

the heart and conscience would grow callous, and would continue so all through life. The acts of cruelty which offended the sight of the public were rendered possible by early indulgence; and he would recommend that some means be taken for the instruction of the young in the principles of the Society. He was very glad to see that so much had been done. As the Society was one of prevention, he would understand that the two hundred or so cases mentioned in the Report as actual complaints were far from representing all the good which had been accomplished. By any action of the Society in prosecuting cruel persons, public attention was drawn to the matter, and a healthy state of feeling thereby caused, and much indirect good accomplished. He could not but regard it as one of the most important elements of education, in training the young to treat the lower orders of creation with kindness. He seconded the resolution with much pleasure.

The Report was then unanimously adopted.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. MACDONNELL, and seconded by Mr. T. S. STAYNER :

"That the thanks of the Society are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers of the Society for their valuable services during the past year, and particularly to the retiring President, Professor Wilson, LL.D., who has been most untiring in his efforts on behalf of the Society, aiding its funds very materially by means of his lecture and other personal exertions; and to Mr. Elgar, the late Secretary, who, with Professor Wilson, has been identified with the Society since its inception, rendering it most valuable service up to the time of his departure from the city."

It is to be hoped that the Society will be met liberally by our citizens in their desire to increase the subscription lists. The object is good and deserving, and the amount asked is small, so that all can give. Subscriptions may be sent to G. H. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer, Bank of Montreal; or to Frank Rutledge, Hon. Sec., Box 453. The Committee and the Inspector will commence their canvass at once.