

through seas of blood, and bitter persecutions. A power that carried men through the fires of Smithfield. We ask Mrs. Booth to consider these facts before she again denounces this doctrine as a "cheat of the devil," and to beware lest the blood of souls be found on her garments. The Salvation Army is zealous, but that will not save them. The Church of Rome is just as zealous as they are. Israel of old was zealous enough to compass sea and land to make one proselyte, but it was all of no avail. Nowhere in Scripture do we see zeal represented as a fruit of the Spirit. Zeal without a right knowledge of the way of salvation is worse than useless, because it only leads men the wrong way. Conscience, in order to lead a man the right way, must be rightly informed, otherwise it is only a false guide to him. Let no Salvation Army officer for a moment suppose that it was God who led him to offer himself for the field; it was simply his conscience, and his conscience was misinformed. What leads young women of the Church of Rome to give themselves up to lives of seclusion in convents and nunneries? Is it God's Spirit? Not at all. They think it is, but it is simply their conscience and their conscience misinformed. What led the Hindoo mother to throw her babe into the river Ganges? Was it God's Spirit? Not at all. It was simply her conscience, and her conscience was misinformed. What led Saul of Tarsus to Damascus to hail Christian men and women to prison? Not God's Spirit, although he assuredly thought it was. It was a misinformed conscience.

I have heard Salvation Army officers say, "I remember the very place and time when God called me for the field." So can that young woman remember the time when she thought God called her to a life of seclusion in the convent. Paul could remember the time when something told him to persecute the sect called Christians. Was it God's Spirit led him to do this? Not at all. Neither did God's Spirit ever lead a man to offer himself for Salvation Army work because their doctrines are in direct opposition to the Word of God. It was simply the imaginations of a misinformed mind and conscience.