

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at Mason Hall, on Friday, May 15th, at 4 p. m.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor; Sir J. C. Commerall; His Worship the Mayor; Hon. Mr. Longley; Hon. Mr. Ross; H. McD. Henry, and several other influential persons were present.

Letters were read from General Lord Russell, Israel Longworth, and J. S. McLean, expressing regret at not being able to attend the meeting.

The Chair was occupied by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Richey, who in opening the proceedings of the meeting, said:—

He had to confess that his connection with the Society as President was only in name, but nominal though it was he felt great pleasure in meeting those friends of the institution present to-day, he might call them friends of humanity; and although but few had met together, yet if they exerted all the influence they could in their own circles, he thought great good would result from the gathering. He had not, at all times, been able to be present at the annual meetings, yet he knew that if he had not been able to contribute, in any degree, to the success of the Society, there were others who had done hard work in connection with it. He was pleased to know that the work had been carried forward so vigourously and successfully by their most energetic Executive Committee, the Chairman of which was in fact and effect the presiding officer of the Association. He regretted to say that the Society had suffered a great loss in the removal to a distant part of the continent of Dr. Woodill, a gentleman who took very great interest in all matters connected with the Society. Yet others had sprung to the work and supplied the vacant place. Most energetically indeed has the work of the Society been carried forward by the gentleman to whom they were indebted for its existence at all—its present able secretary. That gentleman had never ceased, from the first hour in which he undertook the work, to give it all the diligence and exertion necessary to ensure its success, and he had done so, he was sure, at great personal sacrifice, and no one could under-