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Mr. J. J. Kelso read a paper on "The Necessity of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty in Toronto."

He pointed out that there was no society of the kind at present in existence in Toronto, and he proposed the establishment of one as a general humane association, having before it the following among other objects:

To stop cruelty to children; to rescue them from vicious influences and remedy their condition; the beating of animals, overloading street cars, overloading wagons, working old horses, driving galled and disabled animals; to introduce drinking fountains, better laws, better methods of horseshoeing, humane literature into schools and homes; to induce children to be humane; everybody to practice and teach kindness to animals and others.

As a humanizing, educating, and refining influence, he believed there was no better society in existence than this would prove. Its foundation would rest upon a religious, but undenominational, basis. It would include in its membership young and old, rich and poor, Catholics and Protestants, and all could unite in the unselfish and ennobling work of alleviating and removing human and animal suffering.

On motion of Mr. William Houston, seconded by Dr. P. H. Bryce, it was resolved, "That in the opinion of the Institute the formation in this city of a society for the prevention of cruelty would be conducive to the interests of the public morality, and this meeting desires to express its sympathy with the object contemplated."

Among those present at the meeting were Dr. W. H. Ellis (chairman), Prof. R. Ramsay Wright, Dr. George Kennedy, James Bain, jr., Alan Macdougall, C.E., Dr. A. Hamilton, J. T. B. Ives, W. A. Douglas, R. W. Young, and Mr. Elvins.

ORGANIZATION FAVORED.

The first persons to call and express their interest and willingness to help were Miss Dupont, principal of the Young Ladies' School, and Mrs.