

## Social Service

ant, progressive and in its progress listening for the new call from above—eager for the new spirit which shall inform and master it.

“Of this new civilization the city is the centre. The forces of nature, trained to service, converge upon it. The materials and methods of industry command it. The confluence of nations is at its gate. To it learning brings its problems; in its libraries and universities, in its treasures of art and of science, finds its resources; in the attrition and concentration of the city becomes conscious of its power and its mission. The city is the test and the opportunity of mind. In the city the problems of the social order become acute, and there reach the beginnings of their solution. What a man is—in his rights, in his aims, in his equipment; what he owns, his labor, his property, his reputation; what the community asks of him in personal and property surrender, in sacrifice of privilege, or direct service for the commonwealth; under what laws—natural or artificial—the quest for bread, the conduct of trade, the education of childhood, the maintenance of the home, are to be guaranteed; how he is to be free though governed, and governed though free; how out of racial friction the personal life shall survive; how he shall be his own and his brother's keeper, and shall find the Master's answer to the question, 'Who is my neighbor?'—these are the social problems of the