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## INTRODUCTION.

It has often appeared to us desirable to preserve in a permanent form the many warm expressions of appreciation of our work which have fallen from persons occupying public and leading positions, and who are able to form an enlightened opinion with regard to The Salvation Army.

But in setting about the task our great difficulty has been that of compressing into any readable bulk even a small selection from such eulogies as have been passed to us in writing, or have been verbally reported when spoken. In issuing the following extracts we must, therefore, disclaim any intention of slighting any of the noble friends who may not be mentioned, or of undervaluing the eloquent addresses from which the limits of space compel us to take only an odd sentence or two.

We issue this pamphlet in the hope that it may gain for us the attention of persons who have hitherto been hindered from regarding our operations as worthy of their notice. Surely it cannot be necessary for us to say that we do not labour for human applause. But seeing so constantly around us multitudes who remain in wretchedness unhelped, and desiring that our opportunity to assist them should be increased in some proportion to the vastness of their need, we wish to use the kindly commendations of our past doings to gain for us the means to accomplish very much more in the future.

## OPINIONS.

### HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN, (1) TO THE LATE MRS. BOOTH.

WINDSOR CASTLE,

June 30th, 1882.

"Her Majesty learns with much satisfaction that you have, with the other members of your Society, been successful in your efforts to win many thousands to the ways of temperance, virtue, and religion.

HENRY F. PONSONBY."

### (2) TO GENERAL BOOTH.

WINDSOR CASTLE.

July 20th, 1897.

To GENERAL BOOTH.

"The Queen wishes to express to all the members of The Salvation Army now assembled for their Triennial Congress, her heartfelt thanks for their touching message of loyal congratulations and earnest good wishes.

"Her Majesty fully recognises the great and varied works so courageously undertaken by The Army on behalf of so many of their unhappy fellow-creatures in different parts of Her Empire.

"The Queen fervently trusts that divine guidance and blessing may accompany all future efforts of The Army."

**MR. W. McKINLEY,****President of the United States of America.**

"In the President's behalf, I am authorised to send you a few words of greeting and good cheer on the occasion of the celebration of the Anniversary to be held at Carnegie Music Hall, in New York, on Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

"The report which your letter contains of the progress of your philanthropic work, is one of which you have a right to be proud, and will interest every patriotic citizen. The President, I can assure you, fully realises the effective relief work now being done on such a large scale by those associated with you.

"It was gratifying to the President to receive you at the White House on your visit to Washington a short time ago, and from him you have already had words of sympathy and encouragement.

"J. A. PORTER, Secretary to the President."

**THE VERY REV. F. W. FARRAR, D.D., Dean of Canterbury.**

"When I look round me, and see all the work—the magnificent work, the especially Christ-like work—which has been done by many true Christians who do not belong to my own particular Church, I thank God and take courage that He has servants in many denominations; and among those workers I mention, without hesitation, the name of my friend General Booth.

"In religious opinions, as regards many minor matters, I may very widely differ from them; but that does not for a moment prevent me from acknowledging, and from giving thanks to God with all my heart, for the work which they do in pleading the cause of the oppressed, espousing the cause of the widow, in helping the fatherless, in undoing the heavy burdens, and letting the oppressed go free.

"It will always be my pride and pleasure—I regard it

not by any means as a condescension, but a distinguished honour—to take even the smallest part in encouraging or speaking a word in favour of such God-like work as is done by many members of The Salvation Army. I am not speaking of the religious work, but the work they do for the suffering. In that work they bear insults and reproaches, poverty, humiliation, and self-sacrifice; and yet they cheerfully do it, because they know that God wishes us to be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave us; and because they know that no one will be so blessed as in the work which Christ set the example of Himself, when He went about doing good.

"And because I can speak, at any rate, with some slight knowledge of the social and charitable work of The Salvation Army—because, when I was in London, I personally visited the Prison Homes, the Homes for Refuge, and the Night Shelters, and the many other institutions which The Salvation Army in their poverty and in their humility have raised to elevate the condition of the most wretched of men—I can distinctly declare the work is a blessed one. I wish it from my heart God's blessing, and I hope in all its work The Salvation Army may prosper in that whereunto God has called them."

**THE RIGHT HON. EARL CARRINGTON, G.C.M.G.,  
Late Lord Chamberlain.**

"I feel sure that everyone must wish you success in your efforts on behalf of the poor and fallen, whose condition and circumstances are so pitiful."

**THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ABERDEEN, G.C.M.G.,  
Late Governor-General of Canada.**

"I do hope we may expect the authorities not only to recognise the work of The Salvation Army in advising

the building of Shelters here and there, but go a little farther, and recognise them in some such practical way as to give facilities for the Officers of The Army to enter the prisons, and speak to the prisoners there before they come out and find some of their old companions waiting for them.

“Another very important and encouraging department is the Farm Colony. I was there a few days ago, and, having a practical knowledge of farming, I was struck by the manner in which these operations, as regards the material part, is carried on. It was difficult to believe that the men I saw had gone through the various stages, some of them having been in the Shelter at Blackfriars, and sleeping in a penny bed. When we think that many of them had formed habits and associations of a most evil kind, we ought to be thankful indeed that one-half of these utterly hopeless men are permanently reclaimed. No such work as this is thrown away. The Salvation Army see their duty, and they go for it, there and then. They never give up, and never give in; no case is too desperate for them to take up and endeavour to deal with.”

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN RIGBY, Q.C.,  
Lord Justice of Appeal.**

“For a good number of years I had this sort of relation to The Salvation Army, that they honoured me in asking my advice in matters within the scope of my profession—legal affairs.

“You all know—and I hope it may be an increasingly important feature of the history of The Salvation Army—that General Booth is not only an enthusiast in the cause of humanity, not only a most daring projector of schemes; but, by reason of the confidence placed in him, he is the owner, not for himself, but for other people, of important estates and properties, and he and those who assist him

have important and difficult duties cast upon them as to the administration of all the funds and properties placed at their disposal. . . .

“I remember the time when it was supposed that, whether they were really in earnest in their desire to do good or not, many people thought that they were not; but other and more charitable people thought they had the enthusiasm and they had the boldness, but that they could not be expected to have the prudent qualities which would turn to best account the property which they had. I, however, soon found, when I had to do with them, that a man may be an enthusiast and yet not a visionary, and that a man may be as bold as you please and yet not reckless; indeed, I speedily came to the conclusion—not from seeing one of their superior Officers, but from seeing first one and then another—that the Headquarters of The Salvation Army was an excellent school for the training of good men of business.

“I found them sensible and far-seeing men of business—moderate and fair in the statement of their case; in fact, in that respect I have never found any body of men that I could praise more to my own satisfaction than when, to the best of my humble powers, I advised them as to their legal rights. I say this for them, that I never advised them as to what they ought to do, but immediately they realised their position. They, uniformly acting in the most liberal and fair spirit, took those steps which I think I should have taken myself under the circumstances. Several times I have been anxious to say a few words of this kind in public, and I am very glad to have the opportunity.”

