

## REV'S SPEECH

And the purpose of this service this afternoon is to ask for God's blessing on all these lovely beasts in front of us, so nicely arrayed and so beautifully done up. It's a most moving sight to watch them coming in, as if they knew, as indeed in their hearts they may know, so as we ask God to bless them today, so do we ask that you yourselves wherever you are, before me or behind in the hill will learn to treat them more kindly, in that language that they love and understand.

The Committee wish to acknowledge with thanks their indebtedness to

The Ministry of Works for the use of The Queen's Park and for their kindness shown to us.

Sir W. B. Morren, M.V.O., Chief Constable, The City of Edinburgh Constabulary for the guidance and help of the Police Force.

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All friends and helpers too numerous to mention individually who have shown us great kindness.

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A Man of Kindness to his Beast is kind,  
But Brutal Actions show  
A Brutal Mind.  
Remember, He who made thee  
Made the Brute  
Who gave thee Speech and Reason  
Made him Mute.  
He can't Complain  
But God's all-seeing Eye  
Beholds thy Cruelty,  
And Hears His Cry.  
He was designed thy Servant,  
Not thy Drudge  
Remember, His Creator  
Is thy Judge.

*From the Horse Well at  
INNERWICK  
EAST LoTHIAN*

## FIRST ANNUAL HORSEMAN'S SUNDAY

Held Within  
THE QUEEN'S PARK, EDINBURGH  
SUNDAY, 24th AUGUST 1952

*Service conducted by*  
The Rev. RONALD SELBY WRIGHT, T.D., M.A.  
Minister of the Canongate  
(The Kirk of Holyroodhouse)

## Order of Service

### PSALM 100

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make:  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto:  
Praise, laud and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

AMEN.

### PRAYER

### LESSON

St. Luke, Chapter 19. Verses 29 to 38

### ADDRESS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE BLESSING

### MARCH PAST

## THE PRAYER OF A HORSE

"To thee, master, I offer my prayer.

"Feed me, water and care for me, and when the day's work is done provide me with a shelter, a clean dry bed, and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort. Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you more gladly and learn to love you.

"Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going uphill. Never strike, beat or kick me when I do not understand what you mean, but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet.

"Examine my teeth when I do not eat. I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that you know, is very painful. Do not tie my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defence against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

"And finally, oh my master, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel owner to be slowly tortured and starved to death; but do thou, my master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You may not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him Who was born in a stable.

AMEN."

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