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haps supersede legislation, we feel it our duty to do this work of education.

A report of the present hours, as well as other conditions in our large Boston dry goods stores, will help to create a standard of better conditions. We therefore ask for permission to print in our report the following statement made to us by a member of your firm.

We shall ask the same favor of all the other leading retail dry goods firms of the city, but we feel your willingness to permit us to use these facts, will determine the action of others. Of course a full statement will be more valuable and interesting, but if you should prefer that any items should be omitted will you kindly indicate them, or make any additions or corrections you may wish.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the past and hoping for your co-operation in this report, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

President of the Consumers' League of Massachusetts.

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