**THE RIGHT HON. CECIL RHODES.**

“I have not had the experience which he [the late Lord Loch] has had in various parts of the British Empire. I can only speak of South Africa, and I say that the work of your organisation is a practical one.

“The Cabinet of which I was a member was appealed to for a contribution for The Army in that part of the world. Statistics were called for, and we gathered that you offered Homes for waifs and strays and those, perhaps, who had fallen in the colony, and who, when released from prison, had another chance in life through the medium of your organisation. We learnt that they were provided with a home when they left the prison, and obtained a fresh start in life. The practical view which Parliament took of that work was to vote a grant in their favour, and that vote has been continued ever since. I am told that in fifteen of Her Majesty's colonies various grants are given by those colonies—not sentimentally, but as a practical return for the good work that you do in different parts of Her Majesty's Empire. I give you my word that, living in a remote portion of Her Majesty's dominions, I gladly give my testimony to the good and practical work which you do in that part of the world that I have adopted as my home. I refer to South Africa.”

**THE RIGHT HON. HERBERT J. GLADSTONE, M.P.**

“I maintain that The Salvation Army is, in many respects, performing the work that ought to be taken up by the Government itself. I see that in much they do they are put to expenditure and to effort which it is not fair to put upon any individuals in the community.

“I get value for my money out of The Salvation Army. Everybody knows that we have very often thrown on our hands wastrels. I have found that when I have gone to The Salvation Army, and asked them if they could do anything for such, I have invariably met with most courteous and cheerful treatment, and with prompt and ready attention. The cases in which I have been interested have been taken in hand, and I know from personal experience that those cases have been so well treated that the chances are they will be turned out, after all their

sufferings, trials, and weaknesses, decent and respectable men and women.

“Another matter on which I wish to dwell is the Prison Work. The Salvation Army has practically grappled with this question, and it was this matter which first brought me into contact with its prison efforts. But please remember that it is only one side of that work, for The Army believes that prevention is better than cure, and it has its preventive side in its Refuge and its Rescue Homes; and that Rescue Work which is being done by Mrs. Booth is of enormous value. Then there is its admirable Police-court Work. All these are agencies which are calculated to prevent crime and the manufacture of criminals. But The Army goes a step further by its remedial and reformatory work. They take hold of as many men and women as they can when they come out of prison; they speak to them, counsel them, pray with them, train them, and they reform a very large percentage of them. . . . I say that that is a great result, because you must remember that the class of men dealt with in this Home were of the most dangerous character, and were untouched by any work or influence of the Government.

“For the last six years, in my official capacity at the Home Office, and also as a Member of Parliament, I have given close and personal attention to prison matters—and I say emphatically, there is no society or body in the country which has done more valuable work in connection with prison matters and for the rescue of criminals than The Salvation Army.”

**THE LORD BISHOP OF MANCHESTER**

(Right Rev. J. Moorhouse, D.D.), when Bishop of Melbourne.

“I must say of The Salvation Army, in the first place, that I believe it to be inspired by the noblest impulse which

can direct human energies—by the desire to make sinful men love and follow Christ. I see in its leading ministers and agents a holy, self-denying enthusiasm which, on the large scale, is nowhere equalled at the present time. When I read of the bold assaults which they make on the very strongholds of vice—of delicate women risking insult and braving disease that they may rescue their fallen sisters from the grasp of loathsome vice and reckless violence—I feel my heart go out to them in love and admiration. They are God's children; they are Christ's people. If the Master were here, I am sure He would own them and honour them, and set them above me. If they don't shame all of us into more self-denying efforts to fight the great foes of Christ and humanity, it must be because our hearts are cold, and we have lost the glow of our first love.

“Again, I must say that in reading their book of doctrine and discipline, I have been very much struck by the sanctified common-sense which, to a very large extent, leavens its teaching. It is old-fashioned, evangelical Christianity, with a few of its excellencies, and also with some of what I should call its objectionable features left out. The firmness and fulness with which it insists upon holiness of heart and life are most cheering.”

**THE RIGHT HON. JESSE COLLINGS, M.P.,**

**Under-Secretary, Home Office.**

“I heartily wish success to the Social Work of The Army, which, in addition to relief of individual want and suffering, and to the reform of those who are on the down-grade, is, I think, of great assistance to the guardians of law and order and to local authorities in several of the difficult problems with which they have to deal.”

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN, M.P.**

“I can assure you no one has a higher opinion than I of the forces brought into play by The Salvation Army.

Putting doctrinal points aside, we have seen no such engine for civilising, educating (in the literal meaning), amusing and elevating of a great body of people who, without it, would have very little brightness in their life.”

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR WILLIAM V. HARCOURT, M.P.,**

**Late Chancellor of the Exchequer.**

“You are quite right in supposing that I should be glad to seize the opportunity of the celebration of the fiftieth year of General Booth's service in the cause of humanity to express my sympathy with, and admiration of, the noble and successful work which he has done for the redemption of the poor and the miserable from the burden of poverty and vice. . . . He has earned a high place among the benefactors of his fellow-men.”

**SIR WALTER BESANT.**

“For many years I have watched the progress of The Salvation Army; and the more closely I have examined, the more stable have I found its foundations, and the more remarkable its success. . . . The only way to reach the very lowest of the people is to go down to them. This The Salvation Army has done, and hence their success. What was it that affected these people? It was The Army's magnetic touch. . . .

“Does the Farm Colony pay? There is no money standard by which you can measure the worth of a single human being. It may be measured something in this way: if you take one man, and he transfers his life from the useless to the useful class, he, as they say in the House of Commons, counts two in a division. Further, this rescue of one man leads to the permanent prevention of crime—from father to son, from son to grandson—till the principles of honesty become rooted in that family. Ask yourselves, is it not a blessing to be able to say, ‘I am

the son of an honest man' ? Therefore, deficit or no deficit, this Farm is a very great gain to the community at large, and I hope it is going to be followed by a great many others all over the world. These places seem to me unspeakably lovely and beautiful. I say that what I saw was moving beyond the power of words, and it shows that in the hearts of the very worst lie the germs that will respond to affection and sympathy.

"The workers seem to me to illustrate a new and a very remarkable change of view of what charity really is. Formerly, to give a beggar a penny was a charity; to establish a dole or to found an almshouse was charity, and I have nothing to say against it; but it has been reserved for this time—and yet not quite—because it was inculcated by the Founder of our religion, restored to it by St. Francis of Assisi in his day, and to his generation by General Booth and his followers, that the truest form of charity consists not in teaching, giving money, or anything else—but in giving themselves; and that these people do. I am firmly convinced that thousands and thousands of these people, who go about with those red jerseys and poke-bonnets, glorify and make splendid the lives they live among the lower classes of the people; and though their names do not come out in the papers, and they get no honour, or applause, or wealth, yet they are beacon-lights to those for whom they labour."

**LORD MONKSWELL, L.C.C.**

"I am convinced of this, that there is no body of people in the kingdom who are more untiring in good works, more enthusiastic, and more self-sacrificing than the members of The Salvation Army.

