

DR. SHEARER TALKS ON CITY'S MORALS

SAYS HE IS ASHAMED OF CANADIANS' TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS.

"You will never get rid of the white slave traffic until you stamp out the double code of morals—treat a man as you would treat a woman," said Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer of Cooke's Church last night in the course of an address on "The Lights and Shadows of City Life." "Do you know," he asked, "that sixty thousand girls and young women sink into the underworld every year in the United States, and that Canada is providing more than her share of them?"

As a commentary upon social conditions in Toronto, Dr. Shearer mentioned that since the Presbyterian Board of Social Reform started work in February, it had ministered to between 150 and 200 fallen women. About fifty were still under their care, and a number had been restored to self-support and to their parents.

Dr. Shearer criticized the general attitude of Canadians towards immigrants. He was not afraid, he said, of Canada becoming "foreignized," but rather of the foreigners becoming Canadianized. It was, he was ashamed to say it, mostly the lowest class of Canadians who were doing the Canadianizing, and not the churches and the better classes of people.

"Why is it a Ruthenian never swears except in Canadian?" he asked. "It is because he acquires his habits from the class of men he meets when he gets here. The immigrants are learning more evil from us than they are teaching us."

As one remedy for the problem of the homeless, Dr. Shearer considered that it ought to be possible for the men and women of the churches to provide, or see provided, sufficient safe and economical boarding-houses for the thousands of young men and women working in the city who had no homes of their own here.