

Catholic Social Welfare Bureau Annual Report For The Year 1951

The following annual report for the year 1951 was submitted by the Field Secretary to the annual meeting of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau held on February 12th last.

Mr. Chairman, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are grateful that you are here to attend our annual meeting, and we welcome you. Your presence here assures us that you have been interested in our work over the past year, that you are interested now, and that you will continue to be interested during the coming year. This interest gives us much encouragement for it inspires us with the hope that we may accomplish many things for souls and it assures us that, as in the past, you will give generously of your time, ability, substance, and sacrifices. Through these gifts and sacrifices, this work, God's work, with you and me as God's instruments, will weave its intricate pattern of social welfare in the coming year.

One of the most difficult tasks of the year is to try to write a report which will give the Pastors, the Board of Directors, and the public a true picture of the year's operations. A couple of years ago Father Brennan, who was then the Director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau in Hamilton, said that when he gave his annual report he felt like a certain after-dinner speaker. A friend commenting on the speaker's efforts said, "He got on his horse and rode off in all directions." And so it must be with us as we try to speak of the needs presented and the services demanded in our own Bureau during the year.

From Within

You have seen reproductions of Hoffman's famous painting depicting Christ standing at the door knocking. This most noteworthy detail of this door upon which Christ knocks is that it does not have a latch on the outside, a fact which signifies that the door may be opened only from within. This helps to illustrate what we are going to suggest as the prime principle of our social welfare work—namely that those who are in need of a social worker's help must, of their own accord, or through the help of others, open their doors to the social worker. It is a good case work practice to base the type and quantity of aid which will resolve the need on the cooperative wish of the recipient. During the past year the doors have been opened and we have tried to make operative Christ's dynamic invitation, "Come to Me all you who are heavily burdened and I will refresh you." We do not pretend that our efforts were always successful. They were not. We beg pardon for our blameworthy deficiencies, and to those for whom our services were not sufficient, we offer our humble apologies. The scope of work that should be done seems to be almost without limit. Where there are social beings seeking solutions to social problems, we find our brother members, or potential members of the Mystical Body of Christ under the Fatherhood of God, searching for the help of Christ in the person of us His disciples. The test of our discipleship is our measure of charity for the poor, the orphan, the aged, and all the unfortunate victims of sin and injustice.

Great Losses.

The year was not without its great losses and gains. In the death of Sister John of the Cross, the Bureau lost its most valuable social worker. Sister's greatest interest was welfare work and she gave all of herself that she possibly could to the Bureau while she carried on her duties at the Sacred Heart Home. You all have missed her, I am sure, as did those whom she served, and those to whom she acted as a most cheerful guide and companion. The factors and Board of Directors have been most kind and considerate in their efforts to do with "much less" as they abandoned themselves to God's choice. Mother Paula also was an irreplaceable loss to the Bureau. She was one of the pioneer leaders who worked perseveringly from the very beginning of our endeavors in the welfare field. She gave her every effort and assistance to build up and advance the standards of our work. We miss her also as one to whom we could al-

Here's An Easy Pleasant Way To Help

PREVENT COLDS

At the first symptoms Relax in a Soothing

HOT MUSTARD BATH

Mix 2 or 3 tablespoons of mustard in a little cold water and pour into hot bath. After bathing, give yourself a brisk rub-down... then off to bed for a good night's rest. Your muscles will relax with relief!

Colman's MUSTARD

ways go for advice and assistance and be assured of meeting with her interest and support. Sister Joan of Arc who was also one of our staff members whom we lost during the year, because her services were found necessary elsewhere. While we miss Sister Joan of Arc very much we are blessed to have Sr. M. Patrick who acts as our very efficient secretary.

Additional Staff Needed

Actually for an efficient service, the Bureau's staff should contain in addition to its present staff, a priest as executive Director, and a trained family welfare worker. While the Agency employs a registered nurse, Miss Hilda Jenkins, because of the limited staff, it is necessary for her to give assistance in all phases of the Bureau's work. Miss Jenkins drives her own car in the services of the Bureau, for which she receives a mileage rate. Her services are made possible because the Charlottetown Hospital donates four-fifths of her salary. However these desired additional services to the present staff are not possible at the present time for various reasons. With a properly organized public assistance program to care for relief needs in families the Bureau might find it possible to engage additional staff sufficient to adequately service the people of the parishes. There are calls for social aid from many parts of the Province. Adequate facilities would be an essential factor in any accomplishment on a Provincial scale.