"And I may add to that, that they are undaunted; they have this physical property, that ought to animate everyone who presumes to belong to what is called an Army—that is to say, that he does not know when he is beaten, and that he is never daunted by any amount of apparent

failures. There is this, also, that I think has very much to do with the success of The Salvation Army: we have a lot of very good persons in this world who do not seem quite to understand human nature. They think that human nature can be turned out in a mould exactly as they wish it to be turned out. But what The Army does is to deal with human nature just as they find it."

**THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER (Very Rev. S. R. Hole, D.D.).**

"I have been heartily interested and impressed by the records of the work done by The Salvation Army for our Master and our fellow-men.

"How can we doubt Paul's words: 'There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are differences of administration, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all' ?

"I do not ignore the gravity of our separations; but I believe that, while we hope that it may please God to fulfil the Saviour's prayer, that we should all be one, we may hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

**H. LABOUCHERE, Esq., M.P.**

"I think that there is no question that The Salvation Army has done much good work in its endeavour to deal with those who, from one cause or another, have fallen to a condition in which it is a reproach to the entire country that they should continue to live without every effort being made to reclaim them. I therefore wish The Army all success."

**THE RIGHT HON. JOHN MORLEY, M.P.**

"There are many of the most serious subjects that can engage the human mind and the human heart upon which

I do not agree with General Booth. But I respect any man who devotes himself, body and soul, to the lifting up of the down-trodden. It may be that some of his proposals may be found impracticable; but I don't know if you have ever heard that one of the definitions of a fool is 'a man who never makes an experiment.' Let us, if possible, have experiments made. I look for experiments to be made in this kind of way; that is to say, springing from individual initiative—depending upon voluntary co-operation and organisation."

**THE LATE RIGHT HON. EARL CAIRNS,**  
Formerly Lord Chancellor.

"What I would impress upon you and those listening to the reports, which, either from mistakes, or ignorance, or prejudice, are circulated about the proceedings of The Salvation Army, is, Don't believe them. Go and see for yourself, or inquire, in any case, and ask for an explanation, and I feel sure you will get it. Let us, then, having got this great agency to do the work that is so much needed to be done, not merely go and say, 'Yes, it is all very interesting, and, no doubt, much good is being done;' but let us join to lend a helping hand to this great movement. Let us, if we think it is doing God's work, be firm, and help it forward; and let us honestly and consistently give it such assistance as we have it in our power to give."

**THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF JERSEY, G.C.M.G.**

"It is because I believe that a work like this—even though I may not wear a red jersey—is doing a great deal of good in the world, that I have come here to support it; and though I belong to an ancient Church, which has a ritual, I am not afraid, and am not ashamed to come here and wish you God-speed in your work. . . . What

you said just now was a true expression of the meaning of The Salvation Army, viz., that it means Christianity working for humanity."

**THE LATE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM**  
(Very Rev. Dr. Lightfoot).

"Shall we be satisfied with going on as hitherto, picking up one here, and one there, gathering together a more or less select congregation, forgetful meanwhile of the Master's command, 'Go ye into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in'? The Salvation Army has taught us a higher lesson than this. Whatever may be its faults, it has at least recalled to us this lost ideal of the work of the Church—the *universal compulsion of the souls of men.*"

**HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND.**

Her Grace visited the Army's Social Work at Bradford, and stated: "I am very pleased with the Shelter, and the way in which The Salvation Army helps the poor."

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN GORST, Q.C., M.P.**

"In your Farm Colony the wasted labour of the great City is applied to the derelict land of the country. The unemployed is taken away from the town, where he competes with a congested mass of workers, too numerous for the employment which offers, and brought back upon the land, where he produces more than he consumes, where his labour enriches the nation, and does not lessen the earnings of his fellow-workmen, and where he is engaged in an industry in which there cannot be over-production. It seems to me that the experiment you are trying has, so far as it has gone, yielded results of a most encouraging character, and it would be a national misfortune if want of funds should prevent its being carried out to the end."

**THE EARL OF ONSLOW,  
Under-Secretary of State for India, when Governor of  
New Zealand.**

"If any man deserves a vote of thanks, General Booth deserves it. . . . General Booth, if his Scheme should prove a success, will earn not only your thanks, but the thanks of the three millions of unfortunate people in the country from which we all are sprung; and he will earn, above all, that which he values more than anything else—he will earn the approval of his God."

**REV. R. F. HORTON, M.A., D.D.**

"I am sometimes struck by the happy look on the faces of small companies of Salvationists I meet on my way to church. I suppose the cause lies in their being at close quarters with their work and personal dealing with souls.

"The Salvation Army has opened out quite a new field of Christian endeavour for women. The bonnet I have always looked upon as an inspiration, and the result of women's work has been to give them an opportunity of dealing with the most difficult of our problems of great cities."

**LORD BRASSEY, K.C.B., Governor of Victoria.**

"I esteem it a great privilege to have the opportunity of expressing my sympathy with the work in which General Booth and those who are with him are engaged. I have sympathy with its spiritual ends and objects. The methods by which you work may not be practically conceived with the view of reaching persons who are accustomed to the more established methods; but, recognising as I do that these old-established methods have failed to reach the vast mass of my fellow-countrymen, I am glad that the great spiritual ends and objects—objects of raising men and women to a better, nobler, and

a purer life—are largely attained by General Booth and those who are working with him.

"I feel the greatest respect for, and the greatest gratitude to, General Booth and those who are working with him."

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR SAMUEL WAY,**

**Chief Justice and Lieut.-Governor of South Australia.**

"The conviction which has come to my mind is, that no Parliament, no Royal Commission, no Judicial Bench, no democratic club, no writer for the press, and no writer of books has ever presented to the world a finer scheme of social regeneration than is contained in that noble book of General Booth's, viz.: 'In Darkest England and the Way Out.'

"I have conferred with my friend Mr. Boothby, the Sheriff of South Australia, who has had forty years' experience in prison work, and who is the highest authority on that subject on this side of the line, and he has told me that the proud position the Colony of South Australia holds to-day, of being freer from crime than any other country on the face of the earth—although bad times, the vigilance of the police, and the deterrent effect of punishment were factors contributing to this result—was largely due to the work done by the Officers of The Salvation Army."

**COL. SIR HOWARD VINCENT, M.P.**

"I recognise The Salvation Army amongst the civilising, educational, philanthropic, practical organisations which have contributed to make the present generation socially and morally better than the past, and will make the next generation better than the present."

**THE HON. SIR J. A. COCKBURN, M.D.,**  
**Agent-General and formerly Premier of South Australia.**

"I came from Australia to add my testimony to that of Mr. Rhodes, as to the value of the work in the Colonies. The Colonists of Australia are practical, hard-headed men, and they judge a tree by its fruit. On more than one occasion I have held the portfolio that has to do with the administration of the police and prisons, and I have seen in the department, day after day, the value of the work done by The Salvation Army. And so much is this work appreciated by the Government of South Australia and many other Australian colonies, that, like South Africa, we place an actual grant on our estimates year after year, in recognition of the practical work done in the way of diminishing crime and poverty.

