

PROGRAM OF THE  
 FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
 of the  
MINNESOTA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
 State Capitol  
 St. Paul  
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1916, 4:00 P. M.

- (1) Invocation
- (2) Roll Call
- (3) Proxies
- (4) Reading of Minutes of last Annual Meeting
- (5) Appintment of Committees
- (6) Nomination of 10 Directors for three years, to take  
the place of:

T. A. Abbott	St. Paul	Mrs. Robt. F. Pack	Mpls
Mrs. J. A. Brown	Fergus Falls	H. P. Roberts	Mpls
Mrs. Perry Harrison	Mpls	Z. T. F. Runner	Austin
John G. Hormal	Austin	Earl Simpson	Winona
James Nankivell	St. Paul	F. M. Stevens	Alexandria

whose terms of office expire this year.

Resolutions (Rev. H. F. Parshall, Cass Lake -- condolence)

- (8) Report of Secretary
- (9) Report of Treasurer
- (10) Reports from Societies
- (11) Reports from Committees
- (12) Unfinished business
- (13) New Business
- (14) General Discussion
- (15) Adjournment

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REPORT  
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Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1916, 4:00 P. M., Room 237.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryan.

- (1) Invocation by Rev. A. W. Ryan.
- (2) Motion prevailed that the calling of the roll be dispensed with.

Present: Messrs. Ryan, Duluth; Nankivell, St. Paul; Averill, Winona; Ross, Duluth; Bradley, Minneapolis; Mrs. James A. Brown, Fergus Falls; Mrs. C. T. Burnley, St. Paul.

- (3) Proxies: W. B. Webb, Wabasha; S. C. Goff Jr., Owatonna; R. D. Mc Kercher, Duluth; Rev. James Donahoe, Minneapolis; G. A. Dole, Minneapolis; W. S. Shaft, Faribault; John A. Hormel, Austin; George K. Belden, Minneapolis; James A. Brown, Fergus Falls; Galen A. Merrill, Owatonna; Frank M. Stevens, Alexandria; W. B. Mitchell, St. Cloud; H. P. Roberts, Minneapolis; J. W. Taylor, St. Paul; H. C. Theopold, Faribault; John W. Murdock, Wabasha; C. K. Bennett, Owatonna; J. W. Rowland, Owatonna; C. L. Kennedy, Mankato; J. H. Hohmann, Mankato; W. A. Hubbard, Lake City; Henry N. Benson, St. Peter; Phillip Dick, St. Peter; O. H. Schroeder, Faribault; Thomas E. Cashman, Owatonna; Henry Moll, St. Peter; C. J. Buxton, Owatonna; George L. Treat, Alexandria; J. G. Dill, Wabasha; E. B. Kenefic, Wabasha; Mrs. Perry Harrison, Minneapolis; Mrs. C. H. Goodrich, St. Paul; T. A. Abbott, St. Paul; and Mrs. M. E. Harrison, Morris.

(4) The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the Secretary, and, on motion, approved.

(5) The following Committees were appointed:

Nominations:

Mr. Nankivell  
Mrs. Brown  
Mrs. Burnley

Resolutions:

Mr. Ross  
Mr. Averill  
Miss Millard

(6) The Nominating Committee reported the nomination of 10 Directors for three years, as follows:

John S. Fugate	St. Paul	Mrs. Glen F. Andrews	St. Paul
Mrs. Jas. A. Brown	Fergus Falls	H. P. Roberts	Mpls.
Mrs. Perry Harrison	Mpls.	Z. T. E. Runner	Austin
John G. Hormal	Austin	Earl Simpson	Winona
Jas. Nankivell	St. Paul	F. M. Stevens	Alexandria

On motion, the secretary was instructed to cast vote for the directors as nominated, and this being done, above were declared elected directors for three years.

(7) The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

(1) RESOLVED: That this Society approves of the appointment made by the Governor of a Child Welfare Commission to codify the Statutes relative to children and that all subordinate Societies aid said Commission by suggestions and otherwise in carrying on its work.

(2) RESOLVED: That a Committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions of condolence to be forwarded to the widow of our late member, Rev. H. F. Parshall.

(3) RESOLVED: That the President-elect appoint a Committee to wait on the Governor to endeavor to impress on him the importance of the State making some appropriation for the work of this Society for the year 1917-1918.

Motion prevailed that Nominating Committee name a successor to fill the place of Rev. H. F. Parshall.

(8) The report of the Secretary was read. (Exhibit A)

(9) The report of the Treasurer was read by the Secretary, Mr. Nash being unable to attend. (Exhibit B)

(10) Reports from Societies were read and given as follows:

Minneapolis Humane Society	W. W. Bradley	(Exhibit C)
St. Paul	Miss Millard	( " D)
Duluth	Mr. Ross	( " E)
Fergus Falls	Mrs. Brown	( " F)
Winona	Mr. Averill	( " G)

Motion prevailed that said reports be accepted, and placed on file with the Secretary of State in the usual manner.

