

a very difficult part of the work, and one requiring the greatest of care. In many cases the applicants are entirely unworthy of any consideration, and this fact is apt to lead to the neglect of those who may be worthy. In several cases employment has been obtained, and with one exception with good results.

In several cases temporal relief has been given, but anything done in this direction must necessarily be by individual members, as the Association has no fund for the purpose. In one case, largely through the efforts of the Association, one young man was sent to Winnipeg to begin in a new country what it is hoped will be a new life.

The want of a Refuge is very much felt, as the only place to which needy applicants can now be sent is the Police Station. The necessity for such an institution should be publicly agitated.

VISIT OF MESSRS. CROMBIE AND BUDGE.

In the spring of this year we were favoured with a short visit from the Dominion Travelling Secretary, Mr. W. P. Crombie, and from Mr. D. A. Budge, General Secretary of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association. A conference of members, held by these gentlemen in the Congregational Church, was fairly attended, and was calculated to greatly benefit the Association. The Sunday Afternoon Temperance Meeting of the W. C. T. U., was addressed by them, and on Sunday night they held an Evangelistic Meeting in Knox Church. An Evangelistic Meeting was also conducted by them in the Baptist Church on Tuesday night. The thanks of the Association are due to the Provincial Committee at Toronto for the visit of Mr. Crombie, and to the Montreal Association for that of Mr. Budge. To these gentlemen personally we are deeply grateful.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

The Association desires to render any assistance in its power to other and kindred societies, and has been very glad to be allowed to co-operate with the W. C. T. U., in carrying on its good work. By request, the Association took part in the entertainment given by that Union to the news-boys in December last, and helped to carry out the programme. The rooms of the Association were also placed at the disposal of the Union for the purpose of organizing a News-boys' Band of Hope. The ladies engaged in this good work of temperance are heartily welcome to any assist-