GEN. BOOTH'S BONANZA.

The Vast Revenue the Salvation Army Leader Receives.

SOME SENSATIONAL FACTS REVEALED BY A FORMER CONFIDENTIAL CLERK—SECRETS OF THE ARMY WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPOSED—THE SALVATIONISTS' MORAL CODE—THE GENERAL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS SUBORDINATES AND SPIES.

Kansas City Times: Gen. William Booth of London, the head and founder of the Salvation Army, who has been trying to stir up enthusiasm in the interest of his organization, and, no doubt, to fatten his exchequer in this city, left for the East yesterday morning.

When Gen. Booth stood before the audience assembled at Music-Hall Wednesday night to hear his lecture on "The Rise and Progress of the Salvation Army," attired in his customary red-flannel jacket and well-worn black satin cloak, there were probably very few there who knew that he was worth almost $5,000,000 and had an annual income from the harvests of the Salvation Army of about $1,000,000. Though that is not generally known it is nevertheless the fact. The history of Gen. Booth is one of the most remarkable in the record of religious movements. He has been successful as a financier, too, for he has combined business with religion. Ten years ago he was scarcely worth a guinea; now his wealth is estimated, including the property he holds in trust, at almost £25,000,000, and he controls half a million people as completely as the Czar of Russia rules his subjects. He has been called the Napoleon of the religious world, and people who know him say that he is entitled to the name. Twenty years ago he was a Methodist minister without means. He renounced that church and conceived a new religious project which has given him a following of almost half a million people and netted him an immense income annually. It is an easy matter to account for the money that is annually poured into the coffers of the army in London. Gen. Booth controls twenty-two religious papers, which have an aggregate circulation of 500,000 copies. These are called War Crys, and are published in seven different languages. Offices of publication are located in London, Paris, Berlin, New York, Montreal, and South Africa. In India War Crys are published in four different languages. These publications bring annually $500,000 and give a profit of almost $200,000.

In the large counting rooms of his palatial headquarters in London Gen. Booth has as many men employed as there are in the Recorder's office in Jackson County. A gentleman living in this city who was once chief clerk under Gen. Booth and controlled the entire business of the Salvation Army says that he employs over 100 men at headquarters. These are distributed as follows: In the general offices, 15; cashier's office, 10; accountants' department, 8; editorial managers, 8; outfit department, 25; managers of printing, 10; stock department, 12; and about 15 in the smaller offices. The ex-clerk has a very interesting story to tell. He was in London without employment and unable to do physical work on account of a broken leg. He was passing, so he said, near No. 272 White Chapel road when he saw a card posted above the door which announced that a rapid shorthand writer was needed up-stairs. He went up and applied for the situation. He secured it and in a short time became chief clerk. He has several secret documents in his possession which Booth issued, and as he became disgusted with the methods at headquarters he does not hesitate to divulge them. Some of these papers are very significant and speak for themselves. The source of information is authentic and the gentleman is engaged in business in this city. He says that the Salvation Army is the culmination of fanaticism in religion, and he has been in a position where he was able to learn its methods.

The documents which he has in his possession show that a member of the Salvation Army is nothing more than a subject of a religious government of which Booth is king. The candidate's form, which is rarely allowed out of the commanding officer's hands, and which every officer is compelled to fill, runs something like this:

'Do you solemnly promise to enter the service of Gen. William Booth and promise to forfeit £50 on disobeying any of his orders? Are you courting? Will you agree to quit courting for a year? Have you ever been in jail? Do you belong to any church?

A candidate is never admitted who continues a member of the church. The commanding officer is paid about $7 a week. The public circulars say that all surplus is used to establish new stations. The secret collection cards, which none are allowed to hold but officers, say that all money used to support a station must be raised in the town itself.

All money, bequests, and deeds to property must be turned into the hands of Gen. William Booth. Every piece of property which the Salvation Army owns is decided to Booth, and the proscribed form which is issued for such purposes from headquarters reads as follows:

'I give and bequeath unto the Rev. William Booth, the General of the Salvation Army, No. 101 Queen Victoria street, London, the following, etc.'

Some time ago the following manifesto was issued by Gen. Booth, and it was no wonder the members of the Salvation Army in Baltimore and other parts of the United States rebelled:

'In future no sanction will be given to courting by either sex or to any engagement of any male lieutenant. He must get promoted to the rank of captain before anything of the kind can be recognized. No captain is to expect headquarters consent to his marriage either after two years' service or more unless he has proved himself an efficient and successful officer, and then he must be backed by his divisional officer, who, in consenting to his marriage, must agree to give him three stations. In future no marriages will be agreed to by headquarters unless we have consented to the engagement at least twelve months before.'

