

No doubt in the first instance only the most enterprising workmen would adopt this mode of living, but when the advantages which they derived from it were recognised, others would follow their example, and the children, being brought up in the country, would often settle there. Thus in time, increasing numbers of industrial workers of all grades would be resident outside the towns and cultivating their plots of land when they had no other work.

#### CONCLUSION

This is a brief summary of the main conclusions to which we have come in the preceding pages, and of the reforms which have been suggested. As we have proceeded with our investigations, the urgency of the need for a determined attempt to deal effectively with the problem of unemployment has been impressed upon us with growing force.

It is a terrible blot on the face of the richest country in the world, that in a town of 82,000 people, the unemployed army on a day in the middle of summer should number over 1200 persons. We do not forget that York lagged behind in recovering from the wave of industrial depression which had swept over the whole country, and we know that no one town can ever be perfectly typical, but if the conditions here described approximate even roughly to those in other towns, they point to a social evil appalling in its magnitude. But though at first