

bilt said to his valet, "Come, and let us save the kiddies." To save the children from the evils of enervating labor is the trumpet-call that must be answered by all who believe that the petition "Lead us not into temptation" has social significance.

That so many girls and women are living on wages so insufficient as to expose them continually to the blandishments of men who would ruin their lives and destroy their souls is surely of interest to all who believe that the social prayer means that we must work for an environment which will not put too great a strain upon the virtue of men and women. It is our plain duty to warn employers of labor that they have no right to call themselves Christian, that they have no right to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," if they are putting temptation in the way of their women employees by forcing them to work for a wage that must be supplemented in some way if these workers are to enjoy even the bare necessities of life. The bargain-hunting public with its craze for cheap things must be made to share the responsibility. Where cheap goods are produced, life is cheap, and the soul-destroying labor of little children and the virtue of women are thrown in to make a bargain holiday. The Consumers League has done splendid service in educating the public conscience, by promulgating the "standards of a fair house," and by printing in the "white list" the stores which approach nearest the standards of the league.