Booth has a deed enrolled in chancery which places all the Salvation Army's property in his hands, and according to which the property descends to his successor. As Gen. Booth has the power to appoint his successor he will doubtless appoint his son, and the property will thus descend and be always kept in the family. Bramwell Booth is chief of the international staff.Ballington Booth was commander of the Australian forces. Le Marechal Booth commands the Swiss and French forces. The very name Le Marechal in an English family shows how shrewd the head of the Salvation Army is. No commanding officer is allowed to stay in one place longer than two years, for one of Gen. Booth's old maxims is, 'There shall be no heroes in this army but Booths.'

The tone of the secret book of orders and regulations is the same throughout. Its aims are to accomplish Gen. Booth's objects in various manners. It teaches deceit and it encourages suspicion. Its motto is to believe no man and its doctrine is to deceive if by so doing an end can be gained. In regard to ministers and members of religious denominations it says:

'Ministers will, for politeness and decency's sake, assure you that they take the deepest interest in your blessed work, which perhaps they do, provided it keeps at a distance from them. But if, thrown off your guard by this, you inform them of your plans, they may either mislead you by advising against the buildings where you would best succeed, or even may go so far as to persuade people to refuse the use of the places you most need. Even if ever so well intentioned, their utter ignorance of the likely way to reach the people will be almost certain to lead you astray. A theatre proprietor is far more likely to direct you to the best places to catch the people.'

The order instructs how to deceive and meet every one's views. It says: 'To make ministers and others engaged in church work friendly you must dwell upon the fact that we attack those who are quite outside of their range, and that from the want of education amongst us we cannot be in competition with them.'

The plea that the Salvation Army's object is to save the lower class of people is accordingly urged everywhere. Besides urging this plea to meet the argument that the churches are sufficient for the people, the report goes on to say: 'In order to make friends it is necessary to think of the peculiarities of the various people you meet with, their interests, habits, etc., and to place before them that feature of the service most likely to attract.' Its instructions to the Booth spies are as follows:

'In speaking with commanding officers, subordinates, etc., always commence by expressing your approbation of that which has satisfied and pleased you and then go on and secretly note that which has appeared unsatisfactory.'

In regard to establishing new stations of the Salvation Army it says: "Can we hope to raise on the spot the funds needed to meet the charges made for this building, gas, attendance, etc., in addition to the expense of an evangelist? If not, we cannot use it. Travelling expenses are paid, but must be returned to headquarters." Although these are the secret instructions to the confidential officers, the circulars asking assistance say that the money will be used for establishing new stations, though it is apparent that such cannot be the case.

The secret instructions to the district officers or spies, as they are known at headquarters in London, in regard to finance are as follows: "You must see that in every corps there are regularly appointed Secretary and Treasurer. If the income is not equal to the expenditure, then you must report to headquarters. You must see whether all reasonable measures are taken to obtain money for the war chest." The war chest seems to be a humorous term used by the General to denote his own private exchequer, for he goes on to say in the secret instructions: "If there is any money in the Treasurer's hands, etc., see that it is invested in P.-O. S. Bank in the name of the Salvation Army (the entire body, not the local force), or otherwise according to instructions."

According to instructions, all funds, bequests, and deeds to property must be made out in the name of Gen. William Booth, and he now owns property in this way all over the world. If the Salvation forces here purchase a lot or build a house, as they propose to do within the next three months, the deeds to the property will be recorded in the county recorder's office in the name of the Rev. William Booth of London.

Among the secret instructions to the men who are sent out to spy on the actions of the Salvation Army officers are the following: "If officers are unmarried, find out if courting, and if so, whether headquarters is aware of the fact." "In nearly all cases of immorality, proved or confessed, it is wisest and productive of the least injury to the corps to prevail if possible on the commanding officer to resign or to ask for a change of appointment."

"In all and every case, when you have occasion to speak or inquire into an offense, let it be in private." "Get information from other persons respecting the condition of the corps. Be sure in doing so not to say or countenance anything being said calculated to lower the prestige of the officers or lead to the idea that you are a spy upon them."

Among other secret commands issued from headquarters are the following:

"Specially encourage the people likely to give themselves to the work." "Always bear in mind that good women are shy and backward compared with men, and less likely to offer themselves. It is not always the best that most readily come to the front."

With an eye to business an order reads: "You must specially concern yourself with the War Cry, acquainting yourselves with the best mode of disposing of it." In regard to immorality among members of the army a portion of the report says:

"Never take any affair of wrong-doing before the corps, unless it is already known to them, and then only for explanation and settlement." "If there has been immorality induce, if possible, the offending party to confess and repent; and if it has become a public affair to make a public confession."

The official orders and regulations say: "It is to the interest of the service that you appear anything but well-to-do, but look to your own personal appearance." "Let everything about you show that you are peculiarly religious and that the forces you represent will introduce an entire novelty." "The information we can rely on is that which you get by use of your own eyes. An officer on this duty has no business with bashfulness or propriety." In regard to securing people who create sensationalism and attract crowds, the circular says: "The more drinking, swearing, and fighting amongst the people the more valuable they are likely to be."

