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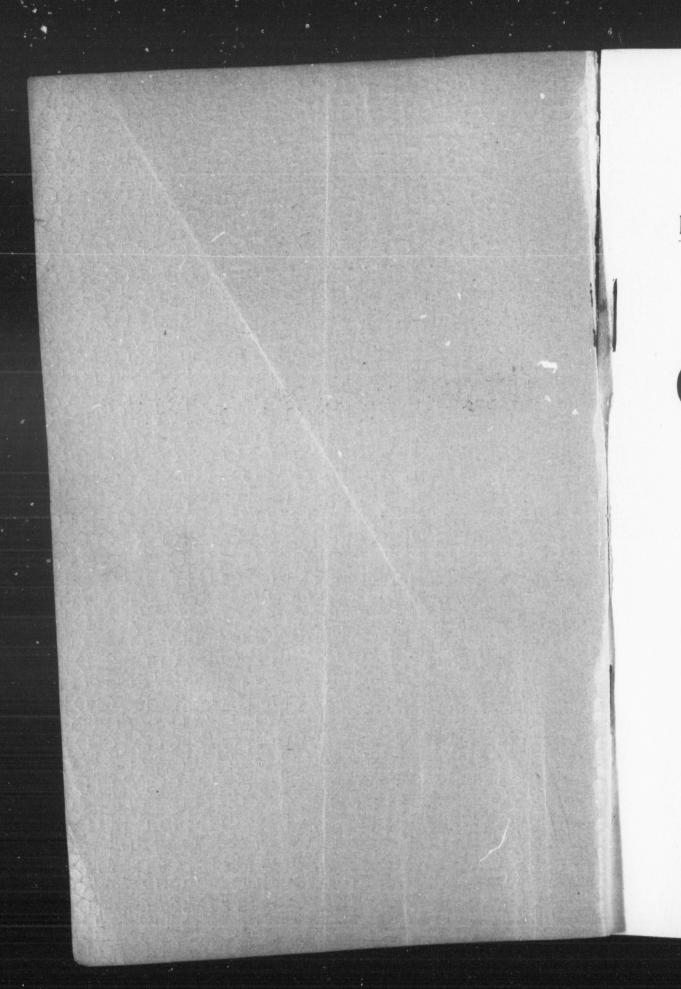
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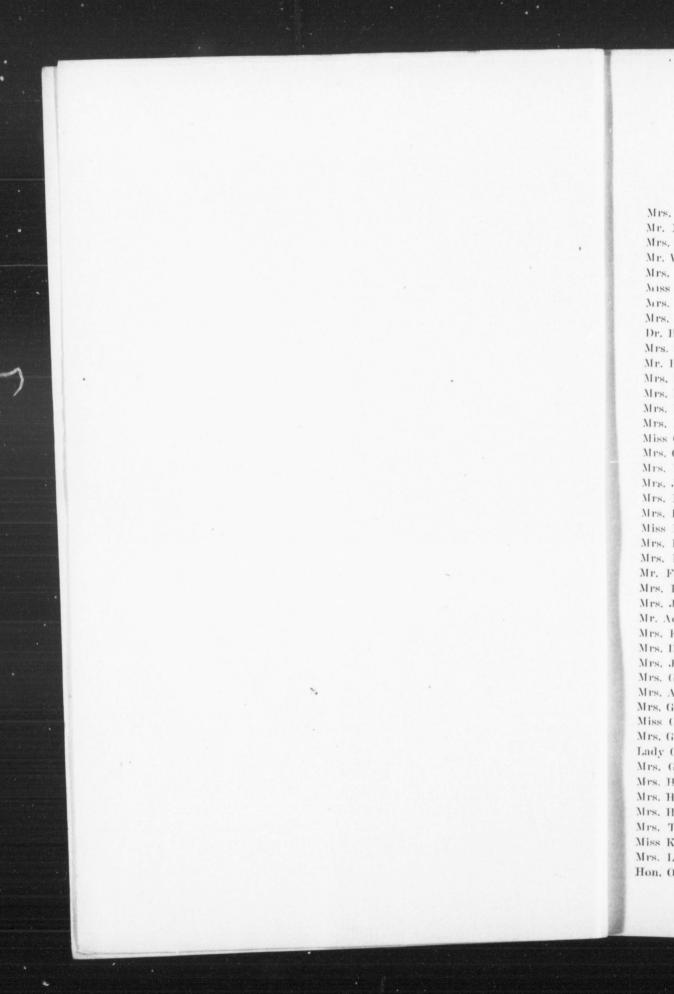
FXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

His Worship the Mayor,

Mrs. Henry Ami, Mr. Montagu Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Bell, Mrs. Bell, Miss Earls, Mr J. P. Featherston. Mrs. Featherston, Mr. Frechette, Mrs. Frechette, Mrs. Gemmell, Mrs. Gough,

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Dr. Wicksteed.



