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## Salvation Army Congress Opens.

**MAYOR PRESIDES AT PUBLIC MEETING.**  
**SATURDAY.**

The Salvation Army Congress is now in full swing. Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton leading, and judging by the spirit of enthusiasm displayed in the meetings of Saturday night and all day yesterday the Congress this year will equal if not surpass any gatherings of a similar nature in this city.

The meeting on Saturday night was for officers, local officers and soldiers, and took the form of a preliminary welcome to the Commissioner and party. The No. 1 Citadel was well filled for the occasion and enthusiasm ran high throughout the whole meeting. "Stand up stand up for Jesus," lined out by Colonel Martin, was sung heartily by the congregation. Commandant Stickland invoked the divine blessing on the gathering, after which Staff Captain Tilley, General Secretary, led the congregation in singing "Oh Boundless Salvation."

Colonel Martin in a few well chosen words expressed the pleasure he felt at having the Commissioner and his wife here for the Congress and called upon Sgt. Majors Bartlett, Cummings and Pike to speak on behalf of No. 1, II, and III Corps respectively. The words of these comrades left no uncertainty in the minds of the Commissioner and his wife as to the feelings of the St. John's Salvationists regarding their visit, but they were assured of a right royal welcome. Sgt. Major Bartlett embodied his words in a song which he sang to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." The following are the words:—

God bless you sir, we welcome you from far across the sea,  
To help to lead us in the fight  
That sets poor sinners free.  
And may you and your dear wife  
A mighty blessing be.  
To all whom we met on the island.

**CHORUS:**  
Then soldiers sing, sing a welcome home;  
Come shout aloud a joyous welcome home.  
With hearts of burning love to-night,  
We gladly welcome here our  
Commissioner and wife to the island.

Commissioner Sowton on rising received a great ovation from the people. He spoke of the pleasant and how much he appreciated the warm welcome received, he spoke of his travels in various parts of the world and told an interesting story of a visit he paid to an Indian settlement in Alaska. The visit of a Commissioner to this settlement was a great event and he was told by an officer who met him on the train that the Indian villagers intended to ask a great many favours of him when he arrived among them. He accordingly prepared himself to listen to a large number of requests. Great was his surprise therefore when he attended meeting after meeting and no interviews were asked for and no requests proffered. When he came to the last meeting of the series he said to the officer in charge what about these requests your people have to make of me? Then he handed him a slip of paper on which was written these words: "The Commissioner he warm our hearts and make us strong," meaning that since receiving the inspirations of the Commissioner's presence and counsel they were striving to bear their own burdens and fight their own battles. "That," said the Commissioner, "is our desire in coming among you for this Congress, warm your hearts and make you strong." Judging by the fervent answers heard on every side the Salvationists present were open to receive the Commissioner's message and extract all possible help and blessing therefrom.

Colonel Adby was greeted with loud applause and was sometime before he could make himself heard. He stated that he was the bearer of greetings from Mrs. Adby, Col. Morehen and Otway, Commandant and Mrs. Hiscock and a number of other officers who were formerly connected with the work in Newfoundland. He assured the congregation that he brought his own salvation love with him (loud applause) and asked each officer and soldier to remember their individual responsibility for the success of the Congress.

The band then played, after which Commissioner Sowton gave a short address on the four essentials of soldiership stating that the four essential qualities for successful service in the ranks of the army were Godliness, Salvationism, Unity, Constancy, and Earnestness. Space will only permit of a more than passing reference to what was a really splendid address. Summe to say that it was listened to with rapt attention by the congregation and in the prayer meeting 19 persons came forward to the Mercy Seat to consecrate themselves to the service of God.

Mr. Sowton made her initial speech to a Newfoundland audience, and it is no exaggeration to say that she captured the hearts of her audience right off. She spoke of having come in contact with the Army when quite young and expressed her great pleasure at being able to visit Newfoundland and become acquainted with its people.

