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It means for the leader in this Social Centre movement labor and self-abnegation. A willingness to lay himself down if thereby he can help form the "bridge" over which the race may some day pass to better things. He must have tact, patience and good will. His eye must be clear to catch the vision of that new social order for which the heart of man is panting. His ear must be attuned to the needs of the multitude, that he may catch the sound of their feet as they beat along a common way and guide them aright. He must be able to gather into a unified social force the dynamics of home, church, mart and street. The paths leading from each must be made "paths of pleasantness," crossing and recrossing in the warp and woof of life, but joining in one at last in the Schoolhouse Centre for the upbuilding of the community from the heart of it to the uttermost corner thereof.—Mary O. Grice in "The Mother's Magazine."

AS OUR NEIGHBORS WORK

Another unique bit of work is that done by the Woman's Club of Fall River, Massachusetts, which has been supporting a welfare worker among the girls of its city to demonstrate to the public the need of a woman in police work. During the summer she attended the public pleasure parks (which she found excellently conducted), visited the moving-picture houses, the public dance halls, attended juvenile court and visited in all quarters of the city. One dancing place was closed immediately when the owners of the building were informed by this worker of the character of the entertainment. Neglected children were found by the score in almost every section of the city.

One apparently significant result of this woman in the field is this: That tho, for a period of twelve months, a year ago, no girl brought into court was sent to the splendid state industrial school at Lancaster, this year, during six months, girls have already been sent there, where they have the chance to become useful and respected women—an opportunity seldom possible in their old environment.

Great, thrilling interest lies in the account from a suburban district of Rockland, Maine, where the club women, thru the medium of the first social centre in Maine, started upon a course which has apparently served to electrify the community. The first practical step was to apply to the school board for permission to use the school building for the meeting place, and to enlist the interest of the state superintendent of public instruction to address the first meeting. Then came a long list of speakers, the best available in the country, and a forum was opened where timely topics of present-day interest have been vigorously discussed from platform and pew. A circulating library and a reading room have also been developed.

There was a sharp division of opinion over the subject of entertainment, and the leading men of the community hesitated to help in what seemed destined to be a thankless task. The second meeting was the scene of three lively "tiffs." But courage, diplomacy and tact won the day, and soon the interest aroused by the disagreement of the early day gave way to lively discussions, with splendid tolerant spirit, of both sides towards hitherto tabooed questions. Success is assured and our correspondent writes:

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