

acting as they otherwise would; yet the Society had gone on in their work, and though sometimes the perpetrators of cruelty escaped, in the main they had been largely successful. As Mayor he had frequently to settle cases that did not come before the committee of the Society. He was not alone in the opinion he had expressed that cruelty had been eradicated, for the City Marshall agreed with him that the state of the City now as regarded cases of cruelty was better than it had been for 30 years past. Though the amount subscribed to the accomplishment of the objects of the Society had been small, yet those objects had been efficiently carried out. Still it should be borne in mind that if from any cause the Society died out cruelty would again exert itself, and he held that this should be an incentive to all to come forward and help the Society either by their influence or by their means. It should be remembered that the prime object of the Society was the relief of suffering humanity, that they were engaged in a great and good work, and it was the intention of the Society whether they got much encouragement or little encouragement, to keep at it as long as they lived. (Applause.)

REV. DR. BURNS

then moved the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that the report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted, and resolved that the aims and operations of this Society as shown by the report have the hearty sympathy, and is entitled to the confidential support of this meeting.

He said it was very encouraging to hear sentiments so sound as those which had been enumerated by the Chief Magistrate of the City. He thoroughly agreed with them and felt more and more that the Society was deserving, as the resolution put it, of hearty sympathy and support. As an established institution it went back to 1864 in its original form and to 1876 as reconstructed, and it had not had a feeble life. It had always had a few friends, faithful and true, who had stood by it. He regretted the absence of Dr. Woodill, who was always so hearty, so wise, so thoughtful, and so energetic in his connection with the work of the Society; yet he was pleased to know that there were others who had been true yoke-workers which was best of all. The objects which the Society were formed to carry out were commanded by God. The passages of Scripture bearing upon the subject were two numerous to cite. In Deuteronomy He was spoken of as throwing the shield of His protection around the feathered tribes, and so on all through the Scriptures were found indications of the intense sympathy of the great heart of God towards the lower creation, and so to some extent it might be said that the Society was assisting in the work of redemption. It was the duty of every Christian, of every humanitarian, to assist and support this and kindred societies. The aims of the Society were to prevent injury to the brute