

II. SOCIAL SERVICE.

This is a large subject and the work done along this line in Vancouver merits an article by itself.

1. The Young Women's Christian Association is doing a magnificent work for the young women of the city. Their work embraces such departments as the following:

Travellers' Aid. The trains and the boats are met and young women who come as strangers to the city are welcomed and given the encouragement and council they need.

There is an employment bureau. People in need of help and others seeking work apply to the secretary who aims to bring the worker and the work together. Last year positions were secured for 1027 women.

There is a physical culture department and 150 girls took advantage of this last year. In the building there are rooms for 62 young women. Many more avail themselves of the privilege of boarding there.

In addition to all these there are the privileges of the reading rooms, of the literary club, of the general social evenings, of the Bible Classes and other christian work of this splendid organization.

The work should be greatly extended. Only the fringe of the city's need is touched. It is a reproach to the Christianity of our city that such meagre support is given to the work of the Christian young women. Larger things must be done or our work will fail at its most vital point.

2. The Young Men's Christian Association needs no introduction to the Christian public. Its praise is in all the churches. Its reading rooms, its gymnasium and swimming bath and other facilities for clean athletics, its literary departments, its employment bureau, the welcome and help it gives strangers, its classes for Bible study and its general religious meetings make it one of the greatest forces for righteousness in the land. Yet the work is only in its beginnings. The generous response given recently by the citizens of Vancouver to its appeal for adequate equipment has put the sum of \$500,000 at the disposal of its leaders and its future is bright indeed.