

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBURBS.

One of the striking things in modern life is the tendency for people to move from the city into the country. This brings about new and untried problems. When country people flocked into the city the questions of municipal government, the control of the ever-increasing urban population, re-adjustment of business methods and factory life were pressing to the front. Now the question is, with the best classes moving out of the congested districts, leaving only the "renters," transients and foreign population to occupy the deserted homes, what is to become of these districts? City problems are becoming more and more complicated. Who is responsible for their solution? Have these so-called "best" classes, who have moved to the suburbs, by virtue of their removal no further responsibility in this matter?

This is a question that involves not only the welfare of the people in the city, but the prosperity and interests of the suburbanites as well. Their fine homes are made possible only by the city's prosperity. The city furnishes them a theatre for money making. If, therefore, they neglect the city, turn its government and politics over to the professional politicians to manipulate the "hoodlums" and for "boodle," increase taxes while neglecting the morals and the higher interests of the city, and property decreases in value, as many of the once fashionable districts in Chicago have done, their business will suffer, their city grow in disrepute and matters grow from bad to worse.

No suburbanite can afford to congratulate himself on being well out of the turmoil and the "mud" of city life and politics unless he does all he can to help those who are self-sacrificingly undertaking to better matters. It is a sin and a crime for people to move into the suburbs and enjoy themselves while neglecting to support the churches with their money, which are conducting missions and settlements for the betterment of the overcrowded cities—and taking a personal interest in such work. It is a selfishness that will react seriously upon themselves. The suburban preacher prayed well when he said: "Lord, bless those

who are at home on beds of sickness and sofas of wellness."

God, indeed, have mercy upon those who shirk all responsibility in the betterment of the world, thinking only of bettering themselves.

Some one put words into the mouth of a countryman to which many can say "Amen!":

"I'm glad you city people
Like the city as you do,
For if you should desert it
You would spoil the country, too."

MR. EDITOR;—I infer from the tone of the NEWS-LETTER during the past few weeks that the intention is to make it independent in politics. I therefore take the liberty to call attention through your columns to an event which occurred recently in the Rock River Methodist Conference.

Dr. M. M. Parkhurst, chairman of the temperance committee, in his report to the Conference, inserted the following resolutions: "We record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect or ought to receive the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon."

To my mind this roping politics into religious conventions is unwise, uncalled for, and in this case it led to an unfortunate blunder. The blunder strongly reminds one of the one committed by Dr. Burchard in the campaign of 1884, when he used in a speech the alliteration "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." Both blunders have come from mixing up religion and politics.

We cannot excuse Dr. Parkhurst for this indiscretion except on the ground that almost invariably when a man leaves his party, as Dr. Parkhurst left us two years ago and went over to the Prohibitionists, he is very apt to be over-zealous. But even that does not make Presiding Elder Tilroe's answer to Dr. Parkhurst's resolution any less unfortunate. He says, "I object to the resolution. In effect it declares that I as a Christian citizen cannot vote the Republican ticket this fall. I intend to vote that ticket."

This hasty retort of Elder Tilroe amounts to a confession that the Republican party not only re-

fuses to openly oppose the saloon but "stands committed to the license system." Now, that is exactly what the Republican party does not admit. This party has always been the party of great moral ideas. It claims, and I believe merits, the credit of fathering nearly all the legislation in this country favorable to temperance. It would puzzle one a long time to find with a fine-toothed comb anything of importance that our political opponents have done by legislation or otherwise to oppose the progress of the saloon.

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