

the channels of communication afforded by the World's Y.W.C.A. become very important.

There are some eighteen national Committees affiliated with the World's Committee which has its headquarters in London. Besides these, at the largest conference yet held, there were representatives from another eleven countries as yet unaffiliated, but carrying on similar work among girls. The membership is about 800,000.

At the last World's Conference held in Stockholm, two months before war broke out, some of the most interesting sessions were given to questions of emigration and immigration. Each country reported on the care taken in despatching emigrants to their new country, or on the type of immigrants needed and the preparation made for their reception. Plans were in process of being made which would use the World's Y.W.C.A. headquarters as a clearing house for such a co-operative work on behalf of those that emigrate, when the war broke out.

With the advent of peace at once our thoughts turn again to the future newcomer to Canada, and it seems therefore, natural to begin the survey of the various functions of the Association here by taking this as the starting point.

#### *CANADIAN WORK.*

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.—For some years there has been a National Secretary stationed at the ports with Government permission to meet all immigrants and to find out any women who would like help or who need introduction to some residence or worker in the place to which they are going. Lists of these are then forwarded to the Associations in cities where they exist, or to other suitable people. The sudden problem of bringing back at least thirty-five thousand soldiers' wives and dependents has called for an increased plan of care, for many of them are new to this country and arrive apart from their husbands. The scheme worked out now, therefore, is to station a Canadian Y.W.C.A. Secretary at each of the most important ports of embarkation in Great Britain, to place another Secretary on each ship carrying more than two hundred women to Canada, and then to have workers and a rest room or to co-operate with others having these, at each port of entry. Many are the cases of difficulty or sorrow which these workers are able to ease. This department would be incomplete were it not linked with the after-care in which many other bodies beside the Association are