

City Council might well be left to itself, when, through its neglect and want of foresight things on the water-front have been brought to the present pass, and when we have just had to submit to the imposition upon us by the University of a tax of six thousand dollars a year in consequence of the failure of the Council, after repeated notice, to perform the conditions of the Park lease. Of the absence of the magnates from the counsels of their fellow-citizens at such a crisis of city interests, indifference or indolence must be the cause. Indolence is perhaps excusable in people who live in villas and do not like to turn out after dinner, though villa life, which cuts off the rich so entirely from the people among whom they lived in the early days of cities, is an unfortunate part of our present social arrangement. But indifference is a great mistake. The soundness of society, it cannot be too often repeated, depends on the willingness of its leaders to do their duty. If from fastidiousness or love of ease they shut themselves up in their mansions or, as many of them are doing at this moment, leave their post altogether for the pleasure cities of Europe and hand over the people to lower guidance, society will soon be in a bad way. The enemy will find them out presently in their drawing-rooms if they do not choose to meet him on the platform.

—We learn from Mr. Murray, the government detective, and gladly make it known, that injustice has been done him by the newspaper reporters who have put into his mouth things which he never said, especially the ominous words "that he staked his professional reputation on the conviction of Burchell." This is too bad. We had supposed that even reporting "enterprise" would respect public justice and human life. Whatever may be the evidence against a man, he is entitled to a fair trial; and a fair trial he cannot have if the Press acts as part of it has been acting in this case. Where is an unprejudiced jury to be found? Does the fact that a man