

The Chief Cause of the Evil.

For my own part, I am convinced that the chief cause of the evil is poverty, and that we shall not have ended the one until we have ended the other. I take at random a table of statistics compiled concerning three hundred girls cared for at Waverley House, New York institution, during one year. This shows that the previous occupations of the girls were as follows:

Housework	95
Factory-work	72
Waitresses	29
Shop-clerks	16
Chorus-girls	13
Office-workers	9
Nursemaids	8
Dressmakers	8
Cashiers	7
Laundry-girls	6
Trained-nurses	3
Telephone-girls	2
Milliners	2
Manicures	2
Miscellaneous	2
No occupation	26

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Reformation, Agitation, Education.

But, besides doing away with poverty, what is to be done? Three excellent things—reformation, agitation and education.

There is a chance for any girl that has not been in the business for more than one year and for many that have been there longer. All social and religious workers agree on this point. But it is not enough to "show a girl the error of her ways." Most of the victims of this