

some physically or mentally weak person from injury, to furnish necessities for sick, clothing for naked, to humanely destroy some injured animal, and so on. Surely such a work is one fitted to call forth the sympathy and co-operation of every friend of humanity and mercy. The partial record of cases published in our printed reports will give some conception of the operations of the Society. Multiply those given cases till the aggregate is 4,000, and we have the known result of our 12 years' work. But what of the thousands of cases averted by the fear of certain detection and punishment? Stay the hands of the S. P. C. for one year, and what would the result be?

City cases reported are dealt with immediately. In cases of continuing cruelty or suffering, we act promptly. To show that we do not prosecute in courts when other means accomplish the end, we only carried 28 cases into the police courts during the past year. Country cases receive attention as we can find time and means to follow them up. These latter are increasing, and as it is impossible to attend to them all in person, our Secretary, by correspondence advises those reporting how to act. But our experience is that unless our Secretary prosecutes or investigates in person, little or nothing is done.

Country cases are expensive, as everything must be paid for. We receive scarcely any contributions from outside the city, but we have very many requests for our Secretary to go to the most remote districts of the province at the cost of the Society. One country case alone cost us \$103 cash, and 21 days of time. It will be impossible for our Society to attend to such cases unless we either receive a larger provincial grant or obtain financial support from the province at large.

Our wants are numerous and pressing. If we are to continue to fight this battle we must have the sinews of war, money. A cattle ambulance for the removal of animals with broken limbs would save much suffering. A temporary home or a couple of rooms are needed in which to place children left on our hands, until they can permanently be placed in some existing institution, which is frequently a work of time. Donations of clothing, etc., are always wanted, but especially when the Association for the Relief of the Poor ceases working. One or two more fountains or drinking places for animals at the north and south ends of the city would be a boon in the summer time. Our Secretary should have free passes over every railway in the province, not only to be able to investigate local cases of cruelty, but to watch the handling of cattle and sheep in transit.

We want the help of the ladies of Halifax to reorganize the Ladies' Royal Auxiliary. Their help is needed to aid in raising funds to form Bands of Mercy among the children, to revive our S. P. C. Journal, to do something for wayward girls; and the ladies throughout the province can co-operate in forming branches and helping on the work of mercy. We want the help of the clergy. Many of our city clergy have stood by us in the past, and we want their continuous and increased aid. We want them to inculcate the teaching of our Saviour, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." "Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful."

We want the help of our legislators to give us more stringent laws; we want increased financial assistance from the provincial and city treasuries, for we not only give value received but we actually save thousands of dollars in public prosecutions, in freeing the city from costs of support of illegitimate children, and the fines in all cases go to the city money chest. We want agents all over the province and whom we can clothe with the necessary authority to act, men of backbone and determination, who are not afraid to report, and, if needs be, to prosecute cases of cruelty. Our manual gives all the needed information how to proceed, and every magistrate, constable, sheriff and officer of police is bound to assist. In special cases, if at all possible, the Society will send an agent to prosecute in person.

Our Secretary and Executive Officer, Mr. John Naylor, is as attentive, energetic and successful as ever. His services are simply indispensable. He has the wisdom to plan, the skill to execute, and the vigor to strike just as the occasion demands. His knowledge of the laws relating to cruelty, wrongs to humanity, etc., enables him to be an advisor to country magistrates and others