

snow does not fall quite noiselessly, but he will recognize the fidelity of the following: "The silence almost appalls one, and if you stand and listen, no sound but the almost silent beat of the myriad tiny flakes as they fall with their little noiseless thud on the thousand trees around you, in a sort of faint musical tinkling, and yet not harsh enough to be a tinkle even." One regrets that the letters and diary of a person so keen of sense and so deft in narration contain so little allusion to the men and women of the backwoods, nor indeed to those that she knew throughout her life in town and county on three continents. The biographer speaks of "her exquisite and delightful funniness," and Miss Machar, who contributes an introduction to the volume, refers to her "quaint and graceful play of humor." Such a tribute from a Scotch-woman should mean that she had a nipping and a shrewish wit, and we are left to guess that the biographer has expurgated too freely. Mrs. Randleson was herself a governess to the younger children of General Booth, and Miss Kinton, besides having been associate editor of the *War Cry* and one of the leaders at Salvation Army headquarters in Toronto, was for a number of years private secretary to Mrs. Herbert Booth. The life story would be of more general interest if it had more to tell about the less known phases of life in the Salvation Army and about the amazing Booth family.

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