GOOD WORK DONE BY

Lord Brassey called attention to the proceedings of the Colonial Conference, 1907, in relation to naval defence; and to the correspondence relating to the naval defence of Australia and New Zealand, 1908. He said that he wished particularly to call attention to the policy of concerted action between the mother country and the colonies for naval defence. Important as it might be today, the subject would become more important in the near future. At the Colonial Conference, it was seen that our Colonial fellow subjects no longer leaned wholly on the Mother country for naval protection. They were ready may, eager to relieve the Mother land of some of the responsibility which she had hitherto borne, practically unaided. In the first creation of Colonial navies the Mother country might give much needed aid by the loan or the gift of vessels which we were well able to spare. The submarines recommended by the admiralty for the defence of the Australian ports might be locally built. The destroyers and the depot ships could be rembursed on getting his discharge. Thus all friction was avoided and the plan was found to work admirably. There seems no reason why it should not be followed with similar success in Canada.

Examining the specific proposal indeed weaknesses, as well as its strong points, the mour of the proposal in the conclusion. The Admiralty viewed with great satisfaction any efforts that our Colonies might make to-

although the different colonies had been discussing questions of naval defence, they had not come to any definite conclusion. The Admiralty viewed with great satisfaction any efforts that our Colonies might make towards the establishment of a navy or for a certain number of vessels for their own protection, and they would give careful consideration to any scheme which might be submitted to them (hear, hear.)

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It will be seen from the above that the Imperial authorities are quite willing to assist Canada in the effort to establish the nucleus of a navy of her own by the transference to our flag of warships which would otherwise be placed out of commission. That there are available in ample numbers ships of a suitable class, which,

dingy place which he owns or occuples, but we desire to put on record the thanks of the community to a few people, who have brightened up their bulldings with paint. Let there be more of that sort of thing. We are going to have lots of company this summer, and just as it is the correct thing to wash your face before meeting strangers, if it needs it, so it ought to be considered necessary to paint the town, when we know for certain that all the world and his grandmother are likely to come this way before it is time to take our furs out of the cedar closet or the pawnshop as the case dan boys have expressed a desire to defence, and we make the following extracts from the report appearing in the London Standard:

Lord Brassey called attention to the proceedings of the Colonial Conference, 1907, in relation to naval decreived in Britain. time to take our furs out of the cedar closet or the pawnshop as the case may be. So let there be a crusade in painting. Let us bedeck our messuages in decent colors. Let us generally have a cleaning up time. Let us get ready for company.

Mr. Graham said that there was a small surplus upon the operations of the rallway during the last fiscal year, but he anticipates a deficit on the current year's work.

Another year has rolled around and once again we have

An erroneous impression has been created in regard to the action of the legislature in respect to the Gothen-burg system. Most peope think the legislature directed an inquiry into created in regard to the action of the legislature in respect to the Gothenburg system. Most peope think the legislature directed an inquiry into that matter, and the references to the resolution adopted, as far as we have observed them in the press, have been calculated to deepen that impression. The Colonist has itself been to a certain extent misled, and it takes this opportunity to place the case in the right light. The resolution does not provided the resolution of the provided the resolution of the provided that the city Council has acted in very generous fashion towards the Society. The report very properly recognizes this kindly attitude of the municipal authorities.

THE VICTORIA COLONIST.

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Another year has rolled around and once again we have before us the annual report of the Friendly Help Society. It is, we are pleased to say, as gratifying as it is instructive, gratifying because it discloses that so worthy an organization is being heartily supported. ported by citizens generally, and in

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Past Year's Work Reviewe Annual Meeting of the Society

THE FRIENDLY H

(From Wednesday's Daily The Friendly Help society annual meeting in the city ha day afternoon. Present were day afternoon. Present were tident, Mrs. Pertin; secretar Wood, and treasurer, Miss Bishop Perrin, Rev. T. E. Holli Cooper, president of the Council; Mrs. Day, provincia council; Mrs. Day, provincial president, and Mesdames Wm. Burkholder, Toller, McMicking son, Johnson, Christie, McRadand Miss Woods, Miss McDow Miss Black. The minutes of t meeting were read and adopted perrin read the following address that the state of the state

