

will be guided by sentiment, which is a very poor guide in science; some will be guided by ill formed public opinion, and be apt to follow the crowd; while some will be guided by the last and best experiences, arrived at after days and nights of toil. Some are radicals and would go too far; others are too cautious, and would not advance to keep up with the movement of the times, and some, with a clear vision of what is needed and filled with a sense of duty, give new causes the required leadership.

In the matter of teaching young people the importance of the relationships of the sexes, and giving them instruction on sex hygiene, we have with us all classes, expressing all sorts of opinions. We have those who say that all this should be left to the parents. But there are many kinds of parents: Those who give good examples and no teaching; those who add teaching to example; those who set bad examples; those who give no instructions at all to their children; and those who give immoral teaching and set vicious examples. The question then comes up: Are children to be allowed to take chances under these varied conditions?

It is with such conditions staring many in the face that those who are influenced by the moral aspects of the question take strong grounds that children should be taught in the public schools, in high schools, in colleges, and in Sunday schools. At the International Sunday School Association, held in Chicago a few weeks ago, a report was adopted approving of teaching sex hygiene in the Sunday school. Mr. E. K. Mohr in moving the adoption of the report said:

"Sex knowledge will be taught. If not in the home and in the Sunday school it will be taught in the street. Silence is criminal. We cannot remain inactive. We must teach these facts and teach them right, so that knowledge may lead to purity and righteousness."

In the early part of July the National Education Association met in St. Paul. Dr. Charles H. Kean, of Minneapolis, supervisor of hygiene and physical training, in speaking upon this subject, among other things, said:

"We should have nothing but the strongest condemnation for the wealthy, club-going woman who has not time to teach her child the fundamental truths of life, and would throw the responsibility upon a teacher or a football coach. Such shiftlessness is outrageous.

"Sex instruction placed on the same plane with spelling and arithmetic will rob it of its sacredness.

"We talk about the inability of the poorer mothers to teach their children personal hygiene, but it is not for these children that we need to have all the fear.