

for these people have usually better wages and better homes. The reason given for the fall of so many is their poor opportunities for social life.

The housing problem and the high cost of living which make early marriage difficult is accountable for very much of our social vice. How to deal with this phase of modern life is one of our most serious problems, but its very gravity should drive our leaders to seek some effective solution for it.

5. Professional procurers of both sexes are responsible for the ruin of many. The money to be made out of social vice is so great that numbers of men and women go into it simply for gain. That these people have been operating in Vancouver is beyond doubt. One gentleman in this city, who has had exceptional opportunities for studying its life, informed the committee that men who live here for this purpose only are known, that they frequent the restaurants and other public places trying to get acquainted with young girls, and that if they can get these girls to go out with them, and above all to drink, their success in ruining them is assured. One of these men was tried on a charge of assault in our city and when asked if he had not served a term for procuring in the United States he refused to answer. Nor could he give any satisfactory account of his business here. In other parts of Canada these people have been found at work. Sometimes they use advertisements for help as the snare; sometimes the work is done through correspondence. A young woman was going into a Canadian city one night, and asked the conductor how to reach her destination in the city. She showed him a card which had only an address on it. He recognized it immediately as one of the worst resorts in the city, and sent her to the Y. W. C. A. instead. In an address given before the Purity League in Louisville on May 8th, 1912, Mr. Stanley W. Finch, chief of the bureau of investigation of the U. S. Department of Justice, said that these methods are in constant use, and that no girl whom these people wish to procure is safe.

It is the segregated area that gives these people their market and makes the White Slave trade a possibility. Our duty is first to close up the market; second, to make life in a Christian land intolerable for such traffickers in human beings; and, third, to warn people all over the land of the nature of their operations.

6. The segregation of the social evil in a certain section is a prolific source of corruption. The community thus puts a certain stamp of toleration on it. Young men start a career of vice here who would not begin elsewhere. Then as men are assured that they will not be interfered with in practising their vices here, they are given every encouragement to proceed. The pretense of medical inspection promises an immunity from disease which even the best medical science could not give. The atmosphere of the place taints the whole city. And the evil it generates attacks human life and character at their source.