

Kindness to Animals.

AN English lady belonging to the Society of Friends, recently wrote, asking if our boys might take, as a subject for English Composition, "Kindness to Animals." She had heard that Indians were inclined to be cruel to dumb animals. So, at the Christmas examination just held, the pupils of the 4th, 3rd, and 2nd classes had that for their subject. The following are extracts from some of their papers:—

SECOND CLASS.

Baker—We should never hurt animals. We know well enough that God made all animal and fowl. We must not kill a bird for nothing. If we kill a bird we must eat it. The birds is not ours. All animals is God's. Some animals are good to work and some are not good, they are lazy.

Albert—We know well enough not to kill the birds and not to hurt the animals, because God make those animals, and the bird is very nice looking, and the animals is not ours, is God's animals.

Frank—Some of the boys kill birds for nothing and throw them away, and same way with the squirrel. God make them animals for us to see them and make the world happy and not for killing them for nothing and throw them away for nothing. Is all right to kill rabbit if you want to eat them, and same way with the pig, and same way with the sheep, and same way with the turkey.

Sharpe—Animals very good to see them to be happy all the time, not to hurt them, but to be kind to them. The small animals we must not hurt them, because God made for the people to be happy, but the other animals big ones bears if I have good chance I will kill them, but the small animals after when I kill them and thinking about it and I'm sorry for it.

Elijah—We ought to be kind to the animals, as God made the cow and sheep and oxen that can't talk. They can't understand what we say, that why we always be unkind to them, and we always hit them if they come close to the house, and even the little bird will fly to the tree and sing and a boy comes along and throws a stone at her and kill it and if he don't want him he give him to the other boy, and if he don't want it he throws it away and that is the end of it.

Francis—God made all animals, and some animals are wicked, still we should be kind to them.

I would not hurt a living thing,
However weak or small;
The beasts that graze, the birds that sing—
Our Father made them all.

And still we pick it up a stone and throw at the birds.

We should not do that; if we hurt the little things, God will punish us.

Wesley—We be kind to cows and we be kind to sheep, and we should be kind to pigs and horses and birds and dogs and cats and chickens, and we be kind to rabbits and turkeys and also geese and chipmonks, and we should try not to kill one animal on the earth as long as we live.

Charles—I think sometime it is cruel to kill bird, as you see him falling down just so if person is dead he fall down. And we know God made all animals, so we should be kind to them. Sometimes I kill a animal as a rabbit and bird, and sometimes I catch a fish, and I think it is good thing to keep chicken and horse and cow and turkey and geese, as we know it has good meat, and the oxen has a good skin for shoemaker, but as the squirrel is no use to kill it, and birds also, we should never kill it, but we can kill rabbit if we want to eat the flesh.

THIRD CLASS.

Arthur—We should be kind to all the animals whom God has made, because he has made them as well as ourselves: but he did not give them any souls except man, and also he has made us in His own likeness, and he also give us animals to use them while we are in this world.

Negaunewenah—There are very few animals are kind to us. All the animals that are kind to us we also like the animals, and those animals that hate us, we also hate them. That is all I know about this composition

Fox—Some people treat an animal badly to make it gentle and quiet, but more it is treated badly, more it is bad.

Abram—If we want to be kind to them, we must not hurt them at all. If we have to kill some of the animals, we must do it a shortest way to give them a little pain much as possible.

Riley—We like to kill the animals, especially the Indian. Whenever a bad boy see the bird on a tree, he would pick up a stone and try to hit it. We ought to be kind to animals as God is kind to us. The Bible says, "A righteous man regardeth live of his beasts." God is taking care of every animal, not only of us.

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(BY ONE OF THE PUPILS.)

I WILL try and write a few words about this Institution. The first thing that I will write about is the new barn. Last spring as soon as the ground was thawed out, the farm boys began to dig out the cellar for the barn, which was 100 feet long, and 50 feet in width. Of course, we helped them till they were nearly through, then we carpenter boys and Mr. Evans, the carpenter, began to frame timbers, while the farm boys went on