"Since I have been here I have had the opportunity of seeing the work done, and I hope it will not be going too far when I say that I regard The Army as one of the great institutions for obtaining law and order and securing citizens in peaceful possession. Everybody, of course, does not agree with the methods of The Salvation Army. All that can be said is that The Army adopt the necessary methods to do the work they have in hand, and the only way in which they can do it. I have listened to ladies speaking in unappreciative terms of the work done by The Army, and I have thought that many of our wealthy citizens sleep in greater repose and more free from the fear of night raids and attacks from the enemies of society because of the reform work done by The Salvation Army. I have seen at the Shelters the way in which they get thieves transformed from thieves into thief-catchers themselves, who bring in thieves in the most wholesale manner into The Salvation Army, and turn them away from their foul deeds, and make them peaceable and law-abiding citizens. I can but again add my

testimony to the excellent work being done, and the way in which it is appreciated by the Australian Colonists."

**THE HON. J. B. PATTERSON, Premier of Victoria.**

"As the head of the Government, and having been connected with many Governments, I have frequently had occasion to recognise and acknowledge with gratitude the support and the admirable assistance that The Salvation Army has rendered to the distressed.

"The Army knows neither creed nor class, but freely extends its aid to all.

"I consider that The Army fulfils the Christian idea better than any other organisation of which I have any knowledge."

**PENN GASKELL, Esq.,**

**Of The Charity Organisation Society.**

"The Officers are, in many respects, a remarkable set of men; their self-denying, cheerful devotion is beyond all praise. The result is often a complete triumph, such as could never have been won by any form of material charity. It is here that The Salvation Army seems eminently qualified to succeed."

**ARNOLD WHITE, Esq.**

"I am no partisan of General Booth. I dislike many of his methods, and I detest the language of emotion and the display of feeling. As an onlooker who has watched The Salvation Army for many years in various parts of the world, I am proud to do what a sinner can—as a buttress from the outside, rather than as a pillar from within—to support the great edifice which General Booth and his family have constructed."

**THE LATE REV. C. H. SPURGEON.**

“If The Salvation Army were wiped out of London, five thousand extra policemen could not fill its place in the repression of crime and disorder.”

**THE REV. FATHER IGNATIUS.**

Writing to a friend on the receipt of the news of the death of Mrs. Booth, Father Ignatius expressed himself as follows:—

“What a glorious woman! What a mother of giants in Israel! What an astounding fact is The Salvation Army! What a shame and what a glory to the Churches!

“I wish you would see General Booth, and tell him how deeply and affectionately I have mourned with him. Newman, Liddon, Booth, true saints promoted almost together!”

**THE REV. ARCHDEACON WILBERFORCE.**

“It is quite impossible for me to be present; but you have my cordial good wishes for the success of your noble work.”

**THE HON. A. J. PEACOCK, Chief Secretary of  
Victoria.**

“I am here to-day to gratefully and thankfully acknowledge that there are numbers of institutions doing a good work, but at the head of them stands The Salvation Army.

“In this nineteenth century, things move so quietly that there are numbers of ordinary events; but when its history comes to be written, that which will occupy a foremost place in public attention will be the marvellous development of the power and organisation of the institutions presided over by General Booth.”

**VISCOUNT MILTON, M.P.**

“I consider The Salvation Army is the society to be trusted with the money of those who wish to do the most good with it in the direction of philanthropic effort.”

**W. T. STEAD, Esq.**

“. . . A journalistic career of twenty years has brought me into close quarters with an immense number of the ablest men and women of our time, and I have no hesitation whatever in saying that, in the whole sweep of my acquaintance, I have not met more than half-a-dozen men—British, European, or American, crowned or uncrowned, prelates, statesmen, soldiers, or workers—whom I would rank as the superiors in force, capacity, and initiative with General Booth, Mrs. Booth, and their eldest son. Whether or not General Booth be, as Lord Wolseley declared, the greatest organising genius of our time, he and his family constitute the most remarkable group of men and women that I know.”

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR HENRY H. FOWLER, late Secretary  
of State for India, speaking in the House of Commons:—**

“Honourable Members may not all agree with the machinery of The Salvation Army, but no one will deny that they have done a good and noble work in confronting vice and intemperance and crime in its most loathsome shape. . . . These people are endeavouring to grapple with problems of the greatest gravity, and they are doing this by means of an organisation which no other religious body possesses or makes use of.”

**W. S. CAINE, Esq., M.P.**

“I have seen The Army at work in France, Switzerland, Canada, the States, and India, as well as at home, and

every fresh experience enhances the deep respect, nay, reverence, I feel for the heroic men and women. . . .

“Of your work amongst the peoples of our vast dependency, India, I have often written and spoken. It is the best and most apostolic work now to be found upon the face of the earth.”

**EARL FORTESCUE**, *speaking in the House of Lords*:—

“The movement seems, beyond all reasonable doubt, to have a purifying effect on many who were previously foul and helpless in their degradation.”

**SIR B. WALTER FOSTER, M.P.**

“I have always felt the greatest interest in the Darkest England Social Scheme, and wrote one of the earliest articles on General Booth’s book. All I have learned since about the Scheme confirms the favourable opinion I then formed of it.”

**LADY HENRY SOMERSET.**

“I am glad to say again, as I have often said, that no engine power in our day seems to me to be pointed with more of directness and effect against the batteries of evil than The Salvation Army, led by its intrepid and devoted General, to whom, on the occasion of his jubilee, I desire to send the assurance of my highest esteem, admiration, and goodwill in the name of Christ and humanity.”

**SIR CHARLES CAMERON, Bart., M.P.**

“I regard The Salvation Army as one of the most remarkable outcomes of our time. Not even the most sceptical or the most cold-blooded of men, when he saw each advance of The Salvation Army followed by the establishment of homes for the homeless, the provision of food for the hungry, and work for those out of employment; when he saw the right hand of fellowship held out to the dissolute, the drunken, the criminal, and the

abandoned; and when, further, he saw the extraordinary results of this work in the reformation of a class which hitherto the world had been tempted to regard almost as outside the pale of redemption—could withhold a meed of admiration and reverence from the earnest and devoted workers who, under Providence, had been instrumental in effecting this great good to humanity.

“Two or three years ago I had the honour of presiding over a Government inquiry into the habitual offenders, inebriates, and vagrants, and Colonel McHardy was one of my colleagues. Naturally, we turned to The Salvation Army to learn the results of its experience. Four of its Officers gave evidence, and the Commissioners learnt a great deal of what was useful in connection with the social work that it performed. Considering what The Salvation Army was accomplishing, is it any wonder that it is each day commanding in this country wider sympathy, respect, and support?”

**THE HON. SIR HORACE TOZER, K.C.M.G.**

“It was my privilege for nearly ten years to take part in the Government of Queensland. During that time it fell to my lot to perform some functions in connection with The Salvation Army. In my capacity of Home Secretary I had the opportunity of throwing the prison gates open to The Army, and I succeeded in getting the different institutions, which had the names of Rescue and Prison-Brigade Homes, to be given up to The Army. The result is that The Army has not only the Prison-Brigade Home in Queensland, but in the other colonies where there are prisons.

