

PREVENTIVE WORK FOR CHILDREN.

Discussed at the Conference of the Bureau of Charities.

At a conference of the Bureau of Charities at the Palace House yesterday the question of "Preventive Work for Children" was considered in detail. Professor Henderson of the University of Chicago presided over the meeting, and in his opening address outlined briefly the work and aims of the Bureau, which he said was trying to work on educational lines to bring these matters before the public.

Mr. Hirsch opened the discussion by describing the work of the manual training school for Jewish children, and Miss Sante American followed his remarks by a report on the work for rheumatism and medical care among the poor classes of Jewish children. Mrs. Florence Kelley, whose work as State Factory Inspector has given her great opportunities of investigating the question, spoke on the employment and non-employment of children. A talk was given by Miss Mary E. McInerney, one of the leaders of kindergarten work in Chicago, on the subject of "Vacation Schools." After talking at length in the course of the children during the idle summer months, in keeping them from the streets and streets and guiding along positive lines, Miss McInerney described the vacation schools of Boston, New York, and Cincinnati, and the work in that line that is being carried on in these cities.

Ms. Hirsch was then presented with the secretary and father of her plea that the meeting decided to appoint a committee to inquire into what steps might be taken to further this work, and, if necessary, to consult with the board of education to see if its co-operation can be secured in the matter. The committee consists of Miss Sante American, Mr. D. W. Conway, Mr. Charles Mallory, Mr. Harwick, and Miss Margaret McCready.

The next meeting, which will be held May 5, will be devoted to the "Needs of Dependent Children" and a committee consisting of J. W. Finn, Professor Howard, Mrs. Florence Kelley, and Miss Julia Lashinsky was appointed to report on pending legislation in the state Legislature regarding children.