

This has been known to have had a good effect, and cruelty is not witnessed on these hills to the extent that it was some years ago.

The Committee have directed their attention more than once to the subject of overloading, but nothing practical has been arrived at, it being so difficult to make a just law regulating the weight of loads for horses,—and the Committee have also had their attention drawn to the advantages of a four-wheeled vehicle for drawing heavy loads, and contemplate introducing one of them for trial in this city.

From recent information the Committee have learned, that the barbarous and cruel sport of cock-fighting has been in a great measure abolished, and the Society has undoubtedly been the chief instrument in effecting this. It will be seen on reference to the list of cases, that there were several prosecutions for this offence; three of the defendants, the party in whose premises the fight took place, and two who aided and assisted were each fined \$10, and the three other defendants for being present and betting, &c., were fined \$5 each and costs. This was found to have a good effect, as the cock-pit where these scenes took place, the Committee has been informed, has been demolished.

The Mayor of the City, and three members of the Committee, formed a deputation to the Parish Priests of St. Rochs and St. Sauveur, with the view of obtaining their influence to discourage this practice, and the Committee have pleasure in acknowledging the encouragement and assistance they received in this behalf.

The attention of the Society was drawn lately to the cutting, wounding and disfiguring of some sheep by nicking their ears, and which cruelty the writer in a newspaper in this city had witnessed a short time previously. The Superintendent was directed to enquire into the matter, when it was found quite impossible to trace this case, so as to acquire sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction. This has been the only complaint of this nature that has been brought before the Society during the past year.

The Committee have desired the general public through the local prints, to co-operate with them in their work, by requesting them to report such cases of cruelty as might