

upon the owners and their families. Yet their own sufferings cry aloud to the merciful for relief. The subject is a difficult one, and it is only here referred to in the hope that some one may suggest a sufficient and easily-applied remedy. A fund specially devoted to their purchase and humane destruction is one way that suggests itself. These animals usually cost their owners from \$2 to \$10—seldom above \$5. Is there a humane man or woman in this city who will originate such a fund?

AGENTS WANTED.

It is the desire of this Society to have a Corresponding Agent in every district in the province where there is no Branch Society. It is hoped that persons may be found who are so interested in the protection of helpless women, children, and dumb animals, as to be willing to accept the position. Of course these Agents cannot be paid except for special services. In the meantime our Secretary will be sent—as often as our funds will permit—to any part of the province where important cases need investigation.

THE CRUEL OVER-CHECK.

About 500 Veterinary Surgeons in Great Britain signed a paper condemning the tight check-rein as painful to horses, and productive of disease. It is painful in the extreme, causing distortion of the windpipe to such a degree as to impede the respiration ever afterwards, and various other diseases, such as excoriation of the mouth and lips, paralysis of the muscles of the face, megrims, apoplexy, coma, and inflammation and softening of the brain, all these resulting in shortening the life of the horse. The writer begs of you to consider that this cruel thing has been but a short time in use; that we managed our horses very well before, and it is not necessary now. Very many to whom he has spoken about it have thanked him, saying that really it never occurred to them, and that they would remove it at once. A good authority says that the overhead check-rein is generally put upon poor animals, whose wearied and haggard appearance they attempt to disguise by this instrument of torture. Pray abolish it at once, and use your influence with others; for it is a cruel, senseless fashion; the same may be said of blinders, seventy-five per cent of which can be removed with perfect safety to-day.