

Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed. [See page 2.]

The Treasurer's statement showed the income for the year to have been \$1,674.15 and the expenditure to have been \$1,631.06. A summary of the cases dealt with showed :

Children.....	129
Women.....	170
Men.....	54
Animals.....	154
Total number of cases of all kinds.....	507
Number of human beings directly benefited.....	578
Number of animals directly benefited.....	320

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

No arguments are needed to prove the right of such an organization as the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to occupy a place among the philanthropic Societies of this city, and we make no apology for asking the moral and financial support of those who have any heart to feel for, and the desire to mitigate and prevent the woes and miseries of their fellow creatures. The sufferings and agonies of the lower animals, inflicted upon them by those who should be their protectors instead of their tormentors, also call loudly for active interference on their behalf. We strive to throw the protection of the righteous laws on our statute books around the victims of devilish malignity, thoughtless indifference, inhuman cruelty and drunken frenzy. In the face of the record of the past twelve years, with its 4,081 cases receiving our attention, who can dispute our claim to the very front rank of those noble organizations which are the crowning glory of our city !

During the past year the work performed by the S. P. C. has been not only greater in volume, but more varied in its character than that of any previous year. At the inception of the Society its operations were mainly in the line of prevention of cruelty to the lower animals, and though numbers of cases concerning cruelty to women and children received attention, yet these latter were not considered as altogether within the province of the Society. But for several years past the work claiming our attention has largely changed ; and we have investigated and treated cases of cruelty to men, women and children largely outnumbering those of the lower animals. In 1879 animal cases were 240, women and children cases, 13 ; while in 1887 animal cases were 183, women and children cases, 335. In 1880 animal cases were 527, no human cases being reported ; while for the past year we report 154 animal cases, affecting 320 in all, and 129 children cases, affecting 354 ; 170 women and 54 men cases, making a gross total of 320 animals, and 578 human beings benefited.

To-day we are doing the work which is being done elsewhere by several distinct societies. Our record shows that we are called upon as a Humane Society, as a Society for Prevention of Cruelty to children, to men and women, to animals, to prevent wrongs to dependants, to suppress vice, to rescue unfortunates from lives of shame, to provide clothing, medicines, food, etc., in emergencies, to protect reputations of the innocent and unsuspecting, to give advice, to prepare documents for those unable to pay, to reunite husbands and wives, parents and children, and when necessary to follow up and punish cases of wilful cruelty. Our Society is expected to do, and really does, work which other organizations cannot or will not do. Not being tied down by any ironclad constitution or convenient code of bye-laws, our Secretary is daily, almost hourly, called on to prevent some wrong, to warn some law-breaker, to punish some wilful act of cruelty, to arbitrate in some family quarrel, to aid some distressed, suffering, or neglected one, to protect