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**CITIZENS STORMED
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 the Society would be able to get along nicely.

Loud applause from the citizens protesting against the proposed expenditure greeted the remarks of Mr. Nickle.

Mayor Richardson Speaks.

Mayor Richardson reviewed the events of the past few weeks in regard to the steps taken by the society to collect money for the care of wards and his action in the matter. He said Inspector Wylie had complained that he could not get a place to keep his "kiddies." Each year the City Council gave a grant to the society. This year a grant of \$300 had been passed by council. There was no body of men in the city better disposed or took a more kindly interest in the question of saving young citizenship than the members of the City Council. Arrangements had been made for the care of all wards of the society, but a demand had been made on the city to pay out a big sum, in spite of the fact that the arrangements were working out satisfactorily.

"The grant to the society for this year has not been paid yet," added his worship, "and it will not be paid until this matter has been cleared up." (Loud applause and cheers from protesting citizens.)

Continuing, Mayor Richardson said that some over-zealous person had demanded that the city provide a shelter and maintain it. The speaker and Ald. O'Connor, in council, had entered a protest. The city, in addition to making the grant had provided the inspector of the society with an office, and everything possible was done by the city to facilitate the work of the society. Members of the police force gave their services to the society. The first bill from the society to the city was for \$514, with the demand that it be paid. Then an amended bill for \$717 was presented. In council the speaker had protested against the payment of the account, pointing out the arrangements which had been made for the care of the wards. If the city could keep the wards at a smaller cost, there was no reason why the city should be loaded up with extra expenditure. (Applause.) The speaker had also asked that the city auditor be appointed to audit the books of the society. The present audit was not a satisfactory one. In these days men must be above suspicion. He did not for a moment hint that there was anything wrong, but insisted on a proper audit. "I recognize the good work the society has been doing," but I am surprised at such idiotic action on the part of the society," said Mayor Richardson, and his remarks were greeted with loud applause. He also stated that the entire trouble, as far as he was able to ascertain, was between the institutions and the inspector.

Miss Machar asked Mrs. Strachan, who is identified with the Orphans' Home, if there had been any trouble, and the latter stated that as far as she knew there had been no trouble. The Orphans' Home had been accepting wards between the ages of three and twelve years. The president said that all the society asked was that the city provide for the care of the children. The society did not desire to have trouble.

and put the city to any unnecessary expense.

Archdeacon Dobbs said that a great deal of what the mayor had said was news to him. He had never heard anything about a proposition to spend \$30,000 for a shelter at any meeting of the society. There was no city the size of Kingston but what had a shelter. Kingston, he declared, stood alone in lack of interest in the work of the Children's Aid Society. The society had worked single handed trying to solve the problems that came before it, and the task had not been found an easy one. The society did the very best it could under the circumstances, and with the money placed at its disposal. Some of the wards could be placed in homes, but there were some who could not. He had particular reference to girls found walking the streets. He complained that the recent deputation that waited on the City Council asking for the payment of a grant to the society received very little satisfaction.

Rev. Mr. Fairlie said the question of a shelter had been under discussion for twenty years.

Provision Was Made.

D. A. Givens stated that the city did make provision for a shelter and that some of the members of the society did not know what they were talking about. He read from the minutes of the City Council of 1911 regarding the passing of a by-law naming the premises at 303 Bagot street, conducted by the Salvation Army, as a shelter. The city in its agreement with the Salvation Army, also made provision for the feeding of the wards.

"I was in the City Council at the time this by-law was passed," added Mr. Givens, "and I well remember it being passed."

Archdeacon Dobbs—"Well, if that by-law was passed by the council, why did not council tell us about it?"

Inspector Wylie said he had never been told that such a shelter existed. Rev. T. W. Savary said that he understood this shelter was not used, as the Salvation Army had reported that the scheme was not working satisfactorily. The society, he believed, had been negligent in not reporting the matter to the City Council.

Ex-Mayor Graham stated that the reason the Salvation Army asked that the arrangement be discontinued was due to the fact that the society did not use the accommodation provided. W. R. Givens then pressed his resolution, and it was carried by a big majority. The new slate of officers and board of management was received with loud applause.

Inspector Kelso Heard.

J. J. Kelso, chief inspector for the Provincial Society of the Children's Aid, who has been in the city making an investigation into conditions, was called upon to speak. He said he wished it to be known that he was "on the fence" in regard to the matter. He was very much interested in securing a solution of the difficulty. Just previous to coming to the meeting he had paid a visit to the police cells in Kingston, and there he ran across a case where a seven-year-old boy had been taken in charge as the result of the arrest of his mother on a charge of vagrancy. Here was a case for the society. He believed some arrangement could be made which would be satisfactory if the parties would get together. He could not see why two or three rooms could not be set apart for the care of wards. He felt sure that the new officers and board would deal with the work in a satisfactory manner.

Before the meeting adjourned Miss A. M. Machar moved a vote of thanks to the old officers and members of the board of management, which was passed.

The President, before closing the meeting, stated that he was pleased to see a committee of business men placed in charge of the work, and he would at any time be glad to help the members in their work.

The Board of Management held a meeting at the close of the general meeting.

Will Withdraw the Action.

At the meeting of the Board of Management the solicitor was instructed to notify the clerk of the county court that the action instituted by the society against the city was withdrawn.

The agent of the society was instructed to place his office at the disposal of the secretary and the auditor so they may become familiar with the details in connection with a number of wards and the arrangements made for their maintenance. The secretary and auditor are to report at another meeting to be held in a week's time.

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Letters To The Editor

A Dangerous Corner.

Kingston, Nov. 7.—(To the Editor)—At the foot of West street, dark and dangerous corner, the road ends abruptly with the water of Lake Ontario, and from time to time accidents occur without serious considerations by city officials.

A few days ago an auto, in the darkness, ran headlong into the water, causing considerable inconvenience to the occupants.

Sunday, about 3 a.m., a team of the fire department rushing to a fire also ran into this dangerous slip. The horses were removed, but the steamer remained in the water several hours, not reaching the fire.

I would suggest that drivers of autos and vehicles who contemplate traveling in that direction equip them with air tanks, which will keep them afloat till help arrives, and that all horses (including those of the department) wear life preservers and block and tackle for hauling out purposes be carried at all times.

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