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"...At the regular business meeting the first of a course of lectures was given on the subjects of Study for the year. "The Unprotected Girl," a subject almost hopeless, difficult and appalling, but with too strong appeal to be ignored. It seemed best to hear that those who are making a life study of the work had to teach us and at the same time do active work along the line of study. These lectures are given by members of the faculty of the School of Civics and Philanthropy.

Miss Lathrop gave the first lecture. She said "The inadequately protected life of young girls is the oldest and most vital problem of the world; she spoke of poverty, bad housing, promiscuous living, dangerous employment and amusement, and eagerness for luxury, as all entering into the force which impels her degradation." It was a forceful impressive talk closing with a quotation from Maeterlinck's "Mystery of Justice" which book she advised her hearers to read. In this connection it may be well to report the work of our committee in connection with another Association in caring for young girls coming from the Bridewell. Miss Mosset, largely through whose efforts a home has been provided for them, gave a detailed account of the work. Obviously this involves trials innumerable and problems difficult of solution. The raising of money, visits to the Bridewell and placing the girls in situations. Our Mrs. Kendall has recently been made President of the entire Association. The members who visit the Bridewell learn the cause of the arrest, and the length of a term of imprisonment, and the date of liberation, at which time they hold themselves ready to offer a home and protection to the girls until they can be satisfactorily placed elsewhere."