(11) The Nominating Committee reported the name of Mrs. H. F. Parshall, and recommended that she be appointed to fill the vacancy left at the death of her husband.

Report was put to motion and carried.

Motion prevailed that the present committee be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Mr. Parshall, to send to Mrs. Parshall.

Motion prevailed that the Committee to wait upon the Governor be appointed by the new president.

Letter reporting extreme cruelty in the methods used in the Jewish slaughter houses at South St. Paul brought up for discussion by the St. Paul Society. Matter to be referred officially to the St. Paul Humane Society for investigation and report.

It was suggested that, in order to replenish the treasury, the subordinate organizations be asked to contribute as Societies, and not exclusively as individuals, as in the past. Matter discussed informally, as was also the matter of having the officers appointed by the Probate Judge, which would give them authority of special police in the County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Wilcox H. Bradley*  
Secretary.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota S. P. C. was called to order by President Ryan. A quorum being present, the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. A. W. Ryan,  
First Vice-President, James Nankivell,  
Second Vice-President, George A. Dole,  
Treasurer, Louis Nash,  
Secretary, W. W. Bradley.

Executive Committee:

Rev. A. W. Ryan,  
James Nankivell,  
George A. Dole,  
W. W. Bradley,

John G. Ross,  
George K. Belden,  
R. D. McKercher.

After discussion, a motion prevailed that a committee be appointed by the President, to wait upon the Governor of the State, with a view to obtaining an appropriation from the State for the work of the Society.

The following Committee was appointed:

Mr. James A. Brown, Chairman; and Messrs: Ross, Fugate, Roberts, O. B. P. Jacobson, Charles Elmquist and W. W. Bradley, and others, should the committee see fit.

Suggestion was made that the Secretary communicate with the subordinate Societies in the State, asking them to pay subscriptions to the State Society, as Societies, and not exclusively as individuals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

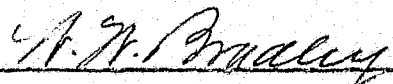
  
Secretary.

EXHIBIT "A"

Last year, it was, on motion, made possible for the officers to make arrangements for extending the work of the Society.

We employed a Mrs. Hill to undertake this. She went into a number of cities, was well received, and we think the try-out was quite successful. She secured somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 subscriptions from persons who joined the Society as members. The amount she received for each subscription varied from 25 cents to ten dollars, but as a rule was two dollars per membership.

Mrs. Hill did not take up any cases, as it was impossible to allow her the time. She would go into a town, and with some letters of introduction, would meet the prominent women. She spoke before clubs and children's organizations and was very well received. In two or three instances, she was recalled to appear before special meetings at special dates, and, as I said before, she secured about 100 members.

It was, she found, impractical for her to be away from home, on account of her little daughter (although her mother was taking care of her) and she resigned and took up some special work in Minneapolis.

We have had some correspondence with a woman to take Mrs. Hill's place, but her ideas of salary were so large that we had to let the matter drop. We paid Mrs. Hill \$75 and her expenses; but as we had no understanding of any underwriting of her expenses, we were afraid that if we continued, we would run into debt, which, for us, would be pretty hard work to take care of. Therefore we have allowed the matter to drop for the present.

As to the cases which have come to the attention of the Secretary:

There have been 51 in which some action was taken; 7 of them being neglect of stock; 4, neglect and ill treatment of stock; 14 involving children; 1, neglect of an old man, and 1, neglect of an old woman. There have been 18 with insufficient information to follow up.

We sent an agent from the Minneapolis Society into Fairmont. She handled a most distressing case against a man named Mapson, in a little town where there was much prejudice on account of relationship. Our agent secured a settlement for the girl, justly, we are sure, although contrary to the opinion of the County Attorney in the matter.

The case of August Grant at Wyoming, was reported to our office. The man was an habitual drinker, who neglected his wife and stock. We sent an agent and had the man arrested, tried and sentenced. The sentence was continued, and he was placed on probation to a business man of the town. We have had one or two reports from the business man, who says that Grant is improving and has not been drunk since.

A Mrs. Collins came to Minneapolis from Bemidji, leaving two dependent children. While she was a worker, it was evident that she was entirely unable to support the two children, and after two or three months, these children were committed to the State School.



