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### A LITTLE OUTING FOR LONDONERS.

#### PART I.

SOME time back the Bishop of London advised those who were taking holidays, and who could only spare a few days and afford a small sum of money, to make short tours to places in their own neighbourhood rather than to expend both time and money in taking long journeys to distant localities; this advice is wise and economical, and will, we hope, be largely acted upon. It has always struck us that people attempt to do far too much and

consequently either don't do it at all, or do it badly! They "rush" their holidays and obtain from them neither health nor intellectual enjoyment; this has led to the saying of a modern writer of a cynical turn of mind, "Life would be endurable but for its holidays!" Who has not met the man or woman who proposes to take a week's holiday and produces a list as long as your arm of places he intends visiting? if the plan be carried out one knows that the result will be a wearied body and a jaded mind! Yet if the person in

question would but follow the good Bishop's advice, the body would be refreshed and the mind delighted. Why not, instead of attempting to do some foreign land, run down to inspect the pretty country within twenty or thirty miles of London? for there is sweet country within twenty miles of the metropolis, landscapes which are in their way as delightful as anything in Europe; there are bright, sparkling streams, noble old trees, dense woods, peaceful old villages, homesteads, interesting ancient churches with architecture dating back



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