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Report of an attack on a teacher as a result of school medical inspections

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What happened to the teacher in Battersea?
- Could this incident be blamed on the new law, which brought in medical inspections?
- Why did parents get so upset in Staveley?
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ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS.

As a result of Medical Inspection Mrs. S. James of the Sleaford Council School, Battersea, sent a message to child's mother respecting the cleanliness of child's head. Mother visited school with another woman, used bad language, insulted and threatened teacher, and when the mistress turned her back struck her severely behind the shoulders. Mother had finally to be removed by the Head Master and Schoolkeeper.

The Head Mistress (Infants') of the National School, Staveley, Chesterfield, arouses the ire of a parent by asking the questions necessary to enable her to fill up the Medical Inspection card.

As a result a crowd of angry parents collected round the school door to see mistress as she emerged. The school is in a close proximity to a block of colliery cottages, and it is not to be wondered at that the mistress was reduced to tears. She had to remain in the school while the crowd was dispersed by an ex-police Inspector, but is now wondering what will happen when she sends ^{out} the "Second Enquiry" letters which teachers are required to send to parents.
