

expect, that it is chiefly in the more poorly paid avocations and among the least skilled that this lack of family life prevails. Let a white man get into a good permanent position and he either sends for his family or marries locally, and settles down. On the other hand, let a man of any push and capacity see that the job he is working on leads to nothing higher and he will abandon it for another even of a more precarious character, or seek a short cut to fortune by trekking or by speculation. In England a very different state of affairs obtains. The average working man and the average clerk have their family interests, their family surroundings, and to some extent their family traditions; in fact they have near to them all that makes for respectability on the one hand, and secures cheap social recreation on the other. Work of a routine kind at a bare living wage has therefore no terrors for them. They are content to go on in a groove, and to tell the truth they are often persons of but little enterprise. In an old country it is best so. A proletariat of Winston Churchills would be an appalling phenomenon, and would disorganise the constitution of the country. But further, the British working man has all the resources of an elaborate State organisation to smooth his path. Baths, libraries, schools, cheap transit—and cheap beer—are at his door. His wife, and his children when they reach the age of fourteen, can take up unskilled labour without losing caste thereby, and so can add to his income. The fact of his being a married and settled man has a protecting influence over the permanency of his employment, while in a new country it is often the married man with his hostages to fortune who is the first to be “retrenched” in salary, as he cannot afford to kick for fear of having to join the ranks of the unemployed. Again, as a consequence of the preponderance of males in the Transvaal towns, it is found everywhere that white men are doing the more “genteel” but not necessarily highly skilled work which falls elsewhere into the hands of females. The barmaid is practically unknown. It may be said that this is due to the law against their employment, which is so strict