

his regime. Men who have carefully watched the evolution of the city's grave moral problem are not at all sanguine in their hopes for 1913.

(d) *Christian Citizenship*.—Christian citizenship is an important plank in the platform of the majority of men's societies in the churches, but it needs still greater emphasis in a time like the present when the forces for evil dominate. The attitude of the Provincial Government proves that they consider the protests from the Good Government Leagues are the voice of a small minority. Such a large proportion of the city's population consists of immigrants who have settled here too recently to have an adequate knowledge of the city's needs and who are, besides, too busy in the work of establishing themselves and in real estate speculation, that few are left who can intelligently perform their civil duties. A Government entrenched in the midst of such conditions has almost a free hand.

(e) *Graft*.—One of the trustees of South Vancouver is now on trial on a charge of graft in connection with the purchase of school sites. A commission is now investigating school matters in South Vancouver at a cost, it is said, of nearly \$5,000 to the municipality. There is considerable demand for a commission to investigate the purchase of supplies for the schools of Vancouver. Just this month there has come up the first case in the city of blackmail by policemen.

VII. SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES.

(1) *Municipal Relief and Charities*.—Because of the unusual organization of the municipal relief work it has been found difficult to treat municipal relief and the associated charities as separate. Some few years ago the city appointed a City Relief Officer who took charge of all the funds set aside for relief work. Soon afterwards the different charity societies organized an "Associated Charities," and the City Relief Officer was appointed Secretary. The custom has ever since been that the city should make an annual grant to the Associated Charities, and this sum, together with the small amount received from the general public, has covered the entire public relief work. There has been a kind of amalgamated City Relief and Associated Charities, in which the city has furnished nearly all the funds, has paid the salary of the Secretary since he was also City Relief Officer and the so-called Associated Charities has been doing the work. In reality, then, the city has been giving the relief and the term "Associated Charities" is a misnomer. The Medical Health Officer has been a member of the committee in charge of the Associated Charities, and thus the city has had some direction of charity matters. As the Relief Department was under the Department of Health, further control came through the direction of the City Relief Officer (also the Secretary of the Associated Charities). The Old People's Home and the Creche were also under the direction of the Associated Charities, and for each of these institutions the city has made annual grants for maintenance.

It has been felt by the municipal authorities that the city was meeting the cost of most of the charity work and yet had very little direction of it. Accordingly, in January, 1913, the Council passed the following resolution, which amounts to a reorganization of the relief work:

"Whereas the electors have authorized the grant of large sums of money for the establishment and equipment of an Old People's Home and a Creche, and it is necessary that the administration of these funds should be left in the hands of the City Council, and as large and increasing sums of money are required from the city for charity and relief work;

"And whereas these matters have hitherto been referred to the jurisdiction of the organization known as the Associated Charities of Vancouver;

"And whereas sundry grants of money are requested from time to time by different charitable and benevolent organizations throughout the city;

"And whereas it is desirable that all these matters should be placed under control of one executive Board directly responsible to and under the direction of the City Council;

"Now be it resolved that the administration of the funds above mentioned, the conduct of the relief work and assistance, and the approval and supervision of the grants to the various charitable