

Mr. Elvins expressed the pleasure he felt in having the question put before them in so clear a light. He had spent much time in endeavouring to solve the question. The only difficulty with him was how to find a remedy. He hoped that thoughtful men would give the subject due consideration, and find a remedy for the evil before it was too late, and thus obviate a great and impending danger.

Dr. Hamilton agreed with the reader of the paper as to the existence of the antagonisms, which had indeed long agitated the world. He referred to the agrarian contests in the Roman State, the troubles connected with the Gracchi, and the Servile wars, so that the question was really a very old one. He thought that the gentleman who had read the paper had clearly made out his case, though he had not shown the remedy.

Mr. Ives thought that the subject was one of great practical utility. He gave from his own experience, when a tenant of the Duke of Portland, an instance confirming the views of the reader of the paper.

Mr. J. J. Kelso read a paper on "The Necessity of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty in Toronto."

He pointed out that there was no society of the kind at present in existence in Toronto, and he proposed the establishment of one as a general humane association, having before it the following among other objects :

To stop cruelty to children : to rescue them from vicious influences and remedy their condition. The beating of animals ; overloading street cars ; overloading waggons ; working old horses ; driving galled and disabled animals. To introduce drinking fountains ; better laws ; better methods of horseshoeing ; humane literature into schools and homes. To induce children to be humane ; everybody to practise and teach kindness to animals and others. As a humanizing, educating and refining influence, he believed there was no better society in existence than this would prove. Its foundation would rest upon a religious but undenominational basis. It would include in its membership young and old, rich and poor, Catholics and Protestants,