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The Co-operative Reference Library, where these articles have been written, is the last development of the Irish Co-operative movement. It owes its foundation to the initiative of Sir Horace Plunkett and to the generosity of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, who have given it large financial asistance. The purpose of the institution is to act as a centre of information for practical workers and others interested in the development of agricultural and industrial co-operation. It collects from every country particulars as to what is being done in this way and catalogues and tabulates this information in such a way as to make it easily available to those who wish to use it in a practical manner. The library has been in existence a little over two years, during which time it has developed considerably in spite of the disadvantage of war conditions. A secondary but by no means unimportant function performed by this institution is to receive the many visitors from other countries who are constantly coming to the Plunkett House to study the principles of the movement, and to attend to correspondence with other enquirers who are not able to pay personal visits.

United Irishwomen

Another important development of the movement has been the foundation of the United Irishwomen, a society intended to carry out, thru the organization of farmers' wives and daughters, the "better living" part of Sir Horace's famous formula: "better farming, better business, better living." Home industry societies, milk depots for children in "agricultural slums," egg circles, gardening clubs and similar activities as well as the provivsion of village nurses, and assistance in domestic economy have been undertaken by this society, and a great deal of good has undoubtedly been done in the few years since its foundation.

Such, briefly put, is the record of the I.A.O.S. and its affiliated bodies. It can only be properly appreciated by those who have seen enough of Irish conditions to understand the peculiar difficulties, political, religious and economic, which beset such a movement at every turn. The results could not have been achieved had it not been for the extraordinary enthusiasm, energy and perseverance of a few men. Chief among these Sir Horace stands out as a man of single purpose, with that form of genius which consists in never being discouraged and in knowing how to impart to his followers his own enthusiasm and an unswerving loyalty. Thru every crisis and in the face of every form of personal attack Sir Horace has continued to follow the same end without apparent check, and he has always been able to find men to go with him because he thinks straight and because he has always been just and always human. But there are other men in this movement whose record is almost equally remarkable; everyone has heard the fame of Mr. Russell (A.E.), the versatile editor of The Homestead, who has devoted years of vigorous life to what, but for his genius, would have been an obscure and thankless task. Less, perhaps, has been written of the executive work of Messrs. Anderson and Norman, the secretary and assistant secretary of the I.A.O.S., and less still of the constant toil of the poorly-paid and over-worked organizers, who carry out all the practical field work of the movement; but without the harmonious efforts of all these men the Irish farmer would be still unorganized and the country probably poorer by many men and women and several hundred thousand pounds.

BRITISH AIMS

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