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**WAR ON THEFTS OF
CATS FOR COLLEGES**

**New England Anti-Vivisection Society
Requests Investigation as Result
of Wellesley Incident.**

Boston, Mass., March 2.—Aroused by the discovery through the arrest and conviction of John Squires, a janitor at Wellesley College, for pilfering numerous cats for dissection by the Wellesley girl students, members of the New England Anti-Vivisection society have asked Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara to investigate the theft of cats and dogs for the various medical college laboratories in Boston.

Miss L. Freeman Clark, president of the society, and Mrs. Jessica L. C. Henderson, secretary, are the leaders of the movement. They declare that they will also call upon the chiefs of the Wellesley police and of Natick, in whose district many cats have been collected for Wellesley College, to take action against the college authorities.

Judge Mulligan, of Natick today refused to issue a warrant for Professor Albert Morse of Wellesley on the charge of receiving stolen property. He is accused of having inspired Squires' cat collecting habit.

It is intimated that Mrs. Elmer Bent, owner of the \$500 prize cat, for taking which Squires was fined \$15, will bring a civil suit against him.

"Our attention has been called to the frequent stealing of cats and dogs," Mrs. Henderson, secretary of the society, said today, "especially in the medical laboratory districts, and now it has been aroused by the Wellesley College scandal.

"Just recently we received a complaint from a woman living in one of the Back Bay hotels. She was walking along the street and saw a young man coaxing a dog to follow him. Finally he picked up the animal and went away.

"She followed him to the doors of Harvard Medical College and asked him what he was going to do with the dog. He said that he was going to take it upstairs to have a little fun with it. He admitted the dog was not his, and she compelled him to give it up. She returned the dog to the place where she found the man coaxing it first. This is only one of numerous similar thefts."

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