

a temporary incapacity on the part of Greece. The full cooperation of the Greek Government, however, will guarantee that no fancy prices will be set upon either land or buildings.

It is anticipated that such excavations will continue for not less than fifty years. The splendid opportunity is clear at once. Such excavations, conducted in the scientific manner guaranteed by the experience and obligations of the American School of Athens, will train two generations of visiting professors and resident graduate fellows and students. The amount of enthusiasm which will be brought back by the persons who have had some months or a year or two at Athens, will soon be reflected in a livelier and more appreciative attitude on the part of the students in this country.

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#### VOICE SAVING POOR ECONOMY

"Speech should be taught as a physical exercise - as a sitting up, looking at, breathing deep exercise," is the opinion of John P. Opdycke, of New York, who surveys the language situation in America and makes a plea for better treatment of voices and words, in a forthcoming issue of American Speech.

Mr. Opdycke finds that laziness is the cause of most of the shortcomings in children's speech; and he recommends that the physical training department in the average junior and senior high school should work actively in cooperation with the English department in making alert, clear-thinking speakers of the students.

The English teacher's fight against speech laziness is bound to be a hard one, he points out, so long as business men talk around cigars and women mumble and swallow their voices. But the fight is worth while, because a good voice is one of the greatest personal, professional, and business assets that a school can furnish to its students.

"Every teacher of English should be obliged to qualify for the teaching of oral English simultaneously with his qualifying as a teacher of 'written' English" Mr. Opdycke declares.

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#### CANCER HEREDITY DEFENDED BY DR. SLYE

A staunch defense for the inheritability of cancer was put up by Dr. Maud Slye of the University of Chicago, in a recent address. She rapped what she calls the fundamentalists in science who, while they concede the value of her long series of experiments on cancer susceptibility and resistance in mice, doubt the possibility of a similar application of the same laws to the human species.

The possibility of cancer inheritance in humans cannot be dismissed, she said, because of the haphazard matings of man. The chance mating of two hybrid carriers of any given recessive, such as cancer has proved to be in mice, is almost certain to occur sooner or later. When it does the recessive character appears in the children. This accounts for its sudden appearance when there has been no known