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Some years ago when the great clock of St. Paul's struck the hour of midnight there might have been seen a tall thin gentleman with a lantern in his hand and one or two assistants going in and out of the arches of Holborn Viaduct, London, where were gathered the riff-raff of the great metropolis, thieves flying from justice, and homeless little boys. This man goes from group to group and while many flee from him he gathers by morning thirty or forty hungry ragged children, and having fed and clothed them, he tells them of Jesus Christ. And so he spends his nights, robbing himself of sleep. His friends remonstrate, but he answers, "My heart is breaking for my poor boys."

Who is this man? He has in his veins the bluest blood of the British aristocracy. He is the Earl of Shaftesbury, who leaves his palace at the west end, to burrow amid the filth and squalor of the recesses of Holborn Viaduct, that he may find the boys whom he can save for Christ's sake.

**"As Others See Us."**

The October number of THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA is the brightest sample of a church paper yet produced in the Dominion. Besides a mass of selected matter of excellent quality, there are contributions from sixty-seven different persons upon subjects which they are fully qualified to discuss. Only those who have attempted something of the kind can appreciate the achievement. The editor is to be congratulated.—Toronto Evening News.

**Shaftesbury and the Donkey.**

Lord Shaftesbury delighted in telling of the funny things which had happened to him, and perhaps the most comical of all was when the costermongers of East London and their friends desired to make him a present. It was to be kept a profound secret. The occasion was arranged for. Over a thousand "costers" with their friends assembled in Coster's Hall. It was a great occasion. The platform was occupied by ladies and gentlemen who had been invited. In the course of the evening a very handsome donkey was led onto the platform and formally presented to the earl amid the rapturous acclamations of the assembly.

In order to appreciate the pathos as well as the humor of the occasion, it must be known that costermongers in London depend for their living on the donkeys that draw their carts, and no present from costers could have so much genuine pathetic significance. Putting his arm round the animal's neck, Lord Shaftesbury returned thanks in a short speech, from which the following words may be extracted: "When I have passed away from this life, I desire to have no more said of me than that I have done my duty, as the poor donkey has done his, with patience and un murmuring resignation."

If her hostess does her own work the girl guest who is thoughtful may properly give a helping hand in washing the dishes, or dusting the parlor, but this help must be tactfully offered and not intrusively urged; some women are averse to assistance from their guests.—July Ladies' Home Journal.

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