

jured speedily appear. It is pathetic to see the trustful confidence of that diseased and crippled throng, some of whom are plainly beyond all help that man can give."

DESPISE NOT THE LITTLE ONES.

There is a very pretty story told of the late Earl of Shaftesbury, who one day, when out walking in one of the busiest streets of London with a friend, was accosted by two little street-arabs. They had been standing on the edge of the pavement, gazing half bewildered at the great sea of traffic rolling ever on and on. As the earl approached them, maybe they saw by the kindly light in his eyes that their request would not be denied them, for fearlessly one little lad held out his dirty hand, saying, "Mister, will ye help us across to the other side, for we are afraid, and want some one to lead us."

The earl readily consented, and taking one little grimy hand of each child, led them until they safely landed on the other side. When he returned, his friend questioned him in a half contemptuous manner: "What ever made you do that, to take their dirty hands into your own? I should have been afraid to touch them."

His lordship smiled, replying: "One day when my work here is ended, and I get over yonder, I want to meet those lads, but no longer poor and dirty; and to hear my Master's welcome, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me.'"

PRESIDENT ELIOT AND THE LABOUR QUESTION.

Something of the mind and character of President Eliot, of Harvard University, is seen in the eloquence and courage with which he addressed the Central Labour Union of Boston some weeks ago. An out-and-out individualist, he nevertheless won the admiration of his hearers by his candour and courtesy, and his utter freedom from airs of superiority or condescension. Says a writer in an exchange:

"One who was privileged to study the audience of 2,000 trade unionists, and to hear the arguments and the replies to questions of President Eliot, which lasted two hours, will ever count it a red-letter day. For it all reflected so much credit on the innate chivalry, sense of fair play, and intelligence of the American working-man, as well as demonstrating un-

answerably the wealth of intellectual resource and moral character which a life and career like President Eliot's give to one who would teach his fellowmen."

He frankly expressed his admiration for the "scab" as a hero. He condemned the unfairness and un-Americanism of the trades-union policy, as seen in the limitation of apprenticeship, the demand of uniform payment for ununiform labour. He believes the mobility of passage from stratum to stratum of society has hitherto been the essence of democracy. His speech has given the socialist something to think about. It is pleasing to note the courteous interchange of thought on both the part of the speaker and his hearers.

A success beyond the successes of other years was the session of our Summer-school, held at Victoria University this year. A stimulus that should be national was given to our Sunday-school work by the presence and lectures of Dr. and Mrs. Hamill. Prof. Riddell, of Edmonton, brought before us our great western country, and reminded us of the youngest of our colleges. The topic of missions was, of course, the absorbing theme. The presence of Bishop Hartzell from Africa, and Dr. Ewan, of China gave a never-to-be-forgotten inspiration to those present. A fuller account was given in Onward of August 20th.

Miss Hu King Eng, the young Chinese girl whom Li Hung Chang appointed a delegate from China to the Woman's Convention in London in 1898, is said to be very successful as a doctor in Foochow. She studied for seven years in the University of Michigan, and received the degree of M.D. there. She is now in charge of a hospital, and the story is told of a coolie who wheeled his old blind mother 1,000 miles on a wheelbarrow to take her to the woman doctor. An operation for double cataract was performed, and the woman can see as well as ever.

A Hindu father recently brought his little motherless girl to a mission school, and asked that she might be received, saying: "For years I have watched the two hundred Christian girls of your school go back and forth, and I never have seen an unhappy face among them; I want my daughter to be like them."