

## CHAPTER VII

### THE HOMES AND SOCIAL LIFE OF NEW TOWN

*"I am interested in housing because I am interested in homing. I want houses for souls as well as for bodies."*—MARGARET MACDONALD.

**The Homes New Town demands.** IT will already have been made clear that our New Town is to be a place where a new life is to be lived. There will be a fresh atmosphere, the breath of a common striving for worthy ends. In the daily bread-winning undertaken by the captains of industry and by the rank and file, each man will no longer look on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Intellectual life for child and adult will no longer be a thing apart, pursued for selfish ends, nor the mark of a caste of privileged persons cut off from their fellows in the workshops and the fields. Civic life will not be merely the concern of a few, or something which touches a few only of the needs of the individual; it will concern itself with our "daily bread," and with intellectual development, and with the thousand and one needs between and beyond, which can best be considered in common.

A people spending its days thus, working in a wider field than that in which the daily task is now performed, must needs express itself in a noble private life, and have homes worthy of free and enlightened folk. There must be opportunity for a broader and a deeper home life, more private and yet more shared, more varied and yet more peaceful, than can be lived in the houses and streets of to-day. The dwellings which we are planning are to be the shrines for the most intimate and sacred moments of men and women who are sharing in the