



Let *this* be the symbol of Birmingham's Community Spirit...

EIGHT years ago Birmingham's population was less than half what it is today. Its social problems were comparatively simple and a spirit of neighborliness was the dominant characteristic of its citizenry. Yet even then the Birmingham Community House was considered a compromise structure!

Since that time, Birmingham has witnessed the arrival of several thousand new families. Its sociological problems have become more complex and far more numerous. The spirit of neighborliness that has always been Birmingham's most priceless asset has been challenged by a rapidly expanding and constantly more cosmopolitan population. Yet against all these tendencies on the part of Birmingham to lose its native charm, the old Community House—**inadequate eight years ago**—still stands unchanged and alone!

In spite of its inadequacy, however, the old Community House has done Herculean duty. During 1927 it was the scene of 555 set meetings, attended by men, women, boys and girls from every walk of life. It found employment during the year for 1428 people. And for eight years it has been Birmingham's principal agency for the alleviation of poverty.

But, despite the consistent efforts of an efficient and loyal personnel, none of these things can be done as thoroughly and as satisfactorily as the character of Birmingham's citizenry demands that they should be done. And seven worthy organizations—affecting the community welfare of men, women and children—

were, of necessity, denied even the privilege of meeting at the Community House in 1927!

Sensing the portent of this situation, a large group of public-spirited citizens, representing every geographical division and every civic group of Birmingham, months ago began to plan a structure that would fittingly symbolize Birmingham's community spirit.

Plans for this building have been prepared and approved. Externally it will have grace and charm—the essence of hospitality. Internally it will be suitable to every need of the present with sound provision for a future of wider and even more constructive activity.

To transform these plans into a reality of wood and stone requires \$125,000. And during the next two weeks, Birmingham will provide this sum—for Birmingham's population is made up almost entirely of those who cherish above all things civic, the basic fundamentals for which this new Community House will stand.

Between now and May 26th every resident of Troy, Southfield and Bloomfield townships will have an opportunity to share in this important community enterprise. This opportunity will be extended by a large group of men and women who themselves are giving generously of both their time and money.

One of them will call on you. And when the doorbell rings—remember that you are receiving a call from one of your neighbors, interested as you are, in Birmingham and in its future.

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