It must be realized that the work of the Bureau can develop only gradually. We owe it to the great interest and leadership of Rev. Dr. McMahon that on July 19, 1951 the modern and convenient offices and children's clinic centre were officially opened as the headquarters for the Bureau's work. This project was not financed as some may suspect, from the funds of the Bureau. We have met with the closest cooperation and assistance from the Rectors of both Basilica and Holy Redeemer Parishes. They have helped in every possible way. To both rectors we offer our most sincere thanks, but with regrets that we have not been more successful in our efforts to service the needs of their parishioners.

Family Service

Since the family is the basic unit of society, upon its proper regulation according to true Christian living, will depend the peace and happiness of men, women and children who make up this society. "Isn't this a disgraceful social problem to find existing in this day and age? Why doesn't the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau do something about it?" Perhaps you have made this statement or listened to others express such dissatisfaction many times during the past year. Perhaps it has never occurred to you that the social worker, while trained to help people to help themselves, just does not wave a magic wand, and behold there springs forth a happy and wholesome home life, the soil from which buds forth good Christians? Here in our Parishes, as well as in other parts of the world, family life, looked at from many aspects, is at a critical stage. The home is threatened by many forces and distorted from true Christian living. We could describe many examples of horrible conditions in so called "homes" with tragic housing conditions in a state of squalor where children are subjected to improper food, insufficient clothing, lack of discipline and religious training, and other influences threatening the physical and mental health and moral breakdown of children. Think for a moment on how much effort, time, community and individual planning and cooperation, financial aid, and prayer are necessary to solve such problems. Can such problems be left to the Bureau alone to solve? While day after day the Bureau faced the sad spectacle of deteriorated home life, efforts were made according to its capacity to conserve and strengthen family life, to prevent and curb delinquency, arrange supplemental material assistance, care for children and the aged, help individuals secure legal aid and medical assistance, and to help those struggling for security and happiness. The Bureau's function was to offer a method of help, to endeavor to apply the dynamic art of modifying and adjusting human relations—not a "hand out" of advice but an effort to utilize the resources of the agency and the community in working with the needy individual.

The Home Management Problems

The dissipation, because of alcoholism or inadequate use of family material resources, often causes conflict and discord which take the place of happy family living. Resulting health problems are numerous. Our workers spend many hours helping families suffering from such circumstances. The Bureau utilizes by referral, various community health resources. Here we must highly commend our Doctors for their generous services rendered to the poor without any hope of financial remuneration. Most of the staff's help in this field consists of interpretative case work, home nursing services, and child health supervision by the visiting nurse to children in foster homes.

Some Approximate Statistics

- 140 families serviced during the year.
- 20 aged and infirm.
- 24 other individuals.
- 5826 telephone transactions.
- 1260 home and hospital visits.
- 1800 office visits.

Unemployment

An attempt to find a solution to the problem of unemployment, there is great need in the community to provide work programs for those who have any capabilities of earning a living. Every possible effort should be made to render such people self-supporting. This is the only constructive method of preventing dependency and demoralization, which tend to develop under certain relief programs. Many technically disabled persons, with proper rehabilitation programs and planning could be made self-supporting. Agencies such as ours should keep this responsibility before the public welfare agencies. It is a serious social problem here, which concerns groups and in fact all the citizens. Efforts should be constantly renewed to provide employment for all who are able to work. More than 75 cases that came to the Bureau's attention were in need of employment at various times.

Inadequate Housing Facilities

Improper and inadequate housing, too, plays a large part in the family breakdown. An analysis and study of living accommodations of many families would present unbelievable facts to the general public. The state of ill repair and lack of sanitation in many of the so-called houses for which landlords are collecting rent in this city is certainly no credit to it. In fact many of these units should be demolished. Rents are high for poor families, and in many cases, because of the state of ill-repair and draftiness of the houses, it is impossible to heat them properly. Again, because of insufficient space, many houses are converted into multiple family dwellings. The resulting effect on family life is evident. The death to social consciousness is a serious condition which prevents the potent realization of the urgent need for proper city planning, individual and group leadership to effect this, and a cooperative effort to solve this state of affairs.

Child Care

The welfare of children may well be considered as an essential part of family service. It is precisely because the adjustment of the child's problem is so vital in the solution of family problems and needs that the Bureau devotes much time and attention to the care of children. Often emergencies arise which leave children dependent and neglected. They must then be placed in carefully selected foster care where they can have a normal opportunity to develop spiritually, physically and intellectually. Very close supervision is given to children in care of the Bureau. Miss Jenkins does a fine job in caring for the health of the children, and giving every possible help to the foster mothers as problems and needs arise. With the help of Dr. F. A. McMillan as examiner and adviser, clinics are conducted regularly. The Bureau owes much to Dr. McMillan for his excellent services in this phase, as well as in various other phases of medical needs among the clientele of the Bureau.

