

CRANKS, PERHAPS

BUT STILL THEY SEEK MAN'S WELFARE.

All sorts of people, wise and otherwise, are engaged just now in all sorts of reforms, practical and impracticable. The satiric paragrapher finds many a point for a joke, but the serious may rest assured that all honest workers for good are accomplishing some good, and, at any rate, all are entitled to be spoken of with respect. At one end of the list is the Salvation Army, at the other the cohorts of theosophy, while revivalists of the Moody and Sankey type preserve a medium.

Lovers of the curious in these lines in New York were somewhat entertained by a marriage in Salvation Army ranks which was of unusual interest, because it was the first performed by Commander Mrs. Ballington Booth, daughter-in-law of the famous Gen. Booth. She differs from nearly all religious enthusiasts in one important particular. While she is a perfect bundle of ardor and spiritual energy, she is also phenomenally practical. Before performing this marriage she studied the law of New York carefully and took legal advice. There is no doubt that the marriage is legal, but as it was the marriage of a captain to an adjutant the public rather looked for some ludicrous features.

It was, in fact, a very solemn affair. The hall of the "Garrison" at Forty-fifth street and Broadway, was well filled, and the walls were almost covered with national flags and the Salvationist devices when the nine bridesmaids, clad in the regulation army costume of blue jerseys, blue dresses and "hallelujah bonnets," with only the addition of white scarfs, marched to the platform and knelt in prayer. Then the Army sang, "Love as Boundless as the Sea," and in marched Mrs. Commander Booth with the bride on her arm. A bunch of white tea roses at her waist alone distinguished the bride, Captain Harris, from her sisters in the camp, but every man in the audience saw at a glance that she was pretty, and little, if any, past twenty.

Then it was observed that the groom was already on the platform by the side of the commander—a manly-looking young fellow of twenty-five. There were more prayers and singing and many fervent ejaculations of blessings on the young couple. They stood forward and Commander Booth introduced them in a very appropriate speech.

Adjutant Wallace W. Winchell is a native of New York, but located in Charlotte, Mich., when a boy, has been a worker in this Army for six years, and has a voice of such wonderful compass that he is known as the iron-lunged man. Capt. May Harris is a native of Danbury, Conn., and has been a soldier in this Army for six years. She became quite noted by her efficient work as secretary to Major Brewer at the Boston divisional headquarters. Commander Booth explained that the marriage was to have taken place next spring, but as both had been ordered to a distant field of labor they had in response to telegrams come to get married at New York and start together. With the American flag and the Salvation colors mingled over them, both made this declaration:

We do solemnly declare that we have not sought this marriage for the sake of our own happiness and interests only, although we hope these will be furthered thereby, but because we believe that the union will enable us better to please and serve God and more earnestly to fight and work in the Salvation Army.

We each individually promise that we will never do anything likely to prevent the other's doing or giving or suffering anything that is in his or her power to assist the Army, believing that in so doing we shall best promote the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

We also promise always to regard our home in every way as a Salvation officers' quarters and to arrange it accordingly, and

to bring all in it who may be under our influence and authority for faithful and efficient service in the Army.

Then the commander proceeded with nearly the same words as in the Episcopal service, but it was noted by every lady present, apparently, that the word "obey" was not used. "Honor, love and cherish" was the extent of the obligation in that line. A collection was then taken up for their car fare and the young couple departed for their new field—the establishment of a mission in Illinois.

Like all reformers, the Salvationists are troubled by queer imitators, and two of the queerest are operating at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. They are twin brothers, Frank and John Barrill, and the keenest detective cannot tell one from the other. Strangers always take them for "Hibernian song-and-dance" men, from their dress, and when they rush suddenly out of their room and take a position on the board walk, as they do four or five times a day, a crowd gathers at once prepared for fun. It receives instead a revival song, a prayer and a fervent exhortation to repentance. The appearance of the idlers when this has gone on a few minutes may be imagined. The remarks often heard on the outskirts of the crowd cannot be quoted for a family newspaper—they are "horribly orthodox," as Chaplain McCabe puts it.

A strange fact about these twins is that almost every peculiar experience is duplicated with them. They have the same tastes, the same aches and pains, and if one makes an unusual motion the other generally repeats it. They often go bathing, and the other day one was taken with cramps and had to be brought in. The experienced bathing master started at once for the other, and in a few minutes he too was brought in cramped. Their age is about twenty-five or thirty, and those who know them best say they are men of the purest life, deeply religious and very much in earnest.

It is not to be supposed that the steady going revivalists are in any wise hindered by their somewhat eccentric allies. If there is any change they are more active than ever, and Moody and Sankey are doing a wonderful work at their summer conference at Northfield, Mass. All the accommodations there were exhausted three years ago, and a large hotel called the Northfield was erected to aid the schools. In the winter time it is used for a training school, where young men and women receive practical training for missionary work.

