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The book will be of great interest to those involved in the Settlement movement and its history, and in the history of social services, both nationally and in London.

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