

Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

STATE BUREAU for CHILD and ANIMAL PROTECTION

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 21, 1869

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Both Phones 966

St. Paul, Minn.,

REPORT OF WORK FOR 1911--1912

Many cases have been reported in the past year, it almost seems that since the Society is without fund to investigate that we have had more urgent calls than ever before. In many cases the Officials in small places have been called upon to investigate, which they did to the best of their ability.

A Few Typical Cases.

A vigorous protest against the alleged cruelty to children in a Public School near Onamia, Minnesota, who were beaten with three quarter inch hose and made to chew paper was received by the Society early in September. The case was referred to the Governor as the Society was absolutely without one cent with which to carry on an investigation. I wrote Mr. Guy Ewing, County Superintendent of Schools of Onamia, wa asking for an explanation, as to why this was allowed to go on. Mr. Ewing's reply which was very short said in part--"It is an absolute and unqualified lie and you have my urgent appeal to come and look it up thoroughly. This was followed by a petition from a number of Onamia residents giving names of boys whipped and urging an investigation. Mr. Schultz State

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Superintendent of Instruction went to Onamia to investigate. We have not as yet received official notice as to the result of this investigation but quoting the pioneer Press, Mr. Schultz said "I have talked with the teacher and to the children, who have been whipped and to the School Board at Onamia, I found out that the children had been flogged with the rubber hose but not hurt enough to justify the complaints of parents. The case as far as I can learn is the result of over-anxiety of the parents for their children's treatment.

Mr. Max Distel of Mesueur, a very much interested worker who has accomplished much to prevent cruelty, reported Thomas Bros. who own a livery barn and also other stock all of which was neglected and in very bad condition, many horses having died from neglect these were left for days in the barn. Mr. Distel could not handle this case as he would like to have done, and appealed to the Society to send an Agent. But to this most urgent call I could only write to the Thomas Bros. and warn them. Later I learned from Mr. Distel that the letter worked wonder, that they immediately cared for the animals and the conditions are greatly improved. All of this goes to show that the Society needs a good Agent to travel through-out the State.

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Many reports have been received from Willow River which needed an Agent to look after the terrible condition of animals there. Rev. H. W. O'Dell of Willow River requested that he be made Agent, his appointment was immediately sent.

Through-out the year many people sent for information in regard to organizing a branch of the Society, but as yet we have not heard with what success they have met.

South St. Paul is greatly in need of a good agent to look after the cruel treatment of both children and animals. The St. Paul Society has done much in the way of investigating and warning. Agent Moak shot 13 animals which were injured in a wreck at South St. Paul just a short time ago.

Officers Moak and Nicholson have investigated many, many cases for us and the Society is greatly indebted to them and also to their Secretary Miss Millard, who we all know is interested in all Humane Work.

James S. Edwards

Report. State Bureau
for the Protection of
Child and Animal,

1911-12.

Nov. 13, 1912.

OFFICE OF
COUNTY TREASURER
OTTER TAIL COUNTY
MINNESOTA

PAUL A. STORTROEN,
TREASURER.

JOHN P. HAAVE, JR.,
DEPUTY.

Fergus Falls, Minn. Nov 8 1912

To The Minnesota Society for
Prevention of Cruelty.

I hereby submit the following report
for the year 1912

No. of Cases receiving attention 12
" " Animals killed 4
" " Prosecutions none
" " Child cases investigated 2
Amount of Money expended \$ 7.⁰⁰

collected. none.
Should add to the above that we
are not in any immediate need
of money, as the Beneficial
influence of our personal services
covers up the work with very
little money, although contributions
are very liberally given when
required.

Respectfully submitted
Steve Butler
President

Fergus Falls
Humane Society.
Repts. 1911-1912

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WALTER WHITE

OFFICE OLD CAPITOL

BOTH PHONES 968

CHILDREN'S DEPT.
OFFICER MICHAEL W. NICHOLSON

St. Paul, Minn.,

under probation, is working in a private family and doing well.

A woman with two children ~~wax~~ who was found to be an undesirable citizen owing to her immoral character ~~ws~~ with the cooperation with the Federal authorities deported to Austria.

In the Animal department 942 Horses and cattle 2119 cats and dogs and 412 miscellaneous animals received attention.

