; it will not affect us." My reply is. Do not be too sure; wait until I have finished this paper, and see if I have not shown that the teachers and the other children in the school are being injured by those children whose teeth have been neglected. Your children have to sit in the same room, side by side with them, inhale the same air, and drink from the same cup as these children do who are in the large majority.

Improve the Air of the School Rooms.

How to thoroughly ventilate the over-crowded school-rooms is a **vital** question, as the health of the children depends greatly on its being successfully done. The way most school-rooms are constructed makes it impossible to properly ventilate them, particularly during the six months when a fire is required, and when economy of fuel and fear of draughts compel the windows to be closed. If you could find a room where all the children were clean, and their teeth and mouths in a healthy condition, still the air would soon become more or less foul. But such favorable conditions cannot be found; for in every school-room there are large numbers of children whose mouths are in the diseased condition