

countenance of a lost dog. Boys throw stones at him, and he is often kicked and cuffed about until the policeman's club puts an end to his sufferings. A lady informed me that she saw a policeman club a fine looking dog to death in a back lane. The poor animal seemed to appeal for mercy in the most piteous way, but it was all in vain. The dog at last was supposed to be dead and the policeman left, but in a while the poor bleeding thing opened his eyes and tried to rise, but could not. The brute then returned and finished his work with his club.

All this was done in the presence of a number of little boys and girls! I do not wish by this to cast any reflection on the police. What we need is a "dog pound," such as they have in Toronto and New York, to which poor lost dogs can be taken and cared for, where their owners may find them, and when really necessary, they can be put away in the most quick and harmless manner.

#### THE USEFULNESS OF DUMB ANIMALS.

Let us think for a moment where we should be or what we could do without our dumb animals. Our horses, cows, sheep, and even dogs. How essential they are to our comfort, well being and life. As citizens, therefore, we should feel it to be our bounden duty to protect them in every possible way we can.

#### SCHOOLS AND TEACHING.

But we can have little hope of a thorough reform unless teachers, preachers, priests, Sunday School teachers and parents, take the matter up, and teach the rising generation—the children—never to be cruel, but always kind and merciful, to all dumb animals. Occasionally special lessons might well be given on the subject to the children in the public schools and Sunday Schools also.

Let us hope that in future our city horses and other dumb animals will have better protection. They continually do cry for help to all humane citizens, and they have strong claims upon our sympathy and protection, for they are good and useful servants, and often receive but poor and cruel returns. The old Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been resuscitated, and will henceforth be vigorously worked. The agents, while looking well after all dumb animals in every part of the city, have been instructed to give special attention to horses. It is hoped that our citizens