

# MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR PRIVACY IN LIFE

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Dr. Henry Neumann Declares  
Character of Youth Must  
Be Molded in Home.

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## WOULD MAKE THEM MORE FIT

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Wants Sense of Personal Dignity  
Cultivated in the Young—Hits  
Publicity on Sex Subjects.

"The Character Value of Privacy" was the subject discussed yesterday by Dr. Henry Neumann at the meeting of the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, held in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. He said the desire of the young to direct their own lives sensibly should be encouraged.

"The plea for frankness is no excuse for today's extreme publicity in the treatment of sex life," he said. "Even the most sincere desire to spread necessary information may fail to see that there are truths which had better be conveyed by fathers and mothers rather than by scenario writers or even public teachers. Because the home is the private sanctuary, it is the place where the intimate side of life should receive its most careful nurture. No doubt many homes are still sadly unfit for this task. Why not make them more fit? Every time we shift to other agencies the responsibility which rests primarily on the home, we are tempted to forget where our best efforts should go.

"The great resource against loose living and the vulgarity which paves the way to easy morals is to build up from earliest childhood a strong and fine sense of personal dignity. We are human in the best meaning of the word when we are conscious of something in others and ourselves too precious to be profaned by common handling. Whatever encourages a fine respect for privacy is a help to that sense of genuinely human worth which gives us our deepest moral inspiration."