

years is marked and perfectly obvious, and, if nothing more had been attained, the Society's existence would be amply justified. But much, very much, more has been accomplished. Treatment of animals and of the weak of our own race, which would have escaped notice twenty years ago, is now noted, reprehended, and in many cases treated as a grave offence. This is the case in many towns and rural districts as well as in Halifax. Applications for the services of our indefatigable Secretary come from all quarters, far and near. If we had three "Naylors" and \$3,000 to pay them with, they would find ample scope for all their energies. During the past year cases were dealt with involving—

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Making a total of 518 cases, or nearly two cases per day for working days. Again and again young girls have been rescued from the most appalling of calamities; young women have been restored to their families and friends; husbands have been compelled to support starving wives. Cruel and brutalized men have been punished for offences against those whom they should love and cherish. The report of the secretary gives some details of the work done, although many cases requiring and receiving special attention are of a nature that will not warrant publicity.

Cruelty to animals is by no means so common an offence as it once was, but it is sadly common still. Vigilance and perseverance are still required. Much has been gained; but vastly more has been accomplished. We therefore note with the deepest regret the proffered resignation by our Secretary. A more efficient officer never served in a good cause. It is impossible for us to overstate the value of Mr. Naylor's services—his soundness of judgment, his sagacity, his pluck and courage, his warm sympathy and ready helpfulness. Without his services the record of our Society would be meagre indeed. In our opinion it is essential to the existence of the Society that his services as Secretary should be retained.

We have to state with extreme regret that the Society has never been able adequately to remunerate Mr. Naylor for his arduous work. Even his meagre nominal salary has not been paid. If we were enabled by the liberality of the public to do as we should wish, and as would be most advantageous to the Society and the community, we would secure to our Secretary a salary that would enable him to give his whole time and energy to the cause in which his heart is so deeply engaged, and to which in point of fact, he has devoted a very large portion of his time. We earnestly invite all who are interested in the prevention of cruelty to aid in tiding over the present crisis, and to enable the Society fairly to meet its obligations. Not Halifax alone is interested in the Society's work. The whole country is benefited more or less directly. Its influence has been felt from Yarmouth to Cumberland—from Cumberland to Cape Breton. Cases in rural districts involve vastly greater expense than cases in the city; but they are not less urgent, and the Society is most anxious to attend to all cases that come fairly within its scope. For some years grants were received from the legislature to help our work. Never was a grant more needed or better merited than now, and we trust that we shall not appeal in vain to the

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