

destination as declared to the Immigration officials. What happens to them? How easy for a Slave Agent of either sex who can talk their victim's native tongue, to win her confidence, a lonely stranger in a strange land, and persuade her to change her plans and go with the Agent to an inviting situation among her own country folk!

Letters from anxiously inquiring parents in the Old Lands about daughters from whom they have not heard, tell their own tale, confirming the suspicions of the Chaplains. Who can even imagine the horrible tragedies hidden, shall we say mercifully, by this mantle of mystery? Verily the "Black Slave Trade" of other days was humane by comparison with this inconceivably heartless traffic of the 20th century, with unintended satire denominated "White"!

White Slave Markets in Canada But Canada is responsible for furnishing her share of the *demand* for as well as of the *supply* of the victims of the White Slave Trade. We are not without our vice markets in the form of Red Light Colonies with or without the "red light" as the business sign. Such colonies "segregated" or "tolerated" are said to be a "necessity" for men—that is for human males—and essential to the "safety" of good women and girls, who otherwise would be assaulted by the said males. Of course if prostitution is a necessity, and must be tolerated, then a "supply" of prostitutes must be furnished. Hence on this theory the White Slave Trade is justified or at least must be "tolerated" since it simply supplies the "victims"! "Segregated" or "tolerated" colonies are an essential adjunct of the "business." Only in such colonies can the "victims" be *hidden* and securely *held*. Anywhere else an unwilling victim can easily enough reach the eye or ear of respectable citizens who will give refuge or find it.

Judge Stewart, of Des Moines, Iowa, in which the "segregated" district was abolished in the Autumn of 1908, writing in the New York "Vigilance" of January, 1910, says:—"We now have two indictments for participating in the White Slave Trade, in our Courts, in which two negro show boys induced two white girls to come to the city, ostensibly for theatrical purposes, but really for the purpose of prostitution. Our officers observed them, and the girls being only about 16 years of age, were taken into custody, as they were being taken to a place to be ruined. They came from a small town 100 miles out, and were returned to their parents, but will be called as witnesses for the State. *Had there been a 'Red Light'*