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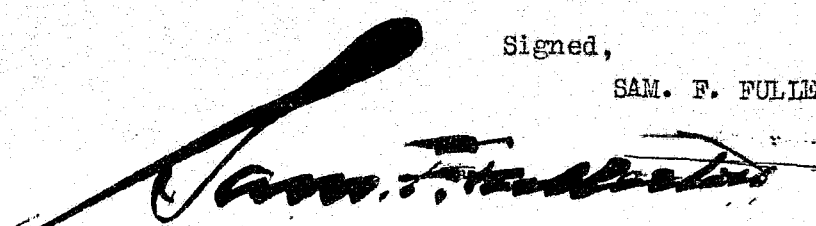
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Work done in year 1924.

Total number of cases investigated.....	196
Number of animals involved.....	2309
" " " humanely destroyed.....	16
" " children involved.....	238
" " adults " 	217
" " convictions.....	17
Amount of fines imposed.....	\$315.00
" " sentences imposed.....	days - 410
Number of persons sentenced to penitentiary	2
(sentence suspended and placed on probation for 5 years each)	
Total number of crates of poultry inspected.....	103
Number of children sent to State Hospital for Crippled Children--	3
" " " " " State School at Owatonna.....	1
" " " " " " " " Red Wing.....	1
" " patients admitted to University Hospital.....	6
" " " " " Miller Hospital.....	1

Signed,

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unfortunates that cannot pay hospital bills for themselves.

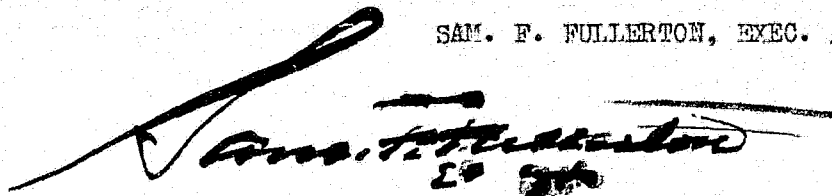
As you know, we have only an appropriation of \$6500 annually. but we think we can point with pride to the expenditure of that and say with a clear conscience that we have given a dollar's worth of service for every dollar appropriated. One of the greatest helps that we have had in the state, is the local societies. During the year, we established a strong society at St. Peter with a large membership of enthusiastic volunteer workers. We also established one at Anoka with a large membership. The society at Alexandria has taken a fresh hold and have largely increased their membership. These societies scattered over the state have been a wonderful help to the State Society. In fact, without their assistance we could not begin to do the work with the appropriation we have, because there is so much follow-up work and the local societies relieve us and save us railroad fare and expenses in doing this very necessary work. Perhaps the society at Fergus Falls is the best example of that, as they have lightened the burden of the State Society wonderfully.

If it was not for making this report too long, we would like to go into several other phases of the work, but this, we believe, is sufficient to give an outline of what the Humane Society is trying to do.

Sincerely yours,

SFF/LB

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done for the old men or women who have come to the end of life's usefulness, paupers.

We believe that if all societies who are working to better the condition of the unfortunates would spend more time trying to prevent cruelty and abuses than waiting until the abuse or crime has actually taken place, we would accomplish a good deal more. "A pound of prevention is worth a ton of cure", as the old saying goes, but we know it to be only too true in our work.

No one would believe if we should write just what we have seen in regard to the cruelty to animals. It is almost unbelievable that men who are normal human beings should work and starve their horses as they do, when they would make more money out of them if they would feed them good and work them moderately.

Perhaps, the saddest case we have had during the year was a woman who had been bed ridden for a long time and through the kindness of the Miller Hospital, which is not supposed to be a charitable institution, we got her into one of the 'free' beds, but we had spent eight or nine months trying to coax the husband before he would consent to have her admitted. As a consequence, the good effects that could have been accomplished were largely negative. We are glad, however, that the woman is improving and we hope that she will soon be out again in her usual good health.

We send a great many cases to the University Hospital and they are always ready and willing to cooperate with the Humane Society to help the

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Dec. 31st, 1924.

Hon. Mike Holm,
Secretary of State,
State Capitol,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a report of the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, known as the Humane Society, for the year 1924. We do not suppose it is necessary to burden your records with a detailed report of all cases that come under our observation, some of them heart rending. This includes both old people, children and animals.

Perhaps, the saddest cases that come to our notice are the old men and women who have gotten near to the end of life's journey and are deserted by their children or relatives. In a great many cases they have given up what property they had on condition that they be taken care of during the balance of their life, but that promise very frequently is forgotten and the old folks become a subject of charity.

A great many of the Counties have no poor-farm or homes where these people can be sent. Minnesota should make some provision for her old and destitute people. We have got the finest home for children in the world; we have got the finest crippled children's home in the world. The deaf, the blind, and the feeble minded and the epileptic are all taken care of in fine homes. We have got the best managed asylums in the world, but nothing is