In cases where there are no maintenance payments possible from the parents, it is necessary for the Bureau to request the Department of Public Welfare to accept such children as wards. We would prefer to have some arrangement whereby these children could remain as wards of the Bureau. To date, this has not been possible, but it is important that we make a further effort towards its accomplishment. However, it has been possible to assist the Department of Public Welfare in the placement of wards referred by the Bureau. A particular effort was made to secure good boarding and adoptive homes by a special program prepared in conjunction with the official opening of our new headquarters. This was successful in bringing many new applicants.

The practice was introduced of having the psychologist from the Psychiatric Clinic make studies of the children considered for adoption placement. This service has given new strength to our adoption program. Cases were referred to the Psychiatric Clinic for study and help. Both Dr. Theriault and Mr. Nichols were most cooperative and generous in giving their services. The Knights of Columbus made an effort to introduce a project with teenagers whereby they might be assisted to prepare themselves for a useful life. It has not been possible to accomplish a great deal to date because of the high enrollment at the Vocational School. We trust that this project will be followed through and that much will be accomplished during the coming months. The K. of C. also conducted a summer camp for boys which did much socially, physically and religiously for a large number of boys.

Adoption Problems

Services were given to 80 children, other than those in their natural home situation. Adoption home placements were worked out for 14 of these. Fourteen more of these cases were adoption placements carried over from 1951. Boarding home care was arranged for 39 of these children. Home Nursing is actually one of the minor demands of the Bureau. The Blue Cross Hospitalization has done much to make it

In Gratitude

We could not feel that this re-

Fills Role Of Trouble Shooter



AIRBORNE TROUBLE-SHOOTER — That's what is known in the R.C.A.F. as a Flight Engineer and capably filling that important capacity in a newly-fitted Lancaster of 404 Maritime Squadron is Corporal J. M. Scrimgeour, of Dundee, Scotland, and Charlottetown, P.E.I. It is his job to keep a constant vigil over four mighty engines as in close harmony with other crewmembers and other aircraft, an overall vigilance is maintained over Canada's Atlantic seaboard (National Defence Photo.)

possible for persons who need hospital care to be admitted, to remain in the hospital while nursing care is necessary. While this service has been essential in many cases, the nurse has to spend much of her time in the health aspect of the child welfare program, which we mentioned previously. The nurses' statistical report for the year shows a total of: 79—Baths to home patients, 187—Hypos given, 29—Dressings done, 601—Supervision calls on infants, 391—Social and business calls, 18—Miscellaneous transactions. This total 1395 service visits to families and children in the community, \$138 was paid by patients for these nursing services. 187—Baths to home patients, 187—Hypos given, 29—Dressings done, 601—Supervision calls on infants, 391—Social and business calls, 18—Miscellaneous transactions.

The K. of C. were faithful to their annual Christmas program, collecting food, clothing and cash donations. Their donations, together with those of the Junior League, the C.W.L., St. Veronica's Guild and others from private individuals provided over 100 parcels of food and clothing for the needy homes, individual parcels for the Infirmary and Beach Grove patients, who have no next of kin to bring them remembrance at Christmas. Reading material was also subscribed for Beach Grove and the Sanatorium patients. The Sanatorium patients from the local parishes were remembered with individual gifts; other needy patients there were also on the list. The inmates at the Jail and patients at Falconwood were not forgotten.

We should like also to thank the Basilica Youth Club and the Ligourian Youth Club for their generous efforts in the community services, and especially for their kind donations to our Christmas tree party for the children. In conclusion may we offer our deepest gratitude to all of you, our generous benefactors, whether your contribution came through the annual campaign for funds, for interest, encouragement, and support of whatever type you saw fit to give. We are greatly indebted to our President, Mr. Howard MacInnis for all his hard work and long hours spent in generous efforts to help work out the Bureau's problems. He worked exceptionally hard and painstakingly on the annual drive for funds which comprised 47% of our total budget, and as you noted in his report, it was a great success. We thank God for the charity with which He has filled your hearts, realizing that any accomplishments in the Bureau's program which gave glory to Him—and that is all that has had any importance—has been possible only because of your cooperation.

Sister Mary Eugene, C.S.M. Field Secretary.

Whirlwind

by Norma Newcomb

CHAPTER FIVE

Part One

When Drona caught sight of Jimmy's face in the respectful crowd she smiled faintly and devoted all her glances to him. Helen flushed self-consciously, but kept a smile fixed on her lips. She wasn't in the least surprised when Jimmy, Drona's songs finished, darted out of the living room after her. Nor hurt. She was especially fierce about that. No, she wasn't hurt at all, she really wasn't!

Drona, aware of footsteps following her, grinned knowingly and continued on toward the upstairs bedroom, which had been made into her dressing-room for the evening. She walked inside, leaving the door open, and was seated at the little stool before the dressing table when Jimmy, sufficiently disinclined to knock, came sauntering in. He smiled at her happily.

