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During the last year this organization has adopted its new name, The Girls' Bureau, to cover more adequately its three lines of activity: Employment (The Vocational Guidance Bureau); Recreation (Lake Breeze Camp); Saving (Vacation Savings Club). The Vocational Guidance Bureau is located in the City Hall and, although at present only tentatively a division of The Public Welfare Department of the city, enjoys unique advantages from its municipal connection.

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INTRODUCTION

One time last winter when the Co-operative Employment Bureau for Girls wanted to get in touch with a stenographer—just a plain, nice girl, with passable intelligence—it placed an advertisement in the morning papers. Before noon 17 applicants had appeared and presented their qualifications. Seventeen girls for one job—that not a notably desirable one; and, of the 17, but one girl had even the superficial requirements for the place though all had had so-called business training. Some were foreign girls, whose broken English would have made a strange mess of the telephoning. One was a tiny, shy child, whose mother came with her and did all the talking. Almost all were ignorant—as their speech soon showed—and they were untidy, if not unsuitable, in their dress. Chewing gum, paint and strong perfume fortified not a few, but their unfitness did not lessen the pang one felt in turning them, one after another, away; for they