

branches. We are doing all in our power to minister to, and safeguard the interests of, the wives and mothers and children of our soldiers.

Nine years ago we began work at Earls court in the little building. The Sunday School had forty enrolled, and a few adults were in attendance at the evening services. To-day we have seven Churches, all well organized and each with many forms of ministry. The Sunday Schools are significant of the potentialities of the circuit. Our records show that we have a total enrolment of 3,300 in our Sunday Schools. Provision has been made for the development of the future by the acquisition of splendid sites purchased through the co-operation of the Methodist Union. The workers necessary to adequately cope with the great development of the past four years have been secured through the generosity of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, and our social and philanthropic ministry has been largely sustained from the same source.

We have been unable to realize our hopes and plans for development in the past year, owing to the unprecedented situation in national affairs occasioned by the war. Like many others, we have worked and waited. There are obligations resting upon us, however, incurred to meet the wonderful growth in the three years preceding the war. There is no doubt about the future of our district, and the psychological moment has come for advance at three of our centres, particularly where we have the portable buildings. Buildings of a permanent character are needed there. The equipment for complete and aggressive work in several of the branches is very meagre indeed. In other directions our service might be more effective. The special workers, including the two Deaconesses have done good work and made many things possible to others. In our great parish, a city in itself, there are always so many opportunities to befriend those who, for various reasons, are bearing very heavy burdens. Our organization, combined with our long and intimate knowledge of the district, has given us the ability to discriminate, both in respect to the person needing aid, and in regard to the character of the assistance.