

The Salvation Army carries on its operations in .. .. .	72 Countries
It preaches the Gospel in no less than .. .. .	42 Languages
Its Officers and Employees wholly employed in its service, and paid, number.. .. .	24,582
Its Local Officers, Bandsmen, Songsters, etc., all of whom are unpaid, number .. .. .	131,822
Its Printing Press issues pure literature at the rate of .. .	1,384,990 copies per issue
It has Shelters and Hostels for men and women with accommodation for .. .. .	25,233 persons
It has supplied in 12 months {	7,919,797 beds 14,970,817 meals
It provides 143 Creches, Homes, and Industrial Schools, with a total accommodation for ..	5,000 children
It has 38 Maternity Homes affording accommodation for .. .	1,042 women
The total number of its Social Welfare Institutions is .. .	1,276

The Salvation Army depends entirely upon voluntary support and needs immediate help from all who can afford to give. All gifts large and small should be sent to:—

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THE SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS,  
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## What they say about The Salvation Army

EMINENT PERSONS OF  
MANY LANDS BEAR  
TESTIMONY TO THE  
VALUE OF ITS WORK

**T**HE light of day, that to the eye appears white, is broken up by the prism into the spectrum colours. To produce the effect of whiteness there must be a combination of the rainbow tints—the violet, blue, green, and orange rays.

It is so with the world-wide appreciation which in these days is shed upon the operations of The Salvation Army. As the operator focusses the searchlight upon a given object, so a shaft of light, representing well-informed public opinion, is focussed upon the vast organization founded by General Booth, now more than half a century ago.

This shaft of light is composed of diverse rays from many quarters. It is the purpose of this little pamphlet to play the part of the prism, and show that in the composition of this world-wide tribute men of many nations and tongues take their share.

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### *The Heads of States*

**N**ATURALLY the first place must be ceded to the Heads of States. Our own beloved King has on several occasions manifested his sympathy and admiration for The Salvation Army. On the occasion of the celebration of its Jubilee **King George** wrote this gracious message:—

‘By its works of love and mercy, both in peace and in war, The Salvation Army has become honoured and endeared to the hearts of the nations of the world.’

To General Bramwell Booth, at Buckingham Palace. His Majesty made this illuminating explanation of his interest in The Army:—

‘I admire The Salvation Army and its people because whenever and wherever I hear of you, you are doing good.’

Like her lamented consort, King Edward, the Queen Mother has long been a kindly and gracious friend of The Salvation Army. To General Booth **Queen Alexandra** recently wrote:—

‘The far-reaching results of the great and beneficent work for mankind initiated by your esteemed father are recognized throughout the world. The progress achieved by your organization is truly remarkable, and I trust that God’s blessing may always rest upon your labours.’

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The Chief Executive of the great English-speaking Republic of the West never hesitates to put into words his belief in The Army and its operations in the United States. When Commander Evangeline Booth recently visited Washington, **President Harding**, standing by her side, uttered this glowing praise:—

‘I cannot say all that is in my heart in reference to the workers in your great Army. But it is because you are the essence of service, the most helpful service in the world, that I pay to you my respect and my gratitude, and I know I speak them for all America.’

On the occasion of General Booth attaining his sixty-fifth birthday, President Harding wired his congratulations in this message:—

‘May I on the occasion of your birthday extend congratulations and my testimony of appreciation for the splendid work which you have so successfully led.’



Zulu Chiefs with Army Officers

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In that other great Republic, France, there is full recognition of the beneficent activities of The Salvation Army. This has been recently voiced by the President of the Republic, **M. Millerand**, who, in forwarding a donation in connexion with the effort to raise a fund for The Army's work in Paris, wrote in an autograph letter:—

‘Knowing the philanthropic aim of your association, I gladly subscribe a thousand francs that you may be able to continue your good work.’

From our Far Eastern Ally comes another token of good-will. The **Emperor of Japan** has given £1,000 for the work of The Salvation Army among his own subjects.

And away in the South African veldt, the ruler of a Zulu tribe expresses the indebtedness of his people to The Salvation Army in a phrase instinct with the spirit of poetry:—



Salvation Army Medical Missionary at Work

‘Our men have found a new religion which is like a bird singing in their breasts.’

