

are to be withheld from settlement as forest reserves. In this way the proper protection of forest area in the older countries would be restored and in new parts of the country it would be preserved. In the last Congress in the States, President Roosevelt succeeded in setting aside a forest reserve of 17,000,000 acres. The people as yet are not sufficiently educated as to the value of the forest reservation movement.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The visit of General Booth in America has naturally drawn attention to the extension of the movement of which he is the honored head. Undoubtedly much of the growth of this movement is due to General Booth's talent for organization, for he is a born leader of men. But there is more than this to account for the rapid spread of the Salvation Army. Great and noble is indeed the task which has for principle the love of God and of the neighbor. Nevertheless the Salvation Army is not a religion; it has no creed, no dogma, no regular form of worship. It is rather a benevolent society, the object of which is to raise the submerged from the welter of their depravity and gather them in the streets appealing to the religious instinct at the bottom of every man's heart. In fine, the Salvation Army appeals more to sentiment than to reason, thereby adopting the readiest means to effect repentance and a return to religious practices. In this it is not superior to other merely human religions which have sentiment for their basis while the Catholic religion has reason. In this it is not superior to the Mahomedan persuasion, which lies wholly in exterior practices and is perfectly adapted to the romantic and superstitious instincts of the Oriental races. The Mussulman did not conform to a religion, but religion was adjusted to his character.

