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SEXUAL INSTRUCTION

It is now generally recognized that venereal diseases, especially syphilis, lie at the roots of many constitutional disorders, and that, in order to obtain a high standard of public health, the prevention of venereal diseases should be diligently sought for. Proceeding with the argument, it is said that venereal diseases are acquired by innocent people, even children, through ignorance. Hence plausible inferences would be, that oral instruction in sexual hygiene should be given to school children by their teachers, and that elementary physiology, in which the structure and functions of the sexual organs are mentioned, should be one of the subjects taught in public schools. Also that in colleges, the reproductive processes, as they occur in plants and animals, should be studied as any branch of physics may be studied, but that the instruction in this branch should not go far. A textbook, known as "The Ontario Public School Hygiene" is used in Forms IV and V of the Public