

done, anxious for the welfare of her less fortunate brothers and sisters; so do let us humans not be behind the Elf, but let us do everything in our power to make all and every deed of cruelty to animals acts of the past, with no part in present-day civilisation.

Let us realise that the creatures of the animal world are not made merely for our own use and pleasure, but that they, too, have or ought to have a right in the world, for they, as well as we, are a part of the marvellous and wonderful web of life—the beginning to most of us only a misty haze, the future all unknown. The present we have with us, and if the ruling principle of that present is to do unto others as we would be done by, then we shall not fail to be kind, and tender and loving.

I want the children to remember, especially when they grow down-hearted and hopeless, the words which the prophet Isaiah, so many hundreds of years ago, spoke concerning them and the creatures of the animal world :—

“A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.”