

some extent meet the social need. If there could in addition be a social centre building with club rooms and hall for concerts, dances, etc., such a building would exercise a healthy, pleasure-giving influence that would offset to some extent the deplorable exodus to the cities. If the Women's Institutes would take this project up they would be doing the highest kind of service for the community.

AN IMPORTANT HEALTH PROVISION.

Not long ago a country doctor of long experience, in discussing work for children, mentioned a matter that should receive the attention of school trustees and the members of Women's Institutes. In many country schools the closets are located a considerable distance from the school building. Often the children in the early part of the winter leave the door open and the snow is allowed to drift in and this, soon forming into ice, makes it impossible to use the building. Then it is said that passage-ways are rarely cleaned of snow, with the result that the children, girls particularly, fail to attend to this important function at the proper time, and in this way completely upset their health. This doctor said he could without hesitation trace many of the diseases and chronic cases of ill-health to this cause, and he begged that in the public interest there should be less reticence on the part of parents and teachers in making the children acquainted with the vital necessity for regular habits and prompt response to nature's call.

ALL CAN HELP TO BEFRIEND CHILDREN.

There is probably no one of mature years, no matter how humble his position, who cannot help in some way to bring about an improvement in the condition of a neglected child, or in adding to the happiness of a boy or girl starting out in life, it may be without friends or influence and needing the kind word and the smile of encouragement. Some have exceptional opportunities for usefulness. For instance, editors control a mighty agency for good. The printing of items on child-saving work and the endorsement of the movement have a far-reaching effect. Clergymen also have the privilege of bringing before their people this work for our neglected and dependent children, referring particularly to the Christian duty of taking into their homes one of these children and giving him the benefit of Christian culture. The Crown Attorneys, Local Magistrates, County Constables, Governors of Gaols and other officials can do much by reporting cases of neglected children instead of allowing them to drift on in wrong-doing until the gaol becomes the only remedy.