

CHILD WELFARE AND THE DUTY OF THE PUBLIC

Dr. Alex. W. Richardson, of Kingston, Delivered Address Before Children's Aid Society—Growth of Cigarette Habit and Truancy Explored by Inspector Ruston—New Executive Appointed.

"We meet tonight under very favorable conditions. The War is over and we trust that God will direct the hearts and minds of those who will meet at the Peace table, that such terms and conditions will be embodied in the agreement that once and for all war will be no more, except against vice and wickedness in the hearts of man that we may as a nation be more God-like, that the child shall be able to be born and grow up in the pure air of God's loving kindness shielded from that which will harm or mar the child's pure life that it may indeed become strong physically, mentally and spiritually. During the year there has been an increase both in the work undertaken and also in the interest manifested by the people, and as we glance back we feel a justifiable pride in the fact that the progress and advancement of the work has gone steadily forward," declared Inspector T. D. Ruston in presenting his report to the Children's Aid Society at its annual meeting last evening at the Y.M.C.A.

"The children of today will be the citizens of to-morrow. The children who are filling our streets and playgrounds will soon be filling our offices, court rooms, Legislative buildings, and our positions of trust and influence. Therefore, if we desire to build up a strong, pure and righteous nation, a people that will abide, we must see to the character of the childhood that is now about us, see to it that childhood may get its God-given rights—that is, a pure home, proper clothing, proper food, sufficient education and a loving care during years of helplessness.

Society's Part in Nation Building.
"If we are doing what lies near us in this regard we are true nation builders and we think that our Society is doing this nobly, and deserves the fullest assistance that can be given it. And we believe that the success that has attended the Society's operations in the community is in a large manner due to the fact that we have always had an ideal to the fulfillment of which we have pressed steadily forward.

"To be sure the goal is yet a great way off and very frequently the burden of the every day trials that beset us in this work blur the vision for a moment but again we see it brightly shining and with renewed vigor go forward, striving constantly to put our best endeavor into the great effort that we believe will eventually result in healthful, happy surroundings for every child in the community for a Bigger and Better Belleville and Brighter Hastings: where every little life will be loved, cared for and guarded as it should be and so given the opportunity for the development of all that is good in its nature and make possible the elimination of whatever tendencies may be evil.

Wards in Good Homes
"During the year I have visited 198 wards who are placed in homes throughout the country—children ranging in age from a few months to twenty years of age, and the result has been most gratifying indeed with the exception of two or three cases. The children have exceptionally good homes and are being well treated, well educated, and many of them have bright futures before them. As a result of my visits I have come to the conclusion that there is no work that a man, or a body of men, a community, or a government could enter into that would give better results to future generations or to the present welfare of communities than that of rescuing from bad environment and evil associations and placing in good homes those children who of necessity are growing up in ignorance and vice.

No Vision of Duty.
"The most prevalent disease is ignorance, and nearly all the families I have had to deal with were pitifully ignorant. Even if they can read or write they have no vision of duty or responsibility, no real moral purpose.

"Truancy is another form of social disease which is very prevalent. The truant child is peculiarly open to influence of other bad habits and vices.

Growth of Cigarette Habit.
The cigarette habit is increasing among boys and everywhere is working havoc. The cigarette user sooner or later becomes a truant. The little white ant eats into his nerve, robs him of taste for books, makes him restless, injures his eyesight, impairs his memory, lowers his

ideals, and when a boy is in that condition he is open to the attacks of other forms of vice, which if not broken off will sooner or later bring him to his downfall. Yet there is no public sentiment in our City against this evil.

Community's Duty.
"The problems awaiting the people of Canada for settlement are many and serious. This is a problem we have as a society to face, the problem of turning the heart of the community childward, so that the care and proper upbringing of every parent of their own children will be the matter of first importance. I hope that you all may see more and more that this work lies next to the church and school in importance.

"This takes up a section where the church and school do not reach effectively and it touches a field from which a harvest of ignorance, lawlessness, viciousness and even crime will be gathered if the field is not worked in the springtime of childhood and sown with the seed of truth and faith in all that is good and true.

"Among the most priceless treasures of a nation are its children. If the family life is pure and good, the surroundings healthful and happy, the children growing up to manhood and womanhood subject to these conditions are one of the most important and valuable factors in the development of a sound and vigorous national life. The training of the children of any nation in the knowledge of God, in habits of industry, thrift, honesty, truth and endurance ensure to that nation almost invariably the wealth which results from commerce, manufacturers, well tilled fields, the arts and sciences, etc. May I urge upon you that we must not relax our energy but go on with greater vigor than ever before to protect and shield these little ones. And I would like to put on record my appreciation of our worthy President, Mr. A. E. Bailey, who has shown a very deep interest in, and great practical sympathy with, the work of caring for these neglected and dependent little ones.

