

A TIMELY MESSAGE
ON
THE CRIME OF PROSTITUTION
AND
The Duty of the Police to suppress it

The human body is a sacred trust committed to the soul by the Creator ; gifted with an admirable organism, it has the most astonishing physical powers as well as a delicate construction, such as can hardly be conceived ; and its functions, which, after all, are those of the soul that gives it life and movement, should be nothing but the result of the will and aspirations of that soul, made in the image of the Almighty. But the soul, given its freedom, comes under different influences ; evil suggestions due to heredity or temperament or to the vices of corrupt environment or bad education, and the body obeying, and being polluted in its turn, loses the beauty, purity and vigor given it by its divine Maker.

Among the plagues of humanity that have polluted the body after soiling the soul, there are two most terrible, whose unceasing assaults commenced at the very beginning of the world, and whose ravages have dishonored and decimated the nations. These two are drunkenness and prostitution ; almost inseparable companions ; a hideous pair, challenging divinity, defying civilization, rebelling against all law and oftentimes controlling the destiny of nations.

Entire nations of Asia, monarchs and governments of the Orient, cradle of the world, have bent under their yoke, have recognized their domination and have even paid them an infamous worship, the disgusting rules and details of which are recorded in History.

Christianity was well calculated to crush these monsters, but the purity of its doctrine, while attracting and winning the masses and the higher classes, and the beauty of its teachings, while inspiring governments with the wisest and most vigorous measures, could never in the middle ages nor yet in modern times, prevent intemperance, and especially prostitution, from invading the large centres, spreading and expanding therein, too often under the eyes of powerless authorities.

Prostitution is but a form, more disgusting than another, of the evil inherent in human nature. The complete suppression of evil is a humanitarian dream. Combating it is a duty, restricting it is a possibility, preventing the scandalous display and public exhibition thereof is both a duty and a possibility, admitted by all.