

ment were exercised in teaching children along these lines. Sex questions, he said, were not unclean; it could only be the attitude of the adult mind that could make education along these lines unclean. If teachers were not properly qualified to impart sex knowledge, then teachers, themselves, should be educated. As an aid to education along these lines, he showed a series of moving pictures dealing with the origin and development of plant life, the growth of fruit from blossoms, and the progress of life among the lower animals such as the tadpole, rat and butterfly. Children were interested in these subjects, and it would not be a difficult matter to carry them from this to the origin and development of the higher forms of life. It would give the child a greater reverence for his own body and of motherhood. Nothing need be feared when the truth was known to the child.

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### INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

We are living in times of progress. It is gratifying that from time to time there come into the public life of the country men and women with the larger vision of duty and the call of the day as the preparation for the future. This is well exemplified by the news that there is to be a general inspection of the school children of the Province of Ontario.

The promised province-wide medical survey of the children in Ontario schools is being commenced, all necessary arrangements having been completed. Hon. H. J. Cody, Minister of Education, stated recently that the doctors and nurses to carry on the work have been appointed, and are now ready to take up their work. It is expected that the task will require from one to two years to complete. The dental inspection, which will be carried on practically at the same time, will be started shortly, the appointment of a competent dentist to take charge of the work being now under consideration.

Among those appointed to the staff to make the medical survey are Dr. Mary McKenzie Smith, of Gravenhurst, Dr. E. J. Sirrs, of Campbellville, Miss Ethel Campbell, of Ottawa, and Miss E. J. Jamieson, of Toronto.

The inspection will be to a large extent a rural and small town survey. Most of the cities and many of the larger towns have had medical and dental inspection of varying thoroughness, advantage having been taken of permissive regulations passed three or four years ago. In the rural districts practically the only medical or dental inspection has been that carried on through the activity of the Women's Institutes, which will co-operate with the Department in the present inspection survey.