To the Board of Management who have been untiring in their efforts to further the best interests of the work and to help your Inspector in many perplexing problems in the discharge of his duties; to the treasurer, Mr. H. F. Ketcheson who has always given of his best to the Society's welfare;

Assistance of Authorities.
To Chief of Police, Mr. Newton and his efficient staff who are ever ready and willing to give assistance when needed. To our Hon. Solicitor, Mr. W. Carnew, Crown Attorney, who has been of great assistance in giving legal advice. Doctors Connor, Platt, Robertson and Chant rendering special services to us when called upon, and to them and others we are truly thankful, also to the staff of the hospital who so tenderly cared for those sent from here. We are indebted and return thanks.

To the Daily and County Press, who have at all times had their columns open for us, and the many friends and supporters of the Society, to the different committees who give valuable time and thought to the many problems at the Shelter and to any and all others who have in any way contributed towards the support of the Children's Aid Society. Especially to those who have responded so heartily to the C. A. S. Campaign Fund. I wish we could, here and now, make up the total needed. Also the Matron and Assistant Matron and staff, all of whom have been most faithful in the discharge of their duties.

Statistics of Inspector's Work

The following statistics will show something that has been attempted and accomplished during the past year, January, 1918: Applications for children 65; Children brought to Shelter (not wards) 11; Children placed on parole (not wards) 2; Children returned to parents (not wards) 4; Children involved during the year 681; Children made wards C.A.S. 52; Children sent to Industrial School 14; Complaints received 31; Investigations 67; Mail received 1,315; Mail sent out 5,322; Meetings addressed 6; Mileage, approximate 5,674; Interviews office and phone, 1,828; Places visited outside city, 85; Police court attendance 137; Wards in foster homes heard from 43; Wards placed out 101; Wards returned to Shelter 37; Wards visit-

ed 205; Warnings given 47; Children now in the Shelter 40.

"In closing I would quote the words of Phillips Brooks: 'He who helps a child helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can ever give again.'

"Our work grows greater and will require all your energy to make it a success," declared President A. E. Bailey at the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society last evening in the Y.M.C.A. building. Inspector Ruston in his annual report deplored the growth of the cigarette evil and of truancy among the young. Dr. Alex. W. Richardson, ex-mayor of Kingston, who has been interested in child welfare work for a quarter of a century delivered a powerful address, which made his hearers think.

"I appreciate very much the honor of having filled the position of your president as I have watched the work improving year by year," Mr. Bailey said. "Child life is the greatest life work. I have grown so enamored with it that I forget my work. I don't think there is a greater work to fit a man for this life and for the great eternity."

"Every child that comes into this world must be looked after and God will hold us responsible for their salvation."

Financial Standing of Society

The treasurer, ex-mayor H. F. Ketcheson, presented his report showing the status of the society financially.

Receipts

Bal. from last year as per audited report . . . \$ 629.02
Received from membership and donations . . . 1886.15
Received for maintenance . . . 4,272.59
Sundries . . . 11.88

Total receipts . . . \$6,899.64

Disbursements

For maintenance . . . \$4,840.37
For salaries . . . 1,467.87
For equipment . . . 646.00

Total disbursements . . . \$6,954.24

Balance . . . \$ 226.68

A number of subscriptions requiring special mention are as follows: Ladies' and Men's Adult Bible Class, Bridge St. Church \$10.30; Ministerial Association \$18.50; Ministerial Association 11.04; Queen Victoria school 7.32; W.C.A. of Wellman's Corners 6.25; Mrs. Jamieson Bone \$25; Miss I. A. Sutherland \$10; R. W. Adams \$10; Eureka Masonic Lodge \$10; Moira Masonic Lodge \$10; H. W. Ackerman \$100; Mrs. Corby \$25; C. M. Reid, \$10; Moira R.A. Chapter \$10; Dr. J. J. Farley, \$10; Miss Alice Corby \$25; W. B. Riggs \$25; Marsh Engineering Works, Ltd., \$10; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Frederick \$10; Mrs. R. J. Graham \$100; Haines Shoe Store \$10; W. E. Clarke \$10; B. Rush \$10; Verena Coleman, treasurer St. Julien Chapter I.O.D.E. \$25; W. B. Deacon \$10; D. V. Sinclair \$10; High S. Elevator \$11.41; E. J. Eccles \$10; A. E. Bailey \$10; Queen Alexandra School \$5.30; T. S. Carman \$10; M. J. Lynch \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery \$25; R. Tannahill \$10; S. S. Lazier \$10; Gilbert's Bakery, \$39.04; R. P. Ray \$10; Quick and Robertson \$10.

