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SOCIAL EVIL A MAN'S PROBLEM—ONLY A SPIRIT OF RELIGION WILL CHANGE THINGS

President of Chicago Vice Commission, in Address at Toledo, O., Indicated Necessity of School Centers for Mothers and Children—Says Proper Education Will Do Much.

Staff Special to The Day Book.

Toledo, O., Nov. 29.—Dean Walter T. Sumner, president of the Chicago Vice Commission, delivered an address on "The Suppression of the Social Evil" at Trinity Episcopal church here last night, and made the statement that the Vice Commission investigated 52 American cities outside of Chicago. He also said the members of the commission were bound not to give out anything except what is contained in the printed report, on Chicago.

"The social evil," he said, "is a man's problem. It is a commercialized industry, fostered and supported by men, and whose earnings go to men.

In our sympathy for the fallen woman we must not forget the men. You would be surprised to know the men who are pure and good and who fall through the temptations which the social evil presents in our city.

"Every man who enters a brothel takes his life in his hands

and, alas, also the life of the woman he is to wed, and also, the lives of the children who may be born to them.

"O, it's a man's problem. We will never make any permanent progress in the suppression of the social evil until the hearts of men are changed; until there is only one law of morality for men as for women. It is a problem for us as followers of Christ, as citizens of the commonwealth, as fathers of a generation to come.

"The only thing that will permanently change the situation is a spirit of religion that will move men that they will stand up for a woman's honor as a matter of chivalry."

"It is an impressive fact that the unanimous decision of the Chicago Vice Commission was for immediate and constant repression of the social evil with total elimination as the ultimate ideal.

"Regulation and segregation have proven total failures in con-