

AN OLD WHITE HORSE.

THE following week, in November, 1886, a letter was sent to the Toronto *World* by Mr. John K. Macdonald, the well-known dry goods merchant, then quite a young man, referring to the case of an old and worn-out white horse daily to be seen on the streets, and expressing regret that there was no society for the prevention of cruelty. Mr. John Maclean, city editor, handed over the communication to the writer, a member of the staff, with the remark: "Here is something for you to advocate." A favorable comment was inserted, with the result that \$2 was received in the business office the next day from an anonymous correspondent. A day or two after the acknowledgment was made in the paper \$5 was received, and the fund kept on growing, until \$74 had been accumulated.

On January 15, 1887, an invitation was received from the Canadian Institute to read a paper on some social reform issue. This was accepted, and the date was set for Saturday evening, February 19th. The following extract from the printed proceedings of the Institute will be of interest, marking, as it does, the first launching of the Humane and Children's Aid movement in Ontario: