

account the different viewpoint of the time towards such conduct and not judge Cicero by the standards of our own age. There are blemishes of vanity, insincerity and indecision which we cannot avoid seeing in him; but his virtues far outweigh his faults. In our judgment of him we must remember the stormy times in which he lived and the unscrupulous, self-seeking men by whom he was surrounded. Such men as Caesar and Pompey, men who made self their god and cared not how others might suffer so long as they themselves were benefitted. When we contrast Cicero with them; when we see him using his power not for personal enrichment but for the people's good; when we note the breadth of his humanity, the grasp of his intellect and

the range of his interests; when we see the number and wide diversity of those who were his friends; when we mark his kindly disposition and his affection for his children; we cannot but admire and respect him. He was a man centuries ahead of his time, and the lives of such must nearly always end in tragedy and his was no exception. His letters exhibit to us the human and the personal side of him and they constitute no mean item in the world's literature. He might say of them just as truly as of his orations or his other works, in the words of Horace "*Exegi monumentum aere perennius*," "I have built me a monument more lasting than bronze.

(The writer has used the translations of Melmoth and Dr. Heberden).

REV. DR. FLEMING ON GENERAL BOOTH

General Booth was a man of tremendous—I had almost said terrific—initiative and power. . . . General Booth would have told you—he was always telling people—that that phenomenal power of his was not his own. . . . I remember once hearing him preach from the text, "Ye shall receive POWER." I shall never forget his intonation of that word "power." . . . It was the Pentecostal doctrine. You must wait—however galling it may be to wait—till the rushing, mighty wind from the Beyond descends upon you; and THEN you can begin. "Ye shall receive POWER"—such power! Tremendous, irresistible, sweeping everything before it. That was General Booth's explanation of himself: I have yet to hear a better. I remember the old man, after this hurricane of speech, going down on his knees and pouring forth a hurricane of prayer—prayer that on that great sea of people the breath of the Spirit might blow, and the promised "power" descend. That the prayer was answered I have not the slightest doubt whatever. There were few of us went out from that wonderful presence without the sense of some added grace to fight the flesh, the world, the devil—snatched for us, by that marvellous man, from the very altar-fire of God.—British Weekly.

"OUR BUSINESS is to make the Best we can of the Present, leaving the Future to God; trying more and more to so live and act in the present that a happier, worthier, more-satisfying Future will follow inevitably to our own souls and to those with whom life and love bring us into contact."

—From a Cor.