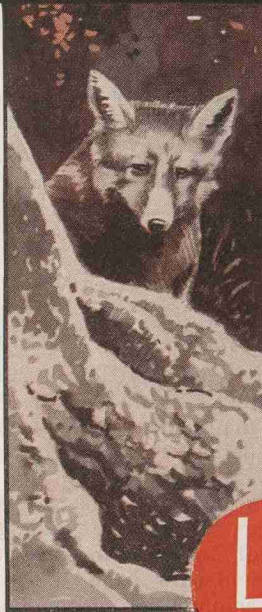


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VISCOUNT MORLEY, O.M.—"I am quite sure that the time will come when people will read of the wanton cruelties which we now inflict in Sport with the same wonder and abhorrence with which we now read of the bloody orgies of savage tribes and the cruel scenes of the Roman amphitheatre."

VIEWS AND NEWS

By The Editor, HENRY B. AMOS.

Obituary

Again we have to mourn the passing of several of our stalwarts—Rev. Dr. Robert, F. Horton, Dr. Philip G. Peabody, of America, and Rev. Basil Bouchier.

Dr. Horton was a friend of the League from the beginning and one of its first Vice-Presidents. He opposed all cruel sports, he said, "because he was a Christian." He did not come much into the limelight in our Cause, but his whole philosophy of life and his preaching and teaching were coloured by the recognition of the rights of animals and man's duties to them and to himself.

"My whole soul," he once wrote to the Editor, "revolts against the unnecessary cruelties perpetrated in the name of Sport."

Dr. Philip Peabody

Dr. Peabody was perhaps the greatest globe-trotting humanitarian of all time. He had crossed the Atlantic 145 times, and it was once said of him that he was as much at home in London, Paris, Vienna, Geneva, Madrid, Oslo, and Copenhagen, as at Boston, U.S.A., where he lived—when he could. Dr. Peabody detested cruelty and may truly be said to have been a missionary of the eternal values of justice and compassion to all living things. He was born in New York but died in Denmark, on February 25 this year, at the age of 77.

Dr. Peabody was a most generous supporter of the League in its early days, largely through the good offices of Mr. Ernest Bell, who usually helped him in allocating his bounties in this country.

Rev. Basil Bouchier

Here was another star who shone brightly and consistently on our side, and did not mince his words when attacking the major cruelties and debasements of cruel sports. Rev. Basil Bouchier was a challenging eloquent speaker and became a considerable influence in forcing forward some of the more lagging Societies in our midst with which he became closely connected.

In a memorable message to one of our public meetings in 1927 he wrote to the Editor: "God speed you in your splendid protest against the intolerable travesties upon the honourable name of Sport. Originally, this word meant 'Fun,' nowadays, it stands for Murder."

Mrs. Drakoules' Memorial

It is not often that we have the opportunity of expressing in such a happy fashion our grati-

tude to any of our pioneers as we have in the Mrs. Drakoules Memorial Fund noted on another page. For nearly fifty years this good lady devoted time and money, as well as her great charm and abilities, to promoting the Cause of Animals. For nearly forty years the writer has known, at first hand, of the splendour of these efforts, which were maintained till near the close of her life last year.

We shall honour ourselves in sharing in erecting the Bird-Bath-Fountain, decided upon, with its constant flow of water, and we invite all who feel they would like to honour the memory of such a devoted worker, to help by sending a gift, no matter how small, to the address given.

The Summer Campaign

The approach of summer with its prospect of long, sunny days, turns our thoughts to the manifold pleasures out-of-doors which can only be obtained during this season of the year. The Executive Committee suggest that during the summer months our campaign should be promulgated and our funds augmented by the holding of Garden Parties, Open-Air Meetings, or Fetes, and they would be exceedingly grateful for the co-operation of members and others who can help in any of these ways. We would gladly send one or more speakers to these functions. In this manner would the Cause be advanced during a season when public meetings and debates are not usually held.

