

trade while the men and women who are without influence are "hauled in" for the smallest infraction of the law and given "the limit."

Among the latter class the foreign-born are largely represented. Their names are common on the police-blotter as violators of the prohibition laws, as "mooshine" distillers, bootleggers and illicit vendors of intoxicants, as gamblers and as common drunks. Those who compile such statistics will tell you that the heaviest percentage of law violations are among the foreign-born. There is no question that that is true, if the number placed under arrest for infractions of these laws are furnishing the basis for these figures, but it would not be true if all the violators, high and low, of whom the police and administrative forces have thorough knowledge, were placed under arrest and dealt with on a basis of equality with those whose names already decorate these registers of social and moral wrongs and civic delinquency.

Tell the foreign-born that their "booze" parties are wrong and that such indulgence is against the law, and they will counter by telling you of the "booze" parties that are common among their American neighbors who are most influential and prominent people, and the young women, participants in these parties, who are maids in the homes of the rich, and of the socially and politically prominent, will tell you of the "booze" parties and other kinds of "parties" which are regularly held in the homes of those whom they work for, and the names of those whom they mention and the guests who have been present read like the social register of the so-called "400." The acts they are related as having been seen to have indulged in while in an intoxicated condition, leave little or nothing to be imagined. And those of whom these foreign-born people speak are with few exceptions native-born.

True, the excuse is not valid that because they see these flagrant violations of the laws of America these foreign born should feel that it is not incumbent upon them to observe the law. But, it cannot be denied that the circumstances offer ground for mitigatory judgment.

THE LIONS' SHARE IN AMERICANIZATION

A FINE example in practical Americanization work was set last summer by the Lions Club of Minneapolis which sent a group of boys of foreign-born parentage into the summer camps of the state to spend their vacation among American boys who were paying their own way. In these camps they were taught the simple rules of the American game of playing square, living on the square and promptly obeying orders. The nationalities represented were Armenian, Bohemian, Czechoslovak, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Jewish, Polish, Roumanian, Russian and Swedish boys. That the object for which the Club had arranged and financed this plan was attained is reasonably certain, judging by the letters from the boys received by the Club and from which the following extractions are quoted:

"I have made friends with many boys and have learned to be fair and square. I have also learned to obey orders

promptly and cheerfully. I thank the business men who paid my fee."

"When I came back I was more healthy and strong, and did not swear."

"At camp I have learned to play square in any games or other sports. I thank the members of the Club who paid my way."

"I learned to play a game straight. I learned how to play better. I have learned better sportsmanship. I have learned to love everybody and be a friend of them."

"I have learned to work and to mind my leader."

"Lots of times I'd swipe an apple or two just for the fun of it. When I came to camp I stole a piece of candy just for fun. Later Dawley (a leader) talked to me, and I'll bet I won't take anything that don't belong to me again."

The ways of making good Americans may be varied and many, but the Club in reference has good reason to be proud of its contribution to the sum total of constructive Americanization work — not of the kind that begins and largely ends with dead-letter "reports" and fine philosophical phrases submitted over luncheon tables.

The boys who found a "new life" idea out in the summer camps of Minnesota will by their lives repay the sum spent by the Minneapolis Lions for the purpose of helping these children from the homes of the foreign-born to get a close-up view of clean healthy and upright American life. The spirit of America is a spirit of action. The Lions got on the job. They saw to it that it was done; and Uncle Sam will some day be cashing in on this splendid investment of a few citizens whose patriotic ideas and willingness to serve brought such splendid results.

FRIENDSHIP

Anon.

Dear friend, — pray thee, if thou wouldst be proving
Thy strong regard for me,
Make me no vows. Lip serving is not living;
Let thy faith speak for thee.

Swear not to me that nothing can divide us,
So little such oaths mean,
But when distrust and envy creep beside us,
Let them not come between.

Say not to me the depths of thy devotion
Are deeper than the sea;
But watch, lest doubt or some unkind emotion
Embitter them for me.

Vow not to love me ever and forever,
Words are such idle things,
But when we differ in opinions, never
Hurt me by little stings.

I'm sick of words, they are so lightly spoken,
And spoken are but air.

I'd rather feel thy trust in me unbroken
Than list to words so fair.



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