There were 9 prosecutions for cruelty in this department

A sign ordering drivers not to drive up the steep incline at Oakland and Grand was repaired and replaced and a similar one placed at St Albans and Pleasant both of these do a great deal of good in preventing the abuse of horses. The coal teams are systematically watched and although cases of overloading still occur we have more than ever the support of the large companies and horse owners in our efforts. We were not successful in procuring the opening of the Horse Drinking fountains and from information obtained at the National Humane Convention at Indianapolis it appears that the old fashioned fountains are going out of use in many cities owing to the danger ~~that~~ of glanders that exists.

We were again successful in securing the consent of the governor to the observance of Bird and Arbor Day in the schools and Mercy Sunday in the churches. We wish that the other societies in the state would also take up these observance of these days in their several districts and so have Bird and Arbor Day and Mercy Sunday known all over the state.

State Laws

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Report for year 1911,) 12.

In the department for children 290, cases were reported and investigated. 90 children were taken from Parents after repeated warnings and placed in Institution or private families through action of Juvenile Court. 42 older boys and girls were warned for incorrigibility and 36 taken into Court for same and placed under probation or in Institutions. 9 men prosecuted for non-support.
Conditions in baby homes investigated & conclusions improved
8 old people given better care at home or placed in Poor Farm or Little Sisters of the Poor.

A careful watch was kept over the Dance Halls and River excursions, minors forbidden to attend and the sale of liquor stopped at the latter (river excursions)

Cases were investigated for the Minneapolis, Duluth and Cincinnati Societies and referred to Minneapolis, Duluth, New York, and Portland Oregon. *full investigation*

Of the unusual cases which have received attention the following may be mentioned. A so called "Professor" was found instructing High School and other young boys in Hypnotism. The investigation of our officer resulted in an Ordinance being passed which made the practise illegal and the "Professor" quickly gave up his office in the New York Bldg and left the city. *of 15 run away from*

A young girl who had left her home and gone into Dakota to work in a Railroad Restaurant was with the cooperation of the Labor Commissioner brought back to the city. she is now ~~working~~

St. Paul Humane
Society. Report. 1911-12.

DEPT. OF STATE

in the office of

NOV 29 1912

Julius D. Sturges
Secretary

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JOHN E. RANSOM, SECRETARY

CHARLES E. PAULSON, TREASURER

**Freeborn County Society
For the Prevention of Cruelty**

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

Nov. 9, 1912.

Martha MacConnell, Assist. Secr.
Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty,
Old Capitol Building, St. Paul.

Dear Madam:-

This Society has maintained its activity during the current year, and will probably increase its usefulness in the year to come, being at present in a better condition than ever before.

During the year, we have found it necessary to kill or have killed nine (9) horses and several cats, have investigated some sixty cases involving animals, and have relieved, by suggestion or compulsion, the distress of about sixty-five (65) animals, large and small, directly. The silent influence of the Society, of course, is effective to prevent much cruelty in ways of which we have no record; yet we can perceive the difference as compared with conditions obtaining before the organization of the Society.

Can you assist us along the line of Humane Education? We feel that that field is a prolific one, but do not know just how to proceed. Has this state any laws touching the subject?

We regret to state that probably none of our Society will be able to attend the annual meeting.

Yours truly

John E. Ransom
Secretary.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPT. OF STATE
in the office of
JAN 23 1912

Julius A. Schuchert
Secretary

Frederick County

Humane Society

Report 1911-1912



The Minneapolis Humane Society

CHARTERED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA APRIL 23, 1891

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MINNEAPOLIS.

TO THE MINNESOTA STATE SOCIETY

Report of

THE MINNEAPOLIS HUMANE SOCIETY

Our year ending the first of January makes this report incomplete and of very little comparative value. Up to October 1st. we have 2,667 horses involved, out of which number 53 were shot, 63 laid off and 7 ordered shod and 9 referred to the Veterinarian, 99 owners have been warned to improve the condition of their horses and 7 have been arrested, 737 other animals including all kinds have been involved in the Agent's inspection.

The report of our Dog Pound is as follows:

For 10 months of 1912 we have picked up and taken to the Pound 2337 dogs. Out of this number we have destroyed 1813. We have received \$1158.50 for Pound fees and license fees at the Pound and there has been turned into the City Clerk's Office \$5,138.75 in licenses.

Our Pound has been on property that was sold to the railroad company and has been filling in this summer. Just now we are building a new home for animals and with very pleasing prospects of making it permanent and of a vertible shelter for animals. We have a kennel 18 x 36 with cemented floors, sewerage and water, a stable, and will have a small house for the keeper and his wife to live in. This is enclosed by a wire fence making the enclosure 100 feet square.

