

government and the legislature. If adequate means were at our disposal much good work would be overtaken which is now of necessity overlooked. The cordial and liberal aid of the people and of the government is respectfully and very urgently asked.

Treasurer Mackintosh read a report showing that the subscriptions of the past year had only been some \$250, which had been more than swallowed up by the expenses of the year, and that the Society was nearly \$1300 in debt, as follows :

Due John Naylor, services .....	1020
Due Mr. Lyons, counsel fees.....	160
Due Mr. Bell, counsel fees .. .. .	20
Due <i>Herald</i> for printing, etc ...	50
Due for advertising.....	18
Due Sundries .....	25
Total .....	\$1203
Less cash on hand .....	36
Net indebtedness .....	\$1253

Mr. Mackintosh said it was a crying shame that a Society doing such a work as the S. P. C. should be allowed by the community to become so handicapped for want of financial support, and suggested that the quickest way to bring the people to a sense of the situation was for the Society to suspend operations for six months. Were this done, he was convinced that such a hue and cry would be raised at the result of the unpunished cruelties that would probably ensue, that the public would gladly come to the rescue of the Society. Some cases had come to the notice of the Society that were too shocking to speak of and that made one's blood run cold to think of it; but owing to its bankrupt condition the Society had not been able to punish the human fiends guilty of the crimes.

Rev. Dr. Hole, in moving the adoption of the reports, said the Halifax S. P. C. was remarkable, inasmuch as it combined two societies in one. It did a great work for the dumb brutes and a greater work for human beings, was a blessing to the community, and accomplished the result at a less expense than any similar society that he knew of. It was shocking to see the effect of drink in converting fair women into unnatural mothers and kind fathers into worse than brutes. He was astonished at the lack of financial support and was sure that if the public could only be made acquainted with the facts, the necessary funds