

# THE ANTI-SWEATING LEAGUE.

With a view to influencing the public to assist employers who are trying to pay a fair wage, the Council of the League, some time ago, passed the following resolution:—

That this meeting resolves to appoint sub-committees to investigate the wages paid and the conditions enforced on the workers by any firm in Melbourne which will allow such investigation, and further, to advertise to the public the name of all firms which are proved to deserve the support of the opponents of sweating.

Sub-committees were then appointed to deal with the clothing, boot, furniture, and other trades. This, of course, entails a great deal of hard work, which is still going on. In the boot trade it appears that, as the shops at which the public deal buy indiscriminately from good and bad employers alike, it is not possible to give the purchaser assurance that he is safe in dealing at any particular shop; even the Union factories which have retail shops offer therein many lines of boots made by sweated labour. It seems that this difficulty can only be got over by the use of some registered Trade Union stamp or label.

In the clothing and tailoring trades the following firms have already signified their willingness to permit an investigation in the terms of the above resolution, and this seems to be *prima facie* evidence that they think they have nothing to be ashamed of.

Bourke-street:—M. Kino, Buckley and Nunn, Fetherston and Dyson, W. Armstrong Stoney, Maurice Josephs, Taylor and Fiske, Sanders and Co.

Collins-street:—Hicks, Atkinson and Sons, Haigh Brothers, J. B. Milton and Co., James Byham, Scourfield and Co., Southwell Coultas, G. M. Bradshaw and Co., Howden's.

Little Collins-street:—Sculthorpe and Haines, W. C. Craigie and Co.

Elizabeth-street:—Craig, Williamson and Thomas, Beeston Brothers, R. C. Wicks, S. J. Woods.

Flinders-street:—Mackay and Co., Rowley and Co., Crawford and Co., Lincoln, Stuart and Co.

Flinders-lane:—M. H. Thomas.

Franklin-street:—G. J. Barthold and Co.

Russell-street:—E. C. Fatt and Co.

Swanston-street:—Ince Brothers, W. Frewin, A. A. Benjamin, J. Sinclair, C. Shave.

Drummond-street, Carlton:—Ball and Welch Ltd.

Errol-street, North Melbourne:—A. E. Levy.

Nicholson-street, Abbotsford:—Denton Bros.

Smith-street, Collingwood:—Foy and Gibson.

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The Sheffield, England, *Weekly Telegraph*, is responsible for the following:—"In Australia a bishop never goes to preach without a stock-whip and waddy, in order to protect himself and his flock from the attacks of wild cattle. On a recent occasion one infuriated animal actually forced its way into the vestry, where Bishop Thornton, of Ballarat, was preaching. The bishop unwound the immense stock-whip which was hanging on the communion-rail, and, handing the waddy to the incumbent, these two muscular Christians charged boldly into the vestry. For ten minutes the crack of the whip and the thud of the waddy were the only sounds that reached the congregation. Then the bishop and incumbent returned, and the former, dropping his whip at the foot of the pulpit stairs, resumed with 'I pass on to the next place,' as if nothing had happened."

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A man named George Gravins has entered a suit for divorce from his wife at Cincinnati, alleging that his wife Idzie had "compelled him for the past year to wear an apron, wash the dishes, clean the children attend to the housework generally, and to hand-iron the clothes." Mrs. Gravins is a member of a low theatrical company. No aspersions whatever are cast by her husband upon her moral character. She was formerly an actress in London, and was, it is said, member of Mr. Toole's Company.