President's Address

My Dear Fellow-workers,and unostentatiously the work Friendly Help association ha Friendly Help association has carried on for another year. I we express my thanks to our first president, Mrs. William Grant, took my place during my absence England and so ably filled the off president. To Miss Mary Lawson treasurer, and the large body of trict visitors who undertake the vestigation of every case report them, the community owes a debt of gratitude, and I am glad that the municipal authorities shown their appreciation and dence by continuing to contributhe funds and to act through the the funds and to act through the sociation in helping those in new The great majority of those the lleved are undoubtedly deserving and the help given during sickness. distress has been most thankful ceived. Applications are made ceived. Applications are made casionally by those who have by their troubles upon themselves, cases where the children are sthelp has been given, although with the parents were n serving. It is easy to criticise action and fault may be found the association for thus relieving unworthy but the children's cryo unworthy, but the children's cry During the past year an inc

During the past year an incre number of those who have con Victoria from the Old Country at east of Canada have applied for All their money has been spent journey and they have found diff on getting employment at once, some cases the help given by the clation has been of great value has prevented considerable suffind in all cases money borrowers.

been promptly repaid.

The special gifts at Christma The special gifts at Christmas great pleasure to those families had been previously recommend the district visitors, and it is a sign that every year the in shown by the children in the so of the city increases, and the exwagons were loaded with gifts o kinds contributed by them. As a the distribution involved a constituted of the distribution involved a constituted by them. the distribution involved a con-able amount of work at the b of willing helpers.

Our list of subscribers reabout the same, and the difficult

about the same, and the difficulty know from to reach, news resider Victoria who must be ignorant of association and its work, as all licity is studiously avoided. Git money or of old clothes, furniture will be most thankfully receive any time and should be sent to M. Lawson, Friendly Help R. Market Square. No society could sibly work more harmoniously ours, and it is a happiness to that we have been allowed in any to help our less fortunate breit is not only a matter of money the cultivation of that friendly pathy which makes the work so ferent from that of mere relieving ficers. Once more we ask God's ling as we enter on another ing as we enter on another work, in our endeavor to help t and needy in our midst, ISOLINE H. PERRIN,

moved that the address be and published and the motion nanimously adopted. The rethe secretary and treasurer and adopted.

Annual Report

The annual report read by the retary was as follows:

During the year that has just of a close, the fourteenth in our tory, the society has endeavored. every way to be worthy tinued confidence reposed in it h tinued confidence reposed in it is citizens of Victoria. Eleven remeetings were held during the Whilst the president was absent the direction of Mrs. Gran first vice-president. We are president we come to welcome to our numbers Mrs. to welcome to our numbers Mrs. ven and Mrs. Thain. It is with regret that we have a record the of one of our most faithful me in the person of Mrs. Dalby, memory will long ablde with 1 slight innovation was introdu

siight innovation was introduced ing the year which will tend to plify the work. Forms were prothrough the provincial governme be filled by each district visitor dealing with a new case. Thes filed and are at hand when any matten is required. As an insof our work the following in might be quoted. We were appred by a man with a family, a carr by trade, who, owing to consickness, had been forced to paw tools. Being desirous of recothem, he asked the society to pa necessary sum. After careful in gation this was done. In the of a few months this amount w turned with the grateful thanks of a few months this amount witurned with the grateful thanks one helped. As usual at Chritime the society was the mean brightening the homes of sixt families. The donations of the lic school children and of the gpublic were extremely liberal in connection. During the year 38d helped, 167 received groceries, sevine had fuel, 202 had clothing, six had milk daily. Our thanks six had milk daily. Our thanks tended to all who have assisted our work and to the daily pape advertising. May the coming young one of continued blessing and u

SOPHIE CLAY WOO Recording Sec Financial Statement.

The treasurer submitted the :ing financial statement: Receipts— Cash on hand, March 1, 1908. City of Victoria grant Bank of Montreal Card collections .

Cyrus H. Bowes

CHEMIST Government St., Near Yates