

around are to be found empty and condemned buildings and long narrow two-roomed cabins which are not only a blot on the landscape but a menace to health and morals. The population in this district is, as may be imagined, more than mixed. In a large school, three blocks west of the Community House, no less than forty nationalities are represented.

¶ It is the hope that the new Community House, of which Mrs. Van Munster is head worker, will form a centre of interest and education to all who live near it. It is designed to compete with and provide counter attractions to anything that is not healthful to the child, family or community life, to cultivate the spirit of neighbourliness and friendliness, to serve our friends wherever and whenever possible and through the service to bring ourselves and them near to the source of all life.

¶ Although the Community House has only been in existence a comparatively short time, it already holds a large place in the hearts of many children and they are unconsciously catching the spirit and meaning of the work.

¶ At the last membership meeting, at which each secretary presented a report written by himself, a thirteen year old boy amongst other things wrote—"We have enjoyed it (the Club) very good so far, and always have lots of fun. It is better to go to the Club instead of going to the shows."

¶ And the nine year old "Jolly Chums" secretary, after telling all about the Club activities, finished with, "I will start to tell you all about our meeting. I like to come to Club. We have a nice time when we come to Club. I should like everybody to come to Club. If everybody came to Club, nobody would swear. I think, Mr. President, that's all I have to say."

¶ The older people are beginning to realize that the Church is interested in them and their children, not because they happen to be Presbyterians or Greeks or Socialists, but rather because we recognize that we are all children of God and believe in the brotherhood of men. And so the House stands for that broader life that is so surely coming to the Church, and for Christian fellowship and sympathy, understanding and helpfulness—not to one people, but to all the children of God.

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