

vationists' keep themselves strictly within the law. We find that even when struck, assailed with foul and abusive language, and their property broken and destroyed, the 'Salvationists' do not retaliate." And to understand what they have had to bear, it is necessary to understand something of the brutality of an English mob, perhaps the most stolidly brutal kind of mob in the world! With such a record, *for one year*, as that just quoted, who shall dare to say that there was not need for the Salvation Army? And again and again it has happened that the ringleaders in the attack have been forced by the constraining power of Christian love to join the ranks they had been attacking with bitter animosity. After a barbarous *melee* at Crediton, in which several officers of the "Army" were severely injured, the confession was made at the next visit, "Last time you were here, Major, I helped to stone you; but now, thank God, I am saved!"

But not only have they to suffer at the hands of the populace; they have had, again and again, to suffer at the hands of the authorities! In some cases, indeed, the local magistrates have firmly defended them against attempted oppression by a lawless rabble; but in others, underlying prejudice and the animosity which in some minds is always excited by any form of aggressive Christianity have taken advantage of the merest pretexts of local by-laws, broken by a quiet march through the streets, to condemn them to a longer or shorter imprisonment, in default of the fine which they *will not pay*. For to *pay the fine* would be to admit the right of the magistrate to punish them for acts which they maintain to be perfectly lawful and within their privileges as British subjects. And