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Twin Partners
(By J. H. Hazlewood, Department of Social Service, Toronto.)

"The harpies carry off lonely soldiers to their rooms, make them drunk, often with vile liquor, and inoculate them, likely as not, with diseases which, thanks to the agitation of well-meaning fools, have had free trade granted among us."

Strong language surely, but not too strong! It is Sir Conan Doyle who writes in a recent issue of the London Times, this tremendous indictment of the evil of intemperance and its twin, impurity.

It has long been known to all social workers that the saloon has been the hot-bed in which social vice found its chief source of life and strength. Whosoever the saloon is there will the brother be also. Destroy the saloon and a long step has been taken towards ridding the world of this awful foe to its physical and social welfare.

Our enemies murder, slaughter, butcher (call it what we may) our men, in what today is spoken of, perhaps all too lightly, as "the game of war." But awful as these consequences are, they are not to be compared to the disastrous effect upon the future well-being, physical and moral, of the victims of this twin partner of the saloon evil.

Generations unborn will begin life with the seeds of death sown in their bodies, and the community will "reap the whirlwind" in the impaired vitality, and consequent inefficiency of its members, and in the burden of caring for a people prematurely unfit. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

From the top down—that is the way alcohol works. It first attacks the most delicate part of man's mental machinery, his moral nature. Conscience lulled to sleep, with physical and mental powers still alert, the work of the temptress is made easy. With the deadly drink problem not yet completely solved in our own land, and with conditions in the Motherland as they are, to keep silence will be criminal, to falter will be sin.

MORAL CONDITIONS IN 41 NORTH AMERICAN CITIES

(Abridged from a summary made in 1916 by Rev. R. B. St. Clair of Toronto.)

It has been suggested to the writer who, as secretary and chief inspector of the Canadian Vigilance Association, has just completed a tour of 7,000 miles of Canadian, United States and Mexican territory, that he publish the following concise statement of his observations.

While investigation was at all times the outstanding feature of the tour, organization work in Canada and co-operative work in the United States were also prominent.

At Sudbury, the mining capital of Northern Ontario, a bright little city of 10,000 the efficient chief of Police was found to be energetically enforcing the law and preserving order. This was also found to be true as regards Copper Cliff, a busy town claiming 4,000 of cosmopolitan complexion. Sault Ste. Marie, the prosperous lake port of 25,000, with Chief Vincent in charge, assisted by an extraordinarily efficient plainclothes man and an able force of subordinates, was found to be remarkably clean. No street soliciting or ill-fame resorts were discovered.

On the United States side, the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan had street soliciting, to a limited extent, and a segregated district of eight houses, located at the outskirts of the town. Kanistiquie, Mich., a bright city, located on the west shore of Lake Michigan, appeared to have but little of a disorderly nature.

St. Paul, Minn., under Chief O'Connor, did not present much evidence of vice. In fact, conditions appeared very creditable to Chief O'Connor, Detective Dawson, and others having the situation in charge.

In Minneapolis, a nearby city, (the two having a combined population of nearly 1,000,000, and boundaries joined at points), street solicitation was not noticed and unfortunate women gathered mostly at four or five downtown resorts. They were not, however allowed in these cafes, to approach a table where a gentleman was seated, it being a police regulation that the gentleman must approach the lady. In speaking to one of these girls, in an endeavor to ascertain why she had entered a life of shame (and this the writer did whenever a suitable opportunity presented itself) the information was given that her husband had deserted her, and that, as she was unable to support herself in a departmental store without supplementing her wages by illicit trafficking, she decided to "go all the way." Chief of Detectives Calvin and Inspector Glasson, with whom the writer conversed,

ed, together with the Mayor, appeared to have the problem intelligently grasped.

Cooperstown and Portal, North Dakota, were both in excellent shape. Estevan and Weyburn City, Sask., had little, if any public vice, but were "alive" with gambling devices.

Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, population 35,000, under the conscientious guidance of Chief Eruton and an able corps of subordinates, absolutely refuses to tolerate vice or gambling, at least in a public form. Private vice, it is practically impossible to detect.

Moose Jaw, 20,000 population, is a different type of a city. For some reason, or other, unfortunate women appear to feel free to "make for Moose Jaw" and inclined to steer clear of Regina. About forty-five of this class were pointed out to the writer in the downtown streets.

Saskatoon was thoroughly investigated and conditions found to be satisfactory. Edmonton, the furthest point north on the Canadian Pacific, R. R., a beautiful city of 50,000, reflected great credit upon the police administration.

