

Why then, is there so much begging? The answer must be that some at least of the agencies dealing with the problem are not functioning properly. A report has been prepared, which points the way to its solution.

2. The problem of the care of distressed families cannot be met by the operations of one central office, understaffed and quite unable in consequence to develop neighborhood interest in and responsibility for families in distress.

The history of the Charity Organization movement is the history of a persistent effort to arouse and maintain neighborhood interest in individual family problems, and the social and economic causes of these problems.

The existence of six city district committees of the V.O.N. which might form the nucleus of District Welfare ³Conferences, points the way to a possible solution of this serious deficiency in the Family Welfare Association's work.

3. The Convalescent Home situation demands instant action.

4. An institution for mentally defective children must be added to our institutional equipment.

5. The spare time of underprivileged boys and girls does not need to be spent on the streets and in cheap commercialized places of amusement so long as school buildings and church buildings are idle; responsible supervision and direction is the main factor missing, which makes it impossible to connect idle young people and unused buildings.

None of these suggestions are new. All these problems have received the attention of one or more of the Divisions of the Council, ~~xx~~ Why, then, do we progress so slowly in their accomplishment?

Is it not due to the fact that there are not enough informed men and women giving sufficient time to carry out the reforms? The load of responsible direction and initiative is not sufficiently distributed.

A Trustee has suggested that it would be worth while to compile a list of the men and women, who are giving their time to the direction of our social agencies, believing that it would reveal a situation which would show that the real weight of responsibility is on the shoulders of less than a couple of hundred men and women.

PERSONAL SERVICE.

Important as is the problem of adequate Trusteeship for social agencies, it should not be considered more important than the problem of securing a sufficient number of the right kind of volunteers for the individual work of our Agencies, Homes and Social Centres. One may say with some justice that the city which has developed the training and use of volunteers for personal service has solved its problem of adequate Trusteeship for future years.