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## WELLINGTON CHAPTER ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, held last evening, the following companions were duly elected for the ensuing year:

Z.—Thomas Scullard.  
H.—Robert Riddell.  
J.—D. W. B. Spry.  
Treasurer—James Holmes.  
S. E.—James Birch.  
S. N.—P. O. Dawson.  
P. S.—W. H. Benson.  
Janitor—Fred. Bates.

## THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 15.—To-day closes the quail season. The East Kent Farmers' Institute met here yesterday afternoon. A representative of the London Free Press was in town yesterday. C. A. Mayhew's Xmas pudding will be opened to-day and many children will be enjoying a treat. In connection with the Methodist school, W. C. Ferguson, E. A., of London, will give an evening in South Africa with line light views in Ferguson's opera house, Jan. 1st, 1900.

## WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 15.—The married men will give a ball on the evening of Jan. 10th. Marks Bros. open a week's engagement here on Jan. 1st. Work is being pushed rapidly on the new church, about fifteen men being engaged on the job. The brick-work is now about fifteen feet high. When completed the edifice will be a credit to the town as well as to the congregation. W. Colville has opened a branch store in Pt. Lambton, and has his son, George, installed there as manager. H. Buckett and B. Messer, of Delhi, are the guests of J. L. Messer. A number of building lots are being laid out on the new street recently opened up near the glass factory. S. D. Crothers has two tastefully dressed windows in his dry goods store. Miss Mae Simmonds has opened a home bakery and restaurant in E. Stevens' old stand. The Methodist S. S. entertainment will be given in the church on Christmas night. The Opera House being engaged for that night. The news of Gen. Buller's reported success in Natal created quite an excitement yesterday. McDougall & McCarron, auctioneers, officiated at two auction sales in Tupperville yesterday. Don't forget the English S. S. entertainment on Dec. 19th. The Christmas numbers of the various magazines have been received at the library and are on file there. Nominations for mayor and six councillors for the municipality of Wallaceburg will be held in Robinson's Hall on Dec. 22nd; election on the first Monday in January. Some members of the present council are in the field and others will likely turn up. C. Chubb, an outsider, but by no means a stranger to municipal matters, is in the field for council. D. A. G. Goring, who held the office of mayor, the meeting held formerly after the nominations will take place on Dec. 25, Tuesday evening.

## FROM FILTH AND WANT

## This Society Rescues Children.

### WHAT WAS DONE IN KENT COUNTY DURING THE 11 MONTHS ENDING DEC. 1.

The following interesting report on the work done by the Children's Aid Society contains much valuable information. The report was presented to the Society at its annual meeting by Dr. R. V. Bray, the Society's executive officer.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you to-night my report as executive officer of the Kent Children's Aid Society, for the year ending Dec. 1st 1899. I have endeavored during the year to inquire into, and report on, all cases coming under my notice, and while the results have not seemed in some cases to have been productive of good, still we trust that our labors have not been altogether in vain, and that some ray of happiness has found its way into the hearts of some of the poor and neglected children with whom your officer and the board have had to deal. I would like to urge upon you who are present the great need that exists for a shelter, where our wards could be placed, and kept until such time as suitable homes could be found for them. I believe that the amount of good done by this society would be double what it now is, if we had such a shelter, and I ask you to give the report of the committee appointed by the board, to take this matter into consideration, your closest attention, and deal with it in a way which will be gratifying to the board, and have for its ultimate object, the best of the neglected and destitute children who are brought under the influence of our society.

**CHILDREN TAKEN CARE OF.**

During the year, rather barely 11 months, as the last annual meet was held on January 15th, 99, 36 children came under the notice of your officer, and their cases were investigated and reported on, and such action taken as was deemed best, having regard to age, nationality, sex, etc., of the child. There were in the police court during the year, 24 boys and girls, ranging in age from 10 to 13 years. Some of the charges recorded against them were theft, truancy, damage to property and vagrancy. Of the 24, 12 were let out on suspended sentence, one went to jail for three days, one spent two hours in the cells, two were sent to the Mercer Reformatory, four were fined, two were sent to the industrial school. Some of these boys were arrested and let out on suspended sentence, only to come out some other act, contrary to law, and be rearrested. It is a difficult matter to deal with boys whose parents have been of a roving and lawless disposition, and who have had no training, but I believe if these boys could come under the home influences which pervade Children's Aid shelters, that many of them could be turned from their evil ways, and helped to become worthy citizens. There were made wards of the society during the year, 14 children, nine girls and five boys, ranging in age from three years to 11. Eleven of these children were brought before the judge, and two were signed over by the mothers, while one child voluntarily placed herself under the protection of our society.