"Hello, cherub." "Hi, chum. You mean you're looking for more punishment? I haven't a vase to throw at you, but there's a hard hairbrush." "This time I'm not to be caught unawares, my pet. And remember that he who lives by the sword dies by the sword." "A tough guy, huh? I cut my eye-teeth on tough guys on the East Side."

"No, not tough, Drona. Just another man eating out of your hand. Or hoping to eat out of your hand." She smiled. "I like a good line, chum. Your first one wasn't so good." "I obeyed my impulse." "Did you get tired?" "Fired? Why should I have been fired?"

"Your gal came to make me lay off the publicity." "That took him by surprise. He sat down on the canted chair near the wall, tilting it back. "Grit!" Green eyes flashed. "You mean you've forgotten a sweet kid like Sally Alliston already? You ought to get a pop in the nose, chum." "I did get a pop on the head," he said ruefully. "Had to take a stitch. Want to see it?"

He didn't give her a chance to decide, but got up and went over to her, crouching before her and resting his head partly on her lap. She chuckled as she surveyed the wound. "Not bad. I wasn't even half trying. Don't you know better than to run around kissing people?" "Can I help it if your beauty overwhelmed me?" "Nuts, pal, you've seen prettier." He shook his head and his voice was fervent. "Never, Drona, never in my whole life. Why, you are a dream come true. Hair like gold, dashing green eyes with glints of merriment and kindness in them, teeth like pearls and that..."

"Finished taking inventory?" she inquired gently. He seized one of her hands and kissed it reverently. "I haven't even begun to describe you, cherub. Your soul, now, that could be dealt with too." "Maybe later on, huh, chum?" "Later on?" He flung his head back triumphantly. "Yeah, when we haven't got an audience."

Ellen's Diary

(Continued from page 2) blown-drift in her face. And James overhearing offered, "It's many a year since I've seen so much snow about the yards. When the weather settles, we'll have a time of it, clearing doors away!" A few, little worried by winds or weathers, this afternoon, added her choicest offering to our flock, discovered as it happened, by the younger farmer, who had found the first pair, that event opening the door to a new season on the farm.

It will be one of interesting and encouraging surprises, we hope of lambkins, of piglets, in numbers, and calves. And on the days when all is well, our hopes will ride high. But intermingling with the good fortune, will appear those disappointments that are invariably a part of the season of increase. The hopes deferred; the sighs for what might have been. The quiet comment—"One was dead" of a pair, new-come to the fold; the grave, "and it was a heifer—just what we had been wishing for" of a limp body in a stable, and the, "they weren't born to live," of a parcel of piglets.

"I'm more interested in lambs now than in anything else" granddaughter remarked to Mr. C. from the house on the hill, when on a recent visit he must come with her to admire them. The partition which hems in ewes and families is of a height convenient for Mack, youngest grandson of ours, to look over. And if she declares, "He's too little yet to know much about anything" it is obvious he is quite taken up with these story-book creatures now come to life before his eyes. One day when the world is fresh and clean in the newness of spring, the lambkins will run races on the grass of a pasture. And if that be as James observed today surveying the drifts "Quite a spell away," we marvel at how quickly the days are bearing them and us towards it... But tonight, all about, the winter-white of the recent storm. Until tomorrow—Diary Good-bye!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	2. Sleeveless garment (Arab.)	22. Long tooth
1. Female parent	3. Light, quick bread	24. Dense, thickets
4. Cut off, as the tops	4. Cherished	25. Reimbursed
7. One of Philippine Is.	5. Precious stone	26. Not suitable
8. Musical work	6. Young dog	27. Convert into leather
10. Bundle of grain	7. Map	28. American Indians
11. Gasified liquid	9. Firm	29. Rendered fat
13. Tablet	12. Unique	31. Portions
14. Touch	15. Finish	34. Steering apparatus (naut.)
16. Music notes	18. Float	
17. Land measure		
18. Breeze		
19. Coniferous tree		
20. A shore		
23. Slit		
24. Part of the face		
25. Swell		
27. Adit in a mine		
30. Insect		
31. Sharp pain		
32. Sun god		
33. Whether		
34. Suspend		
35. Title of respect		
36. One who dives		
38. Crippled		
40. Tip		
41. Evenings (poet)		
42. Town (Pruss.)		
43. Cutting tool		
DOWN		
1. Feet		

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AN XYDLBAAXR KLONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all clues. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

ZD LDU TKRELZOY UPSO, GDY

GAEU PT UAO TURGG MFGO PT SEZO

DG-GYELHMLP

Yesterday's Cryptquote: I SUPPOSE, TO USE OUR NATIONAL MOTTO, SOMETHING WILL TURN UP—DISRAELI.

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