

boarding houses, and to find amusement on the streets or in the cheaper places of entertainment; as well as to be exposed to various insidious temptations from employers and work-mates.

What Can be Done to Save the Girls?

These appalling facts are set out not to pain or excite the public, but to point out some lines along which effort—united, energetic, prompt and persistent—should be made in waging war on this terrible traffic.

These lines of effort have already been indirectly indicated in what precedes. It will be enough to enumerate them here in the closing paragraphs for the sake of definiteness and emphasis.

Punitive Efforts

1. *Punitive* effort is not only defensible but necessary. Only the fear of punishment will deter procurers or procuresses, or "cadets" or the hardened "madames," who are keepers of dens of infamy. They are not only not entitled to consideration at the hands of society. They ought to be relentlessly pursued and prosecuted in the interests alike of social welfare and for the sake of those whom they have so cold-bloodedly victimized, and in many cases procure and sell and hold as slaves.

Moreover, as Mr. Recorder Weir, Rev. Arthur French, and every one experienced in direct dealing with those who have for any reason been led to make commerce of sex, have said over their signature, it is only when the law is being enforced rigorously against them that there is any use offering refuge to these wretched girls. It is only when in sore trouble that they are open to the ministry of mercy. Experience almost uniformly demonstrates this. I do not apologize, therefore, for making this my first suggestion—rigorously and uniformly enforce the law making procuring and prostitution criminal offences.

Redemptive Work

2. But *Redemptive* effort should always accompany punitive effort. The hearts of all true followers of Jesus should yearn to rescue and restore and save the women—and the men—of the underworld. Whether they have gone in voluntarily or under the coercion of cunning or force, we must open to them the door of hope and extend to them the hand of help and deliverance.