

Mr. John Naylor stated the difficulties the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty had had in their work. The trouble was, there was no proper place for young beggar waifs. The City Stipendiary preferred to discharge them from custody in the majority of cases rather than send them to Rockhead, and it was better for their morals to do so. Of course some boys could be sent to the Protestant Industrial School, and many more might be sent to that institution, as its capacity is much greater than its attendance, if the means (\$40 per annum per boy) were forthcoming from churches or any other source. But for Roman Catholic children and Protestant girls there was no place of rescue. The Catholics had for some years mooted an industrial school of their own but had not established it, although there was a bequest standing in aid of one. The city had also power to borrow money to erect a reformatory, yet the city fathers had never taken the requisite action to provide such an institution. A good reformatory would answer all purposes effectively, and is what is wanted.

The idea of the reformatory met with general approval, and it was resolved on the motion of Rev. Mr. Laing and Mr. Farquhar, that the President, Vice-President and Secretary be a committee, with power to add to their number, to agitate for a reformatory, interview the City Council on the subject, also approach the Roman Catholic authorities about it, and do all in their power to further the aims of the association in this respect.

The practice of street begging was by all denounced, and citizens advised by every means to discountenance it, as all cases sent to the Association will be promptly looked into by the visitor and attended to.