The accounts have been audited and certified to as correct by Mr. R. P. Frederick, the City Auditor.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee composed of Messrs. H. R. McBride, W. H. Nugent, H. F. Ketcheson, M. W. Mott and Inspector T. D. Ruston presented their report of nomination of the officers for the year 1919. The report being adopted:

Hon. Presidents: T. Ritchie, Esq., A. E. Bailey, Esq.

President, Mr. H. W. Ackerman

Vice Presidents, E. R. McBride, W. H. Nugent, Rev. D. C. Ramsay, Mr. Thos. Montgomery, Stirling, Mr. S. B. Rollins, Tweed, Dr. Embury, Bancroft.

Treasurer, Mr. H. F. Ketcheson; Rec. Sec.—Mr. M. W. Mott

Hon. Solicitor, Mr. W. Carnew, Crown Attorney

Inspector, Mr. T. D. Ruston

Finance and Advisory Committee, Mr. W. H. Nugent to represent the County; Mr. E. P. Frederick, to represent the City; Inspector Ruston to represent the Society.

Convener Clothing Committee, Mrs. John McFee.

Maintenance, Mrs. W. Holmes.

These two form their own committee from accredited members of the Society.

"You can rest assured in me you will always find a friend of the children," said the retiring president, Mr. Bailey.

"I feel that the city should pay a man for his entire time to look after the truancy in Belleville," declared Inspector Ruston.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson paid a tribute to Mr. Ruston. "I don't think if we had searched the province we could have found a more efficient man. He is doing his work fearlessly and as in the sight of God."

"Did you notice that this work cost only \$1,467.87 in salaries?" asked Mr. Bailey. "Soon we shall have to pay higher salaries."

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ketcheson, and Inspector Ruston were appointed to wait upon the city and county councils regarding grants and on the county council regarding office accommodation.

Miss Forman and Miss Roblin rendered vocal solos, very acceptably. Mrs. Nugent acting as accompanist.

Ex-Mayor A. W. Richardson, M.D., of Kingston, was the guest of the Society. His remarks were very thoughtful and gave food for intense thought.

A Mad World.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the world is mad, is gone insane. We have not yet returned to sanity. Canada went crazy and is crazy still and there are dangerous times ahead. Why do I say this? A crazy person puts his attention on non-essential things—the bubbles of life and the same person on the essentials."

"In visiting your Shelter I saw a little infant in a cradle sleeping, unconscious, not knowing its circumstances nor its destiny. It had been left on a cold winter's night in the G.R. station. Who can conceive of a mother deserting her child and throwing it upon the world? God knows that those of us who have legitimate parentage have it hard enough in this world! Why should we make it harder for those who are less fortunate than we? Life was never as serious as it is at the present time. The war is not over. Russia has no government and neither has that awful country, Germany. Suffering there is private and worst of all bitterness in their hearts. Let us think in Canada a few minutes and see if we cannot come to some result. A French author says: 'The worst thing the war has taught France is hatred.' God bless that British Empire that dominates the Peace Conference. Does it pay to do good? Ask the British Empire. It has won the day because it is founded on righteousness. What steeled the little contemptible army at Mons? They knew their cause was just."

"What is the essential of a righteous nation—a good character founded on an ideal. Nothing else counts, when you know what is necessary."

How we hesitate to spend a little money on the child that may develop into a private man! We spend much in destroying life and property in the war. Let us spend a little to save life."

All in The Training

"One of those boys at the Shelter—what would you give if he turned out to be a David Livingstone? How pregnant the future is for one of those boys! He may change the face of the world for good. Whether he becomes good or bad depends on the training. The future is in our hands and our responsibility rests upon us. Money is needed. But we can get all the money we want. As far as that Shelter is concerned Belleville and the district are to have good citizens. Better there is a job in doing work of this kind. If the ferry man should say to you 'Time's up' what would you like to think of? The number of things in which you have trimmed others or the lives you have saved the money you have put to good use and not that which you have wasted? Some people don't seem to care whether a boy grows up a John L. Sullivan or a Lloyd George."

Inspector Ruston's Work.

Inspector T. D. Ruston presented the annual statement of his work and in it drew attention to some outstanding problems.

Obituary

MRS. ANDREW PEELING

There passed away on Sunday, the 5th inst., Mary Eliza Wright, beloved wife of Mr. Andrew Peeling, in her sixtieth year. The late Mrs. Peeling, or Nurse Peeling, was well and favorably known to a large circle of friends. Her professional duties brought her in contact with many people in this vicinity in whose affections she had won a warm place. She had been ill nearly two years. Deceased was born in Rawdon and had lived in Campbellford for forty years. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. P. and Mrs. Jno. Moffatt, of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; also two sons, Albert of Havlock, and Charles of Cornwall. —Campbellford Herald.

