

due to gonorrhoea. Bloch in his great work on "The Sexual Life of our Time" sums up the results of the latest investigations in these words: "A remarkable change of views has in the course of the last 30 years taken place in respect of the nature and importance of gonorrhoea. Whereas formerly this was regarded as a comparatively harmless disease, we know today that gonorrhoea in the male, and still more in the female, gives rise to tedious dangers and harmful morbid phenomena, and is the source of unspeakable sorrows, and of the miserable ill-health of numerous women, and that it is the chief cause of sterility in both sexes. . . . The infection of a woman with gonorrhoea is a disaster. It is the immortal service of the German-American physician Noeggerath that, in the year 1872, he proved that the majority of the stubborn "diseases of women" were nothing more than the consequences of gonorrhoeal infection. Gonorrhoea in women . . . is a true martyrdom, a hell upon earth."

3. Another conclusion that scientific men have reached is that public prostitution is the main source of venereal disease. Many authorities might be quoted, but a few will suffice. Dr. Frederick Bierhoff of New York said recently: "It may be assumed that prostitution is the most common source of infection." He adds that in his own practice, out of 1329 cases of gonorrhoea, 74 per cent were infected by prostitutes.

Dr. Wm. T. Belfield of Chicago says: "Every prostitute, public or private, acquires venereal diseases sooner or later, hence all of them are diseased some of the time, and some of them all the time. The men who patronizes them risks his health at every exposure."

While Dr. Ludwig Weiss of New York affirms that "Prostitution must be regarded as the fountain head from which venereal diseases originate. It forms the main source from, through and by which courses in an unbroken, vitiated stream, the poison which inoculates the living, and contaminates the yet unborn. In comparison to this, all other modes of propagation are nil. In order to stamp out venereal diseases absolutely, prostitution must be annihilated first. No prostitution, no venereal disease. To prevent these diseases, measures must be instituted against prostitution. Any prophylaxis instituted against their spread must necessarily begin with measures directed towards either the suppression or repression of prostitution."

These testimonies, quoted from the Minneapolis report, are from American specialists. That the same opinion prevails in other countries may be seen from the following paragraph from Bloch's work: "The central problem of the sexual question is the suppression of prostitution and of venereal disease, the former evil being the principal focus of the latter. I say the principal 'focus' not the 'cause.' For, if all prostitutes were healthy, we could leave prostitution quietly alone—leaving out of consideration the moral depravity to which it gives rise—and venereal disease would spontaneously disappear." He quotes Blaschko as stating that "Of 487 syphilitic men, the disease was acquired by 395 (81.1 per cent) from professional prostitutes, officially inscribed or secret." Yet these are the people who are allowed to establish themselves in the heart of our city in defiance of the law of the land.

4. Still another conclusion reached by medical science on this question is that the attempt to regulate prostitution aggravates the spread of disease. It has often been urged that medical inspection can be made a guarantee