

of the companies these students are often unable to do anything to remedy some of the worst evils with which the men must contend. It would seem as if there is a line of work here which should be greatly extended and supported by public funds and public authority.

The outstanding need of our rural communities is recognized to be that of better organization. The physical isolation of the farmer has given him no training in co-operative effort. Numerous institutions and societies exist in every community, but these work more or less independently and are self-centred rather than "community centred." No state church having been established, there exists no parish machinery for initiating and maintaining those activities which provide for the higher needs of the community. Each religious denomination has planned and carried on its work with little regard to the work of other denominations.

In the newer districts settlement has been so recent and the settlers are so diverse in character that a normal social life has not yet had time to develop. There are often not enough people of any one nationality to form a group for social intercourse or religious fellowship. If groups are formed the groups are mutually exclusive if not antagonistic. The problem is how to unify our rural communities.

Probably the best work is that which centres about the public school—frequently the only neutral, common meeting place in the district.

The work, for example, carried on in Teulon, Manitoba, is very suggestive of what might be accomplished by well organized effort. Teulon, a few years ago, seemed a most unlikely place for the development of any progressive experiment. It was a dreary little village situated some forty miles north of Winnipeg in rough scrub country. To the north extended backward Ruthenian colonies occupying what might be termed swamp land.

Into this village, a few years ago, went two men of vision and ability—a medical missionary and a school teacher. Now the whole district is changed. There is a good consolidated