

Then, where shall they go? What shall they do? What is left for them?

The street corner! A girl soon loses the respect of a man when obliged to meet him in this way. They can walk the streets, but both have worked all day and are tired, God alone knows how tired.

There are the public parks (in summer), the public dance hall, with that most happy device of the devil, the licensed bar, and the back room of the saloons. They open wide their doors to the girl and her company, that the lady of the respectable house, who rents rooms, bars out.

Is it any wonder we have a VICE QUESTION?

The churches could open their vestry or parlors every evening, but it might offend the good morals of some to be human.

The schoolhouses, what of them, they too could be used to provide a place for the man and woman, the boy and girl.

Friends, please remember that we were once single, and did we want to do our courting in public places?

Let the girls receive their company in the place they pay for, their rooms, there will be less for the Morals Court to do, and these women and girls will have less temptation to go wrong, and will repay you by being better, more trustworthy citizens, wives and mothers.

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REFORMERS

Editor Day Book:—I noticed in the Herald where Rev. Elmer Williams of the M. E. church told the health committee at the city hall that the booths of the back rooms of saloons, the sale of liquor in dance halls and lack of parental control had much to do with the social evil. Why did not the reverend gentleman give the principal cause or causes? Is he afraid he might offend some pillar of the church? It is a well-known fact, and men and women reformers who believe in telling the truth and care not

for the almighty dollar,—will tell you, that poverty, ignorance and lack of religious training are the principal causes for the social evil. The great trouble with some reformers is they can't tell the people it is poverty. If they do the rich, who are keeping them in the limelight, will refuse to back them up. Others are reformers for the cheap newspaper notoriety. Every so often we have a vice investigation, and nothing is ever accomplished. If this committee wants to do some good, let them try and get a living wage. Keep the young boy and girl in school. Tell the minister of the gospel to preach to their flock that there is a God never finding fault with what people eat or drink—of the pure sight seen in foreign climes. If the committee sees to this they will be going in the right direction.

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FREIGHT OR PEOPLE?

Editor Day Book:—Should a wagon have the right of way over a street car? What I mean by street car is, the public, not the officials of the company or car crew. The officials don't have to ride on cars and the crew gets paid for all time they put in. But these traffic cops, most of them, will give a truck the right of way of a street car, where there would be one man on the truck and maybe a carload of people on the car. Whatever their idea is I don't know. It doesn't hurt the crew any if they should hold a car, but the traveling public. I know of crossings where they will hold a car and let wagons two blocks long go through and hold the car.

Motorman.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE

Jesse Lang was seen out Saturday night carrying a banjo with two strings gone. Some girl probably got a crippled serenade.—Waiteburg (Mo.) Record.

Keep ice box well chilled and the ice will not have a chance to melt.