

## ANNUAL MEETING OF CHILDREN'S AID SHOWS THE SOCIETY IS IN MOST FLOURISHING CONDITION

Reports of Secretary-Treasurer and House Committee Received--Further Increase to Endowment Fund--Mr. Joseph Ruddy Retires as President, Mr. E. Sweet Being Elected in His Place--Address by Mr. Kelso.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Children's Shelter, George and Chatham Sts. There was a splendid attendance and it was considered the best meeting of this kind ever held by the Society. The retiring President, Mr. Joseph Ruddy, was in the chair.

The reports of the secretary, the treasurer and the house committee were received, and officers were elected for the ensuing year. The feature of the meeting was the address by Mr. Kelso, Provincial Inspector of Children's Aid Societies. Mr. McIntosh, head of the Children's Aid of Norfolk County, and Rev. Mr. Ferguson of Stratford, also spoke briefly.

A FEW FACTS  
Some items of interest were brought out at the meeting. It was found that very many neglected children who had been cared for by the society were now at the front, the Society showing an excellent record of enlisted men. Thirteen children were made wards of the society during the year. The secretary, Mr. Axford had, by phone and personal call, over 2,500 interviews since the last meeting, an average of about 9 per day. The Shelter has under its roof an average of six residents every day; of these, about 30 per cent were from the county.

Several improvements have been made to the Shelter, thanks chiefly to generous aid of its admirers. The sum of \$1,000 has been received for the endowment fund from the Eliza Clark Estate and \$500 from the Milligan

only a few days before, what a splendid place the Shelter in Brantford was. He reminded his hearers that the central authorities checked critically every case of a child being made a ward of the Society and they had to be perfectly satisfied that the charge was justified.

"Keep children with their own parents. The best thing to do with a child is to keep it with its own mother," concluded Mr. Kelso, and added his good wishes for their every success.

A FORMER WORKER  
Mr. McIntosh of Norfolk County, spoke briefly as did also Rev. Mr. Ferguson of Stratford. Both commended highly the work of Mr. Axford. Mr. Whitelaw, once an active worker here, but now in Haldimand County, addressed the meeting, pointing out the difficulties encountered there, these being chiefly the presence of Indians and the lack of a shelter building.

PERTH'S RECORD  
Rev. Mr. Ferguson said that 99 per cent of the wards visited of Perth County, were doing well. The value of Children's Aid work, he held, could never be estimated.  
A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Lavell and seconded by Mr. Bowyer, was passed unanimously. Mr. Lavell mentioned and commended especially the work of the retiring president, Mr. Joseph Ruddy, the Secretary, Mr. Axford and Mrs. Ker, convener of the House Committee.

MR. AXFORD'S REPORT  
Mr. Axford stated that the children placed in foster homes were being treated in true Christian fashion. Emphasis had been laid on the preventive side of the work with good results. Though only 13 wards were taken in during the year, that did not represent adequately the number of cases inquired into and dealt with. He recommended that parents be more careful in keeping their children off the streets at night. No children had been committed to an industrial school throughout the year. Many shelter boys had enlisted. He wished to acknowledge the kindly offices of physicians, both of the city and county.

He regretted he had to chronicle the death of two workers during the year. Their late president, Mr. Gladstone Whittaker had passed away as had also Miss Annie Smith, the matron. The memory of their devoted

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service would always abide with the Society. He also wished to acknowledge the receipt of three bequests, and hoped there would be a flow of such bequests in the years to come to keep up the great work.

DETAILED REPORT  
The following is a detailed report furnished by Mr. Axford:  
Applications for children, 193; children brought to shelter, not wards, 32; children placed on parole, not wards, 6; children returned to parents, not wards, 18; children involved during year, 463; children made wards, C. A. S., 13; children sent to Industrial School, 0; complaints received 242; investigations, 288; mail received, 878; mail sent out, 2381; meetings addressed, 37; mileage (approximate) covered 3895; office interviews, 780; phone interviews 1966; places visited outside of the city, 61; police court attendance 28; wards in foster homes heard from 171; wards placed out, 62; wards returned to shelter 43; wards visited, 172; warnings given, 137. Total number in the Shelter for the year, 108; number of days stay, 2282; average

days stay per child 21; average number in residence per day, 8; children in Shelter from the city, 51; children in Shelter from County, 22; children in Shelter from outside places, 35, all paying board. Office receipts for year, \$1118.40; number of our wards under supervision, 186; number of outside wards now under supervision here, 54; total number under supervision of this office, 240.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—	
Balance forward	\$ 3 80
Township of Brantford	50 00
Town of Paris	75 00
City of Brantford	1,000 00
Fees and subscriptions	373 87
County of Brant	100 00
Board recovered	318 50
Sundries	6 65
Mite boxes	30 03
	\$2,496 85
Payments—	
Secretary's salary	\$ 600 00
Loan repaid	250 00
Maintenance	250 00
House account	\$422 30
Laundry	36 41
Fuel and light	67 35
Wages	281 75
Sundries	32 80
Phones	39 22
	\$79 83
Interest	364 70
Repairs	49 35
Travel and transportation	89 99
Printing, postage, etc.	66 13
Taxes	66 95
Balance	135 97
	\$2,496 85

Endowment Account.  
From Eliza Clark Estate \$1,000 00  
From M. Milligan Estate 500 00  
C. Cook, Treasurer.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It noted the following:  
Through kindness of Mrs. Peter Wood, a brick porch had been added to the rear of the Shelter, and a sanitary sink in the pantry at a cost of \$30.00.  
The Pansy club will furnish the new boys' ward and will as well pay the coal bill for the winter.  
A six foot trellis fence has been built around the grounds, a cement walk has been laid from the back porch to the fence and a fire escape added to the equipment of the building.  
The House committee has taken part in all Patriotic movements. About \$400 had been collected for various patriotic purposes since the spring.

### THE OFFICERS.

The following are the officers for the year 1915-16:  
Hon. President Mrs. Peter Wood, President E. Sweet.  
Vice-presidents, E. Cockshut; and R. Sanderson.  
Recording Secretary, Miss Sarah Brown.  
Secretary and Inspector—J. Leslie Axford.  
Treasurer—C. Cook.  
Executive—Joseph Ruddy, Rev. A. E. Lavell, W. J. Whittaker, J. Westbrock, Dr. Brady and Mrs. John Kerr.  
Council—Rev. Woodside, Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. Dr. Brady, J. W. Westbrock, Dr. Burt of Paris, and N. A. McCallum of Burford, Jos. Ruddy, Chief Slemin, W. H. Whittaker and E. L. Goold, Mesdames, G. H. Winter, W. H. Whittaker, M. J. O'Donohue, J. J. Hurley, I. M. Shuttleworth, J. Kerr, Peter Wood, Jas. Adams, E. Patterson and Miss E. Witty and Miss E. Sutherland.  
House Committee—Mrs. John Kerr, convener, Mrs. Peter Wood, Mrs. W. H. Whittaker, Mrs. E. Patterson, Mrs. J. Colter, Mrs. J. Adams, Mrs. R. E. Ryerson, Mrs. R. Kerr, Miss L. Sutherland, Miss J. Workman, Miss L. Whittaker.

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The position of the Russian armies has been enormously strengthened, however, by an abundance of ammunition, the correspondent says. Gunners now show infantrymen inscriptions written by workmen on ammunition boxes which read in substance: "Don't spare shells. Plenty more are coming, comrades. We are working hard to keep you supplied. Cheer up!"

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