

Minutes of Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Girls' Home of Welcome was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on March 31st, 1898, at 3 p.m.

The attendance of both ladies and gentlemen was very good, and the meeting was most enthusiastic.

The Rev. Dr. King regretted that through illness he was unable to occupy the chair, but a very able substitute was found in Mr. J. H. Ashdown.

Archdeacon Fortin opened the meeting with prayer, and was followed by the Secretary's report.

The Treasurer's report came next in order, and was most satisfactory, proving that the Home was on a firm basis.

Miss Fowler followed with her report, which was listened to with intense interest and she was warmly applauded as she finished, showing that the people thoroughly appreciated the effort she was making to befriend the immigrant girl coming to this country. A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered Miss Fowler by the Rev. H. Pedley, seconded by Mrs. Culver, expressing the desire of the meeting to show their gratitude to her in coming here and starting a home.

The Secretary of the Advisory Board reported that the satisfactory condition of the Society and the excellent results attained during the first year justifies the belief that there is a still larger field for work of this kind. The members of the Advisory Committee have no hesitancy in approving of the project to give permanence to the Home by the erection of a building, at the same time pledging their sympathy and support in continuing the laudable work of this institution.

Mr. McDermid moved, seconded by Mr. T. Ryan, that this report be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCreary, Commissioner of Immigration, "that after hearing the report read, this meeting is of the opinion that it is advisable to proceed at the earliest possible