

THE SOCIAL EVIL.

Its Causes, Its Baneful Effects and the Remedy

DISCUSSED BY TWO NOTED WOMEN

Who Are Keepers of Gilded Palaces of Vice in Chicago—In the Light of Their Experience and Observation They Offer Suggestions to the Reformers—To Attack the Brothel First is Not Beginning at the Root of the Evil—Recruiting Grounds Should be First Looked After. They Are Often in the Family, at Questionable Places of Amusement and on the Streets—Some Interesting Interviews on a Great Subject.

Incident to the crusade against the houses of ill fame in Chicago inaugurated by Mr. Stead, the famous London editor and reformer, the Chicago Mail is publishing an interesting series of interviews with noted keepers of houses of ill fame in that city regarding the work. The articles are void of sensationalism, and are of unusual interest, as they contain many suggestions from the standpoint of the woman of the world regarding the work of the crusade, and throw much light upon the obstacles that are in the way of accomplishing the reform sought in the manner adopted by Editor Stead. The women discuss intemperately and frankly the causes and effects of the social evil, and point out the way of practical reform. They base their conclusions upon their experience and observations during the years of their traffic in human souls, and attempt to show by arguments and statements that the crusade does not strike at the root of the evil.

The consensus of opinion among these women is that in attacking the brothels first, and ignoring almost entirely the recruiting stations for these dens of vice, the reformers and the authorities are beginning at the wrong end. The arguments and conclusions can best be given in the words of the women themselves, and the INTELLIGENCER herewith reproduces portions of two of the interviews referred to upon this subject, the importance of which is not confined to Chicago, but affects every city and home in the land.

DORA CLAFFIN'S TESTIMONY. Dora Claffin, the keeper of one of the most noted of the gilded palaces of sin in Chicago, does not believe that the crusade should begin with an attempt to reform the inmates, but that it should begin at the recruiting grounds, whence graduate the unfortunate women. She thus gives the reasons for her faith: "Prostitution is an effect," said she, "not a careless, voluntary choice on the part of the fallen. Girls do not elect to cast themselves away. They are driven to the haunts of vice. You may call it weakness in them to yield their all for a price. Perhaps it is, but that weakness is natural and must be taken into account in all efforts looking to the reformation of the girls on the street and in the houses of ill-fame. The more delicate the color the more easily it is soiled. The more distinctively womanly a girl is—and I mean by that the more she has beauty, delicacy, love of dress and adornment, feminine weakness—the easier a mark is she for the designing. And the designers are not wanting.

"Girls, and I say this emphatically, are not seducers. They have innate delicacy and refinement. The shamefacedness of the average courtesan is an after effect. Woman's great struggle is to overcome the fear, the repugnance incident to the first step in wrong, and I say honestly that I do not believe that one woman in 10,000 would cast herself at the feet of lust except under duress or under force of a will stronger than her own. The first step is always taken outside the bagnio, and then the bagnio receives the curse of condemnation because it receives the fallen. We but take the material that is made for us. "And right here let me point out what I think is a common fallacy. I refer to the way in which keepers of houses get their girls. The idea that the house of ill-fame are peopled by the efforts of procurers and procuresses who roam around to lure the pure and innocent from the path of honor is a mistake. That this is occasionally done in the worst dives I think to be true. But they are the exceptions. The average sporting-house keeper prefer women old in vice. They do not end out—they do not have to send out for girls. The fallen apply for admission to houses of their own accord, and I am convinced that when they do that the efforts of reformers are wasted upon them. The girls are then in the main past redemption. They have lost their all. Their evil deeds are as a rule known, so that secrecy can no longer be used as a cloak for assumed respectability. They are callous and indifferent; do not want, nay, repel prayers and exhortations. Degradation is their business, and while they do not glory in it they do not blush to own it."