“It is a most difficult matter, indeed, to get any subsidies or any assistance in the Colonies for anything which savours of religion. The religion is left to the people, and the State undertakes no duties in connection with it. But to show you how the country appreciates

the work of The Salvation Army, let me mention that Parliament devotes annually a certain sum towards its social operations. It is not covered up in any form; it is not given by ministers, but by Parliament itself, and I never knew of a single expression of dissent from any member."

**THE HON. SIR PHILIP FYSH, K.C.M.G.**

"It has been my privilege to welcome The General to Tasmania. The Army came there branded with the gibes and jeers of a past generation; yet, when we heard the opinions of the various public men to whom we appealed, we found the report to be so good that, although parliamentarians are opposed to putting their hands in their pockets to spend that which belongs to the people, we arrived at the conclusion that they were doing the people's work, and the people would support a grant. We have a vote before Parliament in connection with the work, which has always been passed with the greatest acclamation. . . . The Rescue Work at Tasmania is undertaken by The Army, who have a method of putting a gentle arm around the fallen, and taking them to their Homes, which shows the sympathy of the women of The Army towards those who have fallen. The success of The Army, I believe, comes of the brotherly love and sisterly kindness which are manifested."

**THE LORD MAYOR OF SHEFFIELD**

(George Franklin, Esq.).

"Of all the movements that has distinguished this century, and particularly the latter half, there is none more remarkable in its effects, and more calculated to do good, than the movement of The Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army has suffered obloquy, scorn, and bodily discomfort, but has always persistently and consistently stuck to the text of their Mission since they started in the work of raising and uplifting the poor."

**SYDNEY BUXTON, Esq., M.P.,**

Late Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

"All those who desire the alleviation of misery, and desire to find openings and opportunities for those who especially require befriending, have watched your attempts and experiments in those directions with interest and hope."

**THE EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, P.C., G.M.S.I.,  
G.M.I.E., formerly Viceroy of India.**

"The principles upon which the members of your Indian Salvation Army base their efforts appear calculated to attain the ends you have in view."

**THE HON. J. E. ROSE-INNES,**

Formerly Attorney-General, Cape Colony.

"The Salvation Army occupied the ground alone in being the only organisation in the Cape Colony which has ever attempted to grapple with the question. . . . The Army has been granted permission to go into all the jails to hold services . . . ; the prison regulations have not been broken, the work of other religious organisations has not been interfered with, and we have heard of many cases where The Army has done great good.

"In support of this work Parliament voted £100—I am ashamed to mention how small the amount is—but the Government are to be asked to make it £150."

**SIR HENRY PARKES.**

Late Premier of New South Wales.

"We are standing in the presence of a mighty builder in the moral world. The Prussian statesman who built up the German Empire built it, to use his own words, of 'destructive iron and cruelly-shed blood;' but a mightier than he—a mightier than the great Bismarck—has stirred our world from one end to the other with no other weapon, with no other element of power than the simple beauty of our common religion."

**LIEUT.-COLONEL M'HARDY (late R.E.),****Chairman of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland.**

"I ask for your interest and sympathy with the work of The Salvation Army, which has set itself to battle with misery, misfortune, vice, and crime. . . . For years this organisation, planned by the genius and energy of General Booth, has been at work, and has spread its efforts over many parts of the world. In some respects its work is peculiar. It has devoted itself to the salvation of the very lowest stratum of society—the waif, the drunkard, and the outcast have its special care. And it seems to me that it deals with men and women on principles which are approved by common sense. There is no coddling in The Salvation Army's methods, and it has not been afraid to use the stimulus of reformation which Providence has provided, namely, the desire for food. It has said to these unfortunate people: 'You want food and shelter—well, here they are, but you must work for them; and if you don't know how to work, we will teach you.' Such principles, combined with a broad and undenominational Christianity, have produced results which have attracted the attention of all. Leaving out of account what has been done abroad, I need only refer to the creation of the large Farm Colony at Hadleigh, and numerous Shelters and Workshops in towns, where the effort is constantly made to teach the idle to work. . . . I need scarcely say that it is in the prisoners' section of the work that I am most deeply interested, and I am here to acknowledge the good work that has been done for prisoners."

**GENERAL SIR WYLIE NORMAN, G.C.B.**

"The Salvation Army is not busy *proselytizing*, but is literally going out to seek and save the lost."

**SIR EDWARD CLARKE, Q.C.**

"I have the strongest sympathy with the work you are doing, and greatly admire the self-sacrificing labour which is given in this cause by those who cannot afford to give money, and who find their reward in the happiness of helping others."

**MAJOR RASCH, M.P.**

"I think most Englishmen take a very considerable interest in The Salvation Army, which has overspread nearly half the civilised world. . . . I have often visited The Salvation Army Farm at Hadleigh with various distinguished men, and I have been astonished at the pluck and energy always shown by the Officers and Staff, for whom I have nothing but unqualified admiration and praise."

**GENERAL SIR W. GORDON CAMERON, K.C.B.**

"I am amazed at the extent of the Social Work of The Salvation Army. . . . I have helped other charitable institutions, but am convinced that The Army is doing more excellent work in this direction than any other."

**THE MARCHIONESS OF RIPON.**

Her Ladyship, in a letter to The General, says:—

"For nearly forty years the misery of the poor in London, and the various efforts to relieve it effectually in the East of London, have daily been in my thoughts. Your book [*"In Darkest England and the Way Out"*] revives the hopes of my youth, and I trust that those who know from experience the terrible suffering in the middle of which they are living, and their inability to relieve it, and those who, perhaps, through reading your book, for the first time realise it, will unite in helping you

to carry on work which has already borne such good fruit, and give you the means to make fresh experiments on the same lines."

**THE LATE RIGHT HON. JOHN BRIGHT, M.P.**

"I suspect that your good work will not suffer materially from the ill-treatment you are meeting with. The people who mob you would, doubtless, have mobbed the Apostles."

**THE REV. H. R. HAWEIS, M.A.**

"I have taken an active interest in The Salvation Army. . . . Long before General Booth occupied his present commanding position I was a friend of that movement, and I have systematically supported its principles, and given my tribute to the high character of The General and his noble Officers. . . . There is a presence and a power about these people—I don't know what you can attribute it to, unless to the presence of Spiritual influences, and the results in them of a work of Grace.

". . . . What is the secret of their power? It is their belief in the infinite recuperability of human nature. They do not inquire whether people are respectable before they aid them, nor do they make long investigations before they give them a helping hand. They do that afterwards. They believe that, however bad the folks may be, there is that in them by which they may be lifted up.

". . . . Because The Salvation Army is doing a work which is peculiarly sympathetic to me; because it seems to 'spot' a defect in the working of other religious organisations, namely, the working up of the waste materials of this great city; and because it strives to make the best, and not the worst, of *anybody*. That is the spirit and power and influence with which The Salvation Army has attracted my attention."

**THE RIGHT HON. R. J. SEDDON, LL.D.,  
Premier of New Zealand.**

"We know that when the movement was first commenced how it was received. History almost repeated itself. We know of the sneers and gibes, and the persecutions and prosecutions that took place, and how we were all told it would be like many other movements—it would be there for a time, and would wane and then disappear; but events have proved that these prognostications were incorrect. The Army came, it is here, and it will stay. I say it will never wane so long as we are true to ourselves, so long as there are hearts who desire to do good to their fellows, and who are prepared to hold out the hand of fellowship, and to assist in uplifting those who require help.

