# An Appeal for Voluntary Service

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL WORK ON MERSEYSIDE

"Almost every good cause needs the time and personal effort which each one of you can give, and there is some place, however small, where your services can be of real use and worth. Don't stand aside and leave it to others, for the opportunities are at your threshold."

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, at the Albert Hall, January 27th, 1932.

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# The Kind of Help Required

There are about 200 voluntary societies engaged in social work on Merseyside. This figure does not include boys' and girls' organisations, of which there are some 700. Nor does it include the public bodies and departments, many of which require voluntary assistance.

These societies range over every aspect of social service, and one or other of them should meet the taste and

capacity of any would-be worker.

They include such varied matters as the assistance of persons in difficulty; the furthering of the æsthetic tastes of the individual; the after-care of the delinquent; the care of the cripple; the welfare of the blind; the development of athletics and recreation for youth; the organisation of clubs for unemployed people.

The kind of work required usually falls under the

following heads:-

# Management of a Yoluntary Society.

Every society needs a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and a committee. These offices afford many valuable openings for social service.

# Friendly Visiting.

This work, which consists of visiting people in their own homes or in hospitals, is undertaken in connection with a number of societies and for a variety of purposes. It is to many a very attractive form of service. One society alone has over 400 voluntary workers mostly engaged in friendly visiting.

## Office Work.

Several societies require assistance in their office, either in entering up and copying records, in financial bookkeeping or in general clerical work.

#### Club Work.

This work is found in three forms—organisations for boys; for girls; for adults. It means taking an active part in the life of the club or other organisation and getting into intimate touch with the members.

It is one of the most needed and most valuable forms of voluntary service, and though it already attracts perhaps the bulk of social workers, many more helpers are needed. The work is mostly in the evenings.

## Making of Clothes.

Some workers can only give such service as can be undertaken in their own homes. There is considerable scope for this work, and a number of societies require garments, toys, etc.

## Information

For the assistance of voluntary workers and others The Liverpool Council of Social Service prepares annually two Year Books. One it publishes itself—the Merseyside Social Service Year Book (price 2s. 6d.). The second—the Liverpool Year Book of Juvenile Organisations (price 1s.)—is issued by the Juvenile Organisations Committee, 14, Castle Street.

In the following pages the needs of the various societies for voluntary helpers are enumerated. Individuals who require further advice as to the help they can give are asked to communicate with the Secretary, The Liverpool Council of Social Service, 14, Castle Street, Liverpool.

# Voluntary Workers.

Voluntary workers are needed at present by the following organisations:—

"Adam Cliff" East Liverpool Day Nursery, 63 and 65, Everton Road.

Two or three girls over 20 to help in the Nursery. Help with sewing, either making new or mending old garments.

Alexandra Rose Day, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Myrtle Street.

Voluntary workers to assist in organising and collecting for Rose Day in June.

Bankhall Girls' Institute, 384, Stanley Road, Kirkdale. Two voluntary workers to help with needlework classes.

Birkenhead Charity Organisation Central Relief and Provident Society, 46, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead. "Friendly Visitors"—men or women—for the District

Committees which consider the applications for help.

Men or women who will call over a week to collect the deposits of those who wish to save by means of the Provident Society.

Birkenhead District Nursing Society, Mrs. T. Hugh-Jones, 11, Bennetts Hill, Oxton. Collectors to canvass small subscribers.

Birkenhead Maternity Hospital, Grange Mount, Birkenhead.

Helpers at the ante- and post-natal and infant welfare clinics; voluntary collectors.

Birkenhead and Wirral Children's Hospital, Birkenhead, and Kielberg Convalescent Home, Noctorum.

Workers for the Linen Guild. (Patterns of garments may be had on application.)

Collectors during Pound Day and New-Laid Egg Appeal.

Collectors of Silver Paper.

One or more suitable persons to give lessons to convalescent children at the Kielberg Home.

Birkenhead and Wirral Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 13. Hamilton Square, Birkenhead.

Lady collectors, particularly in Rock Ferry, New Ferry and Prenton.

The Borstal Association, 51, South John Street.

Voluntary workers to exercise a "big brotherly" and friendly supervision of lads on licence from Borstal Institutions, in the Liverpool area.

To visit their homes, and, where possible, provide

cccupation for their leisure time.

The Boys' Brigade, T. J. Walker, "Holm Lea," Almonds Green, West Derby. Officers to assist Companies.

British Red Cross Society, Voluntary Aid Detachments, 75, Dale Street.

