

## **Sumner Watches Police Burn Seized Literature**

John S. Sumner, president of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, looked on yesterday morning as several tons of obscene literature, with an estimated retail value of \$150,000, were burned in the furnace of police headquarters.

It was Mr. Sumner's first visit to the basement of headquarters to watch the destruction of material upon which his society wages a continuous battle. He made no comment as the flames destroyed 476 books, 11,450 magazines and about 100,000 pamphlets and pictures seized by the police in the last year. All the cases in which the literature figured have been adjudicated.

Among the confiscated books were fifteen copies of "The Man in the Monkey Suit," which holds policemen in an unfavorable light. The books figured in a blackmail trial. Two copies, used as evidence, are still in the custody of the police.