"Speaking purely from a Government point of view, I say, from my position—and I would not deserve to hold the position, I think, for a moment, were I not prepared to recognise the great service that has been, and is being, done by The Salvation Army in dealing with social problems that have seemed impossible of solution in the past. . . ."

**THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON (Sir J. Voce-Moore).**

"I have been reading with deep interest a graphic description which your great leader, General Booth, gives of the progress of the work. . . . No fewer than twenty-four different Governments now recognise and financially aid you in dealing with the poor to assist these good works.

"You require assistance in many ways, and General Booth puts the great want of money low down the list of needs. You want better laws for dealing with these unfortunate people. You need more direct co-operation in your plans between those who administer the laws and those who work among the classes liable to be law-breakers. You want still more progress, though you have so many

helpers already engaged in the Social side of your organisation. You need as many as are prepared to throw themselves heart and soul into your work. You need money to carry on these gigantic operations throughout the world, and I trust that the result of your meeting to-day will be to meet some of your needs, and give fresh impetus to that benevolent work in which I bid you God-speed."

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR GORDON SPRIGG, K.C.M.G.**

"General Booth was, probably, the greatest traveller in the world. There was no man who knew the slums of London better than he; but he was not content with working among the people close to his hand. . . . All this he was undertaking in the cause of the Master, and at a time like the present, when they had the world crowded with theories and any number of men who were able to expatiate by the hour on certain principles, they had General Booth travelling all over the world in the manner he had described, and viewing mankind with the practical eye of a man of business."

**THE REV. CANON SCOTT HOLLAND.**

"I wish the bishops would study The Salvation Army. These excellent people are a standing proof that large masses of the people can only be met by (1) simple evangelical fervour; (2) outdoor processions; (3) a ministry chosen from those poorer classes which are practically still refused a vocation in the Church of England."

**THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER**

(W. H. Vaudrey, Esq.).

"I look upon the work which General Booth has done during the past thirty years, not only in England but in

all parts of the world, as one which should commend itself to every person who wishes to do good to his fellow-creatures. . . . As a magistrate of the city I see frequently how necessary it is to look after the poor unfortunate people as they leave prison, and one of the chief social works of The Salvation Army is to endeavour to get hold of these men and women, to help them to return to a respectable position in life."

**SAMUEL SMITH, Esq., M.P.**

"I have watched the progress of The Salvation Army for twenty-five years, and taken a great interest in all its developments. I admire The General and the work accomplished by The Army. I am amazed at its growth and strength, considering the difficulties and prejudices through which it has passed. It is wonderful the position of popular favour to which it has attained. My respect for The Salvation Army was never greater, and I wish it continued and ever-increasing success."

**SIR ROBERT STOUT, K.C.M.G.**

"The Salvation Army is a great fact. It has shown wonderful powers of organisation; indeed, I do not know of any movement in history that has shown such a marvellous development as The Salvation Army. No doubt, to accomplish what it has accomplished it must have had a great leader, and it must also have had most capable officers; but, besides and beyond that, it must have been based on the needs of humanity. It seems to me, leaving out for the present any reference to its theology, that The Salvation Army has been based on this fact, that, if you are to accomplish any great work in dealing with humanity, you must make that work individual. Mankind cannot be saved in a mass; you must go to each individual man and to each woman; and if you wish to reform them, or to redeem them, you must deal

with them individually ; and I believe that that individual dealing has in a great measure made The Salvation Army successful.

“ We have read of great generals who have led armies out, sometimes with great success. Success in doing what?—success in slaughtering their fellow-men. But this General leads no such an army. He is leading forth an Army to help and save and raise humanity ; and whatever our views on religion may be, I hope we are all wide enough and broad enough minded to say, ‘ Thanks to him who has rendered so great services to humanity.’ . . . I pray that you may continue your efforts, and that we may hear for years and years to come of your great success in your great work ; and I believe in the time to come, when the history of our race and of our time is written, there will appear on the roll of fame no general whose life has been so noble, and whose life and memory so well revered as General Booth’s.”

**THE RIGHT HON. G. H. REID, M.P.,  
Premier of New South Wales.**

“ In this great movement which General Booth has started we see one of the brightest developments of modern life, which, after all, derives its greatest glory from the fact that it is bringing humanity back to the grand primal cause of all human love, of all human charity. . . . The people of all nations owe a profound debt to The General and to those who are associated with him. And in their work they have brought into their great Army the better part of humanity—noble and unselfish women. Humanity will be elevated when men and women, hand in hand and heart in heart, work together on terms of perfect equality.”

**VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, G.C.M.G., at a recent Meeting said:—**

“ I am here by the invitation of The Salvation Army—by the invitation of General Booth ; but, secondly, and

mainly, by my own will, because I have satisfied myself, by experience, observation, and inquiry, that The Salvation Army has established a claim to the consideration and support of all classes of the people, more particularly in the Social work which they do.”

**THE LORD MAYOR OF BRISTOL**

(Sir H. Ashman).

“ This work of our Salvationist friends in no way enters into competition with any other denominational or other good work. They only ask, and only want, the ‘ leavings ’ which are too low, too mean, and too unclean for other Christian enterprises. The Salvation Army succeeds where others have despaired. Yes, The Army has succeeded abundantly. I remember when many thought the work too emotional and enthusiastic to last, and they predicted that it would burn out. Instead of that it has increased and spread, until now in splendid strength it is in all the earth. Within the last few years crime and misery have decreased in Bristol ; and I do not doubt but that The Army’s efforts have accomplished much in bringing about this encouraging condition of affairs. All who love their city and their country must wish well to The Salvation Army.”

**THE LORD PROVOST OF DUNDEE**

(William Hunter, Esq.).

“ We all should be profoundly grateful for the presence of The Salvation Army in our midst, for no organisation has done so much good as The Salvation Army . . . Its object is to reach the worst, and in this The Army has succeeded in no small degree. . . . It labours to save those who are altogether outside the direct influence of religious denominations. . . . The aim of The Army

has been much misunderstood and misrepresented; but now its good work is known and appreciated, and we all wish The Army great success."

#### THE LORD MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL

(Louis S. Cohen, Esq.).

"The object of The Army is to take in hand the very poorest and most degraded classes of humanity, and to raise some self-respect in the minds of those who really feel that they have sunk so low that it is impossible for them by any means to raise themselves; but by kindness, tact, love, and perseverance, we have innumerable instances of these most degraded people coming back to society, and really being useful members of it.

"I defy any man, whatever his religion may be, to study the great work of this Salvation Army without it making him a better man, and drawing forth the best that is in him to assist his fellow-creatures. I believe that The Salvation Army tries to do good, independent of any creed, and are willing to assist any whom they may come across."

#### THE LATE SIR G. GREY, K.C.B.

"Your Officers are men and women of intense devotion and enthusiasm, who, in any walk of life, would have done their country good service. With the larger opportunity which The Army supplied, however, their success has been correspondingly great.

