

bodies quarterly. Non-Salvationist accountants audit all. To no officer is salary guaranteed, nor does one receive more than enough to supply actual wants. Booth has never received one cent beyond repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, his support being provided by friends outside ; and the sole member of the family who has received remuneration from Army funds is Bramwell. As chief-of-staff " he toils terribly," yet has only the pittance of a postal clerk. Salaries run from \$2.88 a week for slum sisters, to \$14.58. Male captains and lieutenants receive \$4.32 and \$3.84 respectively ; women of the same rank, \$3.60 and \$2.88 ; married men, \$6.48.\* Each corps is expected to raise its own income, and pay its own expenses week by week, officers drawing no allowances till bills are paid. When the payment of these fails to leave enough for the officers, soldiers and friends usually provide food. Division officers are supported by a ten per cent assessment on the receipts of each corps. One week each year is set apart the world over as Self-denial Week, and in 1891 it yielded \$200,000. The annual expenditure for rentals alone amounts to \$1,000,000. The Army owns almost \$4,000,000 of property, and has a yearly income of \$3,645,000. This equals four per cent on a capital of \$76,602,500. An endowment whose cash value is \$76,602,500, created from nothing in twenty-five years, is a tolerably substantial miracle. It is almost unique.

#### DISTINCTIVE FEATURES, PECULIARITIES, AND THEIR RATIONALE.

One Sunday in London half the population, or 3,000,000 people, were absent from any place of worship. In the Establishment over ninety-five per cent of the members belong to the upper and middle classes, while less than three per cent of the working classes are communicants. Those are facts of terrific significance. They show the practical paganism of vast populations in Christendom. They demonstrate the uselessness of holding to parochial limitations and stereotyped methods in evangelizing modern society. If the Army had kept in ecclesiastical ruts, Captain Great-heart could not have helped to lift Darkest England from its Slough of Despond even this little. " The Army has even been in danger of dying from dry rot ; no prejudice, no regard for old-fashioned ideas and customs is *not* respectably and strongly represented to-day within the Army itself." But Booth does not want another ecclesiastical corpse encumbering the earth. " When Salvationists cease to be a militant body of red-hot men and women whose supreme business is saving souls, I hope it will vanish utterly." He would be all things to all men, if by any means he might save some. Very well ; to multitudes such words as God, Bible, and Church were rocks of offence. The Army removed the stone of stumbling ; it described its actions as a Church militant by military terms ; it adapted measures and systems to particular needs and tastes of peoples, times, and circumstances ; it employed unusual means of attraction. The result is

\* English rates in " Orders and Regulations," p. 510 ; American allowances for the same officers appear to be \$7 and \$6, and \$6 and \$5.