

ferring myself to the section of the city where social problems are most acute, and there with my present opportunities as a nucleus, develop a large Community work. This centre, all are agreed, is the district called Asakusa, the most densely populated part of the city, with a population of 266,149 and an area of about two square miles. It is also the district with whose problems I am most familiar. Within this congested district is Asakusa Park, seventy-five acres in extent, set apart for a sort of Coney Island with 28 huge moving picture shows and theatres, and a popular and disease-breeding Buddhist temple. Fifty thousand people pass through this park every night on various pleasures bent. Behind, and within twenty minutes' walk is the widely known and infamous Yoshiwara, a licensed prostitute district containing 30 acres of land, 228 houses, and 2,362 licensed women. These two places represent the domin-