

**Bates, Alice E. Excerpts from "Report of the Reform Department." November 18, 1906.  
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"...No one can engage in reform and philanthropic work without soon becoming aware of the rapid growth of the social evil in our City. The reasons are not far to find. Says a distinguished German writer, "The limitation of the social evil to a minimum, which seems to every one with any knowledge of the subject both desirable and obtainable, can only be brought about through a reform of society, through education of the young and ignorant, and an amelioration of life."

The Reform and Philanthropy Departments have taken the initial step in a movement to check this evil in the efforts of a joint Committee, to secure the passage of the ordinances for licensing hotels. It is conceded that the passage of the ordinance by the License Committee, and its recommendation to the Council is largely due to the efforts of the Club Committee.

Well considered and far-reaching plans which include an effort to secure a paying wage to these shop girls in the downtown stores, -the providing of rational amusement, and the necessary specific instruction, -the holding up before them the beauty of the virtues of temperance and restraint, and the dignity of the human body as the temple of the soul."