

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army closed its financial year with September, and it was found that its income during the previous 12 months had been about three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. This large sum is mostly made up of direct money contributions, but the round sum is augmented by sundry devices, such as the sale of musical instruments, watches specially designed to remind the soldier of his God and his duty, mottoes, and other articles for home use, all contrived with the same end in view.

As regards the effective force and distribution of the Army at the present time

There are 910 corps, namely, in Great Britain, 637; France, 8; Switzerland, 7; Sweden, 4; United States, 50; California, 5; Canada, 71; India, 14; South Australia, 35; Victoria, 21; New South Wales, 21; New Zealand, 23; Tasmania, 3, and the Cape of Good Hope, 11; total, 910.

Of Little Soldiers' Corps there are 444, which have held 933 meetings during the year, attended by 41,688 children.

The Army at home is officered by 1147 persons, exclusive of majors, who number 14; aides-de-camp 29, and 'specials' 37. There are 188 cadets in the training barracks, and the training home staff numbers 20.

Abroad there are 688 officers, the total at home and abroad being 2332.

In connection with the 'village warfare,' it is reported there are 303 villages regularly occupied in Great Britain, besides 100 occasionally visited.

When we reflect that this now well-compacted organization is not sprung of the churches, but has been, as it were 'stamped out of the ground' by its leader it is really one of the most wonderful of movements in history.—*Bran.*

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For the Mar. Pres.

What rapid progress this unique organization the Salvation Army has made in a comparatively short space of time. Twenty years ago the Rev. Wm. Booth, a Methodist clergyman, felt that something ought to be done to reach those who came not within the sound of the Gospel. He began preaching on the street and holding meetings in public buildings in the East end of London. Success crowned his efforts, God blessed his work in the conversion of souls. The first converts were trained to evangelistic

work and going forth with enthusiasm secured to the new mission a rapid growth. Seven years ago the name Salvation Army was given to the organization. This name was deemed appropriate because it described its work and set forth the purpose of its establishment.

Previous to 1878 there were but 30 stations occupied. In that year the number increased to seventy-five. Five years ago operations were commenced in the Dominion of Canada, and now there are stations in Australia, France, India, Sweden and several other countries. In Great Britain alone there are now more than 637 stations, and dignitaries have given their testimony to the great good done by the Army. Queen Victoria two years ago on the occasion of the 17th anniversary sent letters of congratulation.

Our opinions may differ as to the mode and manner of working of this organization, but all must agree that their zeal is worthy of imitation. If in all our churches the same fervor was witnessed, how much might be accomplished. Exceeding great and precious promises are given on the page of revelation but these promises can only be fulfilled in answer to prayer and human instrumentality. We may rest assured God is ready to do His part He waits for us to perform ours.—*COM.*

One of the strongest indictments of the New Theology is in the following words of Dr. Herrick Johnson of Chicago:—"There is no more pernicious tendency in our modern pulpit," says Dr. Herrick Johnson, "than that which betrays itself in emphasizing spirit by contemning doctrine."

Sometimes the 'heaviest wheat of all' may spring up from seeds dropped in an accidental way. What a motive to the maintenance of personal holiness! The accidental is a shadow of the intentional. Influence is the exhalation of character.—*W. M. Taylor.*

Says the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler: "The great perennial power of a good pastor over his flock is heart-power. Nine-tenths of the people in any congregation are only to be reached through their affections. Sympathy is power."

No man must go to heaven when he dies who has not sent his heart thither while he lives. Our greatest security is to be derived from duty, and our only confidence from the mercy of God through Jesus Christ.—*Bishop Wilson.*