

some such measures are generally adopted in large cities we never can hope to stem the ever-increasing volume of vice and criminality in the community; moreover, no time should be lost in organizing the work, as the increase which is going on in all city populations will render the initial proceedings, if long delayed, all the more difficult. "I shall be glad to render all the assistance that I can in attaining the desirable objects that you are seeking."

The Hon. S. H. Blake wrote:—

"I need scarcely say that I most heartily sympathize with any movement that is made for the looking after our neglected children. They are a most dangerous element, recruiting the ranks of criminals and leading astray other children with whom they mingle. We are not a rich enough community to be able to sustain the criminal class, and we should therefore seek to "nip it in the bud."

Mr. T. R. Clougher, of *The Week*, wrote:—

"I am thoroughly in sympathy with the movement, and regret exceedingly that an engagement of long standing prevents me from attending the meeting to-night."

Mr. Hugh Blain, of Eby, Blain & Co., wrote:—

"I will be unable to accept your invitation for to-morrow evening's meeting, but cordially endorse the proposal to organize a Children's Aid Society. The objects are most worthy. If formed I shall gladly contribute towards the maintenance of the society.

Inspector Stark, who at the last moment was unable to be present, wrote:—"The task of saving the boys and girls is more congenial, more likely to be productive of good results, and cannot but be more satisfactory in every way in the end than reforming them. Criminals are nearly all made before they reach the age of twenty. Keep the boys on the right track till they reach that age and the chances are all in their favor."

Mr. Beverley Jones spoke strongly on the need of securing playgrounds for the children of Toronto. The city was losing part of Queen's Park and the Upper Canada College grounds, and gradually the breathing spots of the