

during those three days and they went away satisfied. A few days later Mrs. S. told me about it, and said if I did not write the board a letter, her character would be ruined. She told me she had intended to come to me, when she left the house, but had been decoyed away by those two women. I took a day to decide and wrote a letter at her dictation, calling upon the board to retract the insults they had heaped upon my wife's character. Now, I confess I did very wrong in writing that letter, but I did not know the truth about it; I have written an apology to the Loyal Women, but they have not acknowledged it. * * *. While Riordan was here last fall he told Mrs. Wyman, with whom I am boarding, that he had not met Mrs. Shepherd until April, 1890. Mrs. S. says they were brought up together. When I first became acquainted with Mrs. S. I thought she was perfect. She was persecuted, and one of the ministers of the town, together with another man connected with the same work, came out in her defence. Before we were married I saw her sit down on the gentleman's knee and kiss him, as well as the minister. But she did it in such a way to disarm censure. After we were married she continued to do it, and I became uneasy and told her I did not like it. She said if I did not approve of it she would not do it again. From that day until last September I saw nothing wrong with her on that score. Smallman (her advance agent) says he knows that when Riordan went back to Delaware from Columbus, O., Mrs. Shepherd did not expect that he would ever come back to her, and that failing to get him back, she was going to secure me.

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The Salvation Army National Headquarters,
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Dear Sir,—My husband, Commissioner Booth, has handed me your letter regarding Mrs. Margaret Shepherd who is supposed to have been a Salvation Army officer. So far as we at this headquarters are concerned, we cannot say much personally in relation to her, but I advise you to write to some of those who knew her in Boston for her career in that city. Mrs. E. Trask Hill, 24 Monument Square, Charlestown, Mass., was a very warm friend of hers. There are others, whose address I do not know, who could give you much information regarding her work in Boston. William T. Stead, editor of The Review of Reviews, Mowbray House, London, England, can give you the particulars of her career in England. I can say here that she never was an officer in the Salvation Army