

Even the London *Times* lends two columns to a detailed description of the event, and the *Methodist Times* describes Mrs. Booth as "the greatest Methodist woman of her generation." No one who has read the little volume of her addresses, known as "Aggressive Christianity," will doubt her power.

And now, almost simultaneous with her death, General Booth issues his book, inscribed to her memory: "In Darkest England, and the Way Out." We have read it with profound interest, and we find ourselves very far from being disposed to ridicule or disregard its practical suggestions. From a somewhat extended study of the practical methods of the Salvation Army, especially in Great Britain, we were compelled to admit that, *more than all the churches put together*, this unique organization is bringing relief to the unfed, unhoused and uncared for masses of the great cities of Britain.

General Booth's book is a bold attempt to solve the most perplexing of social problems. His plan is a mere expansion of that which on no small scale is in actual operation in the Salvation Army centres in London. He proposes a scheme of three colonies—a town, a country, and an over-the-sea colony. Cheap food depots, advice bureau, labor shops, a household salvage brigade; the gathering of what would be wasted otherwise, and its utilization as food for human beings and for animals, or for various purposes of manufacture. He proposes to exact a reasonable amount of work from colonists and to pay reasonable wages, so that there may be no encouragement of paupers; to help out-cast and criminal classes to a better life; to help those who are disposed to help themselves; to maintain wholesome discipline, and afford religious culture without compulsion. Those who would know details must read his book. Without giving endorsement to the peculiar methods of the army,

or the individual statements and propositions of this book, in common with thousands of the best men and women on both sides of the sea, we heartily wish General Booth success.

Canon Farrar, on November 9, preached a sermon on this philanthropic scheme, and even the great Abbey would not hold the crowds that thronged to hear it. He had, the week before, made a tour of the army centres, and was so impressed that he made a fervent and impassioned appeal in behalf of the proposed plan, while he disclaimed any authority to represent any one but himself.

Those who wish to get the substance of General Booth's scheme may find a recapitulation of it in Chapter VII, Section 5. Some of the most pious and philanthropic of British Christians are coming forward with liberal contributions toward the \$5,000,000 for which General Booth appeals, as the financial basis of his plan. So awful and so widespread is the degradation and destitution of this "submerged tenth" of Britain's population, that we rejoice at any honest attempt to relieve and remove another of the open sores of the world. Let the new project have at least a fair trial.

The following is from the son of the editor, studying this winter in Edinburgh, Scotland:

"After tea we went to the university to hear Professor Drummond on 'Christian Evolution.' He dwelt particularly on the progress of missions and their condition and work, as he had noticed it in his recent trip around the world. The lecture was a fine one in every particular, and he seemed to be thoroughly in sympathy with the missionary movement; to have observed keenly on the subject in his tour; and he urged all to consider carefully if their lives could not be best used for Christ in the foreign field. He lamented the fact that there seemed to be so much misdirected effort by well-meaning Christian missionaries,