

law for the Spirit's dictation? Oh! the Spirit could not guide this way! Could not? forsooth, who knoweth the mind of the Spirit? The wind bloweth where it listeth, none can tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, and yet there is not a "loyal Salvationist" but who would stick to the Army direction, in preference to assuming any risk in this very cardinal Christian matter of "divine guidance," would be loyal to "law, creed and sect," and in this matter of absolute divine guidance would cry, "Away with Him" as a guide. Is not this so? Have you not had this matter up time and again in your councils of war? And it will not down.

The principles of Christianity, as they have in the past, are bound to prevail, and this principle of "divine guidance" is a Christian principle. "When He is come He shall guide you." And woe be to those who accept blind guides.

You speak of the "kingdom of God." The "war" you say is that kingdom. Suppose your relation to that "war," as far as the Salvation Army is concerned, was that of an outsider, that you had not foresworn body and soul to this organization, that you had not chosen to follow possible blind guides, do you think it possible that God could make any use of you? What relation would the "war" then have to the "kingdom?"

Sects produce bigotry. Creeds dwarf the soul. Loyalty to creeds and sects is not loyalty to God. The Lord Jesus was loyal to God. He taught loyalty to God. The Romish Church (and I use this term without disrespect) teaches that loyalty to Peter must antedate loyalty to God. Is there any danger of Booth being to the Salvationists what Peter is to the Roman Catholics—the vicegerent of God? Is Booth's scheme of universal empire likely to take the place of the invisible "kingdom of God?" Will you risk your soul's eternal interests on Booth's loyalty to God being stronger than his desire for "universal empire?" Dare you consider whether there is anything "Mohammedan" in Booth's designs? Dare you declare that with Booth it is God first, God last, and God everything?

All this must be necessary before you

can "feel" quite confident that the general is guided by God.

Power creates deceit. Ambition is a dangerous thing. "I charge thee, Cromwell fling away ambition; by that sin fell the angels." If ambition is a sin, and if Booth is ambitious for universal empire, are you safe when you follow this ambitious general's direction? Does the general do all the directing, and you do all the following, or did you ever "feel" that it would be profitable for the general to follow your directions occasionally? If so, have you been loyal enough to him to point this out, and to risk chances of promotion downwards, rather than sacrifice truth that comes by revelation or divine guidance? For instance, the general says they are £10,000 behind this year. Dare you point out to him that the "multiplication of palaces and defenced cities" may be just that much ahead of the "mind of God."

He says a complaint made against the organization is, that Salvationism is money, money, always money. This complaint, he says, has a cause. "Things are so constituted," he says, "that the work cannot be done, the King cannot be honored, the people cannot be saved without money." He further says he is obliged to run after men and cry into their unwilling ears, "Oh, do help Jesus Christ to save the bodies and souls of these wretched multitudes."

Dare you draw the general's attention to the fact that the Father is rich—that the gold and the silver, and the cattle on a thousand hills are His, that the "One" who directed His followers to carry neither purse nor script, declared also that "it is finished"—the plain inference being that man cannot "help" to finish what God has declared finished—that all this "money grabbing" is carnality—is no part of God's new creation—has nothing to do with the kingdom of God. The fact is, there is as much looking for a temporal kingdom among modern Salvationists, as there was amongst the ancient followers of the Lord Jesus. There is as much ignoring that the kingdom of Heaven cometh not with observation now as then—that the "kingdom" is not of