

THE SALVATION ARMY AT WORK.

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A BODY of men and women hard at work is the characterization which the Salvationists would probably prefer for themselves. Everybody, from commander to the last night's recruit, is supposed to labour. The methods are partly prescribed and partly at individual discretion. The main object is, to put it bluntly, "get saved, stay saved." The mottoes and epigrams of the Army remind one of the pithy exhortation of Suvaroff to the Russian soldiers: "The bullet is a fool; charge with the bayonet!"

The general principles of the organization are familiar to the mass of readers, but it may surprise many

to learn how strict is the discipline, and how numerous are the regulations ordained for the conduct of the officer. Each one has his appointed duties—cadet, lieutenant, captain or ensign, adjutant, staff-captain or major, brigadier, colonel, and commander. On inspecting the "Rules for Officers in the Slum Work," we find that to each is assigned the task of spending six hours a day in meetings or in visiting the poor, and, further, "No slum officer to leave her post without permission from the staff-officer in command"; "8 a.m., breakfast, Bible readings, and prayer"; "9.45–10.15, private prayer"; "5.30, supper."

Some of the stipulations seem rather binding to a non-military Christian: "Never go in debt without permission from headquarters." "Always have *two* persons to *count* the collections." "No marriage can take place without the *consent* of Headquarters." Note this also: "What is the rule of the Army with regard to courting? (1) Those who *flirt*, and are found out, which is usually the case, are sent home again. (4) If . . . any engagements are formed, information to this effect must be forwarded in confidence to the General-in-chief, who, if he approves, gives consent to such engagement." Again, on miscellaneous topics: "What advice does the Army give about reading? It is better *not* to read secular—that is, the ordinary—newspapers. Of course you will not read any novels. Avoid *all* the ordinary religious books." "How can you best attend to your health? Eat moderately. Don't eat suppers. Keep your feet dry. Keep off all doctors, if possible." "What is the Army