

vain to break his hearers of the habit of theft by quoting the particular commandment. They would persist in stealing logs from one another. It was not until he took for his theme, "Thou shalt not steal logs," that they saw the point and desisted. Especial efforts should be made to impress upon boys and young men the necessity for realizing the Christ standard in matters of personal morals.

3. Young people should know something about the structure and economy of their own bodies, the temple of the Holy Ghost. A course in physiology with special reference to the reproductive functions, their delicacy of structure, their restricted use, and their essential dignity would go far toward dispelling the false notions and erring ignorance now so common. Multitudes of children are left without judicious, helpful instruction in this particular. Fortunate, indeed, would it be if they had no evil instruction. Is it not better to be frank and direct in this matter than to leave it to the vile suggestions of evil companions?

4. Parents have an urgent duty to perform towards every child of theirs born into the world. They should make sure that their child never forms hidden bad habits. Then, later, the family physician can do the young man an important service by disabusing his mind that vice is necessary to health. "The physician, beyond any one else, has it in his power to so mold public opinion, especially concerning the sanitary aspects of the whole matter, that wholesome repressive laws, in the interest of morality and health, shall be enacted and enforced. It is for physicians to declare that immorality is not a necessity, and that chastity for all is a human possibility."

The man that scatters his native fund of affection and vitality in many directions never reaches the largest and richest life—in fact, will necessarily have only shallow and unworthy impressions, the true meaning and sweetest things of life being hidden from him.

A wiser plan is for a man to save himself up so that he may bestow himself unstintedly and unreservedly upon one worthy heart, who is all the world to him. Then, in turn, he will be in a position to understand and appreciate the love that pulsates throughout God's domain.

In conclusion, I wish briefly to summarize what is being done directly in a public way in behalf of the cause of social purity. Compared with the herculean efforts made during the present century by the pulpit, the platform, and the press to throttle the dragon of intemperance, it may be said that not anything is being done. The literature is meager and fragmentary. It is a difficult subject to treat effectively. Perhaps England is in the lead in seeking to check the rising tide of destructive selfishness. Rev. Henry Varley has struck some valiant blows for true manhood. Mrs. Josephine Butler has won the gratitude of the civilized world in successfully combating the registration and license system. An association in London called the Pioneer Society is very active in this reform. Over in Germany numerous local societies for men and others for women are enlisting the press and the platform in behalf of personal purity. Dr. Danm, of Weisbaden, publishes a monthly magazine entirely devoted to what he calls the *sinnliche Fehler* of his countrymen. Recently he and others have taken to holding public meetings with some success. In France, the land of my own forefathers, very little is being done in the way of reform, but a great deal to determine the physical and mental effects of prostitution. The world is indebted to France for its dearly bought knowledge. In Canada, just over the line, they are giving more attention to this reform every year. Along with many a local Royal Templar Society, they have social purity departments and hold stated meetings. As to the White Cross Society, this originated in England in 1883, and has secured a permanent foothold in this