**PLACED IN GOOD HOMES.**

Of the 14 children made over to the society during the past eleven months, thirteen have been placed in foster homes, ten by our society and three through the assistance of the London and Toronto societies. All these children have good homes. They are, from the reports sent to us by Mrs. Howie, treated as members of the family, are sent to day school, to church and Sunday school, and are perfectly contented and happy. Those of you who are not brought into direct contact with these children can have no idea of the changed conditions which surround them, taken from poverty, dirt and misery, and placed in homes where cleanliness and cheerfulness abound. Three children were placed in homes last year without any papers being signed, but by careful handling the foster parents have during the year signed papers for all three, and at the present time our wards are carefully protected and their interests closely guarded. I have been very particular during the year, where children were placed on trial, to see that a clear understanding existed, as to what was required on the part of the people, and what was expected from the children, and have endeavored to impress upon the minds of those who were taking children, that patience, tact and kindness were necessary, as all three were quite foreign to what they had been accustomed to, and to urge upon the children obedience and truthfulness.

One child was placed in an institution for weak-minded children, but I am sorry to say that a late report from the medical superintendent states that there is no change in her mental condition, and he does not give much hope for improvement.

**WORK OF THE YEAR.**

During the year I have made 103 visits in connection with the work, investigating complaints, consulting the solicitor, securing evidence, appearing before the judge, etc., and while some present may think that a small number, a good many miles have been travelled, lengthy interviews held, warnings administered and advice freely given. One hundred and seventy letters have been written since Jan. 1st, 99, asking advice in dealing with cases, answering applications for children, seeking references as to whether certain homes were suitable or not, tracing stolen or runaway children, replying to letters asking assistance in placing children from outside societies,

etc., and I would like to say, that owing to the care exercised in the writing of and replying to letters concerning our children it has been necessary to use the telegraph but three times during the year.

During the year 32 applications were received, asking us to provide children of various ages, and we placed all the children we had, but the demand being greater than the supply, we still have a number of good homes open for children between the ages of eight and thirteen.

This society not only seeks to help and take charge of neglected and dependent children, but endeavors to assist in every way possible any outside societies desiring assistance.

### RUNAWAY BOYS CAUGHT.

In June of this year three boys ran away from a school in Detroit, and a few days after a farmer notified me that three boys had come to his place, and he asked my assistance. I got all the information possible from him and communicated with the Detroit police, and in three days the boys had been taken back to Detroit, and letters of thanks received from the parents of these boys. Your officer has now under our influence, until such time as they could be placed in suitable homes; and I would say a more painstaking, kind, conscientious person would be hard to find. The children grew to love her from the first, and the home extended to them, were very much in evidence, as a result of the short time, these children were with her, previous to being placed. No one knows just what amount of work Mrs. Murphy had to do, but I assure you that she deserves the warmest thanks of this society.

A good deal of work has been put upon our solicitor, Mr. S. B. Arnold, since last January, and I would like to publicly thank him for his close attention to details, and the careful way in which he sought to further the interests of this society, and promote the happiness and welfare of the children, whose cause he had to deal with.

### THE HEALTH HABIT

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We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other of being always well.

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without assistance.

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## Thibodeau & Jacques..

### WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES?

That a good play is enjoyed by one nationality as well as another is illustrated by "What Happened to Jones," which is of American authorship. It ran for more than a year in London, and three companies are at present playing it in the English provinces. It played to 800 pounds in five nights recently in Johannesburg, South Africa, while the best record before that for the same time was 700 pounds, which was done by "The Gaiety Girl." In Copenhagen, Jones created such a furore that the royal family went to see him three nights in succession and King Oscar of Sweden broke his rule of witnessing only Icelandic plays to laugh at the American farce. It has already been played throughout Germany and Italy, and is shortly to be done in Japan, while an American company has already played it in Hawaii and Manila. In fact, Spain is the only country where there seems to be no demand for this genuine brand of American humor. Spaniards have always been rather slow to appreciate a joke, it is said. See what happened to Jones at the Grand to-night.

### WEATHER AGAINST TRADE.

"Trade last fall," said Hugh Macaulay, proprietor of the Ark, "was a little better than it has been so far this season. I think the weather was responsible, however. In 1898, the weather set in cold about the first of December and made people think more about Christmas. It's surprising how the cold and snow will draw attention to Christmas. Then business picks up with surprising rapidity. Although the general business this fall has been less than that of the preceding year, still on Saturday we did a larger business than we did on the corresponding Saturday of 1899. I think, however, from now on business will live up and in the end beat last year's record."

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Friday, December 15th  
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## WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES

By Geo. H. Broadhurst, author of "Why Smith Left Home," "The Ark," etc.

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