

ject of the first sermon may well be applied to the entire book. First, the preacher insists that the Gospel, when it enters the heart, should be aggressive till it conquers the last lurking foe, through the power of the Holy Spirit wholly sanctifying it by an instantaneous finishing stroke given to original sin, as taught by John Wesley. This is a cardinal doctrine of the Salvation Army, and the secret of its conquering power. A meeting specially for the promotion of this experience is held weekly in every one of their barracks.

In the second place, the Gospel is to be aggressive till it subdues the whole world to Jesus, its rightful King. The mighty faith of Mrs. Booth grasps this glorious consummation, as within the reach of the present generation of believers, if they yield themselves fully to the impulses of the Holy Spirit. She is no gloomy pessimist, bewailing the decay of Christianity and dishonoring the dispensation of the Paraclete by postponing the world's conversion till after Jesus shall descend from Heaven, and in person set up a visible kingdom on the earth. These sermons are a healthful antidote to this paralyzing error, and a mighty stimulus to missionary activity. Christians are exhorted to a grand evangelistic assault upon whole communities, imposing the Gospel upon them. While I am writing, detachments of the Salvation Army are attacking all the principal towns in