

thropy of the city. Mr. W. H. Howland was elected chairman, and in the audience were Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh and Mrs Rosebrugh, Beverley Jones, James Massie, (warden of Central Prison), Inspector Archibald, Edward Taylor (city relief officer), Henry O'Brien, Dr. Harley Smith, J. J. Kelso, D. J. McKinnon (superintendent Industrial School), Mrs. Helliwell, Miss M. C. Elliot, Miss Scott, Mrs. S. J. Brett, James Thomson, Mrs. and Miss Kane, Miss Burnett, Miss Green, Miss Ruthven, David Higgins, Mrs. and Miss Nunn.

Mr Howland, after the meeting had been opened with prayer, said they were called together to organize "a friend for children." Many people were interested in the neglected little ones of the city, but what was everybody's business was the business of no one in particular. It was proposed to have a strong society to deal with all questions, affecting neglected children, such as the neglect and indifference of parents, reforms in police procedure, improved laws, etc. He pointed out that heretofore this work had not been dealt with by any existing society—the Industrial Association only looked after boys and girls who were already gone astray and needed direct looking after; the Humane Society took up cases of cruelty to children, but it was felt that there was room and necessity for a strong and vigorous organization to give its whole time and thought to the cause of poor children.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, the convener of the meeting explained the various objects proposed to be dealt with, already published in these columns. He read letters from well-known citizens expressing their endorsation of the proposed movement.

Mr. J. W. Langmuir, chairman of the Ontario Prison Reform Commission, wrote:—

I sincerely hope that you and your co-workers will be able to carry into effect some of the sensible and eminently practicable suggestions contained in your circular in connection with the work of child saving.

The recent investigations of the Prison Reform Commission have convinced me beyond all doubt that until