"The Army possesses the esteem and confidence of all classes, and has done a great amount of real and permanent good."

Speaking further of the policy of The Salvation Army with respect to women and their place in public affairs, he said:—

"She is the hope of the world; and The Army, in recognising her equal right with men, is enforcing a noble truth."

#### REV. JOSEPH COOK, D.D., of Boston, U.S.A.

"The Salvation Army is immensely needed as a remedy for the 'Starvation Army.' More than a quarter of a century of continual spiritual, industrial, and financial success proves the wisdom of General Booth's plans for the poor. Whom God crowns, let no man try to discrown. The Salvation Army is a divine drag-net for the dregs of humanity. Among the sands drawn up from the bottom of the sea have already been found many pearls of great price."

#### THE LATE MISS FRANCES WILLARD.

"As I understand it, the good and great General Booth has founded a Social Scheme upon the purpose to help men and women to help themselves. He is doing on a large scale what wise philanthropists have long done on a small, and Government will ere long be doing on a great. This undertaking (and that of The Salvation Army, for which I have an earnest and sincere regard) meets with my hearty sympathy, has my poor prayers, and shall have any small influence I may possess."

#### REV. F. B. MEYER, B.A.

"I am deeply interested in the work you are doing for the fallen. There is no work like it in the country."

#### J. WILSON, Esq., M.P.

"By their deeds, and their work among the poor, The Salvation Army has won the esteem and approval of all parties. By all means, let the people of this great nation do what they can to uphold the hands and encourage the hearts of The Salvation Army."

#### WM. JOHNSTON, Esq., M.P.

"I have watched The Army's operations year after year, and rejoiced in its prosperity and success

“Statesmen of all opinions endorse what The Salvation Army Social Scheme is accomplishing—a work which no State machinery has ever tried to perform—or, if it has, it has never succeeded.”

**J. STUART, Esq., M.P.,**  
Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University.

“You spend your lives for the lost—you who in all branches of human woe are ready to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, or give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus Christ. I came here rather to refresh myself at the same Fountain as you, for one cannot come to a Salvation Army gathering without feeling that one gets the best assistance of inspiration to meet the daily difficulties one has to face.”

**THE HON. SIR DAVID TENNANT, K.C.M.G.**

“I sincerely trust that noble work in which The Army is engaged may prosper.”

**SIR WM. WEDDERBURN, M.P.**

“No one can observe the good work of General Booth without sympathy and admiration. How does he manage to do it? is the question I often ask a distinguished friend of mine. A certain Professor once said to me, in reply to a similar query: ‘I don't talk about things, I begin to do them, and if I don't succeed I get experience and reach perfection in the end;’ and as to General Booth, I hope that he will gain success, and we'll help him.”

**J. COMPTON RICKETT, Esq., M.P.**

“Preaching is very good, but the Social Work of The Salvation Army strikes me as being even nearer to early Christianity than preaching. Jesus Christ's was a this-world Gospel as well as that of the next.

“The Salvation Army recognised this, and is making a remarkable experiment, interesting to the political

economist and to anyone on whom rested responsibility; but we are faced not only with a remarkable experiment, but also a successful one—proved so by living results.

“The Social Work of The Salvation Army is a most valuable lesson to the State on the treatment of the unemployed. Society will have to recognise that something different to, and better than, the present Poor Law will have to be done for the man who is willing to work; and I hold that Hadleigh and the City Colony has demonstrated how this can be done.”

**J. WALTON, Esq., M.P.**

“The Social Work of The Salvation Army has my cordial sympathy, and I heartily congratulate The Army on the effectiveness of its labours in winning and uplifting those particular sections of the community that greatly stand in need of practical Christian help as well as counsel.”

*Myron T. Herrick*

**THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO, U.S.A.**

“It has been truly said that no finer illustration of a great purpose can be found than that of General Booth, whose Salvation Army has changed the prospect of the outcast world. Twenty-five years ago he was denounced, persecuted, and abused as a fanatic. He resolved to convert the slums of the great cities of the world. For this he was maligned, and driven out of the towns and cities. But with undaunted courage he worked on, trusting in God and the Gospel to give him victory sooner or later. From one decade to another he toiled on, regardless of opposition, and true to his purpose as the needle to the pole, hoping on and ever with the heroism of unflinching faith, until now the plaudits of a grateful public hail his coming. The rich and the poor, the king and peasant, the Christian and the outcast, vie with each

other to do him honour. He has introduced a new and effective agency into the evangelism of the world, and this is but another achievement of an irrepressible purpose."

**THE HON. Mr. WOLCOTT,**  
Governor of the State of Massachusetts.

"General Booth observed, as have others, that, standing outside the sphere of influence of existing religious methods, there are hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children—some gazing wistfully and sorrowfully towards the Church, and some, perhaps, turning their backs upon it stubbornly and defiantly. It was this great problem which he placed before himself, and to the solution of which he has dedicated a long and noble life. . . . Starting from these premises he has developed a great organisation, wisely based on military methods, that has extended its beneficent influence well-nigh throughout the world. The amount of good it has done, the amount of joy it has brought to sorrowing hearts, the number of souls to which it has given from the first the glad tidings of the Gospel of Christ, who shall count or attempt to estimate in figures or words?"

**Miss M. BEETHAM-EDWARDS, the well-known Authoress.**

"The Salvation Army has the unmistakable, indisputable quality of earnestness—freedom from sham. For my part, I adore the poke-bonnet and scarlet jersey. I have heard Liszt improvise divinely, Sims Reeves sing in his apogee, the Garde Republicaine, the finest orchestral, concerted and individual performances of our time. No music ravishes my ear as that of The Salvation Army. Those hearty strains, vocal and instrumental, heard every Sunday, never fail to stir my pulse with purest rapture; for do they not remind me of our hardly-acquired religious liberty?"

**SIR GEO. A. KIRKPATRICK, K.C.M.G.,**  
Lieut.-Governor of Canada.

"Whether we consider the fidelity and zeal with which General Booth worked for his Master in the early days of his youth; or the faith which caused him to come out from among his kinsfolk and acquaintances, and to go he knew not whither, till at last he found a footing in the overcrowded and vilest portion of the greatest city of the world, where he and his devoted wife laboured for many years among the worst and most degraded; or the genius, ability, and broad philanthropy which had drawn him out to circle the world with The Salvation Army—his recommendation to the admirers of his fellow-men has been established. . . .

"I admire The General over that great Commission about his scheme. He said, 'There are my books! Appoint your own men, and come and examine them!' They did so, and could not find half-a-crown missing."

**THE HON. D. H. WAITE,**  
Governor of the State of Colorado.

"General Booth's name will live long after those of Alexander, Cæsar, and Napoleon—those scourges of mankind—have passed away. . . . You, my dear General, recognise poverty as the arch foe of Christianity. You would give the poor man bread instead of a tract. May your march be triumphant; for there blend with your martial music no agonised shrieks of the wounded and dying—nay, by faith we may see and hear the angelic choir, as they chant from the battlements of Heaven, Peace on earth, and goodwill to men."