The Committee are gratified with the result, so far, of their Appeal made in the Annual Report to increase subscriptions in view of the lack of legacies. As, however, the beneficial results of our campaign against cruel sports becomes more and more evident, it becomes increasingly necessary to build up a financial reserve so that we have the means of rapid attack when necessary.

In connection with Garden Parties and other outdoor functions various means have been successfully used by members to collect money, as, for example, the "Mile" of Pennies, also a little compact Board, known as a Punch-Board. The latter can be conveniently carried in the pocket or handbag, and there are a number of cash prizes. If 500 members each took one of these Boards our income would be stabilized for the year. A little effort each day by these means would greatly widen the scope and results of our appeal, and the secretary will be pleased to supply full particulars on application.

A SKETCH**HUNTED**

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It was such a bright, clear day, not too cold, and with no wind to stir the crisp air. The clearness had in it something of the hardness of an early summer morning, so that the leafless trees stood out dark and tangled against the pale pearly sky. The sun was a hazy gold, and the fields, though sombre and grey rather than green, had a clear-cut beauty about them. It was on such a morning that one felt it was so very nearly spring, and yet it was not quite.

Merle felt the freshness and softness in the air, and as she emerged from the copse she let out a whoop of joy. From the trees behind her a voice shouted in reply.

She dodged, going back on her own track, vanishing behind convenient trees, crouching behind banks, skirting fields. She would show that top-heavy cousin of hers that she was as good as he, and that he could not catch her and administer the threatened (albeit well-deserved) chastisement.

The exhilarating joy of the chase filled her; she was cunning, she hid and listened to him as he ran past her, panting. Crouching in a ditch, she heard a new sound—musical, faint, yet fitting to this clear and lovely morning. The hounds in full cry, swept across a field in the distance. Merle sprang out of the ditch and on to the bank to watch them, regardless of the fact that she was visible to her own pursuer. Exultantly she listened for a minute, thinking half-consciously of the joy she had felt in the chase when she was eluding her cousin. Yet somehow that had been different. She had not been running for her life, but for the fun of the thing, matching her wits against his with only a small price to pay if she were caught. It had been pure sport to her, as it was for the hounds streaming across the distant meadow. And suddenly, from exultation, her mood changed.

The boy sprang up the bank beside her, pausing a moment, puzzled because she did not run.

"Listen!" she commanded.

"Great!" He whooped his excitement, forgetting that a moment ago he and Merle had been enemies. "Come on, they're coming this way. Let's follow."

"No!" Like the crack of a whip Merle's answer came. "Beast!" she cried passionately. "Think of the fox, you little beast. He won't get away, I know he won't."

The boy looked at her in amazement. There were tears in her eyes, and she stamped her foot at him.

"Don't be silly," he said uncomfortably. "It doesn't matter all that. Let's go back to the house. I'm awfully hungry, and I know mother's baking this morning, and we might sneak a cake or two. Come on."

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RODEO

The announcement that a Rodeo was to be staged at the White City, London, in June, created consternation in many minds, for it meant that another strenuous attempt was to be made to fasten Rodeo on the country as a "new national" sport.

Fortunately, the hostility with which the announcement was greeted in the press and by humanitarians generally, has so stirred the country that the Bill, sponsored by Sir Robert Gower, and supported by Lt.-Col. Moore, Mr. Groves and others, has passed its third reading and received the blessing of the Government.

We are delighted at the thought that another Rodeo in England seems an impossibility. And yet, whilst the spirit of "blood" sports exists, and especially as exemplified by that scandalous iniquity, hare-hunting at Eton College, any debasement in the way of cruelty to animals is possible. In Rodeo the cowboy takes his life in his hands; at Eton it is a case of twenty or more dogs with probably forty or fifty boys chasing a harmless defenceless little creature like a hare for hours and to the death for fun.

No! Rodeo is not dead. It is only scotched. It lives and flourishes in hunting to sere and poison the souls of our young people everywhere and so help prepare them for that supremest of all iniquities, war of man with his brother man.

The chief provisions of the Bill are:—

No person shall promote, produce, exhibit, or take part in any public contest, public performance, or public exhibition which consists of

- (a) Throwing, casting, roping, or catching with ropes or other appliances any animal; or
- (b) Wrestling, fighting, or struggling with any animal; or
- (c) Riding, or attempting to ride, any untamable or uncontrollable animal.

