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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following communication has been received by The Jarvis Record, and it is published with a view to clearing the air. If there is some misunderstanding relative to the affairs of the Children's Aid Society, as appears probable, from the import of this letter, the officials of that institution, we believe, are quite capable of explaining the same:

LET THERE BE LIGHT

As one who has always been deeply interested in welfare work, I would like to draw attention to a public question which has been agitating the minds of many for years—The Haldimand Children's Aid Society.

For years past there has been a growing feeling that its management is altogether too much of a secret society, the workings of which are religiously withheld from the paying public. To illustrate:

During the past year or so the paid official and chief executive (and spending official) of this society, for a long time, denied the County Council the right of scrutinizing the expenditures of the society. A more haughty, imperious and outrageous attitude would be hard to imagine. Here we find a paid official denying the elected representatives of the people, whose money is being spent, the right to know where and how.

And not alone has the expenditure of public money been concealed as much and as long as possible but other conditions of the work which would not bear the light of public opinion have been withheld or covered up, and even denied when coming to light. Not long ago, welfare workers of another organization found wards of the Haldimand Children's Aid Society in a home where immorality was very obvious.

And when a lone woman at the last meeting of the society attempted to bring this condition to light, she was pounced upon by members of the executive who attempted a whitewash. The Superintendent and Inspector falsified about the inmates of the home under discussion, and Col. Massie, Judge of the Juvenile Court came to the rescue and volunteered information as to the location of the home in question, stating that it was outside of the County of Haldimand, whereas the fact is that it is in Haldimand. A successful effort was made to squelch this lady and the matter she was pleading, but the statements made by both Mr. Bilger and Col. Massie were false. Both gave expression to statements which they knew to be false or stated as facts what they were not certain of. Whether falsehoods or deceptions the arguments suited the case by covering up an unsavory condition which should never have existed.

Another difficulty is that the meetings of this society have been "packed" against exposures being made. While many good and true welfare workers attend these meetings ready to see right and justice triumph, there are always enough social, political, church and even blood friends of the powers-that-be ready to vote blindly for a continuance of past practices and power.

Even the clergy have been either deceiving or being themselves deceived by those in power. To illustrate again: A year ago a well arranged plan increased the Inspector's salary by \$300. A clergyman eloquently, almost tearfully, appealed to Haldimand people to raise the pittance paid. It was made \$1000. This is in addition to travelling expenses, auto hire, rent, heat, light, telephone, etc. Did that clergyman know that the Inspector gets \$600 allowance and extra travelling expenses from the province in addition to the County payments? If he knew it he was misleading his audience. If he didn't know it he was being misled. Will he tell us?

This being a provincial-county organization as regards putting up the money should have a combined statement of receipts and expenses. The statements prepared by the secretary or inspector of his own doings and published and given to the county are only a part and are bound to lead to misunderstanding, and the inspector has no one but himself to blame if this misunderstanding becomes suspicion when he refused to give statements of funds handled by him. Let there be light!

A WELFARE WORKER.

REPORT OF EASTER EXAMINATIONS, S. S. & NO. 1, WALPOLE

		Art.	Alf.	Com.	Gen.	Gr.	Hic.	Hic.	Hic.	N.S.	Spe.	Rea.	W.H.	Alf.
SENIOR IV														
Lillian Doughty	90	45	42	77	79	70	80	80	71	80	85	60	82	72
Phyllis Thomkins	52	55	51	84	87	54	60	60	60	100	83	60	88	68
Roy Thompson	73	42	42	73	89	55	60	78	60	10	50	65	65	55
JUNIOR IV														
George Jackson	53	47	74	65	52	75	66	80	71	76	60	50	50	65
James Lindsay	60	55	73	73	65	66	50	79	70	58	55	70	65	65
Charles Hedges	60	30	72	66	70	52	36	70	52	82	62	65	59	65
Arnold Evans	60	41	53	60	50	66	58	66	61	76	52	45	57	65
Minnie Phibbs	52	34	51	42	54	23	26	25	65	91	59	62	55	65
Gladys Vokes	65	25	64	52	20	35	38	55	55	37	40	62	41	65
SENIOR III														
Graydon Field	87	55	68	100	90	78	77	60	83	94	71	90	79	79
Roy Butcher	96	80	71	70	80	48	54	63	80	52	64	80	70	70
Jean Pratten	70	35	72	77	82	70	66	71	87	64	70	90	69	70
Melvin Butcher	77	70	63	61	60	50	35	70	72	25	79	64	61	65
Ralph Porritt	62	35	64	82	79	59	21	40	51	82	76	62	58	65
Stanley Tomkins	95	44	63	61	60	50	35	70	72	25	79	64	55	65
Hazel Huffman	58	30	36	53	60	31	25	40	28	00	51	75	52	65
Elmo Field	83	20	29	65	56	41	23	35	64	49	66	71	49	65
Harold Voke	65	35	49	32	05	41	29	55	45	31	80	50	43	65
Margaret Jackson	58	30	36	53	60	31	25	40	51	82	76	62	41	65
JUNIOR III														
Eleanor Lamb	80	86	75	87	100	82	56	82	52	70	80	77	77	77
Margaret Ross	65	58	73	91	93	59	56	68	43	43	68	80	67	70
Viola Phibbs	69	72	51	66	92	29	43	79	50	85	73	70	64	70
Essie Brown	60	34	51	66	99	42	39	73	82	73	73	58	62	70
Norene Fletcher	58	34	48	57	90	48	53	98	74	31	71	58	60	70
Wray Meade	82	23	55	87	82	58	21	65	50	34	69	60	55	70
Doris Field	60	34	55	21	63	19	24	74	27	00	49	65	41	70
CLASS V														
Nora M. Field	85	68	65	80	70	66	88	76	72	77	—	75	—	75
Percy Brown	72	90	70	78	83	58	82	54	93	74	—	72	—	72
Walter Brown	72	58	67	85	84	67	76	87	87	68	—	—	—	—

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