

for very few parents are aware of the fact that their children's permanent teeth are decaying, as they suppose that the teeth that are aching are their **first** teeth. But if they could see their condition, as I have, they would be alarmed, and would, I think, do something to prevent it. For many years, in addition to caring for the teeth of the children in my regular practice, I have, with the aid of assistants, carried on Dental Hospital work among the children of the poor of Toronto, filling the teeth **free** for as many of such children as I could gather in. Besides this, I have examined the teeth of large numbers of children in the public schools of the leading cities of Canada, and of some of the American city schools, including the largest German school on the continent. I have furthermore examined the teeth of the Indian tribes on the Georgian Bay, and of hundreds of children just out from England, besides a number from Africa, Syria, Russia and Japan. The examination of so many thousands of children, comprising those of different nationalities, has given me an **exceptional opportunity** of noting the **condition** and the **change** that is taking place in their teeth. I shall not here touch upon the cause, but shall confine myself to the condition, as I find it, and to the only present practical remedy.

Soft, Chalky Teeth.

I find that children's teeth decay at a much earlier period than they did formerly, and that the quality of the teeth is so much inferior that, unless they are filled as soon as they begin to decay and while the cavities are small, they are soon past all hope of being saved. I am speaking of the permanent teeth; not only of the sixth-year molars, but also of the twelfth-year molars, bicuspid and su-