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#### *Statesmen and Politicians*

**T**HAT The Salvation Army has found favour in the eyes of the men entrusted with the governance of our own land and Empire, is abundantly apparent from the chorus of good-will proceeding from the statesmen of Great Britain and of the Overseas Dominions.

The Prime Minister, the **Right Hon. David Lloyd George**, writes from Downing Street:—

‘I have long watched The Salvation Army with the greatest interest and appreciation of the good work it is doing. The ceaseless efforts of your Officers in their noble task can command nothing but the respect and admiration of all.’

The late Prime Minister is also unstinted in his praise. **Mr. Asquith** writes:—

‘I have watched the work of The Salvation Army from almost its first beginning with ever-growing appreciation and sympathy. It filled a gap which none of the other

Churches and organizations in the country were able to fill, and it has been and is, in a multiplicity of ways, a great and beneficent agency.’



Catherine Booth Lifeboat, Norway

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The **Earl of Reading**, who, after holding the highest posts in the Administration and Judiciary of this land, has now gone to India as Viceroy, said not long ago at Plymouth:—

‘Low as men may fall, there is none too low for The Salvation Army to lift.’

Another Proconsul of the Empire, the **Duke of Devonshire**, who has just relinquished the post of Governor-General of the Great Dominion, said before he left Canada:—

‘I have travelled through Canada during the past four years with the object of meeting as many citizens as possible, and I can confidently say that the work accomplished by The Salvation Army it is impossible adequately to describe. The work is a striking record of good and faithful service, and we join in wishing it every measure of success.’

From the **Marquess of Lincolnshire**, the Lord Great Chamberlain, comes this characteristic note:—

‘It would be difficult for any one of any creed or class to refuse a contribution to The Salvation Army. Salvation, the dear old General once told me, means forgiveness. Isn't that the foundation of the Christian faith, on which all of us must rely?’

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**Dr. Christopher Addison**, who, as late Minister of Health, was placed in an excellent position to estimate The Army's influence upon national welfare, sent this message:—

‘The cause of international health has been greatly advanced in recent years by the efforts of voluntary agencies. Among those agencies The Salvation Army is by no means the least useful or important. I am glad to express my cordial appreciation of the valuable work it has accomplished in all parts of the world.’

Among the leaders of organized Labour the **Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.**, takes a high place, and his appreciation is unstinted:—

‘I have seen for many years the self-sacrifice, devotion, love, and Christian charity displayed by your gallant band of workers in all parts of the country.’



Caring for the Babies

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In Newfoundland the Prime Minister, the **Hon. Richard A. Squires**, paid a high tribute to the influence of Salvationists:—

‘The Old Dominion of Newfoundland is strong in enthusiasm for The Salvation Army. Many years ago it was welcomed to our shores, and to-day men of that Army are taking their place in the performance of public duty. In my Administration I have the pleasure of having two Salvationists—the Minister of Shipping and the Minister of Public Works.’

**Sir Hugh John Macdonald**, Police Magistrate of the City of Winnipeg, pens this enthusiastic encomium:—

‘After an experience of almost ten years I have come to the conclusion that The Salvation Army is the greatest agency for good that we have in our midst, and has done and is doing

more to relieve suffering, both physical and mental, to supply the wants of the needy, to raise up the fallen, and to advance the cause of Christ, than any other organization I know of.’



Salvation Army Native Musicians in India

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From the Antipodes comes an equally high testimony. His Excellency **Sir Walter Davidson**, Governor of New South Wales, recently expressed these sentiments:—

‘The Salvation Army has touched the imagination of the world, and its work is now honoured and respected by those who previously reviled and persecuted. In Australia The Salvation Army has not the serious social problems it has to encounter in other lands, but it is doing a great work for the moral and social betterment of the country, and in all its multifarious efforts it is intensely loyal to the Empire.’

