

CHILDREN'S AID TO BRING ACTION AGAINST PARENTS

Seven Youngsters Found in
Rain Soaked Log Cabin in
Willow Grove — Five Are
Brought to City and Others
Will Follow.

About fourteen miles from the city, on the Willow Grove road, is a miserable log cabin with the rain pouring in through the roof and here, on wet beds, seven children, ranging in age from fifteen years to nine, were found, huddled together in a state of misery. Behind them was a small shed built loosely of boards in which cowered two cows and a calf, some geese and a few hens in a state of comfort not much, if any, inferior to that enjoyed by the human beings in the house. These were the conditions found by Police Matron Ross, S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the Municipal Home Commission and Rev. Geo. Scott when they drove out to the place. The children belonged to two families, Woods and Hansen. Five of the little ones (the Woods) were brought to the city and placed in the Children's Home in Garden street. Another trip will be made to the scene when an effort will be made to have the others brought to the city and placed in more comfortable quarters. The reason any were left was that only one couch had been taken and this was filled by Police Matron Ross and the five children.

Warrants under the criminal code will be sworn out against Woods, who is a returned soldier, and his wife for exposing their children to conditions which constituted a menace to their lives. Yesterday morning two teams harnessed to an open sleigh and a coach reached the log hut, which is a very small affair. The place from the outside looked desolate enough, though there was new chinking between the logs and there was a banking around the outside of the walls of the hut. The first thing that met the eye on opening the door, however, was the water pouring from the roof. An elderly woman explained this by saying that the roof had been covered with tar paper and the recent wind storm had stripped it off. Besides the grandmother, there were the three youngest Wood children in the house and a twelve-year-old Hansen girl. Upon being asked where the others were, the grandmother said that the fifteen-year-old Hansen girl and her fourteen-year-old brother were in the woods getting wood, while the rest were at school. It was painfully evident that fuel was scarce, as there was none in the yard, and a little later the girl appeared, when called, and confirmed the story of her whereabouts. It was not cold at that time but the house felt miserable and none of the children appeared to very warmly clad while their feet were painfully insufficient.

In answer to a question, the old lady said that the father of the Hansen children worked at the winter port in the city and drove out on Sundays with their weekly supply of groceries and provisions. She explained that by the time he got out and had something to eat there was no time for him to do anything about the place and he had to hitch up his horse and drive back again. The visits of the father and mother of the other family to look after their offspring were not nearly so frequent, she said. In the month of March, 1918, six of the children of Frank Woods and his wife were taken from a house in George street in a terrible condition of filth and vermin. They were brought before Rev. W. M. Duke and Rev. R. A. Armstrong, justices of the peace, and they were committed to the care of the Children's Aid Society, until their father, who was overseas, came home. Under the circumstances, when the father returned and said he had got a house at East St. John the society could do nothing more than let him have the custody of his own children. Another baby had been born to Mrs. Woods since. An effort will be made to have the children all committed and placed in foster homes. The Municipal Home sent out a supply of warm clean clothing for the children remaining at Willow Grove.

DIOCESAN BRANCH OF ANGLICAN W. A. MET LAST NIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Fredericton Diocesan Branch of the W. A. was held last night in Stone Church schoolroom with the president, Mrs. Thomas Walker, in the chair. The opening prayer and address were given by Canon G. A. Kuhring, who spoke of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. Canon Kuhring quoted from Psalm xxvii, Ecclesi xlvii and Zephaniah xiv, dealing with prophecies that are now being fulfilled in the happenings in Palestine.

Several letters from the out-of-town branches were read with interest. Mrs. Kuhring, as organizing secretary, reported that new branches had been organized in Millerton, Edmundston, Lower Caverhill and Benfort.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. C. P. McIntyre, reported that the Dominion assessment had been considerably increased and that for the coming year this assessment would be \$2,000. She read a letter from Miss Ruby Peters in Houton, in which Miss Peters expressed thanks for a gift of money and told of her experiences in that far country.

The secretary of the leaflets committee, Mrs. Charles Cockburn, said that the last leaflet has the yearly report of the Dominion board. She reported a large increase in subscribers and hoped that many more would be added. Miss Portia MacKenzie, reporting for the junior branches, said that the work in this direction was going forward gratifyingly and that she recently had issued one hundred new cards.

Miss A. Robinson, the newly appointed Anglican deaconess, being present, was asked to give an account of her social service work in the city. Miss Robinson has the whole city as her parish, belonging equally to all parishes. She described the work which she has undertaken as including the meeting and caring for any young girls arriving in the city and the visiting of the hospitals, institutions and jails in the interests of social service. All her work is done

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Mrs. W. D. Forster, the Diocesan representative at the annual meeting of Dominion board of management held in Hamilton (Ont.) in October, in a graphic manner gave a review of all that occurred during the three days of the meeting. She mentioned some of the more notable speakers and told of their addresses. Only eight of the twenty-five Diocesan boards were not represented at the meeting. In some statistics of special note Mrs. Forster said that the W. A. had 33,141 senior members in 1,428 branches and 3,000 girl members in 317 branches. The Diocesan life membership totalled 2,237 and the Dominion life membership 159. Among the

most important matters brought before the meeting was the need for more junior superintendents. Mrs. George F. Smith, who, as provincial vice-president, also had attended the meeting, gave a short address on the same subject.

