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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We have no desire to cast any reflection on the methods which the Salvation Army, as a general rule, pursue in carrying out its work. We have but small sympathy with the war whoop and beat of drums, but these means of attracting a crowd have been more or less acquiesced in on account of the success claimed with a class difficult to be reached by the ordinary means. Last week however the citizens of Toronto were treated to an exhibition by the Army which shocked the feeling of all right minded thoughtful people who witnessed it. It was a street procession conducted on an elaborate scale in which the blare of trumpets and brass bands, mingled with hallelujahs, and specimens of converted sinners were exhibited to the public gaze, dressed in flowing robes of white. Riders on horses of various colours, white, red, and black marched in the line, no doubt representing the symbolism of the seals described in the Book of Revelation. It is surely most objectionable to parade such things on the streets and we are surprised that the Salvation Army does not show more sense than to carry their advertisements to such an extreme.

The prevalence of destructive fires at this season has raised a problem, happily not often before the Canadian public. The Manitoba and Russell County sufferers are now in company with the homeless citizens of Windsor N. S., and the question of relief is a serious one. Immediate wants in all these cases have been generously met, but the losses have been very heavy, in most cases quite disastrous, and it is evident that more than mere temporary relief is required. Canadians are stout-

hearted and not easily depressed by business difficulties, but when a territory or a town has been devastated by the flames with nothing not even shelter left the victims of misfortune deserve public sympathy, and the Governments will be justified and maintained in coming forward with a scheme of liberal provision which will at least enable the sufferers to tide the winter over. Individual help will also be needed on a large scale.

The demand on charity caused by the recent fires is not the only claim on the benevolently disposed at this season. The weather, so far, has been favorable to the poor, but now the keen edge of winter is felt and the needy in the larger centres of population present a case for charitable institutions. Much admirable work is done by the relief societies, and while the undeserving now and then are supplied, it may be taken for granted at least ninety per cent. of the help given is to the deserving poor. Churches have their agencies in this good work and what can be better than to devote time and money to the rendering of homes happy by timely aid. From now on ladies and gentlemen will find much charitable work to do, and the kindly help of those who have enough and to spare will be appreciated by a disinterested class of workers and by grateful recipients.

Rev. John Kay, who will be inducted into the pastoral charge at Deer Park this evening has been the recipient of many tokens of the esteem in which his flock at Milverton holds him. He and Mrs. Kay were presented with several useful articles for the study and parlor from members and adherents, and from personal friends. He will receive a cordial welcome at Deer Park where his pastorate is looked forward to with great expectation.

In view of the approaching World's Convention, W.C.T.U. in Toronto it is interesting to read the statement published by that body as to the resignation of Lady Somerset Lady Henry Somerset. A difference of opinion exists between her ladyship and the W.C.T.U., on one question only. She possesses the full confidence of the organization and that fact having been made clear to her she has withdrawn her resignation. There will be no schism, no rupture, no dissension, but unity in diversity, co-operation on broad lines with toleration on nonessential points of difference.

College hazing is gradually giving way to enlightened public opinion. Here and there an outbreak is still reported but the wild scenes of the past will soon live in tradition only. President Patton at the opening of the Fall Session of Princeton appealed to the nobler and manlier instincts of the students, and urged them to voluntarily do away with the barbarous practice. Much had previously been accomplished in bringing about a change of sentiment among them upon the subject, especially among the upper classes, who are using their influence to have the old custom abandoned.