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generally be encouraged. Instruction of school-children in hygiene and dietetics should be continued and made more intensive. In this connection the care of vegetable-gardens at home by children should be fostered. In all groups except remote farming groups the percentage having no vegetable-garden varied from seventeen to thirty-seven.

Facilities for bathing and swimming should be encouraged. Only two schools out of twenty-five examined had these. In selecting sites for new schools in the country this should be kept in view, so that, if possible, a bathing-pond should be part of the school environment.

Proper provision for the drying of wet garments should be made in every school.

The increased facilities for obtaining medical and dental treatment in remote areas are manifested by an improvement in the physical condition of rural school-children. Better housing-conditions and diminished hours of work are indicated in some areas if the best result is to be obtained.

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