

conscious of wanting. The Salvation Army has at least this value, that it has forced the heathenism of cities on public attention; but even without dwelling on the severe censures which have been passed on Mr. Booth and his methods, it is at any rate clear that the religion he offers to his hearers is but the merest fragment of Christianity, forced dissociated from much else which is just as true and divine, and that we can, therefore, predict with absolute certainty that the Salvation Army must fail in the long run, as so many other enthusiastic revivals have failed before it.

But the Salvation Army would never have arisen at all if the Church had been doing its work fully and thoroughly everywhere. We do not mean to maintain the silly claptrap that "if the Church were for one day what she ought to be, the world would be converted before nightfall;" for if our Lord himself did not convert the great majority of the Jews to whom he preached, and amongst whom He worked His miracles, it is idle to suppose that His disciples can be above their Master. — *Church Times*.

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THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

OLD TESTAMENT.—(CONTINUED.)

Ecclesiastes shows how vain
The very best of earthly gain.

The *Song* the spirit has applied
To Christ, and to His chosen Bride.

Isaiah, first of prophets, who
Foretells the future of the Jew.

Then *Jeremiah*, scorned by foes,
Yet weeps for faithless Israel's woes.

Then *Lamentations* tell, in part,
The sadness of this prophet's heart.

Ezekiel shows, in mystic story,
Departing and returning glory.

Then *Daniel*, from the lion's den,
By power divine, is raised again.

Hosea shows the Father's heart
So grieved for sin on Ephraim's part.

And *Joel* tells of judgment near:
The wicked nations quake and fear:

Then *Amos*, from the herdmen sent,
Calls hardened sinners to repent.

In *Obadiah*, Edom's fall
Contains a warning word to all.

Jonah, though prophet of the Lord,
Yet fled to Tarshish from His word.

Then *Micah* sings in sweetest lays
The glory of millennial days.

And *Nahum* tells the fear and gloom
Of Nineveh and of her doom.

Habakkuk, though the fig-tree fail,
His faith and trust in GOD prevail.

Then *Zephaniah* tells of grace,
And love that comes in judgment's place:

And *Haggai* in the latter days,
Repeats: Consider well your ways!

In *Zechariah's* wondrous book,
We find eight visions if we look.

Then *Malachi*, the last of all,
Speaks sadly still of Israel's fall.