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PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE CITIZENSHIP.

Children have a God-given right to be well-born, morally, mentally and physically. The habitual criminal, either political or civil, has no right to propagate his kind. We are responsible for future citizenship.

Children have a right to be well-born, mentally, morally and physically; and only those who can beget and bear such should be permitted to beget or bear any. The farmer looks to the improvement of his stock by only permitting the best of his herd to propagate; but his children or grandchildren may be moral monstrosities. They commit crimes, are sent to prison, released, beget children, commit more crimes and go to prison again; the children in most cases but a few days behind on the same road. They are permitted to vote and have a loud voice in the government of the nation, having no ideas of the dignity and responsibility of citizenship than the cattle of the field. Is the citizen of less importance to the country than the horse or cow? Yet many of our citizens are so thoroughly

saturated with selfishness, the legacy from their parents, that they stand ever ready to barter their birthright for a mess of pottage, which is more than it is worth, their principles for cash or their votes to the highest bidder. Especially is this true of some in positions where votes bring good prices. In order to obtain such positions they travel up and down telling the dear people of fancied wrongs they know do not exist or never can. This is a class of crime not defined in our penal code or punishable by any law now in force. But what will their children be?

Possibly similar to those of Ada Juenke, who was born in Berlin in 1740, of parents who were believed to have been respectable; but she became dissolute and worthless. Her descendants numbered 844 when Professor Pellmann reported having traced 709 of them in the records, from youth to death, or their present abode. Some of the remainder have been lost in the record and some were still too young to offer useful instruction. Of the 709 so traced, 106 were born out of wedlock, 142 were beggars, and 64 more lived on charity; 181 of the women lived disreputable lives; 76 were convicted of serious crimes, 10 of them probably being murderers; 7 certainly were, for they were sentenced and hanged.

Massachusetts has paid over \$1,000,000 during the last century for prosecuting the descendants of a single criminal. These examples illustrate the terrible danger which one criminal may inflict upon society.—E. R. McIntyre in *Hom. Recorder*.