

The social emergency of the twentieth century is produced by the breakdown of the old silence taboo regarding sex and the turning of the searchlight of publicity upon every phase of the problem before we are prepared to deal with it. The purpose of this book is to offer to teachers, ministers, and parents accurate information and such practical suggestions for the instruction of young people as will not only safeguard them but give them high moral and spiritual ideals. The treatment is sane, sound, and vigorous. The most uncompromising denunciation of vice is combined in it with a discriminating and sympathetic analysis of all the causes of vice. The treatment is practical. For, while emphasizing the special difficulty of *method* in dealing with sex problems and the fact that we have not, as yet, worked out an approved solution for the problem in all its phases, it indicates with caution the best means available. Public education is this means and the method of the education is given in detail. The teaching of sex hygiene in public schools is insisted upon, but equal insistence is laid upon the necessity of training for those who are to teach it, and upon a rigorous control of their admission to the ranks of teachers of this subject.

The last chapter, on agencies, methods, materials, and ideals, is an especially good one. Here, as in the chapter on medical phases of the problem, the point is wisely urged that fear of disease is not a sufficient safeguard for young people, since science may at any time discover protection from the social diseases. High moral and social ideals are indispensable. The lack of adequate vocational training for girls is given due weight as one of the causes of vice, and the prevalence of abnormal stimuli in the environment of young people of today is brought out.

For the accuracy and soundness of its information, the vigor of its attitude toward vice, and its high purpose, this book is conspicuous in this field.

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*Contributions to Vital Statistics.* By FREDERICK G. HOFFMAN, LL.D.

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"The Significance of a Declining Death Rate." Address delivered before the National Conference on Race Betterment, Battle Creek, Mich., January, 1914.

"Some Elements of Vital Statistics."

"The Economic Progress of the United States during the Last Seventy-five Years." Address delivered on the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Boston, Mass., February 14, 1914.

"The Chances of Death and the Ministry of Health." Address delivered before the Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., March 30, 1914.

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