Men and women for training in First Aid, Home Nursing, Protection against Gas Warfare and, after training, for attendance at Theatres, Roadside and Seaside Huts.

The Children's Rest, Greenbank Lane, Sefton Park.

Voluntary women or girls to take children walks in the afternoon or play organised games with them from 4 p.m.—5-30 p.m.

Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays, Church House, I, South John Street.

Voluntary box collectors; addressers of envelopes for Christmas Appeal. Voluntary clerical workers in branch office.

David Lewis Club, Great George Place.

Instructors in domestic subjects.

" English.

,, Languages. ,, Handicrafts.

Pianists.

Everton Red Triangle Boys' Club, Everton Road.

Organiser for Handicrafts Section and helpers in the following sections: Weaving, Basket-Work, Woodwork, Leatherwork, Woodcarving, Printing, etc.

Girls' Friendly Society, Diocese of Liverpool, Church House, 1, South John Street.

Voluntary workers to give help as pianists, speakers on special subjects, teachers of all arts and crafts, dramatics, and all kinds of physical exercise.

Help is welcomed in the summer for coaching in rounders, tennis and swimming, and at holiday camps.

Training arranged for leaders if wished.

Girl Guides' Association, Mrs. A. Melly, 7, Sefton Park Road.

Girls and young women willing to help with examining for badge work, and to be trained as Guiders.

Gordon Working Lads' Institute, Stanley Road, Kirkdale. Librarian.

Leader for Singing or Concert Party.

Canteen workers.

Secretarial workers.

Someone to assist with amateur dramatics.

Sports organisers.

King George's Fund for Sailors, 14, Castle Street.

Sellers for annual Flag Day.

Liverpool and Area Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, 34, Moorfields.

Voluntary workers to visit homes of prisoners. Loan of a car with chauffer from time to time in connection with work in distant districts.

One voluntary clerical worker and typist.

Liverpool Boys' Association, 3, Hackins Hey.

Arts and Crafts—Instructors.

Baseball—Organisers and Referees.

Harriers—Organisers.

Athletic Sports—Organisers and Trainers.

Swimming—Instructors and Secretaries.

Camping—Leaders.

Football—Secretaries and Referees.

Music—Instructors.

Dramatics—Producers.

Library—Librarians.

Boxing—Instructors.

Physical Training and Gymnastics—Instructors.

Cricket—Coaches.

General—Leaders, Secretaries, Visitors.

Liverpool Child Welfare Association, 9, Copperas Hill.

Voluntary workers who will visit in the homes of the people a couple of hours once or twice a week in the morning, and then write up, in the afternoon of that day or any time the following day, the records of the cases they have visited.

Someone who will act as an escort to take the children to the convalescent homes and bring children back to Liverpool.

Liverpool Council of Social Service, 14, Castle Street.

Helpers in clerical work, newspaper cutting service and library.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Moral Welfare (Preventive and Rescue Committee), Church House, 1, South John Street.

Anyone who would offer to come with a car and drive our workers when visiting, etc.—one day a week.

Someone to do Secretarial work.

,, take home, wash, iron and mend old clothes.

,, collect old magazines from their friends.

Liverpool and District Boy Scouts' Association,

S. B. Greenhalgh, 53, Cambridge Road, Great Crosby.

Instructors in numerous badge subjects.

Liverpool Maternity Hospital, Oxford Street.

(a) Women Helpers' League: Members to join existing district branches, or to organise a new one. Each branch raises £100 per annum towards the maintenance of a bed named after the district.

(b) Linen Guild: Subscribing or Working Members.

Liverpool Nursery Home, Childwall Road. Wavertree.

Help with sewing (either making new, or mending old, garments). This is particularly desirable through the Needlework Guild of the Home.

Liverpool Personal Service Society, 34, Stanley Street.

Friendly visiting in the homes of people who ask us for help and want to be visited.

People experienced in social work for interviewing applicants for assistance.

A limited number of clerical workers.

People knowing some form of handicraft willing to teach cripples in their own homes.

People willing to visit bedridden, friendless patients in the city hospitals.

People with musical and dramatic talent willing to entertain our old people at their monthly Socials.

People with experience in Domestic Science for helping at our Economic Housekeeping Classes.

Car drivers, willing to drive their own car or ours.

Liverpool Port and Station Work Society, 16, Dalby Street, London Road.

Organisers of Whist and Bridge Parties, Dances, "Bring and Buy Sales," and Voluntary Box Collectors.

Liverpool Union of Girls' Clubs, 30, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane.

Public speaking for the Union.

Appeal work or the organisation of social functions.

