

THE DAY BOOK

500 SO. PEORIA ST.

398

TEL. MONROE 353

Chicago, Wednesday, November 8, 1911.

TEMPTATIONS TO WHICH SALESGIRLS IN DEPARTMENT STORES ARE SUBJECTED

Extracts From the Report of the Chicago Vice Commission Which Show How Commercialized Vice Lies in Wait for Youth and Innocence in the Department Stores—The Procuress and the Cadet.

If the report of the Vice Commission ultimately results in forcing living wages and reasonable working conditions for the girls employed in Chicago's mercantile establishments, it will have done a wonderful thing for that much of humanity as is huddled into the limits of this city.

But fathers and mothers will have to understand conditions before they can be aroused to the point of insisting that something be done.

And they can't understand unless they know. They can't know unless somebody gives them the information.

Parents who live in Chicago, and whose daughters are compelled by the family's necessity to work for a living, may do something to throw a protecting arm around their daughters—that is if they know the temptations to which these girls are subjected.

But what of thousands of girls who have no parents in Chicago—no home but a cheap boarding house—no friends except men with whom their work throws them in contact, or men whom they casually meet?

Shouldn't the people of Chicago take enough interest in them to save them from these temptations?

Shouldn't every good citizen—man or woman—know what these temptations and working conditions are?

The information is available. It may be found in the astounding vice report, made after thorough investigation by a commission of the most eminent men and women in Chicago.

From this report it appears that the agents of commercialized vice lie in wait for Youth and Innocence.

They watch for fresh, healthy young immigrants who have come to this "land of the free and home of the brave"—watch for