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*"The Hate In Your Neighbors Eyes,
The Beam In Your Own!"*

We understand that John J. Eagan is the financial sponsor for The Executive Committee of The Men and Religion Forward Movement, and that he is ~~responsible financially and otherwise~~, for the articles that appear over its ~~signature~~.

The name of this Company has been used a number of times in these various bulletins, and unfair and unjust attacks have been made against this Company.

In an effort to induce the Senate to pass a Child Labor Bill attention is again called to this Company. An Invitation is given ^{by this Committee} to "go out and take a look."

This Company does not object to any Child Labor Law whatsoever. It will strictly observe ^{as it has always done} any law that the general Assembly of this State will pass, ~~as it always has done~~.

This Company invites the Members of the Senate to visit its plant.

Since the Executive Committee ^{of the Men + Religion Forward Movement} has taken upon itself to ask that our plant ~~may~~ be looked over, we desire to call attention to a certain plant in the City of Birmingham, the principal stockholder of which is Mr. John J. Eagan, as we are informed.

It is the plant of American Cast Iron Pipe Co. We have had a number of photographs taken of this plant, ^{including its dilapidated houses for employees} and invite any person interested to take a look.

We are certain that after an inspection of these pictures the thought will naturally occur that perhaps Mr. Eagan could employ his talents, as well as his money, in sweeping the dirt from his own door.

~~His last bulletin would indicate how seriously he takes~~

~~himself.~~
~~Of course his campaign "The Road War" what is going on abroad is only an imitation.~~

This rule of conduct might also be observed by others besides Mr. Eagan =

any place doors and windows Water pools.

To the Public:

we have patiently and silently suffered ^{unjust and} untruthful ~~and unjust~~ attacks against this company. § Only because we believe that the interests of the people of this State are involved, as well as our own, do we now make this ~~appeal~~. ^{statement.}

The people of this State, as well as those of the entire South, are facing an extraordinary situation. They are largely dependent upon the cotton industry. § That which threatens it affects all. § The foreign consumption of cotton has ceased; the export trade is ended. § The principle of economy will limit domestic use.

To the extent only that cotton is consumed in this country is the catastrophe to be averted. § Every effort by all good citizens should be to sustain this industry. § We are endeavoring to do our part. This company could have, with profit, shut down its mills and disposed of its raw cotton weeks ago. § It preferred not to do this, but to continue ~~to work~~ to afford employment for those who desired to work for it and to comply with its contracts.

^{abuse and} A self-constituted body of censors has ~~been~~ continued to malign ~~and abuse~~ this company. Opportunity has been ^{af-}fered members of this body to investigate the conditions which they have so wantonly assailed.

This company pays wages in excess of those paid by those of other mills in this State for a similar class of work. § Its business is being conducted in strict accord with the law. § ^{interfered with or} But because it refuses to permit its business to be controlled by strangers ~~who~~ have no interest therein, and who have demonstrated no capacity for commercial undertaking, ~~it is~~ publicly assailed.

We have been furnished much scripture, ~~and~~ we will also invoke scripture. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

May we ask if all the members of this Committee are free from error? Have they entirely corrected the evils which are within their own affairs? Does Mr. Eagan, whom we are informed is the chief stock-holder in an industrial plant in Birmingham, pretend that this industry is a model one? We have photographs of this industry, which will satisfy anyone that there is a great deal of work that this censorious ~~xx~~ person might undertake, with profit to his own ~~affairs.~~ *preaching*

X The effort to create a strike at our plant was entirely unjustifiable; to have continued such effort was without excuse; to interfere with people who desire to work for it is contrary to law.