

to the inclemency of the weather, the insults (the majority of the children being little girls) of brutal-minded people, and many of them were learning to take the first steps in a career of vice that is far worse than death. In some cases it was thought best to arrest the children themselves, in others their parents only were notified, and all were given to understand that the practice must be stopped. In many cases the parents were very indignant and defiant, but a calm talk and determined attitude produced the desired effect. As a result there are now few children about the streets following the vocation of begging, and thus a great temptation toward vice has been removed. The good influence of the work will be felt in this community for a long time to come.

#### ANIMALS.

During one of the severest snow storms of the season, found a horse attached to a sleigh, left exposed without covering to the weather. Waited some time for the owner, but as he did not appear and as the animal was all "tucked up" with the cold, removed it to a stable and had it properly cared for. Returned and found on enquiry that the horse had been left for over two hours while the owner was getting drunk in various saloons in the neighbourhood. The man was arrested and fined \$10.00 and costs and expenses of keeping the animal.

Report that parties in the country were starving their oxen and had no shelter for them. Went down and had the cattle taken care of at an expense of ten dollars, which we were unable to recover as the parties were too poor.

Found horse being worked with bad gall on shoulder. As the offender had been previously cautioned he was taken before a magistrate and fined four dollars.

Report that parties in the city had a wild cat which they had matched against four Irish terriers. It was intended to put the cat and dogs together into an empty room and await the result. Notified the parties concerned and gave publicity to the affair through the daily papers. By this means the barbarous cruelty that would have ensued was prevented.

A cow having strayed from the pasture of her owner on to that of a neighbour was stoned and forced over an embankment by said neighbour, whereby she broke her leg. Fined \$25.00.