

Our Neglected Children

In the August 12th issue of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, we described the Peterboro branch of the Children's Aid Society, and gave several illustrations of the children then in that shelter. As a result of this write-up, we are informed by Supt. Henry that every child in the Shelter at that time has been placed in a good home, with the exception of the wee babe, then only about eight months old. There were nearly one hundred replies received at our office, and at the Shelter in response to our article, each containing applications for children to be placed in Canadian homes. Several applications desired more than one child. Twenty-five applications came from west of London, Ont., and many were as far east as Quebec and some from Nova Scotia.

We have been informed by Superintendent Henry that these children were placed in homes as near Peterboro as possible, as it sometimes happens that the children are not perfectly adapted for the homes where they are first placed, and in case of having to be returned to the Shelter, it is advisable for several reasons to have them as near the Shelter they came from as possible.

ONE BOY REMAINED IN PETERBORO

Little Harvey, who seemed to be the favorite child, as indicated by the

Mapleton, aged nine years, who wrote us regarding Harvey, as follows:

"Dear Sir, Having seen your children's pictures in the Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, my choice would be little Harvey, age three years. Has he got a home yet, or could I get him? Do I have to pay anything for one of those boys? Please write and tell me by return mail. I want him all myself. I am nine years old and can take care of him myself. I hope to hear from you soon."

HARVEY'S NEW HOME

Harvey has a good home now, in one of Peterboro's best homes. He is well taken care of, beautifully fed and clothed, and about the happiest child one could hope to look upon. His only dread and fear is that "the shelter man," will come and take him away again. Just recently, Harvey was presented with a nice new suit of clothes, and his first remark on being shown the suit, and learning that it was for him, was, "Now the Shelter man will not be able to find me, will he, for he will not know me with this suit on." The family that took Harvey think him the best boy they ever saw. "He has no bad faults or habits," said Harvey's new found father, in an interview recently, "and he is as lovable and good as a child three years could be. We would be very loath to have him leave our house, and trust that we may have him with us for many years to come. Our home would not seem the same again, if we had to part with Harvey."

AT THE BERLIN SHELTER

We are indebted to Rev. C. R. Miller of Berlin for the following interesting article regarding the Children's Aid Society. We feel that if our readers in the vicinity of Berlin and the surrounding country, are anxious to help on the good work of providing good homes for the homeless and neglected children, they can do no better than write to Mr. Miller at Berlin.

Mr. Miller writes as follows:—"When we say that the Society's work here is in a healthy condition, we can do so without boasting. One, if not the chief cause, of its success, is that the officers of said society are lovers of children and consequently realize it their social and especially Christian duty to protect and rescue all children that are neglected or dependent. This being the case all officers and members are a unit, and stand by us as their inspector, and in any action we take. Our only object is 'The betterment of both children and parents,' if possible, but in all events, 'Help the Children.'

For some years the work of the Society here, has been going on steadily, and special credit is due to the kind friends of the Berlin Orphanage (which is an interdenominational Institute) for the great interest shown in said Society's work by assisting in every possible way. Not having an Inspector with special authority, and who could devote all his time to this work, it is impossible to accomplish the work that we otherwise would.

The Children's Aid Society is composed of branch Societies of the different towns and villages, which severally are supposed to have either monthly or quarterly meetings in which they consider the condition of the work, discuss any cases in their town or vicinity that should be investigated, and advise the inspector accordingly.

At the same time the local Society makes strong attempts to have everybody strong (especially all Christian

people) become members of the Society, not especially for the sake of obtaining additional "Fees," (for by such the work is carried on) but more especially to get everybody possible interested in the welfare of the children. By so doing it necessarily adds to the influence against this

tive. Great praise is due to our Honorable "Sheriff Motz" whose age does not seem to affect his interest in this noble work, but who spends much of his spare time in soliciting membership, thus getting people interested in this very necessary work. Nearly all the ministers are mem-

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awful evil of "Child Neglect," and if all the good people would properly assist, "Child neglect" would soon be a thing of the past.

Over the local Society a "County executive" is appointed to deal with the business part for said Societies unitedly. This executive is composed of men who are lovers of children, and who do not spare pains or means in helping the children, as they are convinced that, "It is cheaper (and much better) to rescue a child, than

bers of the Society and the most friendly relationship exists between the various denominations, both Protestants and Catholics.

Regarding a Shelter for our children, we are especially favored here, as we have the privilege of our children being cared for at the Berlin Orphanage, where many poor children have been helped since its inauguration.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL REPORT

The following statistical report for the last twelve months will show the great need of looking after the children's welfare, and especially since our county has no great city in it.

Investigations of child neglect or abuse 131, children placed in Foster homes 60, Total number Children dealt with 288, Business Calls, (Children) 176, Business Calls, (at home) 218, Letters written 728, Applications received 173.

At present we have the following Children at the Shelter for adoption, and full particulars can be obtained regarding any of them by writing to Rev. C. R. Miller, Berlin, Ont.

CATHOLICS

George D., nine yrs. old, Andrew S. seven yrs. old, George B. five yrs. old, Lucy D. nine yrs. old, Nellie E. eight yrs. old.

PROTESTANTS

Clifton four yrs. old, Charlie W. three yrs. old, Frank G. three yrs. old, David M. two yrs. old, Arnold J. (negro) four yrs. old, Joan J. (half negro) six yrs. old.



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to punish criminals," and also that by saving boys and girls to better lives, they crush out crime. Of course the work is bound to go on.

LOCAL WORK

It is about 18 months since the work here was reorganized, and at present the county's work is embodied in five local societies, and a county execu-

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