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PREFACE

THE history of the beginnings of medical care of school children as a public duty is almost the history of the oculist's researches into the origins of troubles which he has to combat in everyday practice.

I have found, and Mr. B. P. Jones, the Superintendent of the Blind and Deaf Schools of the Metropolis, to whom I am much indebted for aid and help regarding especially the Myope School, has pointed out, how some enterprising teachers, filled with a divine curiosity about their work, have found difficulties in getting simple knowledge about the details of visual conditions which have such practical and controlling importance in education. This book is, therefore, intended to help teachers in school to lighten the strain of educational tasks, to select those who should be considered for special examination, to aid the myope teachers in developing their work, and all who co-operate with them, and especially in the case of secondary and higher schools, where lasting damage is often being done by heedlessly sacrificing visual needs to academic aims for want of precautions, occasionally even in scholarship children.

Information is given not only on points which may arouse interest, but also on matters which will enable workers to think and reason for themselves and find the right way in devising arrangements and school technique, not only for the benefit of myopic children, but for all who frequent the class-room.

A glossary has been added giving some explanation of terms likely to be found on medical record cards. There has been no attempt made to go beyond matters of purely practical value to teachers. Detailed explanations of the ophthalmic points in school hygiene will be given in a forthcoming work on the general subject, the preparation for which has made the present an easy task.

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