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All correspondence and communications for publication in this paper must be addressed direct to this office, or no attention will be paid to them.

A correspondent in an article elsewhere in this issue calls attention very forcibly, and we think very appropriately, to the duty of people to the cities where they have made their money and from which they have moved to the suburbs in order to escape the many annoyances found in every overcrowded city.

As was clearly set forth in the Club Building in this city last winter by a settlement worker of Chicago, the danger of neglecting the moral conditions of the great cities is not confined to the cities themselves, or surrounding suburbs, but the whole nation must to a greater or lesser extent suffer from such neglect.

We are reminded of an article which appeared in one of the Chicago papers recently concerning the night schools. Notices of these schools were printed in seven different languages. Last year there were 16,542 entered these schools, and only about one-sixth of this number were Americans. Sixty per cent. of this attendance consisted of adults unable to speak English. The relative number of Americans, Germans, Swedes, Bohemians, Poles, Italians and Jews (foreign) averaged from above

1000 to less than 3000, the balance being made up of thirty-four nationalities.

But, not to make this article too long, we wish to call attention to the fact that to neglect these classes means a tremendous political danger as well as moral, religious and sanitary dangers, not alone to the city itself, but to the whole surrounding country, even affecting not a little the future of the entire nation.

An unfortunate and yet some what amusing incident occurred recently in the town of Lee, Massachusetts, which sets forth clearly the importance of being more careful in the selection of fit persons to occupy official positions. A Mr. Phelps, a plumber and tinsmith, was elected justice of the peace. Noticing the recklessness with which automobilists were accustomed to race along the streets he determined to put a stop to it. The result was that his first victim was Mr. Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British embassy, who was caught speeding along, as Judge Phelps declared, at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. He not only fined Mr. Gurney for violating the ordinance, but he then fined him for contempt; for Mr. Gurney pronounced the judge's action an outrage on the ground that he (Mr. Gurney) belonged to the foreign diplomatic staff, and the constitution of the United States and our statutes, to say nothing of international law, exempts a member of a foreign embassy from the jurisdiction of the municipal and local laws. But Judge Phelps, not being a lawyer, was of course ignorant of all this, and the matter stirred up considerable discussion, having been referred to both the United States government and also to the British government.

It is quite too often the case that the voters choose for official positions men who are for one reason or another unsuccessful in their business or perhaps are hunting for some "soft snap." We had a good illustration of this in our own city not many years back, when a justice of the peace worked notorious injustice presumably through his ignorance, for we would like to be charitable enough not to accuse him of viciousness.

A year later, however, and the public reversed their opinion and selected in his place another man who at least had the merit of being honest. It becomes the voters of this country, and especially of cities, to be wiser and select men who have proved their fitness for office by being successful in whatever they undertake out of office.

NEW BOOKS

Entered in the Public Library, August-September, 1904:

FICTION.

Captain Eri. Lincoln.....L93
Strife of the sea. Hains.....H127
Yoke. Miller.....M613
Singular Miss Smith. Kingsley..K614
Lord Jim. Conrad.....C7641
Jewel of seven stars. Stoker.....St67
Merry Anne. Merwin.....M559m
Last Hope. Merriman.....M551
Ladder of swords. Parker.....P231a
Rose of old St. Louis. Dillon.....D58
Green mansions. Hudson.....H86
Woman errant.....P39w
Nancy Stair. Lane.....L24

CLASSIFIED LIST.

Moses Brown, Capt. U. S. Navy.
Maclay.....B B81
Kings and queens I have known.
Vacaresco.....920 V13
Dux Christus. Griffin.....915.2 G87
JUVENILE.
Watchers of the trails. Roberts..jR54
Young ice whalers, Packerel...jP12
Defending the island. Otis.....jOt4d
Captured by the Navajos. Curtis..jC94
Half-back. Barbour.....jB234b
Josephine. Deland.....jD37

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

SPECIAL WARRANT No. 83.

Public notice is hereby given that the County Court of Lake county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvement: For the grading, draining, paving and otherwise improving of First street, Oak and Oakwood avenues, in the City of Highland Park, commencing at the southerly line of Elm Place, thence southerly along said First street across Walnut avenue to Oak avenue; thence southerly on Oak avenue to Oakwood avenue, and thence southerly on Oakwood avenue to its junction with the easterly line of Green street, otherwise known as the Green Bay Road, in said city of Highland Park, Lake county, Illinois, as will now fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office.

That the warrant for the collection of such assessment is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the Collector's office: D. M. Erskine & Co. bank, northeast corner St. Johns and Central avenues, Highland Park, Illinois, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Notice is further given that said assessment is divided into ten installments; that the warrant of the first installment is \$2,023.41, and that each of the remaining installments is \$1,366.79; that all remaining installments draw interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum from December 3rd, 1903.

The first installment is payable on the second day of January, A. D. 1905, the second installment one year thereafter, and so on annually until all installments are paid.

JOHN C. DUFFY,
City Collector.

Dated this 15th day of October, A. D. 1904.

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