

and vice. Degeneration is absolutely unavoidable in such environments.

In an Eastern city the medical health officer reported that as many as ten people were living in one room with no attempt at ventilation. Another report from a city of fifty thousand, says fifteen Polacks were found, eating, cooking and sleeping in one small room amongst filth and stench that the investigators found unendurable. In another city one hundred and fifty-six Austrians were found living in a ten-roomed house. Even a limited personal experience shows one what cruelty, crime, and depths of infamy may be found in such abodes,—evils which pen scarcely can exaggerate. Under these conditions where squalid poverty and unblushing lawlessness abound, families are being reared which create environments that defy the church and threaten the foundations of the State. Such conditions must be remedied as we endeavor to reform men and women: otherwise, we leave them where it is well-nigh impossible for them to be even commonly decent, and where "wrinkled in body and mind, the light is flickering out in their souls."

A short time ago we looked over a vast grimy desert of houses, with dingy rubbish-filled yards and lanes. Every roof covers two, three or more families of working people. These people must work until they break down or die. We call them hopeless—these sin-mauled men and women—but faithful, loving service has shown that all are capable of responding to influences