

A Few Hot Shots.

To the Editor—Dear Sir: Please permit me the space in your valuable paper for the following:

What is a "fallen woman"? A fallen woman is a woman who has been degraded by that mean, low, contemptible wretch unworthily called man.

What is a "fallen man"? A fallen man is a disreputable, cowardly cur who makes a business of ruining virtuous girls who are cast upon the world to care for themselves. And yet this same man can enter society, with his fine clothes and smooth tongue, and pass as a gentleman. What about the girl? She cannot step on the street, let alone in society, but the finger of shame is pointed at her; she is shunned while he is praised; she must sink into oblivion; no one knows her, her former friends forsake her, she is an outcast and must seek other acquaintances. Consequently the end is—what? A house of shame.

What about the man? With his money and fine clothing—he needs no character—he is rapidly rising in society. Well, at last he consents to leave his fast life and become a Christian, and the church thinks it has won a great victory, no matter how bad his past has been, no matter how many girls he has degraded, he is welcomed with open arms.

What kind of a reception does the girl receive if she seeks to enter the church? She is either rejected or sent to the rescue home or slum mission. At the home she is still an outcast; she has no Christian fellowship, no Christians come to see her, she has very little Christian encouragement and is invited to visit no Christian home. At the mission she meets a few Christians who go once in a while to ease their conscience. She hears singing by a cracked voice accompanied by a wheezy old organ, and listens to a few remarks by a listless, uninteresting speaker. While the Christians and her destroyer are attending their fashionable church, elegantly furnished, listening to an eloquent speaker and the very best music, she is barred. No wonder she becomes disgusted and prechance returns to the old life as a refuge.

Ah, how many there are who would abandon their downward course if the church would only help them! The church can raise money for foreign missions and send missionaries to foreign countries to save the heathen. But it does not seem to be able to make the slightest effort to save the hundred of fallen American girls in our own cities who would gladly leave their life of shame if the church would give them the opportunity.

Remember, every girl in this country has loved ones somewhere who are just as anxious for her welfare as you are for your loved ones. Be a man! Your dear old mother loves you still. Think how it will grieve her if she knew the life you are leading. Do not disgrace her name and yours by becoming the coward of cowardly curs, a fallen man.

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