

Mr. J. J. Kelso, secretary of the Toronto Humane Society, presided, and others present were, Rev. W. R. Parker, Rev. W. Patterson, Ald. Harry Piper, Ald. R. J. Fleming, Ald. Alfred McDougall, J. Ross Robertson, Peter McIntyre and a number of ladies.

Mr. Kelso explained the proposed method which is to form a Fresh Air Fund by means of which the children could be treated to excursions into the country and on the water, and given a square meal and lots of fun.

Other addresses were made and a committee appointed to formulate the scheme and report.

FIRST FRESH AIR EXCURSION.

The first excursion under the auspices of the newly-formed society took place to Lorne Park, on June, 27, 1888, about four hundred children being collected in St. John's Ward by Miss How and other mission workers. The procession down Yonge Street to the boat attracted much public attention. It was headed by the fife band of the Boys' Home and two well-known philanthropists, W. H. Howland and William Gooderham. Other excursions followed, until two thousand five hundred of the city's poorest children had been given a day's outing. In the five years following over thirty thousand happy children participated in its benefits. An indebtedness of \$22 was incurred in organizing the Fund, but before the first meeting was concluded \$90 was subscribed and paid over. The first sum—\$10—came from Ald. Harry Piper; the second—\$50—from J. Ross Robertson. Throughout its history no one was personally solicited for money. The excur-