

and with a proper purpose, would have enabled children to avoid the trap.

It isn't a boy's fault, or a girl's fault if they fall because of ignorance—it is the parents' fault.

No father can deceive himself by imagining that his boy is so different from other boys that he won't find out the mystery of life until the father tells him.

No mother should fool herself into the belief that her daughter can grow to womanhood, and not know what womanhood is until told by the mother.

All of us know that it isn't that way. We want **OUR** children to be pure and innocent, of course. We would like it if they could always remain so.

BUT WE SHOULDN'T WANT THEM TO REMAIN IGNORANT.

They can remain pure and innocent without remaining ignorant; and **PURITY AND INNOCENCE CAN BE BETTER PROTECTED AGAINST TEMPTATION BY INTELLIGENCE THAN BY IGNORANCE.**

The growing sentiment in favor of teaching sex hygiene, grows out of this very belief. It is intended to add to the protection of parental love, that surest of all protection—self protection.

Parents will find much to interest them in the following discussion of this subject in the report of the Chicago Vice Commission:

"SEX EDUCATION—Many of the immoral influences and dangers which are constantly surrounding your children on the street, in their amusements, and in business life, may be counteracted and minimized by proper moral teaching and scientific instruction. Educators have come to feel something should be done directly by teachers in schools and elsewhere to impart some kind of instruction to counteract the evil knowledge which children acquire from evil sources.

"The commission believes that in the case of children beyond the age of puberty, sex hygiene may be taught in schools under carefully trained and scientifically instructed teachers. For younger children the parents should do the teaching as the part of a sacred duty. In the case of the father being unwilling to do so, let the family physician be asked to teach the son.

"The mother, with her maternal instinct, will find the way and means to warn the daughter of the dangers which may beset her. In colleges and universities sex hygiene should be universally taught. The Commission feels that the teaching of sex hygiene in schools is an important movement which, while not yet past the experimental stage, promises great advances in the promotion of child protection for the future. But it is certain that **KNOWLEDGE OF**