ELLA MAY LINDSAY

A sudden gloom was cast over the village on Friday last when the intelligence reached here that Ella May Lindsay, formerly of this village, had passed away in Kingston after a few days' illness with pneumonia. She was twenty-three years of age and one of our finest and most

popular young ladies while a student of the town; and in Kingston, where she had held a lucrative position for some time, and with whom she has made many friends and was held in the highest esteem by both old and young. The father, sisters and brother were heart-broken at the sudden separation but comforted that she has gone to a happier home where in a few short years they will be re-united.—Bancroft Times.

MISS JANE JOHNSTON

The death of Miss Jane Johnston occurred after an illness of about two months, on Thursday evening. Deceased was seventy years of age, and although she was confined to her bed, her condition was not considered serious. She was thought to be improving. Death came very suddenly and unexpectedly. The late Jane Johnston was a daughter of the late George Johnston and is survived by two brothers, John W., of town, and Dr. Thomas H., of Farnham, N.Y.; also one sister, Mrs. Little, of Brighton. By her many excellent qualities Miss Johnston won the esteem of a large circle of friends. Her quiet, unselfish, industrious life endeared her to all. She was a faithful member of St. Andrew's Church. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, service in the home being conducted by Rev. C. F. McIntosh. The remains were laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.—Campbellford Herald.

MISS ELSIE M. BRANDENBURG

On Sunday, Jan. 5th, at McClure, occurred the death, at her home, of Miss Elsie M. Brandenburg, at the age of seventeen years. Her illness lasted only three days and the cause of her death was influenza. The young woman at the time she was stricken by the dread and fatal disease appeared to be the very picture of health. She was a very bright and lovable young woman in her home and in the community in which she lived. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Bancroft, in Emmanuel Church, and the burial took place in the adjoining cemetery. The sorrowing parents and friends have the deepest sympathy of the whole community in this dark hour of sorrow.—Bancroft Times.

MRS. A. STEWART

The death of Mrs. Archie Stewart took place at her home in Montclair on Wednesday last and the burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of St. Paul's Church, Bancroft, on Friday following. The services were held in Emmanuel Church in the cemetery of which the interment took place. Mrs. Stewart, who was in the fifty-second year of her age at her decease, was the daughter of Robt. Carmichael, and became the wife of Mr. A. Stewart twenty-eight years ago, and lived and died in the Township of Montclair where her birth occurred. Her marriage resulted in the birth of a family of nine children, five of whom survive. She was a tender and loving wife and mother, and her protracted suffering was borne with much patience. Her last moments were without much suffering. In great peace she yielded back the life to Him who had given it, and who had the right to take it again. The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the whole community.—Bancroft Times.

FOXBORO

The recent thaw has brought the wheels into use again in our locality. Large congregations attended the services in both our churches last Sabbath and good discourses were given. In the Presbyterian church the pastor explained the purpose of the Forward Movement as related to the religious needs of this district. Mrs. Wagner, of Belleville, has secured quite a large class of pupils in our village.

Established Business Changes Hands

The members of the new firm have both been faithful employees of Mr. McGie for a number of years and will doubtless continue to operate along the same general principles, extending to all their customers their usual prompt and cordial service. The firm name will be known as Diamond and Hyde.

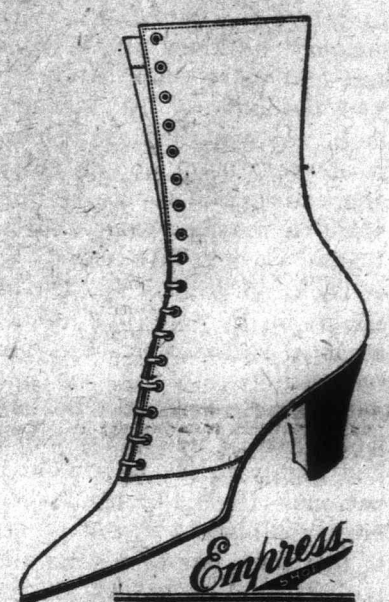
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Rugs, regular \$18.50 for	\$14.20
Regular \$21.50 Rugs for	\$17.20
Regular \$25.00 Rugs for	\$20.00
Regular \$28.50 Rugs for	\$22.80
Regular \$35.00 Rugs for	\$28.00

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CORSETS 95c
About 3 dozen pairs D & A Corsets, reg up to \$2.50, sizes 25 to 30, to clear at 95c

CHILDREN'S COATS
15 Children's Coats regular up to \$11.50 to clear at \$5.95

BLOUSES \$3.89
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