

nual meeting was reported in the *Toronto World*, December 7, 1891, as follows:

FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

THE LATEST PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN
TORONTO.

The first annual meeting of the Toronto Children's Aid Society was held in the Academy of Music last night. The room, with its pictures and electric light, was bright and cheerful; so were the speeches and the entire proceedings. City Missionary Hall opened the meeting with prayer.

President J. J. Kelso, in a capital speech, reviewed the origin and explained the objects of the society. The chief of these are the establishment of a children's refuge, the separate trial of juvenile offenders and young girls and the appointment of a probation officer to ascertain and submit to the court full particulars of each child brought up for trial, and to act in the capacity of the child's next friend.

"Why another society?" was often asked. "Because," answered the chairman, "up to the present time we have had no society to look after neglected children." Then the chairman showed how much wiser and more economical it is to save the children than to reform criminals. The 600 newsboys in the city would find in the society a friend.

The development of the society is interesting. Four years ago the Fresh Air Fund was started by Mr. Kelso, then came the Christmas entertainments for poor children, and these have developed into the Children's Aid Society. The need of the latter is shown in the fact that 500 neglected children were proceeded against in the Police Court last year. The announcement that in a short time a Children's Shelter will be opened in Centre-street where homeless or destitute children would be received day and night was received with applause.

Mr. H. A. Massey said he was deeply interested in the new society. He regarded it as a grand movement, and as hopeful as any society in Toronto. In view of the