THE RECRUITING GROUNDS. "Reform, then, is out of the question?" "In the usual methods of the reformer, yes. Mr. Stead and his co-workers will champion a lost cause as long as they confine their exhortations, their crusades to the slums. Miss Watson spoke truth when she said in the Mail yesterday that the place for the reformers was not in the levee, but outside of the levee. They should attack the recruiting ground, not the house of ill-fame, which is often little more than an asylum for the lost. It may seem a travesty, a mockery for us keepers of houses to speak of our places—dives if you choose to call them such—as asylums. But they are. If a girl has lost her virtue, if she resorts to infamous traffic on the streets, picking up whom she may run across and patronizing assignment-houses and so-called hotels, it is better for her to enter an out-and-out house. For the street traffic is the most glaring feature of the social evil. It is replete with more danger both to the girls and the public. It should be abolished, and the police department is the source from which the restricting authority should come. "The recruiting grounds of the bagnio are the stores, where girls work long hours for small pay; the homes that have few comforts and practically no pleasures; the streets, where girls are often cast, still unknown to sin, but in want and without shelter; in a word, places outside the levee, where distress and temptation stand ever present as a menace to purity and rectitude. The novice in error may be reclaimed; those hardened in sin never. A world of good may be done by earnest, whole-souled workers in the line of prevention. Mr. Stead, the ministers, the Salvation army people should be content to prevent what they cannot cure."

HER OPINION OF SLUMMING. "Have I an opinion about slumming? Yes, and a pronounced one. I have never refused admittance to my house to any band of alleged reformers who have expressed a desire to talk to and plead with the girls. But such raids, if well intended, are misdirected. If they emanate from idle curiosity—and this I think is usually the case—they are reprehensible and a disgrace to the men and women who undertake such expeditions. People who could not appreciate the beauties of the art exhibit at Jackson park had a certain enjoyment in viewing the freaks at a dime museum. In the same way society women and alleged reformers visit the bagnios. They come primarily to see freaks, monsters in depravity, and they go away with—well, their abnormal curiosity gratified. "Are such enterprises laudable? Would it not be better for the men and women to direct their work, if such efforts could be dignified with the word 'work,' on the line of prevention? But they won't do that. The woman who would go out of her way to make a slumming tour would never seek those likely to err, and safeguard them from corruption. The minister who makes periodic trips under police protection through the levee would never think of making investigations nearer at home without police protection, where he could do some good. That would be shorn of the element of notoriety and novelty.

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ROOT OUT THE EVIL. "Believing houses of ill-fame a necessary evil you would then— "License them and restrict prostitution as much as possible. Put the houses in certain districts and break up all the houses running without authority. As was pointed out in the Mail yesterday, assignment houses, respectable hotels and street-walking are evils in comparison with which the out-and-out bagnios in the levees are of small moment. It is in these places that courtesans are made. Let Mr. Stead keep out of the slums and hunt out the worse places on the highways. Then the interests of social purity would be advanced, for it is undeniably true that every girl who eventually finds her way to houses of ill-fame begins her career of shame under cover of night in places on respectable streets that to the world are not of evil color. The whole battery of the reformers should be directed against these places. Destroy them and church and state could well afford to let the professed inmates of the house of ill-fame live out to their degradation. Let philanthropists waste no time in trying to straighten crooked limbs that are set in their deformity, or applying caustic to an ulcerated heart. Let them rather get at the cause of the evil. "And right here I want to say a word that perhaps is not new to reformers but that certainly is little regarded by them. The people to enlist in the work of reform are the fathers, the husbands, the sons, especially the fathers and husbands. While there are girls in penury and under careless surveillance they are subject to temptation. Thousands of women in Chicago are yearly forced to choose between want and dishonor; others between a life shorn of amusement, pleasure, and a life stained with dishonor but graced with the pleasures that wealth at the direction of lust can furnish. It is a fact that a large majority of girls fall through the machinations of married men. It is a further fact that in a very large measure the houses of ill-fame are supported by married men. This points to the impossibility of crushing out the social evil by attacking the resorts to which the lost finally drift. If the church can not, after ages of effort, curb the passions of men, it seems to me futile for one, two or a dozen lay reformers to inaugurate a new regime by raising a hue and cry about social degradation, pointing out the scarlet women as an object of disgrace and pity, making sporadic raids in the slums, and gaining thereby a column or two of space in the daily newspapers. I repeat that behind every effect there is a cause. In the case of prostitution the real cause lies not in the girls who fall, but in the social conditions that make the fall easy and the men who tempt to the step and furnish the money to support degradation after the step has been taken. Before reform in the levee is possible there must be reform in the home, on the part. The church has failed in its work there and in consequence the reclaimers of the fallen in the house of ill-fame must of necessity fail."

