

When all this preliminary work is done, the Secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals suggests that he should be communicated with, and a Form of affiliation be applied for, filled in, and returned to him; and then the formation of your special branch of the "Band of Mercy" will be complete, and it will enjoy all the privileges which the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers to these junior branches in the sincere hope of gaining the interest and sympathy of the children.

Just a word of warning in your choice of the grown-up friend you ask to start your society, little friends; it must be someone who has a real love for children and animals, because it would never do to get a "Band" started, and for it to be a failure. And now, my children, I think I have told you all I can in order to help you to help the Elf.

Her special plea for the horses' tails is a great one; but don't despair. Tell your "Band of Mercy" teacher all the Elf has told you about the sufferings of poor Dandy. The Elf is such a happy creature herself, and yet she is thoughtful and most