

*What We Want* by Adolf Brand (1925)

“The [Community of Self-Owners] sees in the friendship of youth the sure and uniquely possible path, as well as the proven and reliable means, to overcome the horrors of prostitution and finally get out of the sexual misery of our time. It sees it as its most important task to protect girls and women from infection and to avert the poisoning and polluting of their blood in the interest of the health of their children and for the blessing of coming generations, and to make the contamination of the family impossible. And it therefore shows every young man that he, through a close union with a friend, can calm the dark pressure of his blood, extend his youth, and keep body and spirit fresh and pure. It teaches him about the fact that the natural and moderate satisfaction of boys and lads among themselves is no sin, but rather a sensible expedient of nature, which is the transition to sexual intercourse, and which one should not stupidly hinder and suppress, as the madness of medical charlatans and sanctimoniousness of today’s schools does.”