
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

HOME TEACHING AND SOCIAL SERVICE: This is indeed a very busy Department. Hundreds and hundreds of visits to sightless persons in their homes bring happiness, occupation, and news of what is going on in the blind world to those who are shut-in. Reading and writing in the touch system of Braille are taught to many. Hand work is taught and materials are supplied at cost and the goods largely sold by the Association. During the past year a total of 72 people were visited, making a total of 1650 calls during the twelve months.

Also, through the medium of this Department, relief in the form of money, clothing, food, etc., is distributed, glasses are supplied for those who cannot afford to pay, radios are supplied and serviced, theatre passes are distributed and hospitals, doctors, teachers, ministers are called upon and every effort made to locate new cases of blindness which can be assisted. Over five thousand dollars was paid out in pensions, relief, and general social service activities during the year.

During the past year the men in the workshops organized a visiting committee of their own and now regularly call upon sick or retired blind employees, taking with them presents of tobacco,

fruit, candy, etc. The efforts of the employees in this direction are much appreciated by the Board of Management.

THE SOCIAL CLUB, which was the first activity or department of the Montreal Association for the Blind when it was founded 26 years ago, holds various functions during the year. The Hallow'e'n party, to which Miss Jessie Dow has continuously given a generous donation each year for candy and fruit, is exceptionally well attended. The Christmas tree distribution of presents, the New Year's party and the annual automobile drive in June, among other events, are keenly looked forward to.

In connection with the automobile drive, the Board of Management is deeply appreciative of the splendid support given by the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club and other bodies and individuals who generously donate busses and cars each year.

THE LIBRARY of the Association, containing over 2,000 volumes of various works, is used extensively by blind people all over the Province. Books are sent post free. The Association has just purchased a new machine known as the Talking Book Machine. Records similar



THE LIBRARY