

control as well as fair and honest methods of general conduct; to one considerate of the equal rights of all and giving some thought to the welfare of his less fortunate, or weaker, fellow-beings.

And to an extent, greater or less in degree, the social defects or shortcomings that may be noticed in the case of Chicago prevail in nearly all the larger Cities of the Middle and Far West. The repeated scandals in Municipal administration; the financial jugglery of corporations; the lamentable methods in vogue and the insanitary conditions tolerated in the preparation and packing of food supplies; the malfeasance or the misfeasance of the Courts; the ethical obtuseness of Juries; the alarming growth of juvenile crime; the light esteem in which human life and human safety are apparently held and the want of adequate care; the lack of civility shown by minor officials—whether the servants of Governments or Corporations—these and many other glaring faults have been matters of frequent comment.

As Herbert Spencer has said, "The welfare of a Society and the justice of its arrangements are at bottom dependent on the character of its members," and "no philosopher's stone of a constitution can produce golden conduct from leaden instincts." May we not, then, rightly attribute the undesirable conditions prevailing in these Cities to the moral obliquity, the ethical apathy, or culpable ignorance of the individual citizen? And should we not be able and eager to establish in this twentieth century, a standard of general conduct in the large centres of this most progressive country that will effectively supplant the prevailing low ethical tone—a tone that finds a parallel in few, if any, of the older nations of the so-called effete East? Has not the conspicuously low racial, intellectual and moral status of certain immigrants admitted to this Continent much to do with the disorder? And is not the method of our public school education defective in, or neglectful of, special moral training, also responsible?

The objectionable immigrant is everywhere in evidence. Hordes of the surplus population of Southern and South-eastern Europe of a certain class fill the steerage compartments of incoming vessels. It is an established fact that while these