At Calgary, 90,000 population, were found hundreds of gambling machines and considerable "street-walking." Macleod, in southern Alberta, was in good shape.

Natal, British Columbia, had a wide-open house run by a Japanese to which no attention was paid by the authorities. In striking contrast was a restaurant where the Lord's Day Alliance had prevented the sale of ice cream on Sunday.

Fernie, B. C., a mining city, had the widest open "district" visited by the writer in his entire 7,000 mile trip. Girls called to men 200 and 300 feet distant. One, a madam, told the writer that she had been on a theatrical circuit, and her weekly salary was reduced, upon the outbreak of the war, from \$200 to \$60. She said it was utterly impossible for her, upon the lesser salary to pay travelling expenses and keep up an elaborate wardrobe, without supplementing it by violating the moral code, so she decided to run a sporting house. She now has three in British Columbia, all wide-open.

Libby, Montana, had two "houses," but conducted business very quietly and the police allowed no street-walking or soliciting. Troy, Montana, one house. Regulation similar to Libby.

Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, a pleasant little city, has little vice and only a few gambling devices.

Spokane, Washington, is decidedly clean. The writer spent a week there and, although he went through the downtown districts repeatedly, saw no evidence of vice or intemperance. The Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Rev. M. Covington, representing the Ministerial Alliance, all appear to be working with energy and intelligence to maintain a clean Spokane.

Seattle, Washington, does not compare favorably with Spokane. Many of the hotels have a "girl" upon each floor whose duty it is to approach each male guest, in his bed room, and solicit for immoral purposes. There are also a couple of shady dance halls, and a considerable number of houses of ill-fame where girls call from the windows, doorways, etc. This applies to at least one of the hotels.

Tacoma, Washington, once a "wide open" city is now tightly closed. The morality squad is very active.

Portland, Oregon, is a very clean city, little street walking or vice being apparent. Supt. McLaren, of the Anti-White Slave Society, gives considerable attention to the situation and with very encouraging results.

Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, are all under Prohibition.

San Francisco, not the "Paris," but the "Sodom-Paris of America," is the utmost limit of degenerate lewdness. And the people are content to have it so! With a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a traveller of wide experience, the writer made the round of the vice resorts on the "Barbary Coast" and the "Line." Never anywhere had either of us seen or heard of vice being flaunted by gesture and word, in so degenerate or perverted a manner. The writer feels an apology is due both Sodom and Paris, or even Hell for linking them up with Frisco. Over 100 vice dens, 35 of which are of the sexual pervert order, with the lowest prices obtaining anywhere are to be found in the main district. Two other districts, viz., the "Upper Tenderloin" (Mason St.) and the Fillmore section, do a thriving business. Mr. Bascon Johnson, Pacific Coast representative of the American Social Hygiene Association, is putting up a hard fight against the "interests" and is making progress. Oakland, Cal., is quite clean, although the Chief advocates, but does not practice, segregation. Berkeley is in excellent order.

Los Angeles is so different from Frisco. Here, with the Moral Efficiency Committee actively co-operating with the city and county governments, an excellent condition obtains. And Los Angeles was once "wide-open." Dr. R. C. Barton, the able secretary of the Committee, is an honorary lieutenant of police and a number of police officers, including Detective Craig, work under his direction. This is a co-operation unique in the annals of civic history.

Venice, Cal., a seaside city is clean, with the exception of certain women who are "on call" at several hotels.

Yuma, Arizona, is a wide open town. "Everything goes" One of the girls here told the writer that she had started to work in a factory but that starvation wages had forced her to become an inmate of a resort. There are 11 houses in Yuma.

El Paso, Texas, 75,000 population, with 40,000 militia stationed nearby, has 117 wide-open resorts, with 10

and to be: Where conditions are good soldiers, by the thousands, many come on the U. S. side they are "bad" on the Mexican, and vice versa.

Topeka the capital of Kansas, is an ideal city. Gov. Capper and other officials with whom the writer conversed appeared to be anxious to keep it so.

Kansas City, Missouri, has a good-sized district, which appears to be opening more and more. A couple

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of instances of street solicitation were also noted. Secretary Spencer of the Society for the suppression of Commercialized vice, is planning an active campaign.

Davenport, Iowa, is decidedly moral, but this statement does not hold true of Rock Island, Ill., which besides having its quota of dens, (Continued on page 6)



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