IS THERE NO HOPE? "Is there then no hope for the girls? Can they not be reached in some way under existing circumstances and conditions?" "It seems a harsh statement that one slip or a dozen slips in youth should of necessity entail a life of shame, but facts in the main seem to warrant the assertion. I do not mean to say that every woman who loses her virtue must of necessity eventually land in a house of ill-fame. That would be contrary to fact. So long as the cloak of secrecy can be used to cover up open shame there seems to be little in the way of reform if the woman so chooses. When a woman once prostitutes herself for hire, however, there is a temptation to follow up the traffic on the slightest provocation. There is an old saying that there are only two women in the world—the virtuous woman and the courtesan. The one will not swerve from honor and purity for any consideration; the other, having once swerved from the straight path, and having nothing more to lose in the way of womanly dignity, needs little solicitation to swerve again. "So far as the out-and-out courtesan is concerned, no one knows better than she that she is a social outcast, that there is a brand of obloquy on her that time will never efface. Should she reform she knows that unless she can bury herself where her antecedents are unknown—and this for a woman of the town is not easy—she knows that she will remain for life a marked woman. The stamp of ostracism is on her; the doors of society are closed against her and doubly barred. Christians are

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not Christ-like, and the courtesan knows it. In infancy she can live with ease, and, setting aside all considerations of labor, hardship, possibly want and suffering, she knows that her life in honesty would be one of fear and trembling. GOLD FACTS. "All these facts have to be taken account of by reformers. It is not enough to preach Christ and purity. You might as well preach the infamy of scheming in business deals to merchants. The girls are vicious for personal gain, just as merchants are tricky to increase their fortunes. Talk reform to a woman in a sporting-house and she will ask what you have to offer for what she loses. She has ease, comfortable, if not elegant surroundings, good living, liberties she could not have in another mode of life, admiration, perhaps born of lust, but real, as is shown in the fact that she can hold her patron. What has the reformer to give in place of what they ask her to renounce? As a rule, absolutely nothing but some oft-repeated statement about the consciousness of living a purer and more upright life. This does not suffice. I'll venture the assertion that if Mr. Stead could induce one scarlet woman on the levee to renounce her calling he could not and would not be able to provide for her or furnish her employment where she would be safe and by which she could enjoy what vice furnished her. This may seem gross, but it is business, and as I said before the courtesan is matter-of-fact, cold, and calculating to a fault.

"This to my mind is the fault with reformatories. I never saw or heard of one that was not barren, cheerless, overcast, shorn of everything calculated to please and hold the occupants. Such places should be as attractive as possible. Plain living, careful supervision, lack of amusement and excitement, and right influence the average sporting women will find a poor exchange for the life they have renounced. CARRIE WATSON, another noted Chicago woman, speaks thus of another phase of the question: "Do I think sporting houses necessary or desirable? Yes, I do, not emphatically. I say this, not in justification of my own business, but because I am convinced that facts warrant the assertion. As long as man has passion there will be prostitution, and as long as there is prostitution there should be bagnios. You cannot exterminate the vice, and, as I look at it, the next best thing is to circumscribe its baneful effects. New York has tried to crush out the social evil. So has Toronto. And what has been the result? The houses were broken up and the inmates scattered among the private families in all quarters of the cities. Do you imagine that the disruption of the places the people called disreputable meant the end of the traffic the people called infamous? By no means. New York and Toronto found to their sorrow that the vice was perpetuated, and worst of all brought into their own homes, thrust under the eyes of honest wives and pure daughters. Better by far that the vice be given in a measure the seal of legitimacy, segregated as much as possible from the pure element of the community, shorn of its most obnoxious features, and allowed to live, retired and tolerated, but in a way least productive of harm."

PLATE GLASS TRUST ENDS. The Association Holds Its Last Meeting and Disbands. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.—The National Plate Glass Association has gone to pieces. Secretary D. E. Wheeler gave out the following to the Associated Press this afternoon: "The Plate Glass Association met in Pittsburgh to-day and held their last meeting. The association was formed for one year and the time for which it was formed having expired, owing to the financial situation of the country and the light demand for plate glass and foreign competition, the manufacturers decided not to continue the association longer. Therefore, its headquarters in Pittsburgh will be closed on and after this day. The association had a capital of \$10,000,000 and was one of the strongest trusts in the country. Lately small outside concerns have been cutting prices and this, it is said, had something to do with the disruption. The President at Home Again. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—President Cleveland, accompanied by Secretary Lamont, arrived in Washington at 8:45 o'clock this morning over the Pennsylvania railway. The president was at once driven to the white house and Secretary Lamont to his home. The President has not looked in better health since his first inauguration than when he alighted from the train. His step was firm and elastic and his appearance unusually cheerful.

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