

discretion of our magistrates could be relied upon. The remedy of imprisonment for habitual keepers, if applied vigorously, would deal a death blow to the monster of public prostitution by cutting off the profits from infamous traffic.

Discretionary punishment for the ordinary prostitute and the efficient closing of the houses in which they lived would complete the work of cleaning them out.

Our religious institutions and our asylums for penitent women, whose good work is so great, would also help us, and the great voice of heaven would be heard over the ruins of the dens of infamy.

This policy of war without mercy, of energetic repression and complete suppression, once adopted, it would become the duty of the police and special agents, under the leadership of the chief of police, to keep a constant watch over the street walkers; to prevent or punish, without mercy, any indecent or suspected solicitation; to closely watch the old quarters of prostitution and the new places or houses where they might have reason to believe it could have taken refuge, and not to hesitate in lodging complaints upon information or discovery of a positive character.

For that purpose, let the number of special agents having charge of the city's morality be increased, if necessary; let such service be organized as a special department and let men of experience, reliability and capacity be placed therein. I recommend that, so long as he enjoys the confidence of the City, the Chief of Police be given all the power he needs for the wise, and at the same time energetic discharge of his duty, and that neither the Police Committee nor any of the aldermen should unduly interfere with, or in any way disturb him in the performance of his duties.

I strongly suggest that the number of licensed liquor selling places be reduced in this city. Certain sections of the city are literally infested with *restaurants* and *bars*. Let us not forget that, for young men especially, the saloon, where fire-water is imbibed, not to say the worst of poisons, is truly the ante-room of the accursed house; that is to say, that people go out of the one and hurry to the other, with passions inflamed and their reasons distracted. Since, it seems, liquor shops must be put up with, let them be reduced by at least one-half, and let the license fee be proportionately increased. You will even then have a sufficient number of applicants to take all the licenses, and the city will lose none of its revenue.

I have the honor to be, Mr. Mayor and Aldermen, your obedient servant,

(Signed)

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