

Literary Notices.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS.—This is an attractive monthly of 12 pages, equal to 16 of the INDEPENDENT, at 50 cents a year, published by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at 19 Milk St., Boston. Every religious teacher, every leader of a Band of Hope, every kind-hearted Christian ought to have a copy. It will make them better men and women, and teach them how to promote kindness and Christ-likeness in the world. The April number contains 5 illustrations, and many excellent pieces.

THE CENTURY has another article of George Kennan on Russia. He thus speaks of the censorship:

"What does the Russian Government hope or expect to accomplish by 'blacking out' articles that aim simply to tell the truth with regard to Russian affairs, and by throwing into prison every man in whose possession such articles may be found?"

"Sometime in the far distant future the free Russian patriot, no longer blinded by the censorship of the press, will look over the pages of his national history that record these attempts to gag public opinion and strangle human thought, and will wish from the bottom of his heart that so humiliating and shameful a record might be 'blacked out.'"

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ST. NICHOLAS, from the same house, \$3 a year, is filled for May with many stories and descriptions most interesting to the young; together with many beautiful and appropriate illustrations.

THE TREASURY FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE—Its noteworthy papers for May are "The Chaff and Wheat of Religious Thought," by Rev. LeRoy Hooker, of Toronto. A plea for Foreign Missions by Roderick Terry, D.D., New York. John Knox and the Reformation, by Burdett Hart, D.D., New Haven. Dr. John Hall writes of Religious Barenness, and Rev. S. L. Bell on Agnosticism. Its several departments are fully up to the former numbers. Yearly, \$2.50; clergymen, \$2. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

For the Young.

CIGARETTE SMOKING.

A boy named Samuel Kimball, sixteen years old, a chorister boy in St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, died a week ago in St. John's Hospital. Almost his last words were: "Let any boy who

smokes cigarettes look at me now and know how I have suffered, and he will never put another into his mouth." He was a bright boy, an exquisite singer, and had many friends. He lived with his grandmother and worked in a chandelier factory. Here is his story, as he told it to his nurse, Sister Cornelia:

"To me he confessed that this trouble had originated from cigarette smoking. Some days, he said, he smoked twenty cigarettes. At first he kept his grandmother in ignorance of his indulgence. As he continued to smoke the appetite grew upon him with such force that he could not choke it off, and it began to affect his constitution.

"Why," I asked him, 'did you not stop when you saw what it was bringing you to?'

"Oh, I could not," he replied. 'If I could not get them to smoke I almost went wild. I could think of nothing else. That my grandmother might not suspect me I would work extra hours instead of spending my regular wages for cigarettes. For months I kept up this excess, although I knew it was killing me. Then I seemed to fall to pieces all of a sudden.'

His disease took the form of dropsy in the legs, and was very painful. Sister Cornelia continues the story:

"During all his sufferings he never forgot what had brought him to this terrible condition. He kept asking me to warn all boys against their use. A few days before he died he called me to his bedside and said that he thought that he had not lived in vain if only those boys who are still alive would profit by his suffering and death."

There is no other form of tobacco so dangerous as cigarettes, because the nicotine in the smoke is not absorbed in the loose tobacco, smoked clean up to the end, but is taken, unfiltered and undiluted, into the lungs. It was not the poison in the paper, but the poison of the tobacco which killed Samuel Kimball, and is ruining the health of thousands of other pale-faced boys.—Editorial Notes in *N. Y. Independent*, April 24.

ERRATA.—"Manual of Doctrine," page 169, section XXIX., paragraphs 1 and 2, first line, for "Christ *did*," read "Christ *died*."

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