

makes culprits and wrong-doers seek to hide away from him. The name of Mr. Dudley is synonymous with that of the Humane Society, and a threat to abusers of the dumb in this city to report them to this gentleman scarcely ever fails to have the desired effect. It has required a brave man to engage in this work. Mr. Dudley has often received bruises while in the discharge of his duty, and on various occasions his life has been threatened, as the penalty for "meddling" where a man has over-loaded his animals and beaten them cruelly because they could not do an impossible thing. But these incidents have never caused him to swerve from his duty. He works early and late, ferreting out abuses, arresting offenders and causing their imprisonment and fine before the police or criminal courts. He is seldom hasty in his judgment, and searches the whys and wherefores of every case with a deliberation, that seldom finds him mistaken; and so temperate has been his management that in many cases the persons whom he has prosecuted have become his best friends. The preserved reports of the Illinois Humane Society furnish a noble record for this faithful champion of "those who cannot speak for themselves." A long list of little children owe their preservation from a life of crime to Agent Dudley. The Society's records of the year just past show that out of the one hundred and eighty-six children rescued from "conditions of cruelty, neglect and extreme destitution," one hundred and thirty-two owe their relief to the exertions of Mr Dudley. He has often taken destitute children to his own home, fed them from his own table, and provided them with money from his own pocket to relieve their urgent necessities.

The distressed animals that he has released from suffering by one way or another are by far too numerous to mention, and to undertake to mention all of even the most aggravated cases would require the space of a good-sized volume. Of course the society and its agents must depend largely upon the efforts of citizens to inform them of many outrages, of which they could not be cognizant in any other way; but, after the first step is taken, there are often difficulties and delays in securing witnesses who are willing to testify in a court to what they have seen, and even with the most industrious efforts on the part of the agent the criminal sometimes does not receive his just dues until after the lapse of weeks.