

## GERRY SOCIETY MEETING.

### No One Substantiated the Charge of Extravagance.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on March 28 to investigate charges of extravagance and bad management that had been made against the organization and to report back to the board on April 11 met yesterday to take testimony. The meeting was held in the Charity Organization Society's rooms. The committee consists of Andrew H. Green, Frederick D. Tappen, and J. Hampden Robb. Late in the day, when the newspaper reporters were admitted and asked what progress the committee had made, Mr. Robb said it was ready to hear whatever testimony they, the reporters, might have to give, inasmuch as it had not succeeded in getting other testimony.

"We have been sitting here," said Mr. Tappen, "and my time at least is valuable. Nobody has appeared here to make any charges."

Mr. Green said that the committee had invited some persons to appear and tell what they knew. He added, "We have also invited some organizations of a similar character to give us statements showing their expenditures, so that we might compare them with the figures of this society. The persons we invited were Mr. Stewart of the State Board of Charities, and Mr. Haines, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the gentlemen who have appeared in the public prints in criticism of this society."

"Will the committee hold another session and issue a general invitation to persons who have anything to say to appear?" Mr. Green was asked.

"We do not see how we can," he replied. "We were instructed to report to the board at its next meeting, and that will be on the 11th of this month."

## COLONIAL PARK APPRAISEMENTS

### Corporation Counsel Objects that They Are Too High.

The Commissioners of Estimate for the Colonial Park submitted their report to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday, and the court heard argument on a motion to confirm. The park embraces the territory comprised between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Streets and Edgecombe and Bradhurst Avenues. The Commissioners are Thomas P. Wickes, Pierre V. B. Hoes, and Conrad Harres. They were appointed July 18, 1894, but a good deal of delay has been caused by prolonged litigation.

There were one hundred and ninety-two parcels of land to be appraised, and the Commissioners fixed the values at sums which will aggregate about \$1,500,000. They have allowed interest since Jan. 9, 1895, however, and also taxes and assessments imposed since that time, with interest. The Corporation Counsel holds that it was improper to allow for interest and assessments, and he accordingly had the motion to confirm opposed. Assistant Corporation Counsel Albert Bach appeared for the city. He said that besides making improper allowances, the Commissioners had in many cases fixed the values at extravagantly high figures. He stated that Parcel 127 to 144 sold in 1892 for \$13,965, yet the Commissioners appraised that property at \$77,760. The Court reserved decision.