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IV. *An Application to the Secretary of this Society to prosecute in the stead of this Witness.*

The Secretary may be seen at the office, No. 93 Hollis Street, between the hours of 10 and 4 daily. Upon any respectable person furnishing him with the particulars of any act of cruelty, he will institute proper enquiries, and, with sufficient evidence, conduct the prosecution without expense to the witness or complainant, and without his assistance, except in so far as may be necessary for the conviction of the offender. The names of persons and letters supplying information are kept **STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL** when secrecy is enjoined. Information and assistance to facilitate the prosecution of persons guilty of offences in any part of the Province will be given on application to the Secretary. It is requested that the particulars of any act of cruelty forwarded to the Secretary, may be made full and precise, and delivered as soon as possible after the offence; and it is earnestly hoped that the personal inconvenience arising out of proceedings to protect animals from the outrages of cruel men will not deter men of humanity from co-operating with the officers in their efforts to promote the objects of the Society.

All communications must be addressed to

JOHN NAYLOR,
Secretary.

Office, No. 93 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW.

For several years some parties who keep themselves in the background, have been trying to get a bill through the Legislature to legalise the extermination of the pretty little and useful sparrow, but the bright little bird has so many friends in the Legislative Council, that the iniquitous bill has been strangled at an early stage of its life. We intend to keep our friends in the Legislature posted on the subject, so that if the bill comes up next year it may be buried out of sight. We append the following extract from *Our Dumb Animals*, as a commencement:

As the readers of this paper know, a bill has been offered our Massachusetts Legislature, (1st) *to make it a criminal offence to feed a sparrow, and (2nd) to offer a bounty for dead sparrows.*

We appeared at the hearing and suggested that the first clause would make *half the little girls in Boston criminals*, and the second *would cause the towns about our cities to swarm with hoodlums* who would over-run other people's lands with poison and shot-guns, destroying every bird they find and endangering both human and animal life.

We sent to each of the about 300 members of our Legislature, an envelope containing our plea for the sparrow born in this country and *as truly American* as any of us—the sparrow whose ancestors have lived thousands of years in the old world—who has kept our city streets and parks free from canker worms ever since he came here—who during a portion of the year helps himself to his share of our crops, and during the rest acts as a public scavenger—the sparrow who stays with us the year round—the sparrow who never drove away other birds, unless they tried in the spring to get into the bird house he had been occupying with his family all winter.

It is our opinion that the Almighty made no mistake when he created the sparrow—that the sparrow does more good than harm—that we can raise food enough in America to supply both the sparrows and ourselves—and that if in any locality they become too numerous, it would be much better to entrust their destruction to the persons whose crops they injure, or to some judicious, humane man in each town, than to call in the hoodlums.—*Geo. T. Angell.*