PIONEER WORK IN PARIS, 1904-1919

THE FIRST SOCIAL SETTLEMENT IN PARIS.

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It is difficult for those who have lived for five years in the year of the war to find themselves in the days of peace. The fundamental need of war-worn France is reconstruction.

For this reason MLLE. M.J.BASSOT is visiting America and will take back with her many suggestions from American methods and plans of organisation which she believes will be especially applicable to the situation as she knows it in France.

"LA RESIDENCE SOCIALE" in Paris was opened by Mlle Bassot in 1904 when she left her home to become a neighbor of the working poor in the industrial centre of Lavallois.

Such an undertaking was quite new to French thoughts as it had been entirely new to British thought in the days of Edward Dennison and to American thought in the early days of Jane Addams. The pioneer years of the work were years of immense difficulty, full as they were of opposition from without, though all the neighbors came in increasing crowds to Mlle.Bassot's small apartment.

The immense moral and social value of this work built upon close association in daily life and neighborliness was brilliantly manifested to friends and opponents alike during the the days of the war.

The "AFTER-THE-WAR" demand is for a great enlargement of the work and the field which it covers. There is instant need that "Residences Sociales" similar to the one in Lavallois should be opened in other parts of Paris and elsewhere in France.

FRANCE'S FIRST SCHOOL for training work was opened in 1917 under the supervision of Mlle. Bassot, to whom the school looks for its development.Here, under Mlle.Bassot's guidance, the visiting nurses, health nurses, factory supervisors and others gets the training and social experience which are vital factors in the efficient performance of their duties.

THERE IS URGENT NEED of more workers to be trained for this field of social work which is new in France, but as many persons who would be of value are prevented carrying out such a purpose through lack of means, there is need of special contributions for the support of workers during the time of training.

America has long tested and approved through the establishment of hundreds of "settlements" the methods of which "La Residence Sociale" in Lavallois is a pioneer in France. WILL NOT AMERICA HELP FRANCE to develope within her borders the work in which America has long believed and in which France has come to belive and for the development of which on French soil she looks to America for guidance and assistance .

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Estimated cost of opening a settlement - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $5,000.00

Then it should prove its efficiency and find the money to continue the work. The settlement could have the name of the donors, and one of its objects would be to foster a friendly spirit between the United States and France.

SCHOLARSHIP- for a full year in the training school, including board in the Residence Sociale- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 500.00
For half year, " " " "- - - - - - - - 250.00

A detailed report of the use of the scholarship funds with the name and address of the pupils, their situation before and after the training their capacity, etc. would be sent to the donators.

There would always be room ready to receive the American Social Workers who would come over to help and study.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurers of the local committees, or to the Treasurer of the Paris Committee.

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