

THINKS CITY STREETS DANGEROUS FOR BOYS

Florence Kelley, at Republican Club, Urges Control of Preying Women.

PRIEST FAVORS CURFEW

Father Curry Also Opposes Segregation and Speaks for Tin Plate Act.

Speaking on the topic "Control of Vice" at the Republican Club's regular Saturday discussion yesterday Mrs. Florence Kelley, formerly of Hull House, Chicago, and long identified with settlement work here, declared that in many sections of the city the streets are not safe for boys of 15 years or older on their way to and from school.

But Mrs. Kelley's strongest plea was for the investigation of the wage scale in industries with a view to securing for working girls sufficient pay so that they might no longer be left with the alternative of "death or dishonor."

Like Father Curry of St. James Church, Judge Warren W. Foster of the Court of General Sessions and other speakers, Mrs. Kelley discussed the topic as relating principally to the social evil and like them she had no general plan of "control" to offer. She was the only woman present and she said that the fact that men meeting to discuss such a subject had invited "even one woman" showed that a new era was at hand.

Mrs. Kelley said that each year 22,000 girls under 16 years of age leave the public schools, where they have received "no adequate training for industry," and go to work for wages upon which they cannot live and which do not increase very much as they grow older. She told as a typical case, the experience of a girl who was taken from school when she was 14 and set to work as a cash girl in a big store. Until she was 21 this girl worked incessantly, turning over her earnings to her father and receiving in return the clothes she wore and a home of a sort. At 21 she was an expert saleswoman, and she was getting 36 a week with no prospect of getting much more.

Australia and England, she said, had already taken up this phase of the problem and she urged the Republican Club to work for legislation to have the present factory commission extended as a commission to investigate wages and for other legislation to provide institutions for the proper care of the mentally defective among fallen women.

Father Curry, introducing himself as "a savage from Cherry Hill," made a bitter attack upon segregation as a means of dealing with the social evil. It wasn't true, he said, that he or men like him feared to meet the question squarely, but he regarded segregation as "a weak and cowardly compromise with the spirit of uncleanliness," and he added:

"To quarantine vice is to exploit it to distract vice is to put our city's K upon it, and that no community with any pretense of all to a sense of decency will ever do unless it is mad entirely."

Such a plan, he said, had advantages only for real estate agents and "landlords without conscience" who would reap profits from high rents that protected vice would give and for "the blase rich whose touring cars and limousines as they stand with clearly marked lines and limits of this protected vice territory while their owners and their guests will seek unnatural excitement in visiting the dens just the same as how this class of visitors and reubens on a holiday exploit the cesspool of Chinatown."

Father Curry said that while he saw no way to get rid of the evil there were some remedies. He called for the cooperation of the courts to "rid ourselves of the disgusting street parade of vice" and for the passage of his "little tin plate ordinance," which provided posting of owners' names upon all buildings. "Help us pass this ordinance," he said, "and you need then have no fear that the filthy ferment driven from private brothels and from disorderly apartments will enter into our tenements and spread itself among our families, for what owner back of his name will dare stand for it?"

He attacked the "double standard" of morality and pleaded for better wages for young men that they might marry early. Father Curry spoke of the "liberty, or rather license" allowed young children and suggested a curfew law for boys and girls under 16, he said.

"What a curfew law for use? That might go in Chicago, but never in New York. In answer all the more children we have in our big city makes the reason for the curfew law all the stronger. If we are really serious in our battle against vice and crime we should make use of every endeavor to cut off at once the supply for our brothels and our prisons, and I know of no more fruitful source of supply for both than our streets at night."

He praised the Big Sisters movement as the right way to go about the reform phase of the question and for "women recalcitrant in crime" suggested judicial commitment for a specified time to a "Machinists' Home" rather than to prison or reformatory, since "the taint of both is inescapable."

Judge Foster sketched the history of investigation of the social evil and attempts to control it. He said that when "the details of segregation were considered" the impossibility of that solution appeared, and added that after centuries of study of the subject men today stand "on the brink of despair." He believed that much might be expected from the efforts being made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the men he had drawn about him for the work.

Dr. Peters had a good word for the police, who he said hadn't been given a fair chance, and taking up the excise phase of the vice problem, said that it lay entirely in the power of the Excise Department of the State to put a stop to all saloon graft if it cared to act. Justice Robert J. Wilkin of the Court

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Corset Covers at 58c., 90c., \$1.10, 1.25 & 1.50
Chemises at 95c., \$1.25, 1.45, 1.75 & 2.00
Drawers at 45c., 75c., 95c. & 1.35
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LINGERIE BLOUSES at \$2.00 & 2.75

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White Washable Habutai, 27 ins. wide, regular price \$2.00 per yard, at 1.10
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In the DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

3,000 Yards of Wool Serge, 50 inches wide, in black and the navy blues, will be placed on sale at the special price of 90c. per yard.

An unusual assortment of black-and-white fabrics for Spring wear is now being shown; also exclusive designs in mannish cloth materials for steamer and motor coats.

A Sale of 14,000 Yards of Imported Dimity will be a feature in the Cotton Dress Goods Department. The selection comprises a large variety of Dresden, floral and staple designs on white and colored grounds, and will be offered at the exceptional price of per yard 16c. Usually sold at 25c. to 30c.

Women's Hosiery WILL BE OFFERED AT THE FOLLOWING LOW PRICES:

WOMEN'S BLACK SILK HOSE, per pair 70c.
WOMEN'S BLACK SILK HOSE, per pair 95c.
WOMEN'S BLACK SILK HOSE, with hand-embroidered clocks, per pair \$1.50
WOMEN'S BLACK MERCERIZED LISLE THREAD HOSE, per half dozen pairs \$1.65

The Trimming Department is showing an interesting assortment of the TRIMMINGS and GARNITURES in demand for Spring wear. Included are Bandings and matching Collar and Cuff Sets in the new Bulgarian, Persian and Oriental designs, introducing striking color effects; also Evening Garnitures, Bandings and Ornamental Motifs in gold, silver, jet, rhinestones and the popular evening shades.

For to-morrow (Monday) the following Sale has been prepared, offering exceptionally good values:

EVENING GARNITURES in silver, crystal or jet each, \$4.50 & 5.75