

consists in organizing a school into a perfect miniature municipality, governed exactly like large cities, with a mayor, aldermen, police, street-cleaning and health departments. The vacation school chosen for Mr. Gill's experiment is situated in the heart of the thickly populated east side of New York. The school, which numbers nearly twelve hundred children (nearly all of Jewish parentage), is divided into "boroughs" like those which will comprise Greater New York. Each borough is properly represented in the city council. The officers of the city are elected exactly as they will be under the Greater New York charter, and the departments work in the regular way. The street-cleaning department has drawn up laws which oblige children to keep the school building and yard in order and not to deface any school property. It is connected with the municipal street-cleaning department. The members are promoted from drivers to be street cleaners, then foremen and finally superintendents, each boy or girl doing a useful work to typify that which the employees of the real city perform. They send in regular reports to the street department of the work done by them in the neighbourhood, and since they have been carefully taught the law on the subject, there are few mistakes made, and about five thousand corrections of genuine violations of sanitary code are reported every month. The health department of the school city has also received suggestions and advice from the health department of New York, and is to have leaflets printed for distribution, not the serious and scientific leaflets of the larger department, but bright and popular pamphlets suited to the neighbourhood. The police department is carefully supervised. The three judges, consisting of two boys and a girl, recently impanelled a jury to try a police captain accused of improper conduct; the verdict "guilty" was returned and the captain, much to his chagrin, deposed.

Mr. Gill is entirely satisfied with the success of his experiment in New York and hopes to spread it throughout all the large cities of the Union. He expects that in New York it will be made a permanency in two or three schools this coming fall, and the Hoffman school, of Philadelphia, has definitely decided to introduce it immediately.—*The Occident*.