

working, but in which it has almost certainly the largest organized share. Letters to this National Immigration Secretary at Quebec, Halifax or St. John are welcomed from any needing help.

**TRAVELLERS' AID DEPARTMENT.**—Only those who have intimate knowledge of life in and around even quiet railroad stations well know how many are the dangers lurking round the path of the unwary. Turn to the quiet women wearing the Travellers' Aid badge which is universal in Canada (issued only from the Dominion Council Y.W.C.A.). They are employed by the Local Y.W.C.A. in many cities, by other bodies in a few places. Yearly they meet thousands of women and girls. A report of cases met by them in one year in pre-war days mounted to thirty-two thousand reported to Y.W.C.A. alone. A National Travellers' Aid Worker is now entering on her task of uniting and thus making more efficient, the safe-guarding of the girls who travel.

**HOUSING.**—The most insistent need is that of finding a roof to shelter the women who travel and those who come from other places to work in larger cities. In the thirty-seven City Associations there are residences varied in size, which can accommodate one thousand, five hundred and sixty-eight, but owing to the large number of transient guests in addition, they have often reported as many as twenty-seven thousand admitted in one year. Toronto with its five houses, has the largest capacity, four hundred and three. From every city, however, comes the pitiful cry even now that many more are turned away than can be taken in, though of course, those who fail to get in are constantly referred to boarding houses of which a list is kept.

Life in most of these houses is a very pleasant, friendly one; the restrictions are few and are seldom resented by those accustomed to a well-brought-up home life. Their men friends have the opportunity of visiting them as there are sitting rooms available. In almost every Residence there is a daily reminder of the presence of God in the "prayers" held immediately after supper; girls are not forced to attend but many do so voluntarily.

**CAFETERIAS.**—Another real benefit to the life of wage-earning women lies in the provision of down-town lunch-rooms or cafeterias, for thousands live far away from their work and many others can only obtain rooms without board. Every Association, therefore, throws open its dining room to girls living outside, and many provide much greater facilities in some other building specially adapted for such a purpose. A quiet rest room is usually attached to these cafeterias.