

classify the children. Then an important branch of the work laid upon the Society was the detention of boys under remand from the Police Court, who had to be disciplined and instructed as to their conduct. In this part of preventive and saving effort satisfactory evidence had been given of what could be done, most gratifying success having resulted with many boys. But, when under detention for training, it is all important in order to attain the best results, that the boys should be placed for a time in single rooms, which, at present, cannot in all cases be done, and without this provision, incorrigible boys cannot be disciplined with the same progress nor with the same effect as they would be with proper facilities. He laid stress upon the necessity that existed for the erection by the city of a building properly equipped in all respects for carrying on the work undertaken and now devolving upon the Society, and upon the great importance of preventing boys and girls from becoming criminals, a much better way than having to labor at great disadvantage for their reformation after criminal and immoral habits had been fully developed.

In seconding the resolution Staff-Inspector Archibald emphasized the financial side of the question, by saying that the City Council and the taxpayers generally, from a financial standpoint, should tender thanks to the Society for the saving being effected by its operations. In the one item of the Industrial Schools alone this was very apparent.

For three years anterior to the establishment of the Children's Court and the Society's present Shelter the average number of boys and girls committed to the Industrial Schools was fifty. The average term served by these children would be three years, so that it would entail on the city an expenditure of \$15,000 for the three years.

This year, up to date, only six children had been committed to the schools.

On motion of Mr. James Ryrie, seconded by Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., it was resolved :

"That this meeting expresses its great satisfaction at the good work being done by the Society and for what it has accomplished in uplifting so many destitute and neglected children of the city and placing them in foster homes with surroundings that will afford them a fair start in life, and also for what has been done in the way of bettering the home life of very many more."

That this meeting heartily commends the Society to the generous public and to the City Council, and in view of the fact that there is still outstanding a considerable sum for the initial cost of furnishing the Shelter and also for further strengthening the outlets, so as to prevent the escape of youthful offenders committed to the custody of the Society by