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### The Salvation Army.

**W**E question whether any religious movement of the present or the past century, has attracted more attention and drawn forth more criticism, than has fallen to the lot of the important and successful Christian organization known as the "Salvation Army." Many who have written regarding its operations have been men deputed (as was Barnabas, in Acts 11,) to ascertain the nature of the work and its orthodoxy. Among these, not a few have been of the same spirit as Barnabas, good faithful and Holy Ghost men, who, while they saw some things which they might think it would be well to omit, have looked beyond the methods, to the object had in view; and seeing that secured, have rejoiced and said, God speed the work. But this class has been small as compared with those who, (in some cases unsuccessful themselves in their work), have envied the Army the success vouchsafed it

by God. From these, as from the ten spies, the report has been evil and only evil. The trouble with these persons has been, that they examined and criticised the machinery, and forgot to look at the work turned out.

We admit that there are points in the work of the Army which we could not fully endorse, but we are heartily in sympathy with its aim, and so long as it continues to make the salvation of souls its one great aim, we shall remember it in our prayers and uphold it with voice and pen. Some have ridiculed their meetings, with their strange mixture of all classes of hearers, and at times (so-called) ludicrous conduct of those present. As we have attended some of the gatherings, we have been forcibly reminded of scenes recorded in the early labours of Wesley and his friends. The historian writes: "The congregations were composed of every description of persons, who, without the slightest attempt at order, were to be found crying Hurrah,



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in one breath, and with the next bursting into tears on