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The Faculty have decided that criticism
of members of the teaching staff does not
come within the province of this journal.
Deferring to this decision we shall not al-
low anything of this kind to appear in
future.

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY.

The entertainment on St. Thomas' night
gave the students in general an idea of the
work done by the St. Thomas Academy.
This is not the place to notice the several
features in detail. But the discussion on
Brute Souls was suggestive of many inter-

esting considerations, one of which we
shall notice

Societies for the prevention of cruelty to
animals appears at first sight to be very
laudable institutions but, after a close ex-
amination of the question we must come to
the conclusion that their object is quixotic,
and even positively injurious to those who
take an active part in them. The argu-
ments used in the Academy were drawn
from various sources which it would be
impossible for us to mention so we hope
that we may not be accused of plagiarism
if we do not do more here than collate a
few of them.

God wishes the brute creation to suffer.
For following their God-given instincts,
brutes, of which domestic animals are a
mere fraction, are constantly inflecting
pain on each other.

Those who laud such actions as the esta-
blishment of hospitals for homeless cats
must find it shockingly repulsive to read
the habits of the carnivora. Why do not
some of them extend their sympathy to the
helpless mice, or try to teach spiders to be
less cruel to the dear house flies? If a
man illtreats his horse he is doing an act
for which he deserves to be reprimanded.
He is doing a foolish act, nay more
he is needlessly inflicting pain and
this has a degrading influence on himself.
But in as much as man is superior to the
horse the motive should be to save the
man rather than the horse. Numerous
experiments prove that the lower animals
do not suffer nearly so much as man would
under like circumstances.

An exaggerated motion of the sensibility
of brutes and a disregard for human
suffering are the direct outcome of all this
talk about cruelty to animals. *Our Dumb
Animals* tells us approvingly that half the
world believes in a hereafter for the lower
animals?