

bands have been organized, halls have been secured, and services have been held in addition to those regularly held in the churches. God has been with us and the indications encourage us to 'go forward.'" One of the first places secured was a dance-hall on one of the worst streets in the city. Here a mission service was begun, and many lost ones were reclaimed and many souls saved. Open-air preaching, house-to-house visitation, tract distribution, and various forms of personal persuasion have been employed to bring men and women to Christ, and God's blessing has abundantly rested upon these efforts. Several of the city churches, we believe, have combined in this band work. The movement has spread to other places. The press is largely employed to carry the good news of salvation where the living voice cannot reach. A fortnightly paper, *The Glad Tidings*, brimful of the Gospel, is published and is distributed far and wide.

This method furnishes opportunity for the exercise of the gifts and graces of the whole church membership, and presents all the advantages of the methods of the Salvation Army, without any of the eccentricities or questionable methods of the latter. The work is carried on strictly in harmony with the principles and institutions and doctrinal teachings of our Church. We believe that similar methods might, with great advantage, be adopted by many of our churches in the towns and cities of the West.

One evening I had the pleasure of taking part in a Salvation Army celebration and wedding; I was introduced to more captains and adjutants than I ever saw before. The reception that our party received from the hosts on the occasion was most enthusiastic. Such rolling of drums, and sounding of timbrels, and volley on volley of cheers was enough to turn a modest man's head. Although I dissent from many of the methods of our Salvation Army friends, yet, no one can deny their intense moral earnestness. I never saw a wedding of the sort. Both bride and bridegroom exhorted the four thousand people present to seek a present salvation. The scene was more like an old-fashioned camp-meeting, than a conventional wedding, and I could not help thinking, in many respects more rational.

The influence of song at these meetings is immense. As an artistic effect, it was very poor, but as a spiritual power, it was overwhelming. There was a swing and a sweep about it that