

handed over to Dick, to repay him for the loss of a half-day at school, the magistrate adding laughingly, "That the money would help to feed the poor worn-out nag, Nobby," adding further, that "he hoped soon to see a law passed making docking, over-head check, and too much, or indeed any, use of the whip a criminal offence."

As Dick and his mother prepared to leave the court-room, the magistrate called out :

"Dick Niven! Dick Niven! take your good mother home. And see here, you premature pleader-at-the-bar. I am going home by Bower Avenue, and shall drive round to 15 Spruce Street, and shall go in and have a talk with you and your mother, as well as have a look at that worn-out nag Nobby, whom Nettle says is only fit for the bone-yard."

"All right, sir, mother and I will be right down glad to see you, sir," replied Dick, joyfully, as he prepared to follow his mother out of the court-room, but lingering a minute to add :

"Nobby will be delighted to see your Honor, and will be a living witness not only on my side, but on the side of Band of Mercy treatment of the poor animals, sir. Good-bye, your Honor.

"Good-bye, until this afternoon, my boy."

SLIDE 24.—BAND OF MERCY SONG TO TUNE OF "GOD SAVE OUR
QUEEN."

"God help our loving Band," etc.