

GIRL SUICIDE IS VICTIM OF "MAN'S WORLD," SAYS SOCIAL WORKER

Cincinnati, O., June 5.—(Special.)—"This is a man's world altogether," said Miss Annette Mann, probation officer in charge of wayward girls who are brought to police court:

"A male transgressor against moral laws does not for a moment lose his place in society.

"A woman loses everything.

"Even the churches do not receive a penitent woman as they should.

"Under present conditions death is often the only solution of her problem."

Jeannette Simpson, 23, who lived at 303 Carlisle av., jumped into the Ohio river from the deck of the Coney Island steamer Princess when it docked at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

"I am so homesick," she said to Mararet Payne, who lived at the same house, before she leaped.

Frank Daugherty of San Diego, Cal., was leaving the boat when he saw the girl throw herself into the river. He divested himself of coat and shoes and leaped into the water. He seized the girl by the hair, but she tore herself loose and sank to her death.

She had stolen away from the house where she lived for the day. "I am homesick," she sighed before she left.

But her problem was the same as that which confronted Ollie Stevenson, who killed herself with morphine less than a week ago.

The Simpkins girl had been called home to the bedside of her dying mother. But her conscience tripled-locked the door to the way out.

"What will they say, though, when I come home?" she had asked. "It's no use."

Two suicides and one attempt at suicide have occurred in Cincinnati's vice district in less than a week.

"And there will be more so long as we stick to our double standard of morality," says Miss Mann, who is trying to help the girls who have strayed.

"Last week I spoke to a girl brought to police court from the vice district. She was but 20. She had lost her parents at the age of 14 and lived with relatives until she was able to go to work. She then came to Cincinnati and for a time supported herself by working in a shoe factory.

"The most she earned was \$4 a week.

"She soon found the struggle too great and sold herself to keep from starvation. For two years she was a slave and then she was arrested.

"After I spoke to her she thought it best to return to work, and we were willing to give her an opportunity.

"But she had no trade, no home, no friends. Everything was against her. I knew that her will to do right could not resist such odds.