

PROFESSOR LAWSON

in seconding the resolution said he had great pleasure in doing so. As the work of the Society had been reviewed by His Worship the Mayor and Dr. Burns it was hardly necessary that he should say many words. His Worship had brought out very well the position of the society in the city, and Dr. Burns had well shown the very important duty that rested upon one and all of protecting the lower animals, as well as their fellow-beings, from cruelty. He did not think any hesitancy should be shown in the adoption of the reports submitted to the meeting. Hitherto the work of the Society had been left in the hands of a few willing workers, and he thought many of those present felt as he did that they should not longer leave the entire work to the few, to toil as it were, alone. The result of the Society's operations during the year seemed to be eminently satisfactory. In all the cases in which they had prosecuted they had been successful; in fact, there was only one case which had come to the knowledge of the Society in which they had not been successful, and he trusted that the committee, aided by the advice of Mr. Motton, would in their next annual report be enabled to inform the meeting that that case had been attended to, and the cruelty remedied in that exceptional case, which was that of their cruelty to the Secretary. All read, with interest, the reports which had from time to time appeared in the press of the city of the beneficial operations of the Society. What was the cause of cruelty to animals? Want of knowledge. It was found that in country districts, cases of cruelty were of rare occurrence, and this, in a large measure, was traceable to the fact that these children were brought up among animals, and were kindly disposed towards them, they had very much the same feelings towards their animals that they had towards their fathers and mothers, their brothers and sisters, and their relatives and friends. Cruelty, he might therefore say, was almost wholly confined to cities and towns, and arose partly from a want of sympathy for the animals, and partly from want of knowledge and consideration, and in this connection he would remark, that it, the work of the Society, would be lessened year by year, were a love of animals inculcated in the early life of children. In advising kindness he did not advocate pampering them, for that would destroy the discipline necessary to be exercised.

The resolution on being put passed unanimously. His Honor, the Chairman, then called upon the Counsel of the Society:—

MR. MOTTON, Q. C.,

said he felt some little delicacy in speaking at a time when the work of the Society, in which he had participated to some little extent, was being reviewed. He had read the Secretary's