

tion buildings is utterly inadequate to provide for all the wholesome fun that should be within the reach of girls living away from their own homes. It will undoubtedly require in many cities the co-operation of the churches before such provision can be made. There are Church buildings still unused certain nights of the week, as well as school buildings. Why should not an effort be made to organize recreation on a much larger scale under a regularly equipped director, perhaps attached to the Y.W.C.A. staff and free to co-operate with any bodies that can provide a place suitable for social gatherings?

It will not alone be the recreation of girls that calls for this united effort. One of the pathetic sights is to see men and girls obliged to use the streets or "movies" for opportunities for perfectly legitimate friendship. The few girls boarding in the Association Home can, of course, bring their men friends there to sit and talk, but what is really needed is something of a centre or club, perhaps under the united guardianship of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and backed by the churches they represent. There men and women could enjoy real fun together, could at times play and dance, could sit down to a light meal together and feel the joy of something approaching a home atmosphere. A beginning of this kind has been made by the Y.W.C.A. in Halifax in two efforts, one being a Patriotic Service Battalion of women recruited from many churches and uniting to provide good recreation for the many soldiers and sailors in the city; the other, a girls' club where every night girls may bring in their men friends. One sailor, in expressing his appreciation of this place, described how till then he had to go to a dance hall, "a hell of a place." The question of dances under proper supervision is being discussed in many places and various small experiments have been made.

TEEN AGE GIRLS' WORK.—Under this title we class a widespread and comparatively new part of our work, much of which is done in co-operation with the Sunday School leaders. The great success attending a similar work of co-operation for boys, called the "Canadian Standard Efficiency Test," led to the formation of a National Advisory Committee on co-operation in girls work some three years ago. On this Committee sit representatives of the Sunday School Boards of the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian bodies, the Sunday School Association and the Young Women's Christian Association. Unitedly, they have drawn up and are propagating throughout the country