

#### EFFECT ON THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY

open country. The agricultural workers will diminish, for machines will replace human toil more rapidly than the world will increase its consumption of food. It will be invalids or those too young, or already retired, who will prefer the health and quiet which the country gives. But there will, I believe, be a movement back to small communities and the country around them. The electrical transmission of power, and cheap and quick transport will make this possible. The higher rents, and the expense and time of travelling a long way to one's work will give an economic motive; and the pleasures of quick access to the country a social one.

The next gift that mechanization will bring, if we can control it, is a margin of wealth sufficient not only to give every man all the comforts and reasonable luxuries of life, but a security of livelihood through all the chances of life. The value of this boon, and its profound psychological consequences, are scarcely imaginable by those who enjoy even the measure of greater security which professional life and, at normal times, the directing positions in industries gives as compared with the lot of the worker.

Next comes the boon of ample leisure, sufficient to construct a rich and balanced life for all who need it.