

Montreal.

DUMB ANIMALS.

A PLEA FOR MAN'S DUMB FRIENDS,

Being the Substance of an Address delivered
in Salem Church, by

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We read in the Book of Proverbs that "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." These words mean that a good or just man will be just and kind to his beast, but that a wicked or unjust man will be unjust and cruel to his beast. Many of our carters speak and act toward their horses as if they really believed that a horse has no claim upon their good nature, and that he has no right to expect either a kind word or a kind deed from them. He is only a horse, and therefore deserves to be abused. He must be cursed and whipped and compelled to draw, and "go ahead," whatever be his load or condition. In every sense, it is far better to be humane and kind to poor dumb animals than to be otherwise. To say nothing of the sin, and the judgment to come, a man puts himself much lower than a brute, when he abuses his horse. But drivers are not the only persons to blame, for, as citizens, we are all verily guilty concerning the treatment of dumb animals on the streets of our city.

For some years past much interest has been manifested in the welfare of dumb animals, especially in large cities, on both sides of the Atlantic. In many of them societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals have been founded, and these societies are being vigorously worked, and are doing much for the comfort and the alleviation of the miseries of all kinds of dumb animals, especially

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