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They have since been increased, but they are still too low. I hope that before long kindergarten teachers will get the recognition that they deserve, not just because of the work that they are doing, but because of the spirit in which they are doing it. Another help that has come to us latterly is that the Education Department now grants a certain number of allowances to students in training. This will make possible the building up of a reserve of kindergarten teachers for extension work."

"And didn't you often find the constant task of raising money very trying?" we asked.

"Yes, very often," Mrs. Dowsett admitted, "but when I felt particularly worried, I had a cure that never failed. You know those lines:

*Come to me, oh ye children!
For I hear you at your play,
And the troubles that perplexed me
Have vanished quite away!*

"When I have troubles, I visit the children in the kindergarten for a short while and watch them at their work and play. Just to see what the training is doing for them makes me feel that it is a privilege to be working in the movement. And there are so many kindergarten friends working in the background; busy mothers who give voluntary service or help with the club work; fathers who make us toys and paint our buildings, and who come to our rescue in all sorts of practical ways."

As we prepared to go, we asked a last question—whether all these long years in the service of the kindergarten had been worth while.

"I can only say that I never expect to find any work that is more worth while, nor can I expect to work with people who are all so friendly and co-operative. It is thrilling to be doing a job that you really believe in, especially when you also believe that it is of fundamental importance to the community. What greater asset has any nation than its children, and what greater privilege can anyone have than that of assisting any movement that helps the child to develop his latent possibilities and find true self-expression in his work and his play."



NORMAN JOHNSTON, assistant engineer with the New Zealand Broadcasting Unit in the Middle East, as seen by Captain Peter McIntyre, official war artist. For the excellent photographic reproduction of the drawing we are indebted to Noel Palmer, officer-in-charge of the unit.



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