

Society, and who had rendered it invaluable aid, would bring the subject before his council, and endeavor to introduce into Rockhead something of the element which he (Mr Motton) had spoken of as being wanting in that institution. The Society had no doubt been eminently successful in the repression of cruelty, and it had a just and high compliment paid to it by Mr. Justice Rigby's action in reference to the recent trial of the master of a vessel for cruelty to his crew, wherein that learned judge, beside inflicting a fine, ordered the offender to pay the costs of the prosecution. No case was brought before the court till it had been fully weighed by the chairman, the executive, the secretary and himself, and the result was as had been shown by the report, that they were in all litigated cases successful.

SIR J. E. COMMEREILL

then moved, that it be :

*Resolved*, that the operations of the Society in the past show the necessity for such an organization, and in order that it may continue to do its work in the future, this meeting agrees to give it all the moral and material assistance to which it is entitled, and would commend it to the good will and support of the community generally.

He said he was sure the aims and efforts of the Society were such as to commend it to every one. For himself he believed that the great way to ensure that dumb creatures would not be ill-treated was to bring children up to feel that they were part and parcel of the work of the Great Creator. He was certain that children who were allowed to be cruel to animals would end badly, and therefore he would urge the early training of youth in kindness to and a love for animals. He ventured to remind the Society that they had not been sufficiently energetic in advertising themselves, they had worked, and had worked well in an unostentatious manner, and had perhaps thereby suffered—they had not sufficiently advertised themselves, as it were. He said this from a knowledge of the facts, for had the Society been brought to his notice before, he should have been very happy indeed to have done everything that lay in his power to further its objects, and would have persuaded both his officers and the men under his command to assist it. He could assure the meeting that no more kindly feelings could exist anywhere than those which existed among the navy, and he was sanguine that the Society would have been mutually aided by that branch of the service had its existence been known to them. As to the finances of the Society, and the means to place them on a more satisfactory basis, he would suggest that a few cards be prepared and sent around. Ladies were excellent collectors, and he was certain, that if the Society adopted the suggestion, and the ladies lent their aid, the Society would no longer be in a hampered state.