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DAILY MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

It is universally conceded that the primary education of every child is a subject demanding the supervision and fostering care of the Government. In many states in Europe attendance at schools maintained by public rates is compulsory. Throughout America it is felt that public opinion is so strongly in favor of education that it is not necessary to enforce attendance by compulsory measures ; nevertheless the duty of the State is recognized in the maintenance by public rates of schools in which every child may obtain free a good primary education, sufficient to enable him intellectually to become a good citizen.

With this assumption of duty by the State comes the responsibility of taking precautions that the child while receiving intellectual benefit shall not receive physical harm, its health shall not be impaired, nor any avoidable risk of contracting disease be incurred. This responsibility has in some degree been met in the past by a regular inspection of the condition and the appointments of the various school houses to ensure that they conform to known laws of health. The lighting of