**SIR THOMAS McILWRAITH, Late Premier of Queensland.**

"It would be impossible for anyone, however callous and unthinking, to under-estimate the value of the Social

work which is being performed by The Salvation Army through the medium of its Farm Colony. It is not by any means the first time that the value of this work has come under my notice, for I have had many years' experience of it in Queensland and in other of the Australian Colonies."

**SIR SAMUEL GRIFFITHS, Chief Justice of Queensland.**

"I believe that the work General Booth and his associates in Great Britain have undertaken is the most beneficial which has been undertaken in the history of the world."

**SIR JOHN MADDEN,**

**Chief Justice of the Colony of Victoria.**

"This noble work of The Army is a sufficient answer to unfair and ungenerous critics. When an organisation of this kind takes this work upon its own shoulders, and does it with such great effect, why should it not have everybody's assistance? You cannot give to The Army all the assistance that you would like to give, but you may give what you can. The reports as to the work done had been well authenticated, and showed that the work was carried on in an absolutely business-like way, and with the best results. . . ."

**THE LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.**

"The Salvation Army is the most successful agency for the rescue work in the country during the present century."

**HON. BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy, U.S.A.**

"I cannot forego the pleasure of expressing my very hearty sympathy, not only with the noble purpose, unselfish devotion, and excellent work accomplished by The Salvation Army, but also my sincere belief in the

feasibility of your Colonisation proposals. No Social problem is, in my judgment, more far-reaching and pervading in its consequences, more profoundly interesting to the people of this country, than the problem of dealing with our city poor."

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR ALGERNON WEST, K.C.B.**

"I look upon a Salvationist as a man who is certain of receiving the promise which was made: 'I was in prison and ye visited Me.' I know, from some experience and a great deal of evidence given before us on the House of Commons Committee on Prisons and Prisoners, something about the question in which we are all interested, and I can almost believe that a man coming out of prison is in the same condition that one of us would be if we had been shut up in a dark cellar and suddenly came out into the full glare of the noontide sun—one should feel bewildered.

"The Salvation Army has met these poor creatures, taken them by the hand, and guided their steps into a path of safety."

**THE REV. DR. CLIFFORD.**

"I rejoice unfeignedly not only in the thousands of converts to sobriety, morality, and religion God has given you from the most neglected and degraded of the population of Great Britain and of the world, and in the extension of your organisation to the uttermost parts of the earth, but chiefly in this, that you maintain the fire and fervour of your earlier enthusiasm, and have not been captured by the frigid conventions and fettering ecclesiasticisms of our time.

"How suggestive are the prophecies of the future of The Army written twenty years ago! One organ foretold, 'A little more fame and a rapid decline.' Thank God, the pulse beats as strongly, the step is as firm, and the vision is as clear as ever."

**THE REV. DR. PARKER.**

"All blessing be on The General. He is to be honoured and loved for his work's sake. The more I have looked into that work the more I have believed it to be of God."

**REV. LYMAN ABBOTT, D.D., of Brooklyn, U.S.A.**

"I am sorry that duty elsewhere prevents me from being among those who will be present to welcome General Booth to the United States. You know how heartily I have rejoiced in the work which he is doing for Christ and humanity. All Christian hearts ought to take fresh hope and courage from the new chapters which he is writing in the history of the triumphs of the Gospel."

**SIR J. G. TOLLEMACHE SINCLAIR, Bart.**

"I write to congratulate you most heartily on your birthday . . . and I trust that your valuable life may be spared for many years to The Salvation Army, to your numerous friends outside it, and to the world at large. . .

"Having written, as you are aware, a long letter to you, . . . in which I have embodied a defence of The Salvation Army in general, and of yourself in particular, I will say nothing more at present as to my high appreciation of the way in which you have most successfully carried out your Social Scheme, especially as regards the City Colony, with which I am more particularly acquainted."

**THE BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(Rev. Churchill Julius, D.D.).

"God has always raised, in every age, some Society that has done the work that His Church has forgotten to do, and I think that is what He did when He stirred up this great organisation, The Salvation Army.

"You are on God's side. It is Christ's work, and it is only Christ's work that feeds the hungry, seeks the lost, brings back the strayed, goes to the poor woman on the

streets, and calls her sister and friend, and tries to bring her back to a life of purity and virtue. If it is not Christ's work, I do not know anything about it."

**REV. DR. A. T. PIERSON, of Brooklyn, U.S.A.**

"The Christian Church has never had a greater rebuke to her apathy and her inactivity with regard to the lost and depraved of the human race, than in the history of The Salvation Army."

**COLONEL GARSIA, Prison Commissioner.**

"I heartily sympathise with you in your good work, and wish you continued success."

**THE EARL OF RANFURLY, K.C.M.G.,**

**Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand.**

"The Salvation Army has always gone to the front, and I am glad to see it is to the front at the present time in the Transvaal. It is at the front there in the rescuing of the sick and wounded. And there can be no two questions regarding The Salvation Army Refuge Work. They have reached a class that the clergy of any, or all, denominations have not been able to reach. There is one great secret, and that secret is, what has already been said, that the work is carried out under the direction of God. I wish them greater success in the future even than in the past."

**THE HON. F. W. HOLDER, M.P.,**

**Colonial Treasurer, South Australia.**

"The Army, indeed, saves the Government a large amount of work and responsibility. We all wish that The Army had more funds to do its noble work, so that it might more amply cope with the great needs that present

themselves from time to time in connection with its Social operations. No words could express the appreciation I have for their work."

**LORD LAMINGTON, K.C.M.G., Governor of Queens and.**

"The earnestness and enthusiasm of this movement carry great weight, so that the organisation has come to be one of the most marvellous of the day."

**THE HON. WILLIAM J. LYNE,**

**Premier and Colonial Treasurer, New South Wales.**

"The Salvation Army deserve all that can be given to them for the good and the relief that they give the general taxpayers of this country. In every case, those that they take hold of, and whose condition they improve, is a relief to the State."

**THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN FORREST, K.C.M.G.,**

**formerly Premier of West Australia.**

"All who have the good of the community at heart cannot but wish every success to the development of The Army's operations."

**HON. JOHN SEE, Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.**

He believed there was no institution in modern times anywhere which had done more to help the fallen than The Army, and The Army had not only given spiritual aid, but social aid. He was present as a public man to give his testimony in the most earnest manner in approval of The Army.

## THE SALVATION ARMY.

In the year 1865 the Rev. William Booth, beholding the churchless and Christless crowds of East London, took his stand for Christ on the Mile-End Waste, and, aided by God the Holy Ghost, and with an open Bible, began to win souls, and thus laid the foundations of The Army. Under his Generalship The Army has now 7,560 Corps, led by 13,505 Officers and persons wholly employed in Salvation Army work, in 47 different countries and colonies, besides 40,114 Local Officers. The Army has 58 newspapers and magazines, printed in 21 languages, with a circulation of 953,206 per issue. The Army is a great Temperance Society, a vast organisation for the support of law and order, and supports a growing Missionary work among the Heathen. There are 556 Social Institutions, under 2,199 Officers and persons without rank wholly employed in its Social Work.

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