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The delay in the publication of the New Year Issue of the **A.T.F.** resulted in many enquiries concerning it. This proves to us that an Estate paper is desired, our experiment has been justified. But as the funds placed at our disposal for this experiment will be exhausted with the March issue, that issue will necessarily be the last of the **A.T.F.** and we shall be compelled to leave the establishment of a permanent Estate paper in the hands of our G.C. or the S.S.C.

THE EDITORS.

As the report of the Social Service Committee, appointed to frame rules for the New Distributive Society, which it was decided to form at the meeting of inhabitants of the Estate in November last, cannot now be long delayed, we desire to make a suggestion regarding the method of carrying out one of the aims of the new Society, namely, the development of the social and educational life of our estate. Undoubtedly some portion of the profit that may accrue to the society by trading, will be set aside for purposes of education and social advancement, which is in keeping with the co-operative spirit and practice.

But it is regarding the control and disbursement of such funds that we are chiefly concerned at present. The social development of our estate is of such supreme importance that it ought not to be entrusted to a small sub-committee of a Distributive Society, but should be made more directly the concern of the whole of the inhabitants. To achieve that end we would suggest the formation of an Estate Council, say of 12 members, to be elected annually by the inhabitants of the estate, every person above 16 years of age being eligible to vote in the election of its members, such Council to have sole responsibility for the well-

being, recreation, and social development of the inhabitants. It might be divided into committees, each committee responsible to the whole council for some definite portion of the work in hand, the sanction of the whole council being necessary to any scheme or expenditure that any of its committees might propose.

At the onset, two committees would be necessary; an Educational Committee which would take in hand, the training of the children, the provision of free Concerts in winter, and occasional open-air Concerts in summer, the formation of an Estate Library as required, the provision and financing of Debating Societies, Study Circles, Classes, and meetings of various kinds of an educational character.

Also a Recreative Committee which should cater for the physical development of the people, by providing facilities for Cricket, Football, Bowls, Tennis, and all such outdoor games that might, from time to time, be required.

Of course, all these things could not be achieved at once, but all such requirements and work in other directions would be accomplished in time by such a Council.

Regarding the finances for the provision of these things we would suggest that they be met partly by grants from the Distributive Society, partly by grants from General Committee, and partly by sources of income that might open out to it as its work proceeded. We feel sure that such a Council would have an important and useful future before it, as the well-being of the community being its sole concern, and it being directly responsible to the inhabitants, these would ensure efficiency and economy without parsimony.

A Council whose functions were the physical and intellectual education and happiness of the community would be unique in its powers, and might prove productive of that true wealth, which is—abundant, well-developed life.

Ne'er suffer sleep thine eyes to close,  
Before thy mind hath run  
O'er every thought, and deed, and word,  
From dawn to set of sun.  
For wrong take shame, but grateful feel  
If just thy course hath been;  
Such efforts, day by day renewed,  
Will keep thy conscience clean.

## WHY STRUGGLE ?

The smallest effort is not lost,  
Each wavelet on the o'cean toss'd  
Aids in the ebb tide, or the flow ;  
Each raindrop makes some flow'ret grow ;  
Each struggle lessens human woe.

—MACKAY.

"I am tired of the struggle." These words, uttered by a friend, have been uttered by countless sad, human hearts since the world began, and what is sadder still, these woeful echoes are increasing as the fight for existence becomes keener day by day. So much human energy is taken up in maintaining what little life there is, that none is left wherewith to struggle for the fuller life that might be. Can we, as "garden citizens" be neglecting, instead of aiding to lessen this constant struggle? For, with our recognition of the higher delights of life, which our newer citizenship proves, we increase our own responsibility towards our less fortunate brethren, grovelling through the dark and mire of town. We, our daily labour done, anxious to arrive at our haven of rest; more anxious as the days expand; they, of the depths of the town, anxious for, hastening to, whither?—not home. So then, we still have the problem of action with us, our duty is still calling to be done.