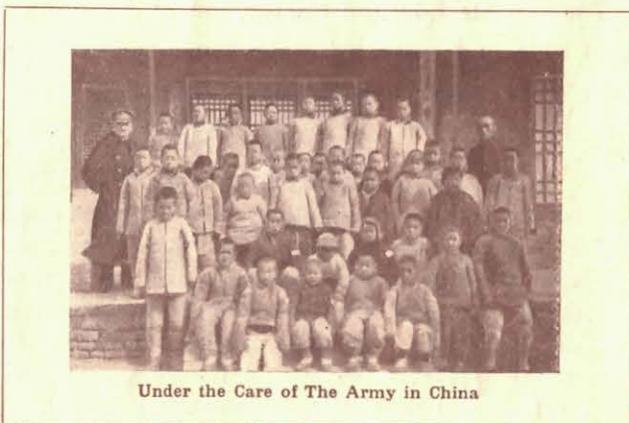
The late **Sir Edmund Barton**, one of Australia’s most able and respected statesmen, expressed the same view when he said at a Salvation Army gathering:—

‘I speak strongly because The Army is doing what no other organization is doing or has been able to do. It is more especially as a statesman who must be unsectarian in a country where there is no established religion, that I welcome the existence of an organization which in its moral aspect is perfect, in its energy is also perfect, and perfect in the work it is doing.’

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Outside the borders of the British Empire The Salvation Army is honoured in the councils of statesmen, and nowhere more highly than in the United States. **Mr. Herbert Hoover**, now Secretary of Commerce in President Harding's Administration, has a world-wide reputation as organizer of philanthropy. Of The Army's work he writes:—

'I know of no organization that so well serves to assist those less fortunate in our community, who are suffering from unemployment and the difficulties of this period of readjustment, as The Salvation Army.'

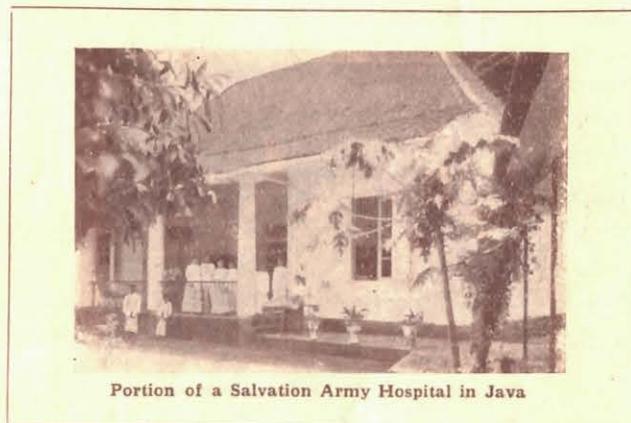


Under the Care of The Army in China

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**Mr. Francis S. Peabody** is Chairman of the U.S. Territorial Advisory Board and bears a name of wide influence in the world of commerce. Addressing American business men, he writes:—

'Choosing as its slogan, "A man may be down but he is never out," applicable to women and children as well as men, The Salvation Army to-day, after fifty years of experience, in permanently rehabilitating the poverty-stricken, has come to be the dominating factor in making good citizens out of fit subjects for the teaching of anarchist doctrine.'



Portion of a Salvation Army Hospital in Java

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From that veteran leader of American Labour, **Mr. Samuel Gompers**, comes a whole-hearted expression of the appreciation of the United States worker for The Salvation Army:—

‘From doughnuts to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, their work, both over there during the war and here during the times of peace, seems to approach the welfare of mankind here and now rather than deal altogether with the sweet by and by. This work among those burdened under the crushing weight and pain of misfortune and sickness is simply service without pretence. In my judgment The Salvation Army deserves every encouragement for the service they have rendered and are rendering.’



Corner of a Home for Service Men in Britain

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#### *Military and Naval Authorities*

The **Hon. Josephus Daniels**, late Secretary of the U.S. Navy, wrote not long ago:—

‘There is something about The Salvation Army’s militant Christianity which enables it to do work not done by other organizations. Often the Churches urge men to come into the Church, but think too little of sending outside of the Church building to carry the gospel of health and cheer into the slums, whereas The Salvation Army carries the message of Christ to many places where the Church does not penetrate.’

Mr. Daniels’ successor, **Secretary Denby**, gives this testimony:—

‘I have been a Salvation Army man for a long while. I have an intense and earnest belief in its devotion. I have never known or heard of an organization that is doing more good in the world than The Salvation Army, and doing it in a more splendid way.’