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Record Fox-Kills

The Quorn Hounds have had a record kill this season—nearly 120 foxes.

Daily Mail.

Mrs. DRAKOULES' MEMORIAL

A strong desire having been expressed by leading humanitarian workers that a Memorial should be promoted to the late Mrs. Alice Marie Drakoules, a few of her old friends and colleagues desire to commend the proposal to animal-lovers generally.

For nearly fifty years Mrs. Drakoules was both an ardent worker and generous supporter of the humanitarian movement. About 1887 she formed a branch of the Band of Mercy at her residence, at Weybridge, where distinguished guests lectured. Four years later, at her London home, 14, Park Square East, Regents Park, was founded the Humanitarian League, of which she became the Hon. Treasurer and was recognised as a strenuous worker on the Committee for over twenty years. Up to 1932, she held "At Homes" at which prominent authori-

**MRS. DRAKOULES.**

ties lectured on humanitarian and allied subjects, including Cruel Sports. Her home thus became a famous centre, radiating progressive and anti-cruelty principles both at home and abroad. She, herself, twenty years ago, when travelling with her husband and co-worker, Dr. Platon Drakoules, addressed meetings in Egypt, Greece, Turkey and Roumania, thus inaugurating a movement which led to anti-cruelty legislation in these countries.

It has been decided that the Memorial should take the form of a Bird-Bath-Fountain, with drinking trough for dogs, near her residence at Regents Park, a spot now so sacred to humanitarian memories and activities.

A subscription List has been opened, and remittances (no matter how small) will be gratefully received. Cheques and money orders should be drawn to the order of Samuel Hop-

good Hart, Hon. Treasurer, crossed Barclays Bank, Ltd., and addressed to Henry B. Amos, the Hon. Secretary, "Mrs. Drakoules Memorial Fund," Hamilton Lodge, Kings Park Road, Bournemouth.

The Appeal is signed by, among others: The Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, Monsieur D. Caclamanos (Greek Minister), Henry S. Salt, Esq., Miss Lind-Af-Hageby, Mrs. C. Despard, Miss Charlotte E. Woods, David Gow, Esq., etc.,

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IMPORTED FOXES

Sir,—Mr. Fitzwilliam, of the British Field Sports Society, describes the methods used to kill foxes in a wild part of Wales. A fox-shoot carried out with the aid of a pack of hounds he inaccurately describes as "hunting the country," but let that pass. He conveniently omits to mention that conditions in most parts of England where hunting is possible are so different that the chief problem of the fox-hunter is how to get enough foxes to hunt. I quote from Clapham's "Foxes, foxhounds and fox-hunting," "There was and is still some demand for healthy cubs and adult foxes for re-stocking purposes, and if the consequent supply had been confined to foxes from the non-hunting districts of Scotland and other parts of Great Britain, we should have been spared the epidemics of mange that have so often broken out."

Mrs. M. C. Chapman in
Reading Mercury, March 17.

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The R.S.P.C.A.

Sir,—How many members of the L.P.C.S. are members of the R.S.P.C.A.? And will they not move the R.S.P.C.A. to amend its name by inserting "Some" between "Cruelty" and "Animals"? This would end the impudent farce of the R.S.P.C.A. prosecuting boys for hunting cats when it refuses to prosecute fox-hunting people for doing exactly the same sort of thing.—FRANCIS SPRING RICE, Comdr., R.N., retd.

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HUNTING ATMOSPHERE

When a former naval officer was charged at Westminster yesterday with obtaining money by false pretences, and with theft, he pleaded that he had had a bad bringing up.

"I spent my youth in an atmosphere of hunting and yachts," he said.

The magistrate said it was the most pitiful case he had had before him for a long time.

News-Chronicle, Feb. 27.

MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM

Mr. J. C. Sharp, secretary of the League was the principal speaker at a meeting held in the Adult School, Friar Lane, on March 13.