"Do you know, George," remarked Mrs. Ray, "I should say the Diocesan marriage was an ideal one. I couldn't help noticing it tonight. Really, there wasn't one word of disagreement. I believe they both think absolutely alike!" "They are a charming couple, my dear," perfect—chattering," said her husband, "but as to their thinking alike, Ethel, did you notice that she always thought first?"



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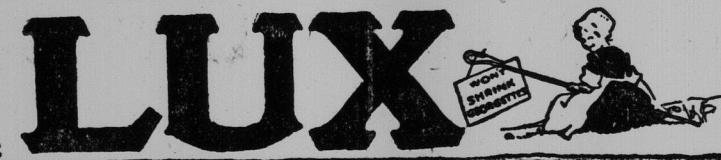
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CONTINUING THE WORK AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

The St. John Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis is making a vigorous effort to increase its usefulness to the community still further, and at the regular meeting of the directors of the society in the dispensary yesterday afternoon, a resolution was passed authorizing Dr. Parris, Dr. Loggie and J. King Kelly, K. C., as a committee, to look into the laws and statutes, and bring in a report as to what provision, it would be advisable to make, for the greater efficiency of the work. It was also decided on Dr. Parris' recommendation that the free clinic which has hitherto been held on Monday evenings at 8 o'clock, to enable those who are busy in the day, to be present and receive free examination and advice given by specialists on duty there. As another means of gaining more prominence in public attention the meeting decided to have a larger sign placed on the dispensary. Miss Barber was appointed to organize a committee from the Y. W. P. A. to undertake a campaign for increased membership for the association.

A. Likely, the president, was in the chair and he warmly welcomed Dr. Murray MacLaren, the former president, returned after an absence of five years overseas, as well as Miss Agnes Warner and Miss Barber, who were received as new members.

The reports of the doctors and nurse were submitted and contained the following information: Patients registered, 188; days when clinics were held, 15; patients at clinics, 48; prescriptions filled, 21; cases of phthisis pulmonary, 62; cases under observation, 76; transferred to the county hospital, 8; to the River Glade sanatorium, 1; nurse's visits, 185; patients receiving milk, 8. Dr. Parris reported examining twenty-five patients, sending seven to River Glade, eight to the county hospital; recommending three non-tuberculous and having five under observation. He also spoke of the fact that patients who have been under treatment in the county hos-

pital and are sent back to their homes require special care in nursing. He thought that much good could be done along lines of follow-up work for the convalescents, sent from the hospital. The meeting appointed Mrs. Parris and Mrs. E. Albertson Smith a committee to look after this most important phase of the work.

For River Glade.

Dr. Loggie reported examining nine patients and sending two to River Glade. Mrs. W. E. Foster, visitor for the month, brought in an excellent account of her work and Mrs. Busby was appointed visitor for the ensuing month.

The resolution regarding the appointment of a committee to report on the best means of advancing the work of the association to greater efficiency was moved by Mrs. E. Albertson Smith and was carried unanimously. Mr. Likely then introduced Dr. Murray MacLaren, as the former president. Dr. MacLaren stated clearly that he did not wish to resume office as president as he considered that position ought to be occupied by a layman. It was being filled most ably by Mr. Likely. In speaking of what he had seen in France Dr. MacLaren said that in spite of the overwhelming burden of her war activities, France had, to the marvel of all people, found time to give scientific research that had been productive of wonders in her system of re-education of her wounded soldiers. He spoke of the great care that was given to the French soldiers in sickness and convalescence, telling how their health and comfort were always held of prime importance and how remarkable means were employed for their re-education.

He said, however, that in the matter of the care of tubercular patients France had fallen behind and the Americans had taken the lead. Dr. MacLaren described how the Americans had established model organizations and depots in France, from which the people were taught by example how the disease could best be combated. Reference was made to the enthusiastic meeting held in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding, when excellent addresses were given by Dr. George Porter, and Dr. Murray MacLaren on the subject of tuberculosis. The directors passed hearty votes of thanks to all who contributed to the success of that meeting; to the male quartette; to the choir of the city churches for assistance and co-operation; to Walter H. Golding for the use of the Imperial Theatre; to F. S. Spencer, L. R. Ross, Joseph Allison and the president of the association, Mr. Likely, who together had defrayed all expenses of the meeting and to the Y. W. P. A. which had provided an efficient corps of ushers for the occasion.

IN ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

A supper and sale, under the auspices of the Young People's Society of St. Matthew's church, was held, last evening, in the school room of the church. In spite of the inclement weather proved one of the most successful sales in point of attendance ever held by the Young People's Society. An excellent supper was served from 5 to 8 o'clock, the large room being decorated to represent falling snowflakes while the various tables were trimmed with red candles, resulting in a pleasing effect. The general convener for the affair was Mrs. J. Kein. Those in charge of the tea tables were Miss J. A. Murray, Miss Bradshaw and Miss A. Leggett, assisted by the Misses E. Turner, G. Murray, C. McNutt, J. Brown, M. Kein, Madeline L. A. Colwell, W. Nickerson, Edward Scott, C. Walker and Miss Schroder. Mrs. H. McCain and Mrs. MacLaren presided at the cash and coffee. Mrs. J. Burt had charge of the candy

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table, assisted by Miss Madeline Daly. The fancy booth was in charge of Mrs. Robert Carson, assisted by Mrs. Adams. Miss M. Daly and Miss L. Nickerson had charge of the ice cream. The fish pond was in charge of D. Magee and W. McNutt. The proceeds of the sale, which amounted to more than \$150, will go towards paying off the mortgage on the church.

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