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FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Toronto
Children's Aid Society,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH,
1892.

"It is wiser and less expensive to save children than to punish
criminals."

In presenting the First Annual Report of the Children's Aid Society, it will not be out of place to give an outline of those branches of children-saving effort which led up to the consolidation of the various branches and their being incorporated into the Children's Aid Society. The Fresh Air Fund work had been carried on for four years with great benefit to the poorer children of the city. Efforts had also been made in the direction of rescuing poor children who were driven out into the streets at night, sometimes by drunken and brutalized parents through cruel treatment, or with the object of obtaining money with which to feed their debased appetites; and sometimes because of their own necessities, though not infrequently from the force of an unfortunate habit. The call, too, for something to be done for