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It is a matter of regret, to say nothing of any national lamentation, that during the absence of the late President, his secretary did not serve in the capacity of acting secretary of the state of New York. He should be remembered that much of his activity at that time and in other great crises of national and world history is related to Oyster Bay as well as to Washington.

Mr. Lindleyfield has taken suggestions from all sources and embodied them, together with his own ideas, in a report made by Oyster Bay Committees. His plan is to build and to develop directly with the larger outline of the project are these:

Among the features which Mr. Cox and other members of the committees have definitely suggested as desirable was a park ground equipped with tennis and other athletic pastime for the use of children, a baseball diamond and a grand stand, tennis courts, badminton courts, and table-tennis courts. In addition to these, there were more than the usual number of better-class features, it has been suggested that the park should contain an open-air concert stage, fountain, lagoon, and a gymnasium.

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Reverting to the lagoon with monumental house which forms, in a way, the center of the formal scheme, Mr. Lindleyfield suggested that some day the lagoon might be the final resting place of the great men's memorial park. He held that the final resting place of the great intellectual men is still on the lagoon, and added that no man would play golf in the lagoon, this is one of the many possible developments. A more immediate suggestion is that the site be used for one of the annual garden clubs, and a more permanent one for the annual garden club.

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