

nize the defects of old habits and methods, and to carry out what reason tells them is a right and acceptable mode of action, than it is to persuade the adult, hardened by custom. This has been abundantly noted in connection with every tuberculosis and health exhibition. The novelty of new facts appeals to the child; he talks over the matter at home, and time and again his lively enthusiasm for what is obviously right and reasonable, as opposed to the old-time and wrong method, impresses the needed change in home conditions.

But what is of deeper importance in connection with the holding of exhibitions of this nature, is the effect produced upon the workers and those through whose efforts the exhibition is brought together. In every great city there are very numerous associations dealing with one or other phase of child welfare; some with the broader ground of civic improvement and amelioration of the health and living conditions of the community at large; others from a moral aspect study the protection of the child and the upbringing of the defective or delinquent members of the community; others care for the homeless and the orphan; others for the sick; others again superintend education; and yet others interest themselves in the healthy activities and recreations of the child outside of school hours. I have not here, nearly exhausted the list. Each of these bodies in its enthusiasm runs the danger of becoming isolated, and the greater the number of these organizations, the less is apt to be their individual influence, on account of the very division thus brought about among those earnestly seeking after the welfare of the child. A child welfare exhibition focusses all these individual efforts. Not merely does it bring before the public the admirable work that is being accomplished by these various associations, but it unites all of them in loyal co-operation. That co-operation is essential for success, and what is more, this active co-operation demonstrates practically the remarkable influence upon the community at large brought about by the combined efforts and combined influence of numerous associations. The eyes of the public are opened to the extraordinary amount of work that is being performed in our midst by the various philanthropic work-

ers, and the workers on their part come to realize the enormous increase in the effectiveness of individual activities when those—instead of being isolated—are supported and backed by the cordial co-operation of workers along other lines, who have this in common with them, that they are seeking the uplift and the well-being of those who are to be the new generation of citizens.

This, at least, has been the experience in connection with the Tuberculosis Exhibition held here a few years ago. Tuberculosis covers a very wide field, and in the holding of that exhibition it was necessary to ask—and there was received—the cordial co-operation of a large number of bodies doing good work here in Montreal in the caring for the sick. Certainly from that exhibition we date a heartier co-operation here in Montreal between our many benevolent associations. A child welfare exhibition would bring together a still larger number of bodies, French and English, and would assuredly inspire these with a cordial desire for mutual help and co-ordinate influences that can but be for the good of our community. And in taking steps to hold a child welfare exhibition next autumn, it has been this co-operation of numerous associations, French and English, that we hope to achieve. We are confident that it will be a revelation to the ordinary public to see how much is here being accomplished for the child; what a mass of effort there is in our community for the betterment of conditions in existence, and also I must add, how much remains to be done in many directions to ameliorate the conditions of life in over half a million people.

But over and above this we can be absolutely assured that the seed here sown will germinate and bear good fruit. That has been the experience of those cities in the States which during the last year have held these child welfare exhibitions. At Chicago, from the demonstration there given of what was being accomplished in other cities to provide bathing accommodation in the hot summer months for the children, and of what might be done along the magnificent lake front of that great city, within four weeks the City Council passed a scheme for providing such bathing accommodation. In Kansas City, also, the exhibition demonstrating the condition