Ald. J. B. Griffin, presiding, said the fair county of Nottinghamshire was famous (or infamous) for what was euphemistically called "the chase." But he had long held the conviction that the supreme urge to decent-minded citizens was to suppress, whenever possible, cruelty and injustice to animal creatures.

"In our treatment of animals," said Mr. Sharp, "we have a double standard of morality. On the one hand we could declare with pride we were the greatest animal-loving country in the world; on the other hand, there is no country which indulges in cruelty to animals for sport to the extent of this country."

Stag hunting, he continued, was anything but a humane sport, and the League urged that the deer ravaged the crops of farmers, and that farmers were entitled to protection.

"The League considers that the whole thing should be put under a Government department," said Mr. Sharp, "and responsible game wardens employed to track and stalk and keep the numbers down when necessary."

As for fox hunting, they knew it was cruel to chase the animal to its death or until it escaped in an exhausted condition. Only one-fifth of the farming community in any hunting country benefited from the sport, the others being heavy losers.

Touching upon coursing, Mr. Sharp gave particulars of his experiences during a visit this year when the Waterloo Cup was being decided.

"From what I saw," he remarked, "it was difficult to realise I was living in the year 1934.

"I can understand that there are a number of the hunting fraternity who hunt for the horsemanship and the joy of the chase over the open country; but I cannot understand my fellow countrymen and countrywomen paying to watch the terrible slaughter of hares that occurred at this coursing meeting.

"I contend," said Mr. Sharp, in conclusion, "that a man who is cruel in his dealings with animals is apt to become cruel in his dealings with his fellow-men. Those who are working for the abolition of cruelty to animals are working also to protect man against himself."

The vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Councillor Miss E. M. Scattergood, seconded by Mr. E. H. Goddard. Recitations were given by Miss Constance Barrett. The address of the local representative is Miss F. M. Roper, Belvoir Mount, Sneinton, Nottingham.

BRISTOL ACTIVITIES

The Report for 1933 of the Bristol Branch of the League is a record indicating much more work than it actually sets forth.

They lost their Chairman, Rev. F. H. Ballard, to Hampstead, but hope soon to find an effective substitute. Several meetings were held during the year and much literature distributed. Perhaps the most significant venture of the Branch was the formation of a Junior Section—the first in the League. It held its first meeting on November 10th, at Keswick House, Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol, when the Leader, Miss W. Medway, told the children about the Animal's Cause and explained that we were a Society for the protection of wild animals as well as domestic. Pictures were thrown on the screen of some of the persecuted wild animals and a short account given of each, the projectoscope being worked by two of the children. Business followed in which the children also took part. The Rules were read and questions encouraged. Quite a little ceremony was made of the enrolling of members, each child coming to the front and reading aloud the Promise on the Membership Card, as follows, before signing it: "I promise to abstain from taking part in any sport which causes suffering to animals and to do my best to influence others."

Considerable interest was taken in the choosing of the Group name, a good majority deciding in favour of "Heather" group. The meetings are held once a month, and it is hoped to form other Groups in the area. Helpers are wanted for this and anyone with a real love of all animals and having the gift of dealing with children are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss N. M. Chapman, 10, Bayswater Avenue, Bristol, W.6. The Annual Subscription is 1/- (minimum). A copy of the rules will be sent to anyone interested on application.

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VOTE AGAINST FOX HUNTING

Acomb Branch of the Junior Imperial League held a debate in Acomb Adult School. In proposing the motion that "Fox-hunting should not be abolished," Mr. Sutcliffe said unemployment would be increased if fox hunting, a very old sport, were stopped. Mr. L. Day seconded.

Mr. N. Scott and Mr. D. Marson opposed the motion by saying that fox hunting was a blood-thirsty so-called sport, which could be carried on with some artificial objective. They declared that the chances against the fox were 100 to one. It was a blot on the prestige of our freedom-loving nation.

On a division the motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority. *Yorks. Herald, Feb. 17*

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IT PROTESTS against the "blooding" of children, and demands its cessation. (*See leaflet "Blooded."*)

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