lished for some time. The school eye clinic, therefore, has not been significantly involved in truly preventive medicine.

I was aware of Gardiner's work when I wrote my paper (3 February, p. 278). He has, however, shown that the school eye clinic can be used for the detection of squint and amblyopia in young children. Examination of younger siblings of those already attending hospital clinics for squint has been carried out for some time, but the search has been for a definite squint or a tendency to break down to one.