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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

WE BELIEVE IT TO BE OUR DUTY

TO STOP:

1. Cruelty to children, to rescue 22. Children to be humane. them from vicious influences 23. Teachers to teach kindness to and remedy their condition.

- 2. The beating of animals.
- 3. Dog fights.
- 4. Overloading horse cars.
- 5. Overloading teams.
- 6. The use of tight check reins.
- 7. Over-driving.
- 8. Clipping dog's ears and tails.
- 9. Under-feeding.
- 10. Neglect of shelter for animals.
- 11. Cruelties on railroad stock trains.
- 12. Bleeding calves.
- 13. Plucking live fowls.
- 14. The docking of horses' tails.
- 15. Driving galled and disabled animals.
- 16. Tying calves' and sheep's legs.

TO INTRODUCE :

- 17. Better methods of slaughtering.
- 18. Improved cattle cars.
- 19. Drinking fountains.
- 20. Better laws in all Provinces.
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- 21a. Formation of Bands of Mercy.

TO INDUCE :

- animals.
- 24. Clergymen to preach it.
- 25. Authors to write it.
- 26. Editors to keep it before the people.
- 27. Drivers and trainers of horses to try kindness.
- 28. Owners of animals to feel regalarly.
- 29. People to protect insectiverous birds.
- 30. Boys not to molest birds' nests.
- 31. Men to take better care of stock.
- 32. Everybody not to sell their old family horse to owners of tip carts.
- 33. People of all the Provinces to form Humane Societies.
- 34. Men to give money to forward this good cause.
- 35. Women to interest themselves in this noble work.
 - 36. People to appreciate the intelligence and virtues of animals.
- 21. Humane literature in schools and 37. And generally to make men, women and children better because more humane.

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OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY.

To-day closes the 8th year of our existence, and in submitting a review of the results of our mutual endeavors it is well to remember that a certain degree of monotony—a certain amount of sameness and repetition *must* pervade these yearly records,—and that one year's story, *must* be very much the same as that of every other year. Our reports are not the annals of great achievements, but rather the records of quiet and unobtrusive efforts to relieve every kind of suffering about us to the extent of our power—which is to say our purse. Numberless are the entries under such heads as "ownerless and unfed dogs put out of misery; worn out and glandered horses similarly benefitted; cows brought to the market unmilked, and suffering in consequence, relieved; saddles and harness removed from horses found working with galled shoulders. Horses abused and overloaded have had their burdens lightened, poor women sick and unknown have been sent to the hospitals, and animals in pound, unmilked and unfed have been milked and fed daily until claimed.

Certain facts have come to our notice in connection with some of our slaughter houses and factories, in regard to the feeding of pigs upon parts of diseased horses and other disgusting offal, and although it may not seem quite in the line of our ordinary work, we think it our duty to call attention to the matter, and in the interest of public health to urge an inspection of these places.

During the past year a number of large, illustrated sheets, substantially mounted on linen, and giving plain directions for resuscitating the drowning, have been placed in conspicuous positions; in the different boathouses, wharves, railway stations, at Britannia and Aylmer, at Cumming's and Billings' bridges, at the exhibition grounds, at Rockliffe Park, at the foot of the locks and in other places where their information might be of use.

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Grappling irons have been placed in each of the cab shelters, and in the fire station at New Edinburgh. They were immediately called into requisition on the occasion of the drowning disaster at Aylmer last summer, and shortly afterwards another and yet another misfortune have

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proved the need which they have supplied. We have contributed towards the purchase of medals which are awarded every year by the Royal Canadian Humane Association for bravery in risking life to save the lives of others, and were represented at the distribution in Toronto last summer by our President, Hon. Mrs. Herbert. Many of our members are also members of this National Association and their names have been accompanied by generous subscriptions, while one of our vice-presidents, Lady Grant, has offered to contribute a silver medal annually to these awards.

