

SCHOOL - CHILDREN'S TEETH:

Their Universally Unhealthy and
Neglected Condition.

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CHAPTER I.



FEW WORDS to parents and others who are interested in children:

In the closing years of this nineteenth century I am sure you do not wish to be kept in ignorance of any danger that threatens the health and prospects of the rising generation. Moreover, I am sure you do not believe in that old adage:

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

I therefore wish to lay before you some facts which I have gathered from **experience and personal observation and investigation** in reference to the sad change in the condition of children's **permanent** teeth of the present day. To my mind there is no subject that should be of more interest to you than this, whether viewed from a **parental, sanitary, educational, scientific or humane** standpoint; it is one that is **thrilling** with interest.

On this subject very little has been written; but the universally unhealthy and neglected condition of children's teeth is such that silence on my part, knowing their condition, as I do, would be criminal;