

What has the Society Accomplished?

It has been established nine years, and in that period has investigated 2,607 cases of cruelty to various animals, and, during the last three years 675 cases of cruelty to women and children; has totally stopped the tying of the legs of lambs, calves, sheep and poultry; has stopped, or nearly stopped the brutal illusage to which horses were formerly subjected; has caused road-makers to cover the newly-laid stones on our streets; has almost extinguished the cruel practice of cutting off cocks' combs, and dogs' ears and tails; has stopped the over stocking of cows when exhibited for sale; has prevented persons from starving their animals; has stopped the practice of putting sheep and lambs among oxen in railway cars; has been instrumental in having better accommodation provided for animals whilst in transit by rail or whilst waiting at the stations for shipment; has taught persons that although animals are their property, they may not illuse them; has appointed agents in nearly every town and village in Nova Scotia; has formed three very successful Branches; has assisted to organize similar societies in St. John, N. B. and Ottawa; has organized a very energetic Ladies' Auxiliary; has a Band of Mercy numbering over 400 children; has, with the aid of the Branches, since its organization endeavored to educate the people in the right way of thinking regarding the rights of animals, by publishing and circulating 24,000 of the S. P. C. A. JOURNAL, 6,000 copies of a pamphlet containing the laws relating to Cruelty to Animals, with suggestions to the public; 3,000 copies of How to Kill Animals Humanely; 2,500 three-sheet posters containing the Cruelty to Animal laws, and other suitable information; 2,000 Hints to Omnibus, Hack and Truck Drivers; 5,000 handbills on various subjects relating to kindness to animals; has given prizes to school children in various parts of the Province for essays on the subject, and has been instrumental in getting laws for the better protection of children and animals passed by the Dominion Parliament and our Local Legislature. We feel confident that the dissemination of this printed matter has borne good fruit. A school teacher writing for information, says: "Until I read the S. P. C. A. JOURNAL, I never gave the subject thought and the children knew absolutely nothing about it." It is to be regretted that from want of funds the Society had to discontinue this publication three years ago.

The S. P. C. has helped not merely the brute creation, but distressed men, women, and little children and babes. So must it be, so should it be evermore. The law of kindness should embrace all.