We had the case of a Baker family from Cass Lake. There were three children. We tried to get them at Cass Lake, followed them to Bemidji, and finally landed them in our office. The mother was left at Cass Lake, and the three children were taken to a boarding place and cleaned up, and Baker went to work. This was a case in which we worked very closely with our brother who is gone, one in which Mr. Parshall was very much interested and upon which he put a great deal of time. In working with Mr. Parshall, the Judge of Probate who committed the children and sent the sheriff of Minneapolis after them, we had a meeting in our office, with the sheriff, whom Baker did not know, and Mrs. Bradley as a witness, and we persuaded Baker to sign a release and let the children go with the sheriff. The children were taken to the State School, where they now are, under the care of the State.

From Farmington we had a complaint of a man neglecting a heifer. We wrote directly to the farmer and have had reports from him, and also from the person who made the complaint, that the heifer has been destroyed.

A case was reported to us from Luverne. A boy, a minor, 16 years old, had been arrested for burglary and was kept in jail two months before the Grand Jury met. We had recommendations from his school and from his people and others who had known him for years. The Secretary met in St. Paul, the attorney from Luverne, and asked him to appear for the boy and see if he could not make it possible for him to plead on a lighter charge than burglary. It seemed that the boy had just left home and was without friends or money, and had picked up some trinkets in a farm house, for which he had been held in jail. The attorney made arrangements that if the attorney would appear and the judge allow him to plead, that that was all there would be to it, but they sent a message that it was impossible to handle it that way and the Secretary went to Luverne next day and had a conference with the attorney and Judge Nelson. The Judge allowed him to plead on the charge of petty larceny, and he plead guilty, was put on probation to the secretary, and sent that night to his brother in New York.

Our attention was called to a young boy in the Hennepin Co. jail, being committed there from Anoka County. He was a young stripling, convicted of stealing copper from the rails of the Railroad. This boy also had good references, and it was his first offence. He was committed from Anoka County, and we learned that his commitment had been entirely contrary to law. It was effected in a printing shop -- that was where the Court was held -- and after his trial he was sent to Minneapolis immediately. We secured an attorney who served habeas corpus papers and the sheriff from Anoka came over and the boy was released.

These are some of the cases in which we have had a chance to be represented and accomplish some good.

There have been many cases reported which we have taken up (according to the recommendations of our last meeting) with the County Attorney, or some representative in the community. This has all been done without expense to the Society, with the exception of a nominal expense, paid to an attorney, of about \$18, which the secretary has gladly paid himself, and about which the Society need not be concerned.

This comprises the report of the Secretary.

EXHIBIT "B"

Salaries	\$172.34	
Expenses	65.56	
Printing and Stationery	26.70	
Postage	<u>8.00</u>	
	272.60	
Receipts from November 17, 1915, to date		\$280.45
Checks paid #1 to #26		<u>272.60</u>
	Balance	7.85

EXHIBIT "C"

MINNEAPOLIS.

Our Budget last year reached nearly \$14,000. A little over \$8,000 of this, we received in public subscriptions, which sum was entirely spent in the work.

We have an auxiliary conducting Rosedale Cottage, at which about 80 children were boarded for us -- children from families either dependent, or where the father and mother are in Court, either one suing for divorce from the other. Average stay of these children at Rosedale Cottage is three months.

We have maintained the Animal Shelter, under contract with the City, for which we received \$4620.00. This contract has continued from year to year. During the past year we handled something like 5200 animals of all descriptions, large and small, and about 3200 children.

About two years ago, an effort was started to unite the children's work of the Humane Society and the work of the Juvenile Protective League. After a great deal of effort, especially in the past month or two, arrangements are practically completed whereby the Children's Protective Society will do the children's work of the two Societies, and the Animal Rescue League will do the animal work of the Minneapolis Humane Society.

We have chosen not to "give the work over" to anybody. We had two corporations. We have continued the corporate existence of both, as one for children and one for animals. The Minneapolis Humane Society has ceased to be, but continues its existence in the Animal Rescue League, and the Juvenile Protective League has changed its name to the Children's Protective Society. We are the organization that is doing the children's



work, and to continue the corporate existence of the two organizations without the expense of our re-incorporating, we have apparently joined the work of the Juvenile Protective League.

The public will gain this: They will have a Society exclusively for children, for which they will be asked for support, in place of two Societies, as heretofore. The Animal Rescue League will ask for some assistance, but not as much, as they have an appropriation from the city. This has been under consideration for over two years, and we have not a dissenting voice in either Board, nor in the Civic and Commerce Association.

EXHIBIT "D"

St. Paul.

