

when children, and some in their despair blame their own parents. It is a duty, no matter *how* it may be taken by the profession or others, to urge parents and guardians, and especially teachers and ministers, to look well after the children, to give them *some* intimation of their danger. Children can be taught purity without the least danger of exciting impure thoughts, or desires, and even if there is a risk of doing so, it is far better than to leave them in ignorance, and allow them to find out from their companions in an improper manner that which they should be guarded against. This is an important subject, not to be thought of and passed over lightly, it *must not* be neglected. The whole world suffers more from neglecting children in these respects *to-day* than from *all* the other evils on the face of the globe, and in fact nearly all vice may be directly or indirectly the result of *this* vice. And now to those who are suffering from this cause, you *must* obey the *command* of nature, whose laws you have through ignorance disobeyed. In the first place she *commands* you to *stop*! If you go on sinning, you will be *lost, body and soul*. Perhaps your weak flagging body and feeble mind will cry out, it is too late—It is *never* too late to mend. Seek for help, do not despair. And *do not* resort to quack nostrums, and by all means avoid all those wretched books put forth by unprincipled men, filled with vulgar and disgusting pictures, well calculated to frighten and draw the unfortunate and afflicted ones into nets prepared to catch and plunder them. And by all means, do avoid all superficial, supercilious, self-conceited, *boorish*, impudent wranglers, that constantly seek for opportunities as *teachers*, or otherwise, to prate about the “inestimable blessings of a thorough medical education,” and about *our* regular school, or *the* school—denouncing in the lowest, vilest, most ungentlemanly and bitter language, all that do not happen to belong to the so called regular school, calling them “quacks,” professional apostates and “ignorant pretenders,” sweepingly denouncing other *well known* and *justly popular* schools of medicine, and all *prin-*