

## **The Work of Home Missions and Social Service.**

The work of Home Missions and Social Service is a prime factor in building up the nation that is to be, because it contributes elements without which no nation can live. While others think of our resources it thinks of our men. It deals directly with the lives of the people. Its first aim is to form Christ in every individual (Gal. 4:19). The first result of this divine indwelling is that the renewed soul is qualified and inspired to meet to the full his social obligations. Next, Christainity touches each social group as an essential part of its work. It lays the foundation of the family in the law of God, treats it as the social unit and surrounds it with the holiest influences and ideals. The individual is taught his functions as a member of the community; and the place and functions of the community itself are defined. The duties of the State to its citizens and of each citizen to the State are emphasized. In a word, the Church aims to build up the Kingdom of God in the land and to conform every part of our complex modern life to the will of God. How the Home Mission and Social Service enterprise accomplishes this is our subject now.