

our agents have to track vice wherever it is concealed. Sufficient evidence must be gathered before an information may be laid before the Recorder's Court. Witnesses are difficultly persuaded to give evidence against ill-famed houses or their occupants. Our agents cannot therefore be held responsible when the cases are not sufficiently proved. Besides, it must be borne in mind that the figures of actions taken against houses of ill-fame do not give justice to the diligence of our morality agents. Many offenders fled when they found that they were too closely watched. Many young girls, some under fourteen years, have been persuaded by our morality agents to take refuge in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. A certain number of cases have also been brought by our morality officers before the Police Court.

During the past year, the suppression of publicly known houses of prostitution has led their former occupants, or those who imitate them, to find a new field of activity along the streets or public houses of the lowest class. Our agents follow them without mercy, and as soon as they can arrest them lawfully, they bring them before the Recorder's Court, or the Police Court.

The above details and figures plainly show the valuable service done by these agents for the protection of society, and the Recorder's Court finds in them faithful and devoted co-operators in the work of redemption which is entrusted to them.

Since the month of May last, some changes have been made in the personal of the Recorder's Court. Mr. Edward Foley, Clerk of the Recorder's Court during a period of over forty years, has taken his pension. Devoted to his office and very active, he never spared himself, giving the whole of his time. The citizens of Quebec fully appreciate him as a good man. Let us simply state that he has always been faithful, to his duty, charitable, merciful and sympathetic to the poor, to the humble offender, even to those of the worst class, who were brought before the Court. The writer has succeeded him