

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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The Legislation Committee of your Society beg to report:

1.—That early in the year, with the view of securing needed improvements in the Criminal Laws of Canada, relative to the rights of children, correspondence was opened with the Department of Justice at Ottawa, and as a result we have an assurance of the "sympathy which the Minister of Justice entertains in the movement," and also the request that if our Society "will embody in writing any amendments which they desire, they will be most carefully considered."

2.—That with regard to Provincial Legislation your Committee, with members of the Society, have waited upon The Hon. The Attorney-General, Sir Oliver Mowat, and have to report that the matter has been referred to the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary, who is now engaged gathering material and reducing the subject into shape. The prospect is that at the next session of the Ontario Legislature a Bill will be introduced which, if passed, will greatly facilitate the work of your Society.

3.—That your Committee are of the opinion that the object of your Society cannot successfully be attained without needed amendments being made both in our Federal and Provincial laws, relative to the rights of children, and therefore they recommend that your Society by every means in its power, devote its energies to this end.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

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Chairman.