

ject unite in condemning the present system, and our authorities are going contrary to the opinion of the best modern authorities on the subject in tolerating it.

The Chicago Vice Commission was one of the most remarkable bodies of business and professional men ever brought together to work out a sociological problem. They entered on their labors with many of their number prejudiced in favor of toleration, they closed with every individual in favor of suppression. They state their conclusions thus: "That there must be constant repression of this curse on human society is the conclusion of this Commission after months of exhaustive study and investigation—a study which has included the academic with the practical; moral ideals with human weaknesses; honesty of administration with corruption; the possible with the impossible. It has sought to meet all question fairly; it has made every effort to work with intelligence; it has kept constantly in mind that to offer a contribution of any value such an offering must be, first, moral; second reasonable and practical; third possible under the constitutional powers of our courts; fourth, that which will square with the public conscience of the American people."

And their conclusion is thus stated: "Constant and persistent repression of prostitution the immediate method; absolute annihilation, the ultimate ideal."

Policy Recommended

After receiving and considering at length this report, the Moral and Social Reform Council of B. C. decided to recommend strongly the following course of action to the authorities in Vancouver:

1. That they take vigorous measures to suppress professional social vice in all parts of the city, and especially in the segregated area on Alexander Street.

2. That the following course be followed:—

- (a) Co-operate with the Immigration officers to prevent undesirable characters from entering the country.
- (b) Co-operate with the same officials in securing the deportation of undesirable aliens of this class who are already here.
- (c) Offer the residue one of the following choices:—(1) Leave the city; (2) Go to jail; or (3) Enter one of the Rescue or Detention homes and accept the opportunity of a new start in life which they offer.

But no discussion of ways and means must turn attention from our demand that the criminal law be enforced in its entirety and that the present policy of tolerating the social evil be stopped.

NOTE—The following authorities have been consulted: Reports of the N. Y. Committee of Fourteen and of the Chicago and Minneapolis Vice Commissions; Encyclopaedia Britannica, Ed. XI.—Article on "Prostitution;" "The Sexual Life of our Time," by Dr. Iwan Block of Berlin; reports by Judge Taschereau and Judge Robson on the legal aspect, and a number of other articles.