The work for children has been the most active of any year of the Society's existence. There has been over 3000 cases handled in our office, involving from four to five thousand children. This is more or less of an estimate for the reason that it is impossible at this time to give accurate figures.

We are carrying a force of twelve people and are sadly in need of additional help.

Our Financial Report is as follows:

Received from contribution and memberships	\$3500.00
" " city	5000.00
" " county	500.00

And aside from \$500 bills payable we are owing about the same



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amount in unpaid bills but prospects are good and we are entertaining some propositions which will be of great benefit to our Society.

We feel there should be more active work throughout the state and desire to co-operate and assist in every manner that we possibly can.

Respectfully submitted.

THE MINNEAPOLIS HUMANE SOCIETY

By

Secretary.

Minneapolis Humane
Society. Report 1912.

DEPT. OF COMMERCE
DEPT. OF STATE

and in the office of Sec.

this NOV 20 1912

Julius A. Schuch
Secretary of State

Duluth, Minn.,

September 18, 1912.

In submitting this, my second annual report to the officers, Executive Committee, members and friends of the Duluth Humane Society, I will be as brief as possible, giving to each branch of the work such notice as will do it justice.

Another year has rolled around and bringing to a close the joys and sorrows of the past. The joys which we have been able to distribute to those who were really in suffering and in need; the sorrows which we have been able to share with the unfortunate, and also the sorrow for the great amount of work, which we could have done perhaps more effectively had our funds not been so limited as the expense, I have endeavored to keep down to a minimum, whereas had the funds been available much more could have been done all along the general lines prescribed by the laws, rules, and usages of the constitution of this Society.

During the past year our time has been taken up continually seeing to the welfare of dependent and neglected children, and that of abused and neglected animals. The Iron Ranges coming in with their proportion of such cases, to which numerous trips have been made.

We have also taken care of many families who through sickness or otherwise found themselves in straightened circumstances, that it was necessary for us to furnish clothing and food, so that the family might be kept together, and as it is always the aim of this society to keep families together; only those where the future welfare of the child would be at stake, did it become necessary to remove them to the State

Public School or other institutions, where the children could be educated along the proper lines after all efforts had been tried to keep them in their own homes had proved in vain. In the city of Duluth as well as other parts of the county we have had this same trouble to meet.

We have kept a careful watch over all horse barns, and dairies in this vicinity, and many of them in the different range towns, also several of the lumber camps, where the expense was not too great to reach some.

The Band of Mercy Work, which was taken care of by the Ass't. Agent, Miss Ellen Dahlen, was very encouraging having proper tendencies to educate the children in the humane treatment of animals, proved that many of the children were very enthusiastic and when cases of abuse was observed by them, they promptly reported same. In all there has been banded together, ~~2,436~~ 2,436 children in 79 bands. This number is outside of the city of Duluth, as the Duluth schools also have been organized systematically by one of our members, Mrs. Walter Furlo. The number of children organized being children; in bands.

There has been several cases of extreme cruelty to animals in which the guilty parties were brought before the Court and severely dealt with according to law.

There has been many cases of wife desertion which the husband would cross the line, into Canada from which country you can not extradict for said offense, and an effort to have this an extradictable offense should be taken up by this and other societies at an early date.

The dance hall and pool hall, problem, which has been causing considerable trouble, has been carefully visited by

your agent and with the aid of the Women's Council an ordinance has been passed regulating the dance hall evil, and has had the desired effect. From the dance halls comes a great deal of our Juvenile Cases referring to young girls, and I have taken a number of girls and boys from those places, and from the streets escorting them to their homes, and setting forth conditions in their presence to their parents, who many times are unaware of the situation, and on the other hand it is shocking to know the number of parents who treat the matter of their children being away from home nights with the coolest indifference, showing their indifference by going to sleep and not knowing what time of the night or morning their children come home. If the parents would take the interest in their own children, that the officers of this organization, and the police department do, our Juvenile Court would be reduced to the minimum.

Referring to the State Hospital for crippled and deformed children. We have had several cases treated in that institution, with the desired effect. Several of those cases this Society furnished the necessary clothing, and transportation to this institution as the parents on account of hardships were unable to do anything further for their children, and were promptly taken care of by this Society.

