

benefits of his enterprise. His work has been substantial, and under his hand the rough places have become smooth, and by his public spirit much has been done to make Arlington, and the whole township as well, a clean, safe and substantial place of residence. Both in Church and State he has been a leader here. As a public man he has served the people faithfully, and in private life his success has been an advantage to all. In 1892 he assisted in the organiza-



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tion of our Board of Health, and was its first president; he is also a member of the "Executive Council" of the New Jersey Sanitary Association, is one of the Advisory Board of the Park Association, and he was known to use all his influence while a member of "The Township Committee" to promote the best interest of the township. He is a life-long Republican, and believes that, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like *Home*"

**N**O sketch of the rise and progress of Arlington would be complete without mentioning the genial and energetic Judge Michael M. Forrest. and telling something of his remarkable career, and of that courage and pluck which have done so much for the city. and have also served to endear him to the families of a large portion of our people. Judge Forrest was born in New York City and attended the public schools there. studying law in the New York University. of which he is a graduate. He was ad-

mitted to the bar in 1880 and has since practised law in New York. He came to Arlington in 1881 and at once foresaw the possibilities of the place, and investing in real estate, gave all possible time to its improvement, and personal assistance to the property in this section, with what success is best attested by the many homes in which the heads of families refer with greatest pride to Judge Forrest's efforts in the securing for them their own fireside. He is a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, having served seven years to the Arlington Company, and having been foreman of the Fire Company for some time. He has also served as Chairman of the Township Committee, as member of the School Board, as Justice of the Peace, president of the Democratic Club, president of the Arlington Club, chairman of the Arlington Relief Society, and in many smaller associations of less import. Probably his greatest undertaking was the opening up and developing of the farms and woodland in the northern part of the township. To the transient visitor, it seems incredible that that beautiful section known as Arlington Heights from which so beautiful a view can be obtained of Jersey City Heights and Hackensack River on the east, the Orange Mountains and Essex County straight away to the west with the Passaic at one's foot in the foreground, and a closely built up village at the south, ten years ago was a waste of woodland and uncultivated fields, but such was a fact, and much is due to the untiring efforts of Judge Forrest.

**New Church of St. Cecilia.**—The new church is built on the site of the old Jerolemon homestead and occupies a beautiful and commanding position at a bend of Kearny Avenue. The structure is a frame one, but its simplicity of design lends it a dignity creditable to the architect. The Rev. Father Kernan purchased the property for \$8,000 from the executors of the Jerolemon estate, and moved the old homestead back toward Chestnut street, allowing the church edifice to occupy an open terraced plot about 200x200 feet in size. This has been partly covered with a fine grass lawn, and as the spring advances will add much beauty to the street. The old manor house has been entirely repaired and renovated, the many friends of Father Kernan from Newark taking the matter in hand and furnishing the house in an elaborate manner from cellar to garret. The decorations and hangings are artistic and reflect much credit on the good taste of Father Kernan and his friends. The church building, while simple in design, is thoroughly equipped in every way. The many windows of stained glass lend a softened and harmonious color to the interior. The memorial window representing St. Cecilia in the sanctuary, put in by Father Kernan in memory of his mother, is particularly attractive. The altar is in white and gold, and was presented to the church by Mrs. Carey, one of the parishioners. The floor of the church is occupied by neat and comfortable pews of old oak, and the trimmings throughout the edifice are of like material. To the left of the front entrance a stairway leads upward to a gallery which the choir will make their quarters. Back of the church, in a connecting wing, are two large rooms that will be used for the present as school-rooms, but they are so constructed that they may be easily converted into a sacristy or sanctuary, should more room be required. The church building and improvements to the pastoral residence cost about \$12,000, making a total cost of the present property of \$20,000.