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THERE are some things which can't be improved. One of these things is the Queen Quality shoe for women. You can make it more elaborate, you can decorate it, embellish it, and all that. But for \$100 a pair you cannot make a better shoe than Queen Quality, having regard solely to the two great essentials of Fit and Fashion. This means that mechanically it is perfect. As for its appearance, the fact that one hundred thousand women choose it instantly above all other shoes would seem to indicate that it is attractive.

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Fast color eyelets, never wear brassy.

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KENT SOCIETY'S GOOD WORK FOR THE "LITTLE ONES"

Enthusiastic Annual Meeting of Zealous Workers—Reports for the Past Year Were Most Encouraging—Spirited Addresses and Excellent Music.

The fifth annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of the County was held last evening in the First Presbyterian Sunday school hall with about 75 present, including the president of the Society, D. S. Paterson, M. A. Judge Bell, Sheriff Gemmill, Sheriff Cameron, of London; Robert Park, I. P. S.; Wilson Taylor; J. W. Shackleton, Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, Rev. W. E. Knowles, Rev. J. J. Ross, Judge Woods, Thomas Scullard, J. S. Lane, Fred Stone, Dr. R. V. Bray and W. R. Baxter.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one for the noble cause for which the Society labors so unceasingly, viz., the bringing up of the young in the right way.

President D. S. Paterson occupied the chair and Rev. W. E. Knowles opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Paterson, in a few brief opening remarks, welcomed all to the fifth annual meeting of the Society.

He was sorry to see such a small gathering, but attributed it to the unelement weather and busy season of the year.

"There is no organization deserving of more support than this Society," added Mr. Paterson, "and no work, if properly done, gives better results."

Continuing, President Paterson spoke of the aims of the Society and urged that more of the good work be done. In so doing he suggested some good plans.

Mr. W. H. Brucklin sang in good voice "O Dry Those Tears," Miss F. Bogart proving a very acceptable accompanist.

The chairman then called for the reading of the annual report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary, Mrs. Frazer, read her report as follows:

At the annual meeting of the Kent Children's Aid Society for 1901 it was decided to excuse the clergymen of the city from attendance at the monthly board meetings, but have each church represented by two members, the clergymen to co-operate by reporting all cases of want coming under their notice.

The Board of 1902 has consisted of Messrs. Paterson, Baxter, Shackleton, Humphrey, McAulay, Stone and Dr. R. V. Bray; Mesdames Smith, McDonald, Glenn, Massey, Dwyer, Brady, Thiff, Stegman, Banning, Peltsie, Fraser and Miss Eberts.

There were ten meetings held with an average attendance of nine members. Rev. Mr. Cobblestick was made an honorary member in consideration of the great interest in bringing the work and needs of the Society before the children in the schools he

inspected; pupils and teachers have taken up the cause so willingly. We leave it for the Board of 1903 to confer a similar honor on Mr. Park. He, too, has done good work.

Mrs. Young also was made an honorary member as a slight token of the gratitude the Society felt for the generous bequest of \$100 by the late Chief Young.

The Sunday school of the city and County have each given one Sunday's collection. The Young People's Societies held a union meeting at which Mrs. Harvie spoke most interestingly of the work of the Society.

A great many pieces of children's clothing have been sent to Mrs. Sheldon; the children have come to her and suitable garments given to enable them to attend school. Mrs. Sheldon speaks earnestly to the mothers, telling them the Society would keep an eye open and ask their teachers occasionally regarding their attendance and progress. Both in support and opportunity to do good, the Society has had a very successful year.

One executive officer has been most vigilant of the work all over Kent and has kept in touch with the other societies of the province.

The experience of the Board has been that he is lacking in nothing—but time—and we trust that an active Board in 1903 may be able to use their time on the lines of his judgment.

We have felt that our one object was to help the needy—not to question as they worthy. We are proud of our public schools, where the children may be kept warm as well as educated, but we have found many large families where sickness or poverty arising perhaps from a want of common sense of the parents—the children cannot avail themselves of these advantages. The sympathy of commonsense and private individuals is easily aroused for those who are crippled in eyes or hands or limb, but none of these are a greater want—than a want of common sense.

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Union meeting Y. P. societies, \$3.10.

County grant, \$50.

Request from the late Chief Young, \$100.00.

Total, \$432.50.