Children's Department-		
No. cases reported and investigated.		297
Parents warned for neglect	114	
"    "    taken to Court for same	61	
Children taken from parents and committed to State School	9	
"    "    Orphan Asylum	10	
Placed in private homes	8	
"    "    feeble minded school	2	
"    "    City Hospital	4	
Referred to Baby Welfare Assn.	14	
Young girls warned for incorrigibility	9	
Taken into Court for same	8	
Placed in Detention Home	8	
Placed in House of Good Shepard	2	
Committed to School, Sauk Center	4	
Referred to Police Women	4	
Young boys warned for incorrigibility	10	
Taken into Court for same	4	
Referred to Labor Bureau	2	
Placed in Detention Home	4	
Committed to School, Red Wing	2	
Whole number of minors involved		374
Men prosecuted for non-support	6	
"    "    "    bastardy	1	
Old people found neglected	6	
Placed in City Hospital	3	
Cases referred to different charitable organizations		20
"    investigated for Humane Societies of other cities		7
"    referred to    "    "    "    "    "		6

Animal Department

Number of horses destroyed	246
"    "    "    and barns inspected	200
"    "    "    laid off from work	100

Number of owners and drivers warned	64
" " horses ordered blanketed	40
" " " inspected in stock car	15
" " " ordered to V. S.	8
" " snatch teams ordered	6
" " horses ordered to pasture	5
" " " sold in unfit condition	3
" " mules destroyed	1
" " persons warned for cruelty to mules	1
" " horses rescued from flood	11
Total number of cases	700
Number of cows destroyed	9
" " calves	1
" " cows rescued	2
" " owners warned for neglect	6
" " cattle relieved from cruelty	9
Total number of cases	27
Number of dogs humanely killed	2078
" " " placed in homes	50
" " owners warned for neglect	11
" " dogs rescued	1
Total number of cases	2140
Number of cats humanely killed	3000
" " " placed in homes	30
" " " rescued	24
Total number of cases	3054
Number of boys warned for shooting birds	35
" " birds chloroformed	18
" " air guns taken from boys	5
Total number of cases	58
Number of white rats placed in homes	1
" " persons warned for cruelty to rats	2
" " rabbits chloroformed	3
" " chickens shot	1
" " coops of chickens inspected	5
Total number of cases	22
Total number of cases in animal department	5991

Many bird cards and blanketing cards were posted.

EXHIBIT "E"

DULUTH

It seems to me a good suggestion, that organizations report any cases taken care of outside their own counties, to Mr. Bradley. During this year, there have been several cases of this kind which I did not report.

A little girl of thirteen came into the office, living outside our district. We listened to her story, which was that her father had had improper relations with her, which we believed; but in telling her story, she was very elaborate in her praise of a certain undertaker living near her, who was so kind to her and took her in when her father was mean to her, and it aroused our

suspicious. We got the chief of police and the sheriff and went over and interviewed the undertaker. He became very much involved as he told the story, getting more and more mixed in his talk, and the result was that the undertaker is now in the penitentiary, and the father was found not guilty. We thought almost surely that he was guilty, but there were three other children, and it seemed best that he take care of his family. This took probably a week of the time of our Society and should have been credited to the State Society. There have been other cases taking a great deal of time, one of them in Aiken County.

The work of the Society itself in Duluth, is progressing fairly well. We appear to have more people who now take some interest in the Society, who have not known very much about it before, and as others have increased their interest in the past year, we look forward and hope that the Society will progress.

#### EXHIBIT "F"

##### FERGUS FALLS

We are going along the same lines. We were so aggressive years ago, that the number of cases at present seems really to be less.

#### EXHIBIT "G"

##### WINONA

We have handled about 240 cases. We have taken four children to the State School.

Our work is somewhat new. We have the case of an incorrigible girl of 14. I came to this meeting purposely to find the proper place to send her. She is now on probation to me. (Note: Sauk Center advised)

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINNESOTA  
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

WHEREAS, with great regret, this Society received the news of the passing from this life of one of our Directors, the Ven. H. F. Parshall, late Archdeacon of Duluth, and

WHEREAS, he has labored long and ardently among the Indian population, in the northern and colder part of our State; those Indians to whom we owe so much of care and protection. Zealously and faithfully he has ministered to the pioneer white population who are constantly crowding and modifying the Indian life and then, too, as if his labors were not abundant enough, he had shown interest and given valuable assistance to this Society in its peculiar effort to guard those neglected and abused;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we inscribe on our records our high appreciation of the endurance, the faithfulness, the labor of love, of one who has won high place in the appreciation of his Church and at the same time has done his share for the protection and for the assistance of God's little ones wherever they are to be found. It is a great record and one of which his friends may be proud. We regret his absence from our councils and would express to his wife and family our sincerest sympathy, a sympathy, however, tempered with a joyous sense of the reward which waits on the completion here below of all tender and God-fearing lives.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

(Signed) A. W. Ryan,  
President.

W. W. Bradley  
Secretary.

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