The Great War, acid test of so many organizations, brought The Salvation Army for the first time into intimate touch with the soldiers of the Empire and of the United States. To-day the military authorities are amongst the warmest admirers of the Salvationists.

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**Sir Reginald Brade, G.C.B.**, the Secretary of the War Office, puts in a nutshell the opinion of the British Army when he writes:—

‘As Secretary of the War Office during the recent European War, I, in common with many of my colleagues, learnt to appreciate The Salvation Army’s efforts amongst the troops on various fronts. May your work, which is as needed as ever, receive fresh impulse.’

Speaking for the Dominion troops, **General Sir Arthur W. Currie**, now Principal of McGill University, when Inspector-General of the Canadian Force, said:—

‘I can vouch for the value of the work performed overseas by The Salvation Army, which in every way possible ministered to the comfort and well-being of the troops. Particularly would I mention the services rendered by the women members of The Salvation Army.

Capable and ever ready to help, they did cheerfully and well whatever came to hand, forming what has been described as a link between home and the war zone.’



Leper Patients in Java

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**General J. J. Pershing**, the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force, has spoken with like enthusiasm:—

‘The war brought out the special qualities of the Salvationists, and those who served abroad learned to have the very highest regard for their personnel. They seemed to be everywhere, and always with a helping hand. I have just come from the Belgian Embassy, and they asked me especially to say that the Belgian army holds The Salvation Army in quite as high regard as do the members of the American Expeditionary Force. I do not believe there is a single man returned from Europe, who wore our uniform, who to-day would not speak in highest praise of The Salvation Army.’

Another American soldier, **Major-General Allen**, in command of the American troops in Germany, has paid a warm tribute to The Army’s labours in the occupied territory after the Armistice:—

‘It gives me much pleasure and satisfaction to express to you my sincere appreciation of the unusually effective work the representatives of The Salvation Army have accomplished towards the comfort and moral uplifting of the American Forces on the Rhine. The zeal and goodwill, as well as readiness to undergo hardships in the accomplishment of their work, have earned warm praise from all ranks for your agents in our Occupied Territory.’

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### *The Churches*

Finally, a few expressions of opinion from the heads of religious bodies will serve to display the Catholic spirit in which The Salvation Army pursues its labours of love.

The **Bishop of London** writes from Fulham Palace, under date of February, 1921:—

‘I was only speaking in Convocation yesterday in terms of admiration of The Salvation Army, but the report does not do justice to what I said, which was to the effect that The Salvation Army was doing work which the National Church ought really to have done.’



A Typical Salvation Army Band

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The **Rev. J. H. Jowett, D.D.**, that prince of preachers, who has had opportunity of studying The Army on both sides of the Atlantic:—

‘I have long been a devoted admirer of The Army’s blessed work, and from the very beginning of my ministry I have been kindled by its miracles of grace. May its past be only a dim record compared with the brilliant exploits yet to be won!’

The late **Cardinal Gibbons** was the oldest and most widely revered Roman Catholic leader in the Western Hemisphere. Shortly before his death the Cardinal wrote:—

‘Along with my fellow American citizens I rejoice in the splendid work which The Salvation Army rendered our soldier and sailor boys during the war. Every returning trooper is a willing witness to the efficient and generous work of The Salvation Army, both at the front and in the camps at home. I am also the more happy to commend this organization because it is free from sectarian bias. The man in need of help is the object of their effort, with never a question of his creed or colour.’



Women of an Indian Criminal Tribe

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Not long ago the **Patriarch of Serbia** wrote to General Booth offering the use of Orthodox Church buildings to The Salvation Army, an unexampled step:—

‘ You have no buildings at present. It is my pleasure to offer you all the churches in Serbia, to have in them one Meeting a week of your Salvation Army.’

The appended extract from ‘**The Jewish Chronicle**’ of London forms a fitting conclusion to these words of appreciation garnered from many and diverse sources:—

‘ No apology is needed to our readers for drawing attention to The Army’s work and needs. That work is divided into Religious and



Slum Officers at work in London

Social sides, and it is with the latter that we are concerned, though it should not be forgotten that while The Salvation Army recognizes that there can be no religion with a hold on its adherents which does not provide a creed and dogma, it is broadminded and charitable in its attitude to all other faiths. But in its Social activities it knows no creed at all.’