

a girl ; she was committed for trial by the preliminary Magistrate, but acquitted only on the technical point that, in the specific case brought, the girl in question had been a prostitute and was in prison for the offence. It was a very iniquitous case. The woman had actually written to Ottawa to bring about the girl's deportation as a means of having a hold over her. The sympathy of the Magistrates was thoroughly with the prosecution. The victim was rescued and is doing well."

"A woman and her husband, named Peterson, were sent to jail. The elder of two girls came and told me of their heartlessness. The younger declared that she had been taken to a house by this woman and two men, and debauched. She eventually became a regular prostitute and went to live with the woman. We sent this girl home to her people in Ireland ; the elder has been in a situation for months, doing thoroughly well, and will return to her home in Ontario at Christmas ; she had been living an evil life for some years, and is still an attractive girl."

#### **White Slaves in Halifax**

The Agent of the Society for the Protection of children in Halifax and others, are authority for the following instances occurring in that historic and beautiful city, which has been cursed throughout its history with a large " tolerated " and more or less " segregated " colony of vice, from which might be brought to light many an awful tragedy.

1. The first tells of an exceedingly narrow escape. An innocent looking advertisement appeared in a newspaper, for a domestic servant—work light—wages liberal. An unsuspecting country girl saw and took the gilded bait. She came to the Capital with no information but the street address of her future mistress. On arrival she found it necessary to inquire the way. The railway official happened to know that the address was of a house in the " Red Light " district. The terrified girl was handed over to the S. P. C. officer and taken care of. One trembles to think how many similar lambs may not have thus escaped the slaughter.

2. The second is one of many that might be told. An attractive and very young girl, the daughter of well-to-do New Brunswick parents, left home to earn her living in a Nova Scotia manufacturing centre. She in due course attracted the eye of a procuress from Halifax, who told her a fairy tale of easy work, a pleasant life, and large wages, in the Capital. The unsuspecting victim went straight into one of the gilded dens of the " Red Light " district. There the curtain drops upon her tragic life, until the