

complete change of the law in respect to the punishment of prisoners. If proper safe-guards were provided it might be all right, but we should be very careful in allowing men convicted of crime to take a place in society. As the hour was late he would be unable to give all his reasons for stating what he had. They should not forget, however, that the law was made for the protection of society, and there were a certain class of people whom society needed to be protected from. The Parole System had been a question the English Government had been troubled with, and when they come within the realm of law they must deal with the question as it appeared to them. He wanted to know if they would parole the man who went into the cell of his fellow convict the other night in the Central Prison and slashed him with a knife? If the law was to be enacted it must be under proper conditions from a public standpoint, as well as the prisoners' standpoint. Mr. Biggs said he would support the resolution upon the understanding that proper safe-guards would be adopted if the law were enacted.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on being submitted to the meeting.

The Chairman said that as the hour was getting late, in order to allow several gentlemen to speak, he would submit the third resolution to the meeting without any remarks from the mover and seconder.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Hall, seconded by Mr. James Massie, and—

RESOLVED, That this meeting desires to express its hearty approval of the means taken by the Board of Managers of the Prisoners' Aid Association in their efforts to induce the Ontario Government to take the necessary steps, firstly, to secure a better classification of prisoners; and secondly, to promote the reformation of pauper inebriates; and that said Board be authorized and requested to take such further action in the matter as may be considered wise and prudent.

Ald. J. J. Graham said he desired to say a few words in respect to the work of Mrs. Bellamy. He knew of no more effective work being done in the city than that which Mrs.