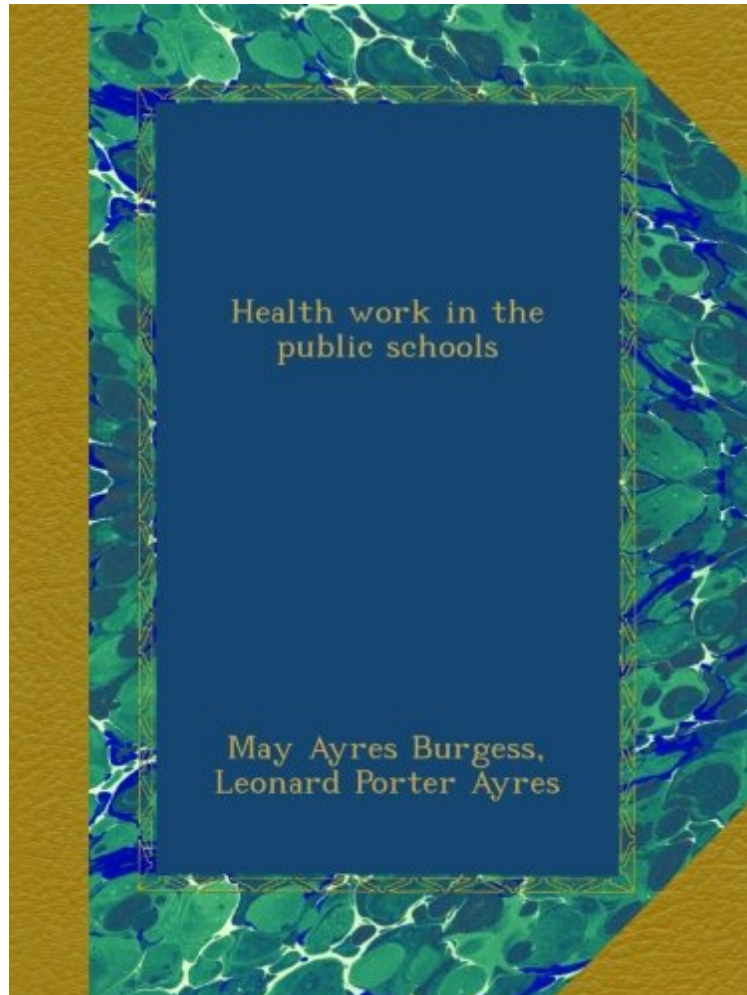


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This little tract starts out by telling us that "Cleveland employs 16 physicians, one oculist, and 27 nurses to take charge of the health of her school children." It then goes on to say that "The city spends \$36,000 a year on salaries and supplies for these people." Yes, that's \$36,000 dollars a year for 86 school dispensaries and clinics. Mr. Ayres goes on to say that Cleveland makes this 'heavy investment because she finds it pays'. If you are wondering about this statement, the authors clarify in following material when they say that "[H]ere, as elsewhere, this sudden recognition of the imperative necessity for safeguarding the physical welfare of school children grew out of the discovery that compulsory education under modern city conditions meant compulsory disease." This is one of the features of this book that I enjoyed. It is a sort of exposé that

lays bear the thinking and actions of an era. To give you another example, the Ayers point out that with the increase in educational standards that some children were being labelled 'retarded' and 'backwards' and that what was discovered after some research was that there were physical causes, that could be removed, that were at the root of the problem. Things such as vision and hearing, bad teeth and tonsils. They also point out that initially the dispensaries were hugely important in reducing the number of abscesses. In our currently over-clean (?) world, we don't generally think of abscesses as a common problem, but apparently in the early part of the last century children were rife with them. This is a well written tract that made an easy read. I particularly liked the schedule that was given that encompassed what a school nurse does in a particular school day. (Visiting homes? Treating 10 cases of impetigo? Yikes) Also of interest are the charts and statistics about how many children were found with 'defects' of hearing, vision, and teeth. And I read with interest of how the College of Barbers became involved in providing free haircuts. And I read with horror the effects of Small Pox. Recommended for those that enjoy wonderful little historical tracts. There's just a great deal of information here.

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"Thirteen years ago a crusade was started against the common drinking cup. Today there is not a school in the city which is not supplied with sanitary drinking fountains, and the common cup is a thing of the past."

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