Cash has to do, \$220.14.

Balance on hand, \$212.45.

Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, pastor of the Park St. Church, made a few pointed remarks on the work of the society, and gave some good advice.

Sheriff Cameron, of London, was the next speaker. He said although he had been connected with the London Children's Aid Society for eight years, this was the largest meeting he had attended. "Numbers don't always measure success," he continued, "and there is an element which goes to meetings to find fault, but they are never at these meetings. The London society has to contribute a good deal of its success to the press. The papers are given all proceedings, no matter how unimportant. The City Council grants \$500 annually and have established a shelter home."

Mr. Cameron advised the Chatham society to start a shelter home, and gave some other good hints for the society.

Rev. W. E. Knowles made a few remarks, in which he said there should have been a larger turnout of the people interested in the work.

Chairman Paterson then said it was his pleasure to announce the election of officers.

Wilson Taylor moved that the officers of last year be reinstated, as they had done some efficient work.

Robt. Park seconded the motion, which carried.

School Inspector Robert Park spoke briefly on the Children's Aid work as he had seen it, and its success in the country schools.

Before closing, Chairman Paterson very heartily thanked the singers and speakers who had taken part in the program.

The executive officer's report will appear in Saturday's paper. Too much credit for the success of the society's work cannot be given to this energetic and enthusiastic officer, Dr. R.

Rev. G. H. Cobblestick closed the meeting with the benediction.

ONE MORE CURE

IN CARLETON CO.

Postmaster Belyea Tries Dodd's

Kidney Pills for Kidney Trouble

And Now He Joins all the Others in Praising Them—He Had Suffered For Years And Is Now Completely Cured.

Lower Windsor, Carleton Co., N. B.

15.—(Special). Carleton county people have long recognized

Dodd's Kidney Pills as a sure cure for all forms of Kidney Disease, and

a consequence there is a marked decrease in the number of those suffering from Pain in the Back, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, and all those other ailments resulting from diseased Kidneys.

Still as each fresh cure is reported, there is revived interest in the matter and there are more praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

One of the cures reported is that of Postmaster T. H. Belyea of Lower Windsor, and he is spreading broadcast the good news.

"I had a very bad spell of Kidney Trouble," says the Postmaster, "which had bothered me for some years. I tried several kinds of plaster and medicines, but did not seem to get much lasting relief. But hearing Dodd's Kidney Pills so highly recommended for Kidney Trouble, I thought I would try them."

"I received more benefit from Dodd's Kidney Pills than any other medicine I ever tried, for they seem to have made a complete cure, as I am as well as ever. I believe Dodd's Kidney Pills are the right medicine for Kidney Trouble."

THE DISTRICT

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 15.—Rev. John McInnes preached in Tilbury yesterday.

John Gilbert, of Paris, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Murphy.

A number from here will attend the concert at Turin to-night.

E. E. Lambrook and John McGaffey spent Sunday at Bothwell.

J. J. E. Ellison, of Florence, is in town to-day.

James and William Dulong returned home for the winter, after a very successful season with the G. N. W. Telegraph Co.

The fixtures of the new post office have arrived and it is expected the office will be opened on Saturday.

An alarm of fire at the Methodist Church caused considerable excitement Sunday morning. It was found to be some refuse which had caught fire in the basement, and was extinguished before any damage was done.

Dec. 16.—W. Gosnell, of Ridgeway, was in town yesterday.

J. Brodley, of Toronto, was in town today.

James McFarlane, of Florence, is spending a few days with his parents.

William Watts, of the Tecumseh House, is quite indisposed.

The Sunday school concert to be held in the Mayhew hall by the members of St. Stephen's church, promises to be the usual enjoyable affair for which St. Stephen's church is noted.

Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town once a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collector calls he must remit direct to The Planet Office, Chatham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

Before you ring out the old year wouldn't it be a good idea to buy a ring for some relative or friend as an Xmas present? VonGuten Bros. have hundreds.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.

