

which has now been meeting for over a year, are showing some results. I might say for all of these we don't anticipate we will see great results until it is for a period of some years.

When they first went to the home of our staff member who is the leader of the group they participated very little, they didn't know how to participate even in elections, and setting up meetings, and getting lunch, and clearing up after lunch, or any of those things. There has been a great change there and they are a much more responsible group already. If a member is sick they now automatically send a note and one member had to move out of the city and they were the ones that suggested a party. You see it in various small ways. We are hoping we will see it in the fact of our main goal, which is to help them continue on with their education and to respond to some of the chances that they have had that are not available to everybody. This will be revealed in a period of a few years. With the boys, who are younger, we see this in groups and the possibility of getting to know the male worker on our staff and relate to him. I don't think we will see much in the way of results for a matter of a few years.

Senator Inman: I was interested in the project you speak of at the top of page 6. I think you have answered the question by explaining this.

Miss Christie: Yes.

Senator Inman: More ambition towards getting more education. This is the group you are speaking of?

Miss Christie: It is hard to say. We hope it is there but we don't know.

Senator Fournier: Miss Christie, like the others I approve of your brief very much but for the next few minutes I want to be the black sheep of this committee. I understand your committee is the Family Services and you look after poor people, the children and the women, poor families. I congratulate you.

Miss Christie: We do a broader group than that, but we are particularly concerned with poor families.

Senator Fournier: What do you do to alleviate poverty in these homes? Do you do anything in regard to that, or do you keep on bringing the basket of food and money?

Miss Christie: No. We give some assistance. We help them with planning. We have

courses planned around cooking and that sort of thing to try and help them cope better with some of the problems of everyday living. Cooking classes or budgeting, it might be something of this kind. We work with them on an individual basis and then sometimes through special groups that we have set up to be helpful to them. We try to make them aware of various resources in the community they could use to their advantage. We try to keep abreast of all possible chances. We have various groups, as you know, that are referred to here, and we have volunteers who are very helpful possibly in providing transportation when they need to get to clinics, providing outings.

Senator Fournier: This is services. What do you do to eliminate poverty?

Miss Christie: No. You are quite right. We don't do anything, I am afraid, except try to change attitudes and take advantage of opportunities like this.

Senator Fournier: There is always a reason why certain families are poor. It could be lack of employment; it could be something by heritage; it could be due to environment or due to alcohol; it could be due to mismanagement and poor budgeting, which I understand you are doing something about. For every poor person there is some reason. What are you doing to eliminate some of these reasons?

Miss Christie: This is where we are trying to do it through individual counselling and help and support and encouragement with families. One of the reasons we have put the stress on children is we feel certain families who have been disadvantaged as a child and are still disadvantaged may not be able to respond and make some of the basic changes that are necessary. We therefore feel that it may be more useful to have a concentrated program on helping their children.

Senator Fournier: I understand what you are doing. I am not being critical, don't get me wrong. We often talk about the aged people and hear everybody has sympathy for the aged people. I agree with that. What would you do with the old drunk who has been drinking all his life and made a martyr of his wife and family who have no respect for him. He has drunk every penny, and then he ends up on public relief and he is still drinking. He gets paid \$75 or \$100 and three or four days later he is broke again. Are we going to give him \$100 every week to keep him like that?