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From a painting by H. Hardy.

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- I. WHAT THE SOCIETY WILL SEEK TO PREVENT.
- II. CARE OF THE WAIFS AND STRAYS OF OUR CITIES.
- III. LESSONS IN KINDNESS TO ANIMALS AND BIRDS.
- IV. THE HUMANE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.
- V. MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

This publication is issued by the Toronto Humane Society in the hope that the perusal of its pages will be the means of awakening and keeping alive a genuine and practical interest on the part of the Toronto public and the public generally in the aims and objects of the Society.

The general scope of the work is indicated in the five parts into which the publication is divided. Each part is complete in itself, and teaches its own lesson.

In connection with each part will be found a statement of reasons why the subject of such part has been so fully treated. It was felt that if this were not done, and, in a sense, somewhat exhaustively, and with a varied series of facts, anecdotes and stories—in prose and poetry—the lesson sought to be taught, and enforced, would fail to impress the mind of the reader as fully as was desirable.

The Society felt, too, that, without full information of the subject of the work of a Humane Society, it could not expect that a general appeal for the necessary funds to carry on its operations would be so successful as it would be after that information was furnished. Without these funds the reader will see that but little can be accomplished. This will be the more apparent to those who look over the extensive field which a Humane Society should occupy, and which is sketched out in this publication. To half do the work proposed would be to invite failure, and to discourage the willing workers and helpers in such a highly-benevolent cause.

It will be noticed, by referring to the Index, that quite a number of the selections made, in prose and poetry, are from Canadian sources. Each one is marked with an asterisk. This shows that the humane sentiment is largely diffused among our people, and that it is the theme of many of our writers.

The two noted engravings—the frontispiece and that on page xiv.—illustrate, each in a beautiful manner, the fact that in the most refined, as in the simple child of Nature, sympathy for God's dumb creatures is equally strong and tender. How true it is that—

“One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin.”

The Society had hoped to have been enabled to distribute this publication gratuitously, or at a merely nominal charge. The cost, however, of the numerous engravings, added to the cost of stereotyping and printing the large edition of 10,000 copies, absolutely prevents the Directors from doing so. The price has, nevertheless, been fixed by them at the low rate of 25 cents per copy, or five copies to one address for \$1. To kindred Societies, and to other parties, the price, in packages of not less than 100 copies, will be \$15 per 100.

The Society hopes that the publication of such an array of facts, incidents, anecdotes and sketches, as are contained in this work, will induce every reader, by a natural and kindly impulse, to become an active and earnest helper in this preëminently good and noble cause.

With such an object in view, and with the prayer that a blessing may attend the efforts of the Society to prevent cruelty to dumb animals and to aid in the rescue of homeless waifs and neglected children, this publication is sent forth by the Society on its mission of kindness and mercy.

J. G. H.

TORONTO, July, 1888.

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It is earnestly hoped that other of our generous citizens will follow these examples so that the Society may be enabled to prosecute its work with energy and vigor.

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The thanks of the Society are also tendered to the Chicago and other Humane Societies, and to The Century Company, New York, for the use of a few of the beautiful engravings in this publication.

A FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give and bequeath to the Board of Directors of the Toronto Humane Society the sum of _____ dollars, to be used for carrying on the benevolent objects of the aforesaid Society.

NOTE.—The Toronto Humane Society is incorporated by Provincial Charter.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED IN TORONTO.

As soon as anyone is aware of any act of cruelty to animals, or of cruelty to or of neglect by parents of their children, a notice should at once be sent to Mr. J. J. Kelso, the Secretary of the Society (Post Office Box 2654); or, if the case is one requiring immediate attention, notify Inspector Archabold, at Police headquarters. In each case all the evidence possible should be procured.

Give name and residence of offender, when known; time when, and the place where, the offence was committed.

Get name of owner or receiver of animals driven or carried in a cruel manner; name of owner and driver of horses or other animals used in unfit condition, or otherwise abused.

If prosecution is required, furnish names of two or more witnesses, and a full statement of facts.

All communications are regarded as confidential by the Society.

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