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## REPORT OF THE BRIDGEPORT VICE COMMISSION.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 27, 1916.

*To the Mayor, Honorable Clifford B. Wilson, and the Common Council of the City of Bridgeport.*

Gentlemen :

The task which you committed to us last July when you asked us to investigate the vice situation in Bridgeport, which at that time seemed to be taking on alarming proportions, we have completed, and in this report lay the results before you for your consideration and action.

We understood that the work we were called upon to do was not to duplicate the ordinary routine of the police department, nor did we feel that we were deputed to make a thorough investigation of all kinds of sexual irregularity. We confined our investigations strictly to the various forms of commercialized vice which had become common in our city.

We have spent eight months, held many sessions and worked through a number of committees, to come to a single mind on the problems which were presented by the mass of evidence before us. That evidence was obtained through the most trustworthy investigators, men and women of long and special experience. Moreover, most of the evidence was checked up that all possibility of error might be eliminated.

Our votes on all subjects have been unanimous. That we might have the clearest understanding and unanimity on the important parts of our report, most of them were gone over twice, and the Recommendations three times. At the final meeting of the Commission the Report was adopted unanimously and ordered printed.

Twenty persons have been members of the Commission. Two have resigned, one owing to ill health, the other because his duties now keep him out of the city almost constantly. At the



last meeting, when the report was adopted, fifteen of the full Commission of eighteen were present. Their votes on all parts of the report and on all the recommendations were unanimous.

We hope that the work of our Commission will be continued in the Morals Commission and the Recreation Commission whose creation we recommend; and in the hearty acceptance of the other recommendations, each of which has been tested in other cities or made necessary by our own local situation.

JOHN RICHARD BROWN, Chairman.

LUCIEN T. WARNER, Vice Chairman.

W. SEYMOUR LACEY, Secretary.

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