

THIS summer cannot be all a playtime for our boys. We must not push play out of their lives, but we must put something else into them. It is for every boy this summer to do his little "bit" for his country, and he can do it.

The Man With the Heart of a Boy

WHAT we need in every community now is a man who knows boys, whom boys like and will follow: a man with the heart of a boy. Such a man, possibly beyond the military age himself, can do much. He can, first of all, get a handful of boys to assist him in taking a census of the boys in the community and then classify them. All boys of twelve and over should be made to see the wisdom of joining the Boy Scouts, so that by the time the boy reaches the age and is ready for enlistment he will have a foundation of training and military discipline. The boys who are too young to join the Boy Scouts can be organized into a Junior League and do their "bit" in an hour or two a day of community gardening, either for their own families, if needy, or for the community. War gardens will be the rule, and half a dozen small boys can take the place of one man. An old actor is directing such community garden work of a squad of boys and making a success of it. Or, the young boys can be drilled in physical training, giving them a drill with the kind of drill gun as is now purchasable. But something of a practical nature should be put into the life of every young boy this summer, so as to make him feel that he is part and parcel of the desire for everybody to do his little "bit." All sport and play is not for our boys this summer. The joy of service must be a part.

The Woman With the Heart of a Girl

WHAT is true of the boy this summer is likewise true of the girl. It must not be for her a summer merely of pretty clothes and dances and tennis and golf. Every girl can do her "bit" and she should do it.

A woman who knows girls and can work with them can effectively serve her community or the place in which she happens to be. The older girls from fourteen up will, or should, be engaged in Red Cross work. But there is no reason why the smaller girls from nine to fourteen should not be organized in Junior Red Cross circles and be taught the first lessons of sewing. Or, there can be followed the clever idea of a woman who made a registry of all the little girls in a community and assigned to them various neighborly tasks: the care of a smaller child, for example, where the mother had no nurse or servant, and the little girl came in and played with the child for two hours while the mother went to a Red Cross meeting. In another case a girl of fourteen has been transformed into a little mother by taking care of a baby for two hours, letting the mother attend a community food meeting. Other little girls are given an hour's work in vegetable gardens. Others are given the assignment of bringing food from the station to families that have no one to send for it. But every little girl in that community is busy at something, and she feels that she, like her mother, is doing her part in the time of her country's need. It combines training and practical results, and everybody, giver and receiver, gets a direct economic and moral benefit.

The Woman Who Looks Ahead