

and reads with horror of the sufferings which the brute creation often undergo from the thoughtlessness of the ignorant, and she fears also sometimes from experiments in the pursuit of science. For the removal of the former the Queen trusts much to the progress of education; and in regard to the pursuit of science, she hopes that the entire advantage of those anæsthetic discoveries from which man has derived so much benefit himself, in alleviation of suffering, may be fully extended to the lower animals. Her Majesty rejoices that the society awakens the interest of the young by the presentation of prizes for essays connected with the subject, and hears with gratification that her son and daughter-in-law show their interest and sympathy by presenting those prizes at your meeting. Her Majesty desires me to announce a donation of one hundred guineas towards the funds of the society.

I am, my dear Lord, very faithfully yours,

T. M. BIDDULPH.

The Earl of Harrowby, K. G.

The Ladies' Committee in charge of the Educational Branch of the New Brunswick Society's work, have had most encouraging results since the organization of the Band of Mercy movement in this Province, and are now taking further means to extend the work, by issuing the following circular, which has been sent to all the superintendents of Sunday schools and to most of the teachers in the public schools throughout the Province.

#### CIRCULAR.



The Ladies' Humane Educational Auxiliary of the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals having, by the kindness of Lord Aberdare, President of the Royal Society, had a second copy of the diploma of the Royal Society placed

at their disposal for presentation as a prize, have determined to dispose of it in the following manner, viz.:

The members of each Band of Mercy in connection with the N. B. S. P. C. A. are invited to write essays, consisting of the writer's "Personal Observations on the Habits and Treatment of Animals" for the year preceding the completion of his or her essay.

All essays written by the members of any Band are to be read and examined by a Committee appointed by the officers of the Band, and the essay

judged by such Committee to be the best is to be sent to the Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary on or before the 15th day of May, 1888.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will then decide which of the essays so sent in is the best, and at the Annual Meeting of the Bands of Mercy in June, a book prize will be given to the writer of each essay sent up to the Ladies' Auxiliary; a more valuable book to the writer of the best essay; and the diploma will be presented to the Band of Mercy of which the writer of the best essay is a member, with the name of the writer inscribed thereon.

F. MURRAY,  
President.

F. M. SMITH,  
Sec'y Ladies' Auxiliary S. P. C. A.,  
Carleton Street, St. John.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., August 31st, 1887.

The Committee wish to draw the thoughtful attention of the teachers in the public schools, and superintendents of Sunday Schools of all denominations, to the great importance of this Band of Mercy movement, not only as a pleasurable means of interesting the young in the protection of God's dependent creatures, but as a means of inculcating principles of kindness, and thus preventing crime in after life.

Write for reading matter and book of information—"How to form a Band"—sent free of charge on application to Secretary of Auxiliary. *Form a Band in your School so that the children may compete for the prizes named, and for your reward depend upon it that these dumb and suffering servants of man (if they could speak) would bless you for doing so.*

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

York County Institute will meet at Fredericton on the 29th and 30th inst.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute will be held at Riverside, N. B., October 6th and 7th. An interesting programme is provided. Prof. Burwash will deliver an address.

The St. John County Teachers' Institute will assemble in this city on the last Thursday of October. A full programme will be published in our next issue. It is expected that the meeting will be an interesting one.

The second meeting of the Sackville Teachers' Association was held at Mt. Allison College on the last Saturday in August. Discussions on several important subjects of school work, with practical illustrations thereon, took place. Mr. Goodwin presided in the absence of Mr. E. B. Phelan,