

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PHYSICIAN.

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"Most reforms in the community are suggested or fostered in the medical profession, but owing to the complexities and difficulties of political machinery, it seems often to be an impotent factor to bring such measures into actual practice.

Let me cite as an example of my contention the pending bill for the sanitary wrapping of bread, a measure which would protect bread in its delivery to the consumer from the constant handling and infection to which it is now subjected. The protests of the bakers and the interference of various political influences will very likely handicap or defeat this bill.

In the case of the present reform in the education of the deaf, let us hope that the influence of the medical profession may be developed as a stronger and more vital force; that the practical demonstration of graded oral work, presented to-night under the auspices of the St. Louis Medical Society, may appeal to every member of our organization as an important advancement in the education of this large class of defectives; and that the few members of our profession who have been actively engaged in developing this useful reform, may count on the active co-operation of every member of the profession.

We are advised that this is the first practical demonstration of the oral system of training the deaf by actual work done with pupils in various grades that has ever been presented before a medical association in America."