

menace to the future of any municipality," he said, "and while we all feel the greatest of sympathy for them, it is nevertheless our duty to protect ourselves against them, and not permit them to become a danger. The handling of these children should be undertaken by the municipality, and there should be a special detention home erected where they could receive special attention and such training as they could be given. The Children's Shelter is not the place for such boys and girls to be sent, for neither has the society the accommodation nor the facilities to undertake the education of mentally defective children."

The report of the Board of Management showed that during the year 1,445 children had been admitted to the shelter. Over 3,800 complaints had been received from the police, which involved 3,615 children. The Juvenile Court had also sent 745 children to the society. A great deal of work had also been done by the society's agents in the homes where the children had been living, and in many cases it was found possible to improve the conditions. The necessity of continuing the fresh air work, which is now being done in the two country homes, was emphasized, and the hope was expressed that it would be found to build cottages in the near future. The society has adopted the policy of sending the mothers and children for a two weeks' outing every summer, and last year at Bronte accommodated 42 mothers and 140 children, while 47 children were sent to Orillia. During the year 99 children were sent to foster homes, and all are reported to be doing well.

The treasurer's report showed that at present there is a credit balance of \$879.11 in the bank. The total donations for the year amounted to more than \$19,000, including the \$4,000, from the City Council, \$1,368.44 by the Thanksgiving school collections at \$741.48 contributed by parents towards the support of their children. The chief expenditures were wages, \$6,169; buildings at Bronte, \$1,447.27; fuel, light and printing, \$3,466. The sum of \$5,819.92 was also transferred to the extension fund account.

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### THE MOTOR CAR IN WAR.

The motor car is playing a very important part in the present war. In no direction is this manifested to a greater degree than in the care of the sick and wounded. In Germany, France and Belgium many thousands of some form of car are in use by the Red Cross Societies. The Royal Army Medical Corps of France had at a recent date at least 2,000 in the Red Cross service.

Another use to which a large number of specially constructed cars is being applied is that of supplying pure water to the troops. These