Last June Mrs. Herbert bade a final farewell to Canada, and when we assembled after the summer holidays we found ourselves without our devoted and unselfish leader, who had spared neither time, labor nor money to promote the efficiency of the Society over which she had so ably presided. By the subscription of some of the members a beautiful little gold medal of the Society has been sent to her, which bore a Latin inscription expressing the hope that hereafter it might please her to remember

We claim the Children's Aid Society as our descendant, with these things. our Children's Aid Committee for an ancestor. This Committee in the hands of Mrs. Frechette, Mrs. Featherstone, Mrs. Gemmell, Miss Nicholson and Miss Seymour, was untiring in its efforts, doing everything that could be done for suffering children, until the legislation which our president (Lady Ritchie) had instigated, promoted, and finally done much to bring to a successful issue, had made it possible for them to emerge into a w ler field and to form the nucleus of the Association which is now doing so great a work in our midst; their success in rescuing little girls from the dangers of selling newspapers on the streets, and watching over them until to-day some of them are valued and efficient domestic servants, will not be deemed an achievement uuworthy of a place beside the deeds of the Children's Aid Society-

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ant, with mittee in mell, Miss everything which our done much emerge into s now doing little girls atching over stic servants, le the deeds We are sharing with the W.C.T.U. the labor and expense of maintaining a temporary shelter for the newsboys on Slater St. It may be seen in operation every day from three until eight o'clock during the winter months and we hope to enlist public sympathy in helping us to procure a *permanent* building for this purpose, so that our next report may be able to announce its erection. The work is now in its second year of successful operation, but its efficiency is much hampered for want of suitable quarters. Landlords are most unwilling to let their rooms for such a rough purpose, while an expenditure slightly in excess of the cost of one of the cab shelters would place this most useful charity on a permanent footing.

We are trying to deal with the terrible sufferings of poor animals which are left exposed to the extremes of the weather, and without food or water, often days together at the railway stations. Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Frechette and Miss Nicholson form the Committee appointed for this work, and have ascertained that, as the law now stands, no relief can be *enforced*, but that a slight amendment would oblige the railway companies to provide shelter for the animals until removed by their owners. To build such shelters at all the stations would involve a large outlay, so that any legislation would probably be strenuously opposed, therefore the committee advises that several societies unite in petitioning the railway companies to erect shelters here which drovers may use at a reasonable fee. In this the "Act to Prevent Cruelty to Animals" would make it a simple matter to do away with further suffering, as lack of accommodation could no longer be pleaded as an excuse for neglect.

And just one word about our poor, much abused, much misunderstood ambulance. We had hoped that it would prove to many sufferers among us a source of relief and comfort which we might record with pride and satisfaction. Neither pains nor expense were spared to procure the best that could be made in Canada—but its finely adjusted springs are too sensitive to the humps and bumps of our streets. One suited to them would have cost very much less, but this experience has come too late, and let us hope that local improvements may speedily substantiate the correctness of this explanation.

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We had counted on a small grant of money from the City Council, and His Worship the Mayor, who is "one of us," kindly recommended that it should be given, but in spite of his efforts to further our interests, our appeal was unsuccessful and we have carried on our work this year without soliciting outside contributions either directly or indirectly. Our only funds have been our membership fees, our own subscriptions and one kind donation of \$5 from Mrs. Gascoigne.

We are sometimes tempted to become discouraged on finding that the results of our work appear not to be all that we hoped for, yet if we contrast many things as they are now with what they were eight years ago I am sure we need not apologize for our existence.

SARAH LAMBART,

Honorary Secretary.

Miss Kingsford, Treasurer, in Account with the Ottawa Humane Society, 1895-96

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.		
February, 1895-86		February, 1895-96-		
Cash in hand Membership fees, (68) Mrs. Gascoigne Reports to members Balance from Mrs. Herbert's gift Towards grappling irons Newboys shelter		Inspector per year, \$5 per month Feb. 7th—Typing Secretary's Report Mar. 12th—Royal Humane Association, Toronto, 1st annual subscription for Rewards "Printing (Jourual) April 2nd—Affiliation fee—Women's Council May 8th—Secretary Humane Association, Toronto for recuscitation charts "20th—Minute books -Durie	5 3 2 5 1	00 00 00 00 00
Respetfully submitted, ALICE KINGSFORD, Treasurer.		June 11th—Postage for Reports "Supplemented Newsboys' bags July 20th—Grappling irons Oct. 23rd—500 post cards for Secretary Feb. 3rd—Subscripsion post cards "13th - Printing Annual Peport (Free Press) Newsboys' shelter Postage	2 6 2 23	00 50 00 00 75 00 50 17
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