

the subject of humanity to animals, made to form an ordinary branch of instruction in the national schools of our country." In speaking on this subject he said:—"It has been the growing conviction of the most enlightened friends of education, that among the physical sciences natural history, in one or other of its departments, is the one that should be first introduced into the common teaching of the school. Nowhere can materials be found more fitted to interest youth. How easy to turn such fine materials to the moral purpose of impressing upon the tender heart of childhood the duty, and the benefit, and the exceeding happiness of a wise and tender treatment of animals, and birds, and insects. Their varied instincts, their wonderful organic endowments, their singular methods of operation, the place they fill in the great economy of nature, the services they render, and the ties so strong and tender by which so many of them are bound to us, their lords and masters—these teem with what could be turned at once to this account."

As to the finances of the Society, the Committee have pleasure in stating that they are in a better condition than they were this time last year. The results of the efforts of those gentlemen who kindly undertook to procure new subscribers and to stimulate those who were already members to prompter payments of their subscription, had an excellent effect, and the collector this year has not experienced the same difficulty as formerly.

The Concert in aid of the funds, held last March, also benefitted the Society considerably.

The Committee submit that donations, apart from the regular subscriptions, might be made, as they are in several other societies, there being many branches of work that could be undertaken were it not for the want of funds; such as the erection of good water-troughs, cab-shelters, prizes to children at school, distribution of the "Animal World," rewards among the schools in the city, to those who have the charge of animals and who are observable for their kindness towards them, &c.

The Committee would recommend that the carters drawing wood up the hills be strongly urged not to stand on their loads when ascending the hills, thereby making an additional weight to the already perhaps overloaded horse.