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A Foreword

EACH year there is a stronger conviction among the men and women who have the truest interests of boys at heart, and who work among them, that after a certain age, generally at the age of fourteen, every boy should have the important physical facts about himself placed before him as carefully as possible and yet in a perfectly frank way. The boy has a right to this knowledge: he is entitled to know what he faces as he reaches the age when youth is beginning to merge into manhood.

It is this knowledge, carefully and delicately put, that this little book sets out to give,—I think successfully. It was written from the author's love for boys, and based on his knowledge of them as an English public school master for a number of

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years. There was no idea that the little book would ever go beyond the private circulation for which it was intended. But so warmly was it welcomed that the Council of Medical Officers of Schools Association of London volunteered to revise the contents so that there might be no doubt of the accuracy of the statements made from a medical and scientific standpoint. It was thereupon reissued, since which time endorsements have come to the author from eminent medical sources, and in one of the foremost and largest private schools in America it is used regularly by the head master with his boys.

The little book is at once an explanation, a warning, and a practical help, and as such every parent may well be glad that it was written.

EDWARD BOK.

Philadelphia,
January, 1912.

An Explanation

To the Boy Who May Receive This
Book

YOU may have received this little book from your father, or guardian, or schoolmaster or from a friend, and you may be somewhat surprised at the earnest request that has been made to you to give it your careful reading. The reason of the gift and of the request is quite a simple one. While your friends have abundant chances of speaking to you on almost every subject that concerns your many-sided life, there are yet one or two matters about which you ought to be told, but which are too delicate to be mentioned without very careful thought. And since you too, as well as your friends, might find it difficult to deal with these questions in conversation, this book has been given you that