

these men, letters coming from boys and girls, letters coming from women and men, from every State. I have letters coming from ministers' daughters and sons, from the children of lawyers, merchants, and from the children of all classes and all grades, not of the poorest, but of the wealthiest and most refined. These letters have been found personally, and there are thousands of children in this country to-day, and young men and young women, who can thank the forbearance of the society that their names have not been published in the local papers. I have thought, harsh as it may seem, that the only way to stamp out this system is to publish the names wherever we find them, and I do not know but we shall have to do it, and I certainly shall if I find the names of any of this audience. There are other facts and statistics that it is hardly necessary to go into the details of. I desire more particularly to show to you how these things are scattered abroad. In the first place, there is a regular systematized business in articles, and books, and pictures, to a depth far deeper down than the vilest of vile trash that you find to-day on the news-stand, the boys' and girls' weekly papers that are published, and which should be stamped out as you would stamp out a hydra-headed monster. The names of these children and the addresses are obtained in this way: I found a man in Brooklyn who had a large pile of catalogues of female seminaries, and he was taking the names of the purest and best in this country, and addressing envelopes to them, and selling them to these men who sent out these vile circulars and publications, and these men pay him from ten to twenty-five dollars a thousand for the envelopes with the names upon them,—and I seized them, and wrote to the principals of these seminaries, and what has been the result? Within a very few weeks I received back from the principals, both ladies and gentlemen, of these seminaries, matter so vile that I would scarcely show it to any gentleman in this audience, and yet that matter is thrust before the eye and the mind of the child that you send to the seminary. After you have carefully sought over this land for a secure place to send your children, these fellows follow up with this poison that shall at once destroy the mind and pervert the imagination, sear the conscience, pique the curiosity, harden the heart, pollute the body, and damn the soul.

Then, again, it is a common thing for me when I make an arrest to find names and post-office addresses. On the 9th of March last I seized over 100,000 names and addresses in the hands of men whom I arrested in New York city. I have to-day in our office a case nearly as large as