

1st., about nine p.m., while he was climbing from one house to another through a second-story window in order to reach and open the front door of a house on West North avenue for an occupant, Miss. M. Michaux, who had been locked out by the door closing on her; she having left the key on the inside was unable to re-enter the house. He says he struck the injured leg against the cornice of the house.

The officer tells me he continued on duty until October 6th., when he asked and obtained two days' leave to rest the limb. Returning to duty on October 8th., he worked until the close of the following day, when the wound became so painful that he asked for and obtained another day's leave. Not improving, he reported disabled on October 12th., and has been on the sick list since.

Mr. Hobbs is temporarily incapacitated for active police duty. I advised him to remain in bed, at home, or to go to a hospital, so as to get the best results from treatment. I called at his home again to-day.

Following instructions from your Honorable Body, I also took up the case of Patrolman John E. Swift, Western Police District, with Dr. Hall, in whose medical district the officer resides.

Mr. Swift has had two or three attacks of Tonsillitis since June, 1910. He is, however, now on duty. I visited Mr. Swift at his home, by appointment. I found his tonsils somewhat enlarged. As such tonsils are liable to become acutely inflamed from trivial causes, such as changes in the weather, taking cold, and from infection, I advised him to place himself under the treatment of a throat specialist, with the view of having his tonsils removed, surgically, if deemed necessary to effect a cure. I warned him against the danger to his hearing and sometimes to life following abscesses in the ear as a sequelas to diseased tonsils, - besides the frequent attacks of tonsillitis necessarily causing him much loss of time from work.

Mr. Swift says he is willing to have local treatment of his throat and tonsils, but would never consent to an operation, because of his experience following an operation for hernia. His family physician, Mr. Knipp, thinks an operation unnecessary,