But it is not so much of the primary struggle, terrible though it be, that our poet sings, but of the efforts made by the individual to gain that which is fulness of life. How many secrets could be gathered from the caverns of the human heart, could we but seek those smallest efforts; and how many of those same smallest efforts would prove to be very big indeed could we but learn their history. Our judgments of the efforts to dispel evil are often very short-sighted. Rubber wheels usually travel farthest and fastest. We expect much of "Jack Frost" when we see his dazzling white coat of hoar spread over the face of nature, but most often his bite is keenest when we see least signs of his presence. Yes, truth was in the poet's mouth when he said that "things are not what they seem."

All great works and reforms for the benefit of humanity, that have left their mark on history, have originated somewhere, obscurely perhaps, in some little effort. The individual himself, may be, could not trace any result of his effort; but somewhere, silently, the seed had fallen, and who can measure the power of it. Now, at this present day, are we reaping benefits, which others in days past toiled for, yet dare not hope to see, and in so much as we lack a similar spirit towards the future, we are in debt to these noble souls of a bygone day. Many of us very much underate the power of our influence for good or evil among our fellows. "I cannot live to myself; I must either

be a light to illuminate, or a tempest to destroy" said a great preacher, and truly it is with each of us. The world was never in riper condition than to-day to rise and bless us for those small efforts lovingly made towards lessening human woe.

—IGNOTIUS.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 19th, in the Institute, and was well attended. In the absence of Mr. Groome, Mr. J. T. Taylor was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In his monthly report the Secretary stated that Mr. Mann's resolution which had been referred to the G. C. at the previous meeting, had been considered by them, and that they could not recommend its adoption. He also stated that the time had arrived when certain rules regarding the election of officers must be enforced. Mr. W. Neale was appointed to attend as delegate at the Coventry and Leicester District Joint Conference. The Seed Committee gave a report on the progress made, and solicited orders for pea and bean sticks.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first debate of the new year took place on the 13th January, in the Institute, under the presidency of Mr. S. Beamish. The small attendance was unfortunate seeing that Mr. Shardlow of the Peace Society, introduced the debate on "Fraternity versus Imperialism." He contended that Fraternity was becoming more and more a fact among civilized nations of the present day. That the policy of statesmen tended more and more to universal brotherhood. That Imperialism had no real meaning, for our colonies were not profitable to us, and that we need not fear them being taken from us for no country would be burdened with them. Some discussion followed, and also a vote of thanks to Mr. Shardlow.

### THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The usual Saturday Evening Concert on Jan. 21st was set apart to benefit the funds of the Choral Society. Mr. A. Philpott had kindly promised to provide the evening's entertainment, and it was held in the chapel by kind permission of its members. There was a record gathering which fully appreciated the exceptional musical treat given. The Choral Society are indebted to Mr. Philpott in having secured such well-known vocalists as Miss Emily Higgott, Miss Elsie Carter, and Mr. W. Sutcliffe, with Madame Carter as accompanist, not forgetting his own efforts.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

On Wednesday Evening, Jan. 18th, Mr. A. Mann delivered a public lecture in the Meeting House, on the subject: "The Church of God; What is it? Can it be found?" The tenants came in fairly good numbers. In the course of his remarks the speaker endeavoured to point out from New Testament teaching the main features by which the Church of God can be recognised, and what is required of those who desire to become members. A very long and interesting discussion followed, several of the audience evidently not fully agreeing with the views advanced by Mr. Mann.

### Items of Interest.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Mann for stepping into the breach caused through Miss Cort's inability to give the time necessary to train the children for their annual Musical Entertainment which we understand will take place on Saturday, March 18th. The cantata which has been selected is entitled: "Little Folks at Play."

Following on our previous "item" it should be exceedingly gratifying to our fellow-members that Mr. A. Mann, who is one of our number, is to be asked to occupy the very important position of President for the ensuing year of the Labour Co-partnership Association, a position which has already been filled by such eminent gentlemen as Earl Grey, The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, and others.

"Tearing round the broad sweep of beautiful road which lay before us, we dashed——!" Ah! but you are entirely wrong in your surmises, dear reader. This is not an extract from an up-to-date blood-curdler, but simply Keyham Lane corner with its hedges trimmed.

