

with the definite purpose not only of providing good nourishing meals at moderate prices, but also to restrict the consumption of alcoholic liquor. Mr. Bonar Law, in endorsing the new proposals, stated that "one of the things which have been made perfectly plain in all discussions about the drink evil is this, that the evil is not entirely due to the supplying of drink, but that it is due also to the want of facilities for supplying of food which should be taken at the same time." More food and less drink—not no drink at all, was the formula for the successful inauguration of what has proved a source of indisputable benefit to all participants in industry.

The canteen usually consists of rooms fully appointed for the cooking and serving of meals in quick rotation, a competent staff, and plenty of space with tables and chairs for the workpeople to dine at. It is always near the works and made as attractive as possible. In some of the canteens during the time set apart for the midday meal concerts and lectures are provided. If the factory is not large enough to warrant the building of a special canteen with all equipment complete, the provision of a large, airy mess-room may suffice. The essential things are that the workpeople have a place in which to wash and tidy up, a fresh and airy room with facilities