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## WILL THE NEXT MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN IN CHICAGO BE BASED ON THE SOCIAL EVIL?

***Dean Sumner Believes It Will—The Vice Commission Says the Social Evil is a Commercialized Business in Chicago, With Annual Profits of More Than \$15,000,000—How the Vice Commission Was Created.***

In an address before the North Side Physicians' club, Dean Sumner, chairman of the Chicago Vice Commission, said he believed the next mayoralty campaign in Chicago would be based on the Social Evil.

If that happens, Chicago will be better equipped to intelligently conduct such a campaign than any city in the country.

The reason for this is that a commission of eminent men and women, in whose integrity and sincerity of purpose all Chicago has confidence, has gone clear to the bottom of existing vice conditions, and found the connection between vice in modern cities and economic conditions.

It has been the history of vice crusades in most cities that those who like to be considered good citizens have heartily applauded newspapers and crusaders so long as they attacked only the brewer, the saloonkeeper, the gambler, the burglar, the thief and the prostitute, but have dropped out of the fight when causes were traced to economic conditions and involved so-called eminently respectable citizens.

Quite often, too, these vice crusades have been started for a political purpose. In some cities the public service corporations, the frenzied financiers who fatten on watered bonds and stock, and the crooked politicians, have egged on such crusades in order to serve their own selfish ends.

But when, for example, the crusade against the keepers of disorderly joints got too near some eminently respectable citizen, of wealth and social prominence, who owned the building—then the crusade became unpopular with some of the so-called goody-goodies.

They were willing to attack the ignorant and not prominent men and women professionally engaged in vice, but not the influen-