

they are unable to carry out their aim to rehabilitate rather than to degrade by promiscuous almsgiving.

(g) *Paid Workers.*—The Central Mission has two outside workers, who visit needy families and try to help men in trouble in the saloons or in the police court. The Vancouver Mission has two outside workers, and from November until January, two officers of the Salvation Army are detailed for the duty of searching out needy families.

(h) *Exchange of Information.*—There is very little, if any, formal or informal exchange of information among these agencies.

(i) *The Needs in These Fields.*

(1) A farm colony to which habitual drunkards and vagrants might be committed.

(2) The establishment of a central bureau where careful case records should be filed and available to any agency. There is great need for co-operation in the formation of policies of rehabilitation for families to supersede the present over-lapping, pauperizing methods.

(3) A wood-yard where men asking for relief because of unemployment should be given the opportunity to earn their meal or bed tickets. This would cost the city only the rent of a vacant lot and the wages of the man in charge, since the wood bought in the rough and sawed and split by the men ought to sell at a profit sufficient to cover most of the expense. Even if there was a deficit the city would escape the charge of pauperizing the unfortunate and the poor.

(4) Central Mission and the Salvation Army have rescue homes for unfortunate girls. In this field the great need is an arrangement by which the courts will not impose fines on first offenders, neither imprison them, but shall commit them to a rescue home for an indefinite period. If on their dismissal they again offend and if longer terms at the rescue homes seem ineffective, imprisonment would seem to be inevitable.

(j) *Barriers to This Accomplishment.*—One can scarcely say the public are indifferent. Public opinion seems in favor of the suppression of at least the glaring evils of the city's life, and there would be a general support by the people and the city officials of any satisfactory betterment scheme. The different agencies have been too closely concentrated on their own particular phase of the city problem to know the city as a whole or to undertake any co-operative effort. With the rescue homes there is need for a stricter discipline. This would be especially necessary if girls were to be committed to them by the courts, but it seems that there is not the legal machinery to delegate to these institutions the required police power.

(k) *Need of These Organizations.*—There is great need of a comprehensive scheme of co-operation for the scientific study and betterment of the city's social life and for more trained workers to execute any such scheme.

(l) *Functions the City Should Perform.*—In addition to the farm colony and the woodyard mentioned above, either the city or the province ought (if wayward girls cannot be committed to the homes already in the city) to establish a rescue home in charge of a suitable person or persons with wide discretionary powers as to the discipline and dismissal of the inmates.

(m) *Powers of the City to Conduct These Organizations.*—The city officials have the money and the authority to conduct these organizations, but the present equipment of the city in all its charity and social service branches is very inadequate. Neither has it a sufficient number of officers and workers with training for the proper carrying on of such work. It is generally understood that the city's effort to conduct an employment bureau during the winter of 1911-12 was very unsatisfactory, and especially so from the point of view of expense.

### 3. *Dispensaries and Clinics.*

(a) There is one free dispensary in the city.

(b) *Cases Treated.*—In 1912 the dispensary treated 537 cases and gave out 1,569 prescriptions.

(c) *Instruction to Mothers.*—The only instruction to mothers in the care of infants by these agencies is that given by the two nurses connected with the Associated Charities. They help and instruct—they answer all applications for help and make visits whenever informed of needy cases.