

science insist on preserving as a necessary nerve centre of the community. The average hotel keeper in recent years was a person of poor education and inferior character—the old race of Bonifaces, often men of substance and standing, had gone in face of the relentless persecution of their calling by the temperance people who had branded the business with such opprobrium that it was almost as respectable to keep a brothel as a hotel.

The old rural hotel can never be brought back, but in its place there must arise a substitute. The community centre is now a recognized feature of all rural civilizations, to whose upbuilding, intelligence and forethought has been devoted. They are scattered all over Denmark, and Sir Horace Plunkett and the Irish Agricultural Organization Society are encouraging them in Ireland. Certain American States have made a beginning, and the idea is spreading into Canada. There are one or two established in Ontario, and in Manitoba the Provincial Government is giving active assistance to the project. Minnedosa and other towns have plans under way for the erection of a community building this year.

A proper community centre should consist of a substantial two-story building, equipped with every modern sanitary convenience,