Abundant opportunities are presented for fraud and the arrangements are so perfected that Gen. Booth and his heirs are able, if they wish, to pocket every dollar that goes into the Salvation Army coffers.

For many years the December issues of HARPER'S MAGAZINE have been distinguished by an unusual wealth of choice reading and pictures, with a special emphasis upon Christmas subjects. Rich as have been the previous numbers, the one about to be published stands easily at the head of all the goodly company that for nearly forty years have entertained and enlightened innumerable readers. It is a royal banquet of refreshing variety, with sturdy staples, rare novelties, and delicious dainties worthy of the generous holiday saint. Everything is complete in itself, the serials being omitted from this number. Beside the strongest attraction of 'The Boyhood of Christ,' by the author of 'Ben-Hur,' the Howells farce, 'The Mouse-Trap,' Gibson's delightful 'Wood Notes,' and the bountiful departments of confidential discourse, of literary judgment, and of overflowing humor, presided over by the geniuses of G. W. Curtis, W. D. Howells, and C. D. Warner, we are regaled with six short stories (four of them beautifully illustrated), and five illustrated poems. Of the abundant cuts, twenty-five occupy full pages, and four are printed separately on plate paper. Notwithstanding the unparalleled richness of this number, we are assured by the publishers that it is only a Christmas form of the exalted standard which will be uniformly maintained throughout the year; and the magnificent prospectus detailing the coming treasures gives a splendid promise to the volume begun by the numbers.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

The following is a summary of the agricultural statistics of Ontario, as prepared for the November report of the Bureau of Industries:

Wheat, barley, oats, rye and peas were reaped and housed in fair condition, and final report of yield differs but slightly from the August estimate. The wheat crop is about 3,600,000 less than the average of five years; barley is only 50,000 bushels less, and oats is 3,330,000 more. Rye is diminishing in breadth and yield. The area in peas is steadily enlarging, being this year nearly 100,000 acres more than the average of five years, while the produce is 3,000,000 in excess of the average; the pea bug has vanished from almost every section of the Province. The corn area is 20,000 acres less than the average, and its yield is less by 1,000,000 bushels, while the bean crop is about the same as in previous years: the autumn weather was generally very favorable for the ripening of both crops. The area in potatoes is 19,000 acres less than the average, and in the eastern counties of the Province the crop has rotted badly; the total yield is nearly 4,000,000 bushels less than the average of five years. Carrots, mangles and turnips vary but slightly from the average of area, but the yield of turnips exceeds the average of five years by 7,500,000 bushels. Fruit of all kinds has been fairly abundant, and in many sections there is a large surplus of apples, damaged to some extent, however, by the great gale of 14th and 15th October. Live stock are in good and healthy condition, and the dairy industry is brightening with the improved prices for butter and cheese. The weather has been exceptionally favorable for fall farming, and correspondents report that all operations of the season are well advanced.

The value of farm property for 1885 and 1886, and the average for the five years' period 1882-6, are as folllows:

	1886.	1885.	1882-6.
Farm lands...	$648,009,828	$625,422,024	$637,409,217
Buildings....	183,648,912	182,477,905	167,671,668
Implements..	50,850,936	48,549,725	45,506,743
Live Stock...	107,208,925	100,090,056	98,925,787
Totals..	$989,547,911	$956,539,710	$948,312,805

These values are made up for the June schedules of farmers. They show an increase on the figures of last year of $21,500,000 in farm lands, $6,500,000 in live stock, $3,000,000 in implements, and little over $1,000,000 in buildings, or a total excess over the value of 1885 of $31,400,000 and of $41,000,000 over the average of the five years period.

The London Standard takes Lord Randolph Churchill severely to task for the radical tendencies he has displayed regarding local coal and wine duties.

The cattle plague among the herds on the Blue River, forty miles southwest of Lincoln, Neb., is spreading. Twenty one head have died.

Another severe blizzard has visited Montana, Northern Dakota and Northern Minnesota. Railway traffic is much delayed by the heavy snowfall.

Sir Charles Duke declares that he will prove to the satisfaction of the public that he has been the victim of a conspiracy in connection with the Crawford case.

The Czar will, it is said, made an important announcement on Saturday at Moscow, whither the Russian Ambassadors to England and Austria have been summoned.

The natives of Ambau, an island in the South Pacific, have massacred the captain and seven of the crew of the French man-of-war Pengouin, who had landed to obtain water.

A patient of Pasteur's, under treatment for hydrophobia, recently died after undergoing inoculation for fifteen days. Then it was discovered that the dog that had bitten him was not mad.

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