

half dollars for her room, one dollar for laundry, and sixty cents for car fare, she would have less than fifty cents left at the end of the week. That is, provided she ate ten-cent breakfasts, fifteen-cent luncheons and twenty-five-cent dinners.

"But there is no doubt that many girls do live on even six dollars, and do it honestly, but we can affirm that they do not have nourishing food, or comfortable shelter, or warm clothes, or any amusement, except, perhaps, free public dances, without outside help, either from charity in the shape of girls' clubs or friends in the country home. How can she possibly exist, to say nothing of live?

"IS IT ANY WONDER THAT A TEMPTED GIRL WHO RECEIVES ONLY SIX DOLLARS PER WEEK WORKING WITH HER HANDS, SELLS HER BODY FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER WEEK WHEN SHE LEARNS THERE IS A DEMAND FOR IT AND MEN ARE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE?"

"On the one hand her employer demands honesty, faithfulness and a 'clean and neat appearance,' and for all this he contributes from his profits an average of **SIX DOLLARS FOR EVERY WEEK.**

"Her honesty alone is worth this inadequate wage, disregarding the consideration of her efficiency.

"In the sad life of prostitution, on the other hand, we find here **THE EMPLOYER, DEMANDING THE SURRENDER OF HER VIRTUE,** pays her an average of twenty-five dollars per week.

"Which employer wins the half-starved child to his side in this unequal battle?

"It would be unjust, however, to cast any reflection upon **THOSE GIRLS WHO ARE BRAVE AND PURE, BY INTIMATING THAT BECAUSE THEY EARN SO SMALL A WAGE THEY MUST NECESSARILY BE IN THE SAME CLASS WITH THOSE OTHER GIRLS WHO, UNABLE TO SURVIVE LONGER THE HEROIC BATTLE AGAINST POVERTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE, HAVE SUCCUMBED AND GONE DOWN.**

"Prostitution demands **YOUTH** for its perpetuation. On the public rests the mighty responsibility of seeing to it that the demand is not supplied through the breaking down of the early education of the young girl or her exploitation in the business world.

"What show has she in the competitive system which exists today?

"Whatever her chances may be, to stand or to fall, she is here in hordes in the business world as our problem. **LET US DO SOMETHING TO GIVE HER AT LEAST A LIVING WAGE.**