

The argument that the teaching of sex hygiene to boys will suggest evil, which they would not otherwise have thought of, is negated by every worker with boys. Every one familiar with boy life upon the school grounds or upon the corner lot knows that boys pick up misinformation of a most unfortunate and debasing sort. Friends of the teaching of sex hygiene in school contend that the school should teach the subject in order to disinfect the villainous teaching which the boys receive among their mates.

The assertion that the teaching of sex hygiene will break down modesty and self-control, is purely an assertion and nothing more. Nobody has proved it or can prove it. Are married women, who are familiar with sex life, any less modest than unmarried women who are not? Knowledge does not breed immodesty, and ignorance certainly is not the mother of modesty. Is there an instance known where one of them lost modesty or had lower ideals of womanhood because of such instruction? We must conclude that such instruction does not impair modesty, and that it gives an insight into life's relations and a poise of character and wisdom in action which ignorance of sex could never.

A word in regard to what seems the most successful way of introducing the subject of sex hygiene in the schools.

1. It should be taught by the regular teachers of the school, who are qualified for this work, and not by special teachers brought in for that purpose. The hiring of special teachers over-emphasizes the subject and stirs up antagonism in the community.