Lecturing to club girls or helping with classes in such subjects as dramatic productions, drill, and dancing, music and singing, handicrafts, cookery, needlework, literature, or many others which will occur to club workers.

Coaching and umpiring for clubs in netball, rounders, hockey, and other team games, taking parties of club girls to museums, picture galleries, country rambles, or inviting them out to tea on holidays, etc.

Clerical work.

Training arranged if desired.

### Liverpool Workshop and Home for Cripples, 72, Upper Parliament Street.

(a) Vountary Assistant Secretary.

(b) Someone to take the cripple girls to museums, etc., on Saturday afternoons.

Apply: Mrs. Herbert Harrison, Derwent Lodge, Woolton.

The Margaret Beavan Open-Air Hospital, Leasowe.

One or two voluntary workers who would be willing to give one or two hours in the mornings to help the younger children with their reading and letters.

Mersey Mission to Seamen, I, Hanover Street.

Organisers for Drawing Room Meetings, Sales of Work, Whist Drives, Concerts.

Merseyside Hospitals Council After-Care Committee, Arcade Building, 87, Lord Street.

Visitors to homes of patients.
,, patients in hospital.

Merseyside Hospitals Sunday and Appeals Committee, Arcade Building, 87, Lord Street.

Representatives of social, political and sports clubs to serve in every district to deal with the problem of the maintenance of the unemployed and sick poor in local voluntary hospitals.

The Mothers' Rest Home, Beechley, Harthill Road, Allerton.

People who would be willing to go to the Rest Home and help with the sewing, repairs, etc.

Norris Green Association, The Community Centre, Townsend Avenue, Norris Green.

People to help in the conduct of educational activities and outdoor sports.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch, 3, Crosshall Street.

Sellers for annual Badge Day.

St. Anne's Citizens' Institute, 50, Richmond Row.

Gymnastic Instructors for boys and girls. Helpers with Dramatics—boys and girls.

Helper, sewing class—girls.

,, woodwork class—boys. Singing Instructor—boys and girls.

First-Aid—boys and girls.

Helpers for mothers and babies—Monday afternoon crêches.

Pianists.

St. Christopher Home for Girls, Chesterfield Road, Great Crosby.

Teachers for Drill, Dancing, Eurythmics or Singing, evenings, 5-30 p.m.—7-30 p.m., or Saturday afternoons.

St. Faith's Home for Mothers and Babies, 64, Palm Grove, Birkenhead.

Collectors, particularly in Oxton and Rock Ferry.

St. Faith's Home, 12, Gambier Terrace, Hope Street.

Women who understand and can manage young women, and who can either cook, or supervise laundry, or sew and cut out garments.

Training Home for Girls and Free Registry, 1, Blackburn Terrace, Hope Street.

Two or three helpers and visitors.

Victoria Settlement, 294, Netherfield Road North.

Children's Section—Help for Play Centre on Saturdays, 10-30 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Instruction in painting and drawing.

Girls' Section.—Pianist, Fridays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., for gymnastics and folk dancing.

Addresses for girls on popular subjects, dates to be arranged.

Adult Section.—Leaders for Listeners' Group. Discus-

sions and debates.

Speakers and Entertainers for Thursday evenings.

Addresses and Entertainments for Women's Group, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 3-30 p.m. to 4-15 p.m. Sports.—Tennis coaches, swimming and life-saving coaches, rounders coaches.

Yoluntary Occupational Centres for the Unemployed, Occupational Centres Committee, 11, Lord Street.

Advisory Committees attached to the various Centres require members to assist by giving personal service and advice.

Voluntary teachers are urgently needed for:—

Handicrafts.—French Polishing, Upholstery, Wireless
Construction, Leatherwork, Bookbinding.

Educational Classes.—Play reading, Music, History, Geography, Economics, International Problems, Biology, Citizenship, Logic, Ethics, English, Popular Science, Art, Discussion Groups and Debates, Lantern Lectures, Travel Talks, and, above all, Languages.

Wallasey Animals' Dispensary, 56, Poulton Road, Wallasey. Volunteers for a house-to-house collection and for clerical work.

West Lancashire Association for Mental Welfare, 14, Castle Street.

One or two voluntary visitors for routine work.

The Women's Hospital, Catharine Street.

New associates for the Linen League, and help at the Tuesday morning sewing meeting.

Women's Service Bureau, 9, Gambier Terrace, Hope Street. Voluntary workers to sew in their own homes, to make up cut-out baby garments (very simple patterns).

An owner-driven car once a fortnight or once a week to take the Home Helps Organisers to visit outlying cases.

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