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Dear Mr. President:

I have sent to each of the Universities of Canada, 100 reprints from the Reader's Digest, July, 1936, hoping that some useful discussion may be started or stimulated among the Canadian students as among those of U.S. See Literary Digest Jan 1938.

Of the 4,000,000 U.S. recruits for the Great War, 13% had Syphilis & 40% sometimes had gonorrhoea. Total 53%. While still on U.S. soil. Mostly young men, conjecture percentage among older men. To ignore this plague, seems to me a crime.

But only those knowing the suffering can fully realize this. My neighbor has five blind children. Another - father dies of paresis & his young son also goes insane. Another man aware of the existence of the disease for 22 years, detects it <sup>at age of 44</sup> by a blood-test; treats it faithfully 12 yrs, in vain, violent suffering <sup>for years</sup> - Death - Preventorium established in every city would cost less than cure of results -

The high-school curriculum should contain a sex-instruction clause as that of B.C. Even one hour per year would be useful. Text-books on Sex-Knowledge in the school libraries.

My experience with many classes in every high school in Chicago informed me that not over 5% had instruction from their parents. Parents know not, & are sensitive -

Children listen anxiously to a sincere & earnest teacher. Hence it becomes the duty of the teacher -

Let us not stick our heads into the sand.

I see no merit in ignorance.

Please do what you can

Sincerely yours

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