

might—and, we believe—ought to be. They are indefatigable, faithful and careful in the performance of their duties. The officers of this Society have found the co-operation of these public officers pleasant and helpful in the work which this Society seeks to accomplish.

The recommendation made by one of the speakers at the recent annual meeting of the Industrial Schools Association, that the Industrial Schools Act should be so amended as to allow of children convicted of truancy, incorrigibility and other misdemeanors being sent for short terms to the Industrial Schools, has the Society's hearty approval, as the Superintendents of these Schools would be better able to properly administer the necessary corrective discipline than this Society can do in a place where so many different classes of children come and go constantly.

*Fourth :* To receive children by transfer from other institutions—under a provision of the Ontario Act which makes this possible—and from parents, who for good cause, may find it necessary to give their children up with a view of finding homes of adoption for them.

*Fifth :* Under Section 26 of the "Maternity Boarding Houses" Act—on notice from the Medical Health Officer—to pass upon all adoptions from maternity houses. Without the Society's approval of the homes chosen, the infants cannot be placed out. The carrying out of the provisions of the Act, when passed as a by-law in a municipality, rests with the Medical Health Officer and its enforcement in the city has already worked a great change for the better, both as to maternity houses and baby-farms. It cannot be made thoroughly effective, however, until the law is made Provincial in its operations.

*Sixth :* To seek for and carefully select good foster homes for the children becoming its wards. On rare occasions troubles occur on account of the unsuitability of a home, but more often it comes through the unruliness of the child than because of the unkindness of the foster parents.

*Seventh :* To co-operate with other institutions, both at home and abroad, for the help and protection of children. Three cases of co-operation with societies in other countries have occurred during the past year. The first was that of two boys who had been deserted by their father, and left with their mother, to live in this city as best they could, though the mother was unable to maintain herself and them. Through the good offices of Rev. Benjamin Waugh, Director and Secretary of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, London, these boys were sent to England, and their father hunted up and made to support them. In their journey from Toronto to England it was necessary to have them looked after and put on the steamer at Montreal, and this was attended to by Mr. George M. Marshall, Secretary of the Montreal Society for the Protection of Women and Children, who has on two other occasions been most helpful to this society, in seeing mothers and children safely on board ship on their way to England.