

Until the last years of the past century this traffic had a very peaceful and agreeable existence, nobody interfered with the agents. But then Mr. Stead, the English editor, and Mr. Alexander Coote, began a campaign against their vile doings which at last opened the eyes of the whole world for the horrible facts, and now all the European Governments, except the Balkan States, have joined in the combat against the traffic. Committees have been formed everywhere, and their first work has been to procure laws, equal for all countries, so that the agents, while punished in one State, might not take their refuge in another. Denmark joined in the work against the white slave traffic in September, 1902. A Committee was formed, of which I have the honour of being a member; delegates sent to the Paris Conference (August, 1902), and to the Frankfurter Congress (October, 1902). Its President is now the Colonel Liliefalk, who has been in New York and Chicago, 1904; its Secretary Skovgaard-Mortensen is a very active Secretary, who has already saved many a young girl from the threatening danger. The traffic has never flourished in our dear little land, but "preventing is better than cure," and there is very much to do only in warning the young girls, in giving useful information and in making inquiries about situations for our girls in foreign countries and for foreign girls in our country; nowadays girls want to see the world and like change. The Committee has already received many grateful letters from parents or from girls warned and helped in time.

#### EXAMPLES:

Eight young Danish girls had been enticed to Berlin from Copenhagen by some "artists," variety artists, who had promised them high wages which they never got. The Committee succeeded in saving six of them. Another young girl went with a fiance to Berlin; all was joy and happiness and fine clothes in the beginning, but soon they were short of money and she was sent "on the street," poor girl. She is now home again, an experience richer. Just the same thing happened another girl, but her fiance took her to New York, and the first night she slept there all her beautiful golden hair was cut off.

Denmark has passed several new law paragraphs against public immorality and for protection of youth. Several institutions, both private and public, have been opened for destitute children. Their are heavy punishments for demoralization of minor girls, alike for both men and women (*l'unité de la morale*).

The Committee has a subvention from the Danish State and is greatly helped by the police and the press; its work is appreciated by all the authorities, and I am glad to tell you that the agents shall not find Denmark a privileged place for their vile traffic, the meanest of all human doing.

All occasions are used for their evil traffic. When the earthquake had spread confusion and sorrow over Sicily, and Messina lay in ashes, the agents sought between the ruins for young girls, and promising them to lead them to their relations, brought them