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that was in more need of being redeemed than they themselves were of being improved in their minds, and the result has justified the effort. The Freetown social settlement is a permanent enterprise because it is so thoroughly established on a firm financial basis.

"I ought not to omit mention of the churches of Merton, which have also, without regard to denomination, helped the settlement all these years in many generous ways. In fact, nearly all the Sunday work there is done by members of the different churches and Christian Endeavor societies. This has been a wonderful aid to unite the denominations.

"The political aspect of Freetown has been completely transformed by the political school formed by the Christian citizenship committees of the Endeavor societies. This alone would necessarily prove of untold value to the city.

"Fifteen years seems like a compara-