

So far the National staff of the Association has not had on it a specialist on industrial life and economic problems, but such an appointment is contemplated in the near future. In the United States through the excellent work done by such a National Industrial Secretary, the Association has been stirred to think and to act in matters concerning women in industry, the latest development having been that the American Y.W.C.A. has definitely taken its stand side by side with the Women's Trade Union League and other bodies in demanding minimum wage laws, a shorter working day and several other reforms urgently needed for the great mass of women workers.

HOLIDAY CAMPS.—For girls with limited means, the question of a Summer Holiday is a very difficult one and many of them have been gladdened when they found the City Association to which they belonged, had a summer camp or cottage to which they could go. Calgary has one at Banff, Vancouver one at Whytecliff Beach, Montreal one in the Laurentians, to mention only a few renowned for especial beauty. Some City Associations also have a camp during the summer within car-fare distance, so that girls who cannot afford a real holiday may yet go and live out there and come in daily to their work. The Dominion Council has also managed for three years, a Provincial Holiday Camp near Lake Couchiching, Ontario, largely for industrial workers. These camps are found to be such a source of benefit, to body, mind and soul, that the Council is desirous of seeing a considerable increase of them throughout the country, and it is hoped that public-minded citizens may help to make them possible by giving land on which a camp centre could be erected.

RECREATION.—While a camp provides one of the best summer recreations for a privileged few, the whole vital question remains of the leisure hours of girls in cities and the many difficulties and temptations surrounding them. Commercial bodies direct their best efforts to make recreation attractive, and while some few are high principled, the greater number pay no real attention to the moral aspect of the question and too many actually pander to the lower instincts and stimulate the very passions we would fain see kept under strict control.

As an Association, the provision of recreation has not yet gone far. The clubs and classes, the athletic meets, the physical culture departments are all, of course, the best of counter-attractions to the lower forms of amusement, but they reach far too few. The accommodation and equipment of most of the Associa-