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Earl Shaftesbury, and his Pet Donkey.

THE late Earl Shaftesbury was an earnest lover of the Lord, and therefore he loved to do good to his fellow men. When we have the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts, we will always be ready to labour for others and seek their welfare rather than our own. This was so with the good nobleman who passed away to be with Jesus, on the 1st October, 1885. When but a young man, the Earl, as a member of the House of Lords, was found actively engaged in trying to secure the making of laws intended to help the poor people of England, and he succeeded in doing a great deal for their good. One thing our young readers will be pleased to hear, and that is, the Earl was very fond of little boys and girls; and during his long life of usefulness, he gave his help toward establishing homes and schools for the benefit

of the poor little children of England. He used to take great pleasure in visiting these homes, and there he would sit and tell the little ones

of the God who made them, the Saviour who died for them, for in these things he took the warmest interest; and every child in these homes learned to regard Lord Shaftesbury almost as a father.

In one of these homes was a child, so small for her age as to be called "Tiny," and she was a special favourite of his. One day she wrote him a letter, and he sent her the following answer. We give the letter and also a cut showing how the good Earl signed his name:—

"MY DEAR SMALL TINY,—I must thank you for your nice letter, and say that, God willing, I will certainly call and see your new home, and you too, little woman. You ask me to give "a bed" to the new home.

To be sure I will. I will give two if you wish it, and they shall be called "Tiny's Petitions. I am glad to

