

further the Society's efforts in securing the separation before, as well as at, the trial.

The Report of the Committee, appointed to consider and recommend amendments in the law, will indicate what has already been done and the hopes entertained that the changes will be made. The recommendation of the Chief Constable, that apartments should be provided at No. 1 Police Station for juvenile offenders, so that they would be removed from contact with, and be out of hearing of, the older offenders against the law, has been supported by the Society, and the effort is so far encouraged that the Architect has at length been instructed to call for tenders. It is hoped that the matter will now be pushed through.

It is difficult for those persons who have not given careful attention to the condition of our street children, to realize the magnitude of the work in its possibilities, and the necessity there is for it. The old adage, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," is pre-eminently true in its application to them. If they are not cared for now and saved from physical and moral degradation, it will cost many pounds to punish them and keep them as criminals in the future.

The Society is desirous to make arrangements by which the time of our energetic Secretary may be more fully given to rescue work, and hope that that may be done at an early date.

At the organization of the Society, Mr. J. J. Kelso was elected its first President. Being the originator of the "Fresh Air Fund" in Toronto, this was a well deserved recognition of his arduous and self-denying efforts in the inception of the work. It was somewhat under pressure from his friends that he took the office and as soon as the Society saw the way clear to place the helm in competent hands, he pressed his resignation on account of his heavy work in his daily calling, and the Society regretfully accepted it, at a later date electing him a life member, in recognition of his distinguished services. The Society then unanimously elected Mr. J. K. Macdonald to the vacant Presidency.

The Society would place on record its devout thankfulness to God for His kind providences and the blessing which has accompanied the work. May his blessing continue to rest on the work and make it a thousand-fold more successful, and raise up friends and helpers for it everywhere.