

selves. They find great fault with the magistrate and the prosecutor and the police. I noticed sometimes in years past that people fined for not cleaning snow from the sidewalks in front of their property retained a strong feeling against me personally for doing my duty, sometimes a very bitter feeling. I did not mind this, for people who would take that view were not worth bothering about.

A good many years ago a second police magistrate was appointed, Mr. Rupert E. Kingsford, and he was assigned to deal with all the minor cases, while my business was mainly confined to trying the serious indictable offences. The result has been that my dealings have been with the worst criminals, while Mr. Kingsford's principal work has been with the respectable and wealthy classes.

It has been a great relief to me to have escaped dealing with the type who now come before Mr. Kingsford, and particularly of late years since the motor-car has become an established institution. There are a number of rules for the guidance of drivers of motor-cars which are often broken: overspeeding, driving on the wrong side of the street, not having lighted

lamps in the dark, or not returning to the scene of an accident. Overspeeding is the commonest offence of them all, and numbers of defendants are constantly in court to meet such charges. A man always feels he is going very slowly if he is going only five miles an hour over the rate permitted by law, and there is constant complaining by motor-car owners, if brought before the court on those charges. Those who complain the most are generally so-called millionaires. Sometimes in my club they will complain to me about the motor laws and the way in which they are administered.

I always close the discussion by saying: "Thanks to a kind Providence, I have nothing whatever to do with motor cases. I deal with the aristocracy of crime, with murderers, highway robbers, forgers, embezzellers and all the highest class of criminals. I have nothing to do with the petty offenders who don't remove their snow or drive their motors too fast or commit other frivolous little offences, and I am very thankful, for my customers are much more pleasant to deal with; they rarely complain or bear any ill-will."