LETTER BOX

HIS PLATFORM.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Noticing you invite aldermanic candidates to state their views on live questions of civic interest, and being a candidate and the time appropriate, I wish first to declare I am, among other things, heartily in sympathy with the lively interest that has got awakened for BETTER PAVEMENTS, and if elected or not to the next Council, intend doing all in my power to promote the extension of the movement so well inaugurated this year, and I finally believe there is no other one thing to be prosecuted that will prove of more value and redound to the advantage of the city so conspicuously as permanent pavements. It is felt by all this is our most crying need, and a good start has been made this year (more or less) to be continued it is hoped in the future in ever widening circles until the good work is finished and Chatham to her limits becomes supplied with smooth and lasting pavements. Then will our visitors exclaim, "What fine streets; what a credit to Chatham," and we can hope that some of them will surely stay with us on this account. The streets in North Chatham needing first attention are: Victoria avenue, St. Clair, Head and Emma streets, and in South Chatham, King street west, Wellington street east, Park street, and Queen street south from the G. T. R. to city limits.

An important question is the EXTENSION OF THE WATER WORKS

SYSTEM to all points of the city for the general good. This calls for attention next year by the Council, as on both sanitary and economic grounds. It will be conceded our health is of more importance than anything else, and the more general use of the city water will greatly safeguard it. The mains should be laid on every street and connections made to the line of every lot, and this done there would be no excuse for refusing the water. The properties on the street would be held responsible for a return on the investment. The extension of the water mains throughout the city, leading as it would to the general use of the water, is admitted will be most beneficial financially to the city, hence I favor borrowing the money by way of debentures for a complete extension of the service. It is considered universal use will materially reduce the rates, yet the revenue would increase by the loans and bonds, whereby a substantial surplus every year would be turned in to reduce our taxation. Down in the average wet disease lakes and is the source of much of the sickness here and elsewhere, and nothing should stop us taking action next year to place our pure city water before every household. The present commissioners, Dr. Bray and Mr. Sheldon, I understand are in favor of the extension and we must hope that the officers for next year will be the men to meet this need. The present users are unduly burdened under existing rates, and naturally there is a call for a reduction, and this cannot be done until the whole city is using the water.

INDUSTRIAL WORKS that can be gained for the city on an equitable basis I am most willing to assist to establish here.

My approval and encouragement is with all petitions that propose real reforms in the general interest, and it is a wise course of the Council to invite petitions of that character.

ENGAGING HOME LABOR on our PUBLIC WORKS at living wages is a first duty to our working men, and I will always support it.

The TELEPHONE FRANCHISE EXPIRES next year. It has become a valuable asset to the city for the business thus developed, wonderfully here and is very lucrative, therefore we will be able to get a handsome amount for the franchise for another period.

THE MARKET BUILDING IS UNPROFITABLE in its present shape, in more than one way, and next year the people will surely expect the Council to find ways and means to renovate it completely, and in a modern manner that will fill it with tenants and make it a handsome investment.

Other questions there are, but space I feel forbids for the present.

Yours truly,

J. WADDELL.

BLENHEIM

Profrs. Snider Bros., two renowned Hypnotists, will be at the Opera House here for three nights, commencing Thursday night. Prices 15c, and 25c.

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How Aboutthe 25th?

With Christmas ahead and Christmas presents to be bought, more ladies will patronize this store this month than ever before. We want them to feel perfectly at home here and to know that courteous salespeople are always ready to show goods whether they care to buy anything or not. With a complete assortment of everything for men and boy we're constantly ready with

NECKWEAR,
GLOVES,
MUFFLERS,
HOSIERY,
COLLARS,
UNDERWEAR,

UMBRELLAS,
NIGHT SHIRTS,
CLOTHING,
OVERCOATS,
SILK HATS,
SUSPENDERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS.

After all useful gifts are the most serviceable of gifts. More useful things will be sold this year, and we're going to sell them. We've planned a bigger business for the holidays and all the conditions favor it. With newer styles and more goods to choose from, we mean to discount every December record and double our lead with Hats and Furnishings between now and the 25th.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS Limited

FOR "SUNDAY DINNER."

Try a cup of Red Rose Tea, the tea which was used by our future King and Queen. If you do, you will perhaps enjoy your dinner better. (The grade of Red Rose served to the Royal Party was the Gold Label; 60c. per lb.)

De tiredest people in de world is dem dat takes de most ease.

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Tea Sets
Odd Plates
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Creams & Sugars
Meat Dishes
Spoon Trays
Covered dishes

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NEW LAMPS, just opened up latest styles, low prices, 1.00 to 12.50

New Toilet Sets for holiday time, specials at 2.00 and 5.00

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