

hung from all the beams supporting the roof, while the side walls were adorned with sickles, stars, crosses and other designs. Before the platform was a tastefully arranged emblem, "Gates Ajar," and over it a star of exceeding beauty. On the wall at the back of the platform were hung the texts of the day—morning and evening—on a blue ground with white letters and flowers. Floral designs exhibited excellent taste in the forms of emblems of christian life, such as the sword, spear, shield and helmet; with signs of christian triumph in the crown and palm leaves, together with harps and anchors. The platform had a very imposing effect, being elaborately decorated with plants and cut flowers. The attendance was good, the ushers being scarcely able to find room for the evening audience. The choir rendered suitable music, assisted by Mr. E. Alexander of Hamilton. Sermons were preached by the pastor in the morning from Matthew, "Consider the Lilies;" afternoon, Solomon's song, "Sweet Flowers;" evening, Solomon's song, "The Rose of Sharon." At the close of the evening service the bouquets presented were taken to many sick homes in the city to cheer the troubled in their affliction by the thought that they were remembered in Christian sympathy. On the evening of the 15th inst., the A. O. F. purpose attending church in a body. It is not often they go twice in succession to the same church, but in this way show their appreciation of the services rendered them last year by the pastor and people of the Congregational church. The first death on the member's roll during the present pastorate, occurred on July 9th, Mrs. Bullock, the church care-taker's wife having passed away unexpectedly, to the great grief of a sorrowing husband and large family.

WOODSTOCK.—Pastor: Rev. Wm. Cuthbertson, B. A.—The following circular will speak for itself. We trust that this enterprising church will receive much countenance from the sister churches:—"Some few months ago this church was organized with the full approval of its sister churches. Since then the Divine Head of the church has blessed us with such a measure of prosperity that it has become imperative we should have a suitable sanctuary. This is now in course of erection, the estimated cost reaching nearly thirteen thousand dollars. Among the efforts being made to meet this expenditure the ladies of the congregation have resolved upon holding a bazaar in the middle of September next. While themselves, working earnestly to ensure a success, they believe christian friends outside their town and fellowship will not be unwilling to help them in this enterprise. In such belief they presume to address you asking at your hands any gift of articles of sale or such other aid as your kindness may prompt you to send. Any communication made to the

secretary of the "Ladies' Circle" will be gratefully acknowledged. ISA G. MCKENZIE, Secretary, Vansittart Avenue, Woodstock."

THE SALVATION ARMY.

We publish two opposite accounts of meetings held under the impulse of this, to us, inexplicable movement. The first is copied from the London *Nonconformist and Independent*, commenting on which the Boston *Congregationalist* says: "No intelligent reader can feel that such wild and noisy proceedings as are here described are in any degree compatible with a consistent, orderly and devout Christian life." The other is from the pen of a Toronto correspondent and must tell its own tale. "Hitherto, it is believed, no newspaper correspondent has ever been permitted to be present at one of these all-night meetings of the Salvation Army, and many rumors concerning them have been current. At last an enterprising writer on the staff of the *Record* has found his way into one by reason of holding a ticket obtained "through some officer or friend knowing the applicant," and he prints a description of the scene he witnessed in last Friday's issue of that paper. . . .

It was now a quarter past two, and the crisis was at hand. The "general" said it was time for the personal application of what had been set forth. The neighborhood of the "altar"—as he termed some trestled tables in front of the platform—was cleared, and those who wanted the Lord to take "all sin out of your hearts," and were willing to comply with the condition, viz., to turn over all they had, in fact, themselves, into His hands, were invited to come and kneel at the "altar." He emphasized that they were to surrender not only what is wrong, but all doubtful things, to be willing to follow the Lord to the end of the earth. Those who were so willing, let them come out and "jump into the cleansing river." The scene that followed, says the writer in the *Record*, defies description. Words fail to picture the extraordinary and terrible proceedings that lasted for about an hour and a half, notwithstanding the "general's" caution that "they must keep tremendously steady." If that is the way Salvationists act when they are "tremendously steady," I would rather not be present when they give their feelings full license. The vast throng more resembled a horde of lunatics than a band of professedly Christian people. If the inmates of Bedlam were to be let loose, I can hardly imagine their conduct would be more extraordinary than was that of these Salvationists.

In a very few moments the tables were surrounded by persons kneeling at them. There were at least