ocular disturbances to systemic conditions, illumination, protective devices and other factors affecting eye comfort and safety at work, at home, and at play. The respective spheres of service of ophthalmologists, optometrists, and opticians are defined, and a warning is sounded against quacks and fraudulent practitioners. Similarly, milady is cautioned in the matter of eye cosmetics, nostrums and kindred preparations purporting to enhance "the windows of the soul"; some may, at best, be utterly valueless while others may cause serious damage to vision.

Persons interested in further study of the subjects are offered a list of books and pamphlets as well as the names of agencies from which pertinent information may be obtained.

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The sixth report of the Interstate Sanitation Commission summarizes the commission's activities for the year, and its findings from analyses made at each of the sewage treatment works within the District. It also sets forth the progress made in the abatement of pollution in the same area.

The report contains an outline of the commission's policy which is being formulated to meet the conditions imposed by the war. The commission is taking steps to urge municipalities to develop a financial program whereby treatment works can be built when conditions permit. Municipalities are also being persuaded to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and bills of material so that they can proceed with construction without delay at the proper time.

The report describes eight locations where new treatment works have been placed in operation or major improvements to existing treatment works have been completed.

A summary of analyses made of the influents and effluents of the various treatment works within the District is contained in the report. This table sets forth, among other things, the flow, hydrogen-ion-concentration, suspended solids removal, settleable solids removal, biochemical oxygen demand, residual chlorine, and the most probable number of coliform organisms. Plant performances have been rated on their ability to meet Compact requirements which are established by law. The report also contains a summary of the commission's findings concerning each of these treatment plants.

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The authors studied school systems and agencies rendering services to the orthopedically handicapped in Philadelphia and a number of other cities and used the information gained in making recommendations for future planning of the services in Philadelphia, which are administered by the Board of Public Education.

As would be expected, the study and report are concerned primarily with educational services for the crippled child, but the breadth of the authors' concept of the functions of the school for the orthopedically handicapped far exceeds anything now in existence. Such a school would be the center about which all other community services for this group would revolve and would serve those on the preschool, secondary, and adult levels, as well as the elementary level. The need for these services is well brought out. Workers of all professions who are satisfied in attacking