Ira D. Sankey is still vigorous, but Mr. Moody's right hand man has been for some years his nephew Ambert G. Moody, son of his brother George, who resembles his Uncle Dwight in many ways. When but seventeen years old he was placed in charge of the farm connected with the boys' school at Mount Hermon and managed it well. At that time he had but a common school education, but took up the study of the classics and fitted himself for Amherst college, where he will graduate next year. During vacations he has been business manager and general assistant for his uncle.

From Moody and Sankey to the high priestess of theosophy may seem a big step, but since the death of Mme. Blavatsky her disciples have been more active than ever. There has been from the start a division between those theosophists who began as spiritualists and those who came into the movement from the other side, but recently the union has been made complete by the elevation of Marie, Countess of Caithness and Duchess de Pomar, a noted spiritualist, to all the honors and titles of Mme. Blavatsky. The new high priestess is nearly seventy years old, but might pass for forty-five, and is among the noted women of the world.

A Cuban of pure Spanish blood, she married young and was early left a wealthy widow. As such she captivated

a British diplomat and naval officer, Earl of Caithness and Baron Berriedale. When he was laid away with his noble and royal ancestors at Holyrood, his widow was still remarkably beautiful as well as very rich, but declined all society advances and devoted her life to a study of the occult. During a nightly vigil at Holyrood she was, as she says, visited by Mary Queen of Scots, in person, who became her guiding spirit and finally was reincarnated in the countess.

If this is true it must be added that Mary Stuart has both talked and acted much more wisely in her second incarnation than in the first, for Lady Caithness is a woman of vast and varied learning and extraordinary practical ability. Her second title, by the way, resulted from her Cuban husband's liberal contributions to religious purposes, for which Pope Pius IX made him Count of the Holy Roman Empire. Later she bought an estate in Spain and the king raised her title to that of a duchess. It is so unusual for returned spirits to talk and act more sense than they did in the flesh that this should be remembered to Mary Stuart's credit.—J. H. Beadle, in Sunday Truth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE PAINTERS.

To the Editor of THE ECHO.

SIR,—While casually glancing down the columns of your issue of the 15th inst. my attention was drawn to a letter signed "Paint Brush."

Now as to who the unknown correspondent of yours is who shields himself under such a high sounding name is to me personally a matter of indifference, but as one of the parties alluded to in his correspondence I cannot refrain from answering his allegations and try this the only means at my disposal to dispel if possible the erroneous impression which his letter, if left unanswered, would convey to the general mass of your readers.

In the first instance he alludes to the rivalry which exists between the two unions in the city. Well for his better information I can state that between "74 and 222" there is no such rivalry, the point at issue between the two unions being one of small moment, but one on which some officials to bring themselves prominently before the members have laid great stress, thinking by these means to regain lost influence.

Your correspondent also makes a pointed allusion to the fact that the delegates from 222 were not present at the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, well as a member of said union and also delegate to the above Council the reason is that being unaware of the date of said meeting we were unable to attend in the interests of our society.

The question of giving work to a rat office is one more easily answered still, for by the reading of the letter in your columns I presume that your correspondent is a member of the union in opposition to 222, and moreover I should say an active member who is fully cognizant of the business of both these societies. I may state that all work done for union 222 has been given under the advice of the International Vice President and to officers who by his information tendered us were strongly union.

The reference of your correspondent to the fact why a second union was inaugurated in this city are on a par with all his other statements totally false, and more so his last allegation that the Charter of 222 has been withdrawn for such is not the case.

I will refrain from answering the question why the International Vice President should not see that the constitution of the brotherhood is not lived up to for by so answering I should be forced to disclose private business.

Trusting Mr. Editor you will grant me a little space in your next issue for the insertion of this lengthy explanation and hoping that your correspondent if he deems it prudent to answer this in his next will divest himself of his aristocratic "nom de plume" and appear in his true colors.

I remain yours, etc.,
THOS. KENT.

525 Albert street, Montreal, Aug. 1891.
[In this connection we have been requested to state, by the gentleman alluded to in the communication now under discussion as having readily given his consent to sending the printing of an association, of which he is a member, to a rat office, that he was not at the committee meeting when the work was given out, else he would have opposed it going where it did. He also assures us that none of the association's printing has gone there since].—Ed. Echo.

Another fatal accident occurred in the Grand Trunk yards on Monday afternoon, when a shunter named Napoleon Jervais,

living at 451 Grand Trunk street, was crushed by the cars and so seriously injured that he died at seven in the evening. An inquest was held at the General Hospital the following morning, three witnesses, Buckley, a foreman, and two yardmen employed by the Grand Trunk being examined. Their testimony was to the effect that there is a deplorable lack of system in the code of signals used in shunting cars, so that a man engaged in this dangerous employment has every chance of being suddenly run down, without opportunity to get out of the way. The result of the inquest was a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death through the want of sufficient signals given to the employees.

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