## Another Nobleman Feels the Pinch of Hard Times.

**SUNDAY.**  
The parade which took place at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning was one of the best ever held by the Army in St. John's. The three city corps units, being reinforced by the life saving guards who made their first public appearance in uniform, also a goodly number of the visiting officers. Leaving No. 1 Citadel the procession proceeded by way of Hamilton and Patrick Streets to the home of Colonel Martin where a halt was called while the Commissioner, gave a short address complimenting them on their appearance and their numerical strength and urging them to be loyal to God and the Army and strive to be a blessing in the world. The procession then proceeded by way of LeMarchant Road, Barter's Hill and New Gower Street, back to the Citadel where a united Hallelujah Meeting was conducted by the Commissioner. At 3 p.m. a public reception was tendered the Commissioners in the Majestic Theatre. His Honor, Mayor Cook presiding. On the platform with the Mayor were the Hon. Dr. Campbell, W. B. Jennings Esq., Hon. Alex. Mew, H. E. Cowan, C. E. Hunt, Esq., Dr. Alex. Rumsey, Wm. Thompson Esq., and others.

Mayor Cook in his opening remarks referred to the earlier days of the Army and the opposition which they met. He admired the courage of these pioneers who laid the foundation of its flag flying in practically every settlement on our island. He referred to the social work and expressed the hope that the new Maternity Hospital now in the course of erection would soon be completed. He extended to the Commissioners on behalf of the St. John's Municipality a very warm welcome to our city. Messrs. H. E. Cowan, C. E. Hunt, and I. C. Morris also spoke warm words of welcome to the Commissioner, assuring him of their regard for the Army and appreciation of the work it is doing.

The Commissioner, on rising, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause, he spoke of his former visit to this country, some fourteen years ago when he was Chief Secretary for Canada East, and his delight at being able to come back again. When last stationed in Canada he had received a letter from some party in England addressed Salvation Army, Toronto, and on the corner was written "If no Salvation Army in Toronto, try Cobalt." He remarked, that after seeing the splendid gathering this afternoon and hearing the warm words of welcome spoken, he felt like saying if no Salvation Army in Toronto, try St. John's Nfld. (laughter and applause.) He referred briefly to the work in different countries he had visited and stated that the Army flag now flies in no less than 73 different countries and colonies and preaches the gospel in 44 different languages. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by W. B. Jennings Esq., was carried unanimously, after which Col. Martin expressed his gratitude to the Management of the Majestic Theatre for making it possible for the Army to have the use of their splendid Hall for the afternoon and night, after which the meeting was brought to a close with the Doxology.

At seven p.m. a salvation meeting was conducted by the Commissioner which was attended by a congregation which filled the spacious theatre. The service throughout was full of power, the Commissioner's address was forceful and impressive and at the close 28 persons sought and found pardon for their sins. With such a good start it is safe to assume that the Congress will be a great success.

## Portugal Cove Garden Party.

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**LONDON.**—Sir Rider Haggard is of the opinion that Western civilization is by no means so secure as many Westerners believe. "We have an idea that the West is going on forever," he said, lecturing before the Norwich Rotary Club, "but can we be quite sure of that? Those who have studied and know the East; its enormous power of reproduction; its simple habits of life on the land, and its system of moralities which make every woman think it her duty to have children, know that it contains an enormous potential power which must one day break out. "Whether it can be curbed I do not know, but I have grave doubts. I shall never forget my friend, Theodore Roosevelt, saying when talking of Japan, 'Look out for your Australia; it will be the first place to go.' If once Japan secures the control of China the outlook for the Western World will be very cloudy." The speaker said he thought our existing civilizations in the end probably would go the way of other civilizations that had preceded it. "Who would have thought a dozen years ago," he said, "that there would be such horrors in the world as we have recently seen in Russia. Even in Ireland it has been revealed that the savage is uncommonly near the skirt of civilized man, and so always it will be."

## Modern Plays Staged in Roman Ruin.

**FLORENCE, Italy.**—The old Roman theatre at Fiesole will this autumn, if present plans are carried out, be used again for the purpose it was originally so well constructed many centuries ago. It will witness the production of a series of plays, but this time its stone seats will be filled, it is hoped, by later day tourists who will find interest in the novel idea. Gabriele d'Annunzio is giving his support to the project, and it is probable that one of his tragedies will be in the repertory. This ruin of the days of Roman is beautifully located in the ancient Etruscan town that stands upon the olive-covered hills above Florence. It has admirable acoustic properties. Nineteen tiers of stone seats still remain in a semi-circle 37 yards in diameter, while just below these are three more rows of special seats used in olden times by persons of rank. It is proposed, beginning next September, to give performances every spring and autumn when the weather in Italy is particularly agreeable. In addition to the d'Annunzio play, the first series of productions will include a Greek classic tragedy; a melodrama, probably Or-

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