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THE NOVA SCOTIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty was held on the 19th day of March, at 4 o'clock, p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. building. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Richey presided, and there was a representative attendance of influential citizens. Governor Richey, in calling the meeting to order, referred to the recent death of Henry Bergh, the world-renowned friend of dumb animals and founder of the pioneer S. P. C. A. in America, and paid a glowing tribute to the magnificent life-work of that humanitarian. Referring to the work of the local Society, the Governor pointed out that of a total of over 500 cases dealt with, no less than 113 were those of helpless childhood, and 182 of unprotected women—a total of nearly 300 women and children. It was mournful to observe that a great many of these cases were the direct results of the curse of strong drink. Sixty little children deserted by drunken fathers and mothers had been dealt with by the Society; as also had 51 women neglected by drunken husbands, and five mothers assaulted by drunken sons. The Society was doing a splendid work, and he deeply regretted that the interest of the community in that work was so low that funds had not been contributed to keep the Society from sinking into debt.

Rev. Robert Murray, who read the Report of the Executive Committee, prefaced that duty by congratulating the Society upon the interest taken in its operations by the Governor, and his good influence, not only personally, but also by the weight of his position as the representative of Her Majesty in this Province.

The Executive's Report.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty has now entered on the twelfth year of its history. Its aim has always been truly noble and Christian, as well as intensely practical. That aim is to reduce to the lowest possible point the wrongs and sufferings of dependent men, women and children, as well as lower animals. It is a palpable fact that the Society has caused a beneficent revolution in the treatment of animals, especially working horses, in this city. The improvement in twelve