

enrichment of the lives of all, will become the main body of our nation, and the social revolution we desire find thus one means for its accomplishment.

Who will live in New Town? Is New Town to be peopled by carefully chosen ascetics or visionaries? Let us dismiss at once any such thought.

Its gates will be thrown open to the crowd of ordinary, red-blooded, foolish, well-meaning men and women. "The common man will live strongly, given the chance." Has not the war shown us how much of the hero and idealist is lurking within every coat? The common group spirit, to which New Town will seek to give form and expression, calls to what is deepest in each of us. We shall seek to give to every one who comes to live in New Town, such healthy conditions for body, mind and spirit, that it will be difficult for him to respond with anything except the best that is in him. We do look forward to misunderstandings, compromises, struggles and disappointments—yet set in a framework of common, joyful effort that shall redeem all. The emphasis which, in writing, we are bound to lay upon the need for the right spirit in the founding and growth of New Town must not lead us into the error of supposing that its inhabitants must be picked and perfect altruists. The appeal made by the special character of the town will no doubt, to a certain extent, result in attracting a larger proportion than usual of active and thoughtful citizens; but in the main they will be just the same mixed lot of folk as are to be found in other cities, yet distinguished, we hope, by a more general happiness and fullness of life, because of the nature of their work and interests.

The following chapters describe, in more detail, the proposed organisation of the town and of its various activities. They have been prepared by different groups of members of the Council, which will account for any differences of style or slight variations in emphasis or outlook. It is natural, perhaps, to expect