The teachers of the Lord's Day School have decided that the Scholars' Annual Outing shall take place on the last Saturday in June, with a day's trip to Mablethorpe. With a view to helping the scholars save their coppers towards the necessary fare, a Savings Bank has been formed at the School, and has already a list of nearly 40 names.

We feel compelled to express our great surprise at the deep sorrow which was so manifest amongst our members at the monthly meeting. All hearts were evidently so full to overflowing that not one member had sufficient confidence in himself to rise and move a vote of condolence on the passing away of an old and tried resident on the estate. Who said Captain?

## Residents on the Anchor Tenants' Estate

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### PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are arranging for an Exhibition in the Institute in March. Look out for and book the date.

Help to develop the Social Life of the Estate by trading with your Social Service Committee.

## Gardening Notes.

All fruit trees should have their winter cleansing done at the end of this month. They should be sprayed or brushed with a solution made by dissolving one pound of soft soap in half-a-gallon of boiling water, stirring violently till thoroughly dissolved, then add one and a half pounds of Caustic Soda, filling up to ten gallons with soft water. This will kill a great many eggs of several different kinds of insects, and will give your trees that clean and healthy appearance which is so admired by all lovers of the gardening art.

The first sowing of broad beans should be made this month.

The following is a list of flower seeds that will give a good return for a small outlay and may be sown in the open about the middle of April. Pansies, a favourite strain with me is Cassier's Wrinkled Edge, Violas, Sweet Peas, Sweet Sultans, Shirley or Iceland Poppies, Candy Tuft, Mignonette, Tom Thumb, Nasturtiums, Stocks, Asters, Schizanthus, Verbena, Zinnias, French and African Marigolds.

If a few plants of the last seven named are required, they may usually be bought off anyone who has a greenhouse.

—T. R.

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## Notice.

It is now known that we are to have a rockery in connection with the Bowling green. Will the boys on the estate who would like to take part in the formation of same meet Mr. J. Rowlett in the Institute on Saturday, February 29th at 5 p.m., when he will try and give a few ideas as to the blending of plants and placing of rocks, etc.: it is certain they will find it both interesting and instructive.

Will parents please assist by trying to induce their boys to come and help to beautify the estate.

Boys! take note of the date.

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"How small a portion of our life it is that we really enjoy. In youth we are looking forward to the things that are to come; in old age we are looking backwards to things that are gone past; in manhood, although we appear indeed to be more occupied in things that are present, yet even that is too often absorbed in vague determinations to be vastly happy in some future day when we have time."

COLTON.—

## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

Letters to the Editor need not be signed. Writer's name and address must accompany letters, but will not be published unless required.

Dear Sir,—There is a little matter to which I should like to call the attention of the Medical Aid Committee. A few days ago we had to apply for medical attention for my youngest child who is just four months old, when the question was asked if the baby was in benefit. Now, sir, I should have thought that if a member takes a family card, and is in benefit, all children belonging to that member would be entitled to medical attention from birth, until they reach the age of fourteen years. I ask, is it just, that a baby must be three months old before it can receive any benefit from our Medical Aid? I think this point wants clearing up as soon as possible, and if the rule requires altering, the sooner it is done, the better for all concerned. Thanking you in anticipation for space in A.T.F.

Yours faithfully, J. H. SMITH.

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## A CONVICT POET.

The Weymouth Male Voice Choir gave a sacred concert in the Roman Catholic Chapel at Portland Prison, to the great enjoyment of the convicts. The hon. secretary of the choir has just received a touching sonnet from one of the prisoners, who signed himself "Syzygas," the poetic sentiment of which may be illustrated by the following stanzas:

Methought from Heaven in raptured homage came  
Celestial voices blent in harmony;  
Filling the place where, mute and sullen, we  
Were brooding o'er our sorrow and our shame.

You sang of hope, of courage and resolve,  
In tones that roused the manly part to play,  
And in life's battle dare to do the right,  
And who that heard you sing "Lead, Kindly Light"  
Although bedimmed year on year revolve,  
Shall let the harrowing impulse fade away.

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## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

February 4th,—Mr. Riley and Party.

„ 11th,—Mr. J. Rowlett and Party.

„ 18th,—Mr. Tipping and Party.

„ 25th,—A Night with Dickens.—Mr. J. S. Wilford