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Preface

The Humane Research Trust for Medical and Scientific Research which initiated the Symposium at which these lectures were given has as its objective the encouragement of scientific research in which the use of animals as an experimental model is replaced by other techniques.

The motivation is, of course, one which reflects the concern so many lay members of the public feel on humanitarian grounds. It is not always recognised that an increasing number of Scientists, who are themselves also members of the public, are also concerned about the use of animals in research.

The practical aspect for the working scientists is how to fulfil his or her commitment to forward research for the benefit of mankind, and avoid the use of animals.

In inviting the distinguished panel of lecturers to present their papers the Trust laid down no directive. It was for the contributors to declare how they saw the importance of the animal as a substitute for man. How they assessed this will be found in the following pages. What should emerge is their readiness to adopt alternative methods if these are available: not only from the standpoint of practical science but also from considerations of compassion.

It would be remiss if in addition to expressing appreciation of the distinctive contribution of the Lecturers if I did not also pay tribute to the help of Professor Dennis V. Parke, Sir Francis Avery Jones and Professor Alastair Worden who kindly consented to Chair the first three sessions of the Conference and so ably set the tone on which it was conducted.

On behalf of the Trust, I am well satisfied with the value of the Conference in which these studies were presented and delighted that they should receive the attention of so distinguished an Editor as Professor Paul Turner.

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