

pathetic help be brought to the home at times of birth, serious illness and death, but also in those minor cases of indisposition which so often tie the house-mother too closely withindoors, or mean that a school-going girl must be kept at home. What a relief also to the mother would be the certainty, in times of sickness, of the help for even an hour a day, of a skilled nurse, often replacing the dreaded and time-wasting visit to an out-patient department of an hospital; or the services of a special Home Helper, who would look after the house and the children when the mother herself was laid aside at confinement or other times. The society would also try to make ample provision for the lending of medical and nursing appliances and conveniences of every kind.

Such an organisation—built up from its infancy department at the beginning of life, giving guiding care to mother and child, to its provision for the last offices at the close of life, through an insurance department that might help to prevent the incursions of profit-making concerns at such a time—would co-operate, we believe, with favourable conditions of home and industrial life to produce a notable standard of health in our town.

Is Decent Housing too expensive? It has been insisted that the scale of housing we have suggested is too expensive for the average worker, that bedrooms to the number necessary to meet all family needs, an airy house with simple conveniences and a garden for each family, is too much to ask for. As a concrete illustration of this, it is stated that an additional cupboard means twopence per week extra rent. But may it not well be that the lack of a cupboard may mean daily annoyance, and a loss of time and energy to the extent of two hours of the home-maker's time per week. Is not her time worth to the community more than a penny per hour?

The few shillings in rent per week necessary to meet