The services of the Ass't Agent, Mr. Luxon, which were discontinued May 15, has been carried on successfully by the Ass't. to the Agent, and the agent, it being necessary at times for both to leave the office, but when that was necessary we secured the favorable assistance of Mrs. Forgy, a member of this Society to take our calls, those being pre-arranged with the lady in charge of the Court House exchange, Miss Coleman, to whom we wish to express our thanks at this time.

This step was taken also on account of the financial conditions, which we ever ready to guard, regardless of time taken whether it be day or night. We trust we have acted judiciously in the matter, and that it may meet with the approval of the Society.

CASES INVESTIGATED

Of the cases investigated during the last year, there were committed by the Juvenile Court to;

State Training School-----	12
State Public School-----	54
Girls' Industrial School-----	11

Placed in:

Children's Home at Duluth-----	43
Private Homes in this city-----	46
Feeble Minded School-----	5
Deaf and Dumb School-----	1
St. James Orphanage-----	4
St. Lukes Hospital-----	4
State Hospital at St. Paul-----	6

WORK FOR ANIMALS

Number of cases reported-----	183
Number of cases found on the street by officers-----	918
Number of cases investigated-----	1129
Number of animals involved-----	2542
Number of horses examined-----	1456
Number of horses humanely destroyed-----	22
Number of horses laid off the street-----	71
Number of horses ordered shod-----	230
Warnings given for horses overloaded-----	153
Warnings given for horses overdriven-----	93
Number of horses ordered to be blanketed-----	209
Number of horses blanketed by officer-----	192
Drivers discharged for cruelty to horses-----	4
Number of arrests for overdriving-----	1
Drivers ordered to pad collars-----	10
Check rein ordered tightened-----	6
Horses teeth ordered treated-----	5
Horses not properly fed-----	2
Cases where it was necessary to call veterinary-----	17
Number of private barns inspected-----	252
Barns found without water-----	34
Barns ordered to be cleaned and repaired-----	15
Barns ordered to have windows put in-----	33
Number of dogs involved-----	38
Number of dogs humanely destroyed-----	26
Number of cattle involved-----	1000
Number of cattle destroyed-----	5
Arrests for cruelty to cattle-----	2
Number of cats involved-----	7
Number of cats humanely destroyed-----	5
Cases of abuse and neglect to animals-----	192
Number of crates of poultry inspected-----	803
Crates of poultry found in bad condition-----	6

Number of crates of turkeys inspected-----	40
Number of crates of young pigs inspected-----	16
Boys warned for shooting song birds-----	21
Juvenile Court cases involving animals-----	3

Our relief work:

Number of families furnished with shoes, stockings, underwear, and clothing, 151 with a total of 373 children.

Number of families furnished with groceries and other incidentals, 82, with a total of 281 children.

Total number of families relieved, 233, with a total of 654 children.

Number of miles traveled-----	12,852
Number of visits on the range towns-----	32
Number of visits to St. Paul-----	12
Number of visits to Paribault-----	3
Number of visits to Owatonna-----	3
Number of visits to Floodwood-----	2
Number of visits to Sandstone-----	2

To our Members and Friends:

We are most anxious to extend our work in all departments and to that end ask you to co-operate by reporting to the office all instances coming to your knowledge of;

The abuse or continued neglect to children or helpless and infirm aged persons.

The exposure of children, especially of girls to vicious influence.

Beating or overloading of horses.

Unnecessary hauling of heavy loads on steep hills.

Painful checking, docking or other mutilations.

Horses, cattle or other animals deprived of food, water or shelter.

The abuse or neglect of any domestic animal.

Killing of song birds with gun or slingshot, in a word,

"All kind of cruelty and brutality."

We are deeply grateful to the Needle Work Guild, the Women's Clubs and Societies, the self-sacrificing teachers and principals, sisters and nurses, the different relief societies in and out of the churches, Children's Home, St. James Orphanage, St. Lukes and St. Marys Hospital, and to the business, laboring and professional men and women.

No agencies have been more helpful to us than the daily and weekly press in our city and county.

We also wish to thank the County Commissioners and City Council, who have helped us in our work.

To the police department, Chief Troyer, Captain Fiskett, and every member of the police dept. of this city, and that of the Chiefs and patrolmen of the different towns throughout the County and locations where the utmost harmony is prevailed and the greatest help has been derived from their hearty co-operation.

Thanks are also due to the various railroad officials for their co-operation in the work of this society.

We have I trust given the Public satisfaction as public servants, and trust we can even do better work in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

-----~~R. D. McTENZIE~~-----AGENT

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