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HOLINESS AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

PAPER READ BY BRIGADIER GEO. H. DAVIS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AT CHICAGO HOLINESS CONVENTION.

The Salvation Army stood, in its beginning, and stands to-day strong and clear for the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification, or holiness. It is essentially a world-wide holiness movement, as the statements I read to you to-day will show, which statements refer to the Army as a whole, in every land in which it operates.

In the tenth of its eleven cardinal doctrines, to which all persons desiring to be Salvationists must subscribe before being admitted to soldiery, or full membership, is found this declaration:

"We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that 'the whole spirit and soul and body' may be 'preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' That is to say, we believe that after conversion there remains in the heart of the believer inclinations to evil, or roots of bitterness which, unless overpowered by divine grace, produce actual sin; but that these evil tendencies can be entirely taken away by the Spirit of God and the whole heart thus cleansed from everything contrary to the will of God, or entirely sanctified, will then produce the fruit of the Spirit only. And we believe that persons thus entirely sanctified may, by the power of God, be kept unblamable and unreplicable before Him."

Thus at its very entrance, literally on its "lintels and doorposts" the Army sets before (1) all applicants for admission to its ranks, with no uncertain sound, "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" concerning the presence of sin in the hearts of believers after conversion, the possibility of complete deliverance from it, and the constant and continual enjoyment of full salvation "in this present world."

(2) The Army teaches Holiness to its soldiers. After having admitted persons to soldiery in its ranks, the persons thus privileged have this experience constantly pressed upon them by

(a) Weekly holiness meetings, of which two are supposed to be held weekly in each corps, one on Friday night and one on Sunday morning, in which meetings this doctrine and experience are set forth, with an opportunity given at the close for all who desire to do so to seek and press their way into the blessing.

(b) In the Army's instructions to its soldiers, found in the orders and regulations for soldiers, the Salvation Army, under the heading of Holiness, says:

"If the Salvation soldier would keep a healthy and vigorous experience, he must seek and retain the blessing of a clean heart. The best and most successful soldiers and officers in the Army are and ever have been those who have believed most firmly, enjoyed most clearly, confessed most distinctly and enforced most constantly, the glorious truth that Jesus Christ can save His people from all sin in this life" and follows this with strong urgings and explicit directions how to seek and obtain the experience.

Some slight idea of the importance which the Army attaches to this doctrine and experience may be derived from the fact that at least one-third—possibly more—of the book of "Doctrines" published for its soldiery and used as a text book in all Army Training Colleges, is devoted to setting forth, expounding, making clear and yet more clear, this precious truth,

"Salvation from all sin through the Blood of the Lamb."

A further view of the importance which the Army gives to this truth is shown by the fact that in the course of lectures given to cadets in training for officership, thirteen lectures are given on this doctrine and experience alone, while on other doctrines two lectures are given on a few, while to many doctrines only one lecture is given. (This refers to the present session of six months in the United States). In addition to this, "Spiritual Days" are observed in all training colleges at regular intervals during each session, on which days all lessons are laid aside and from morning until night the cadets sit under the preaching of sermons on the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification, with the penitent form set out before them so that any who "have not entered into this rest," but desire to do so, may seek and find "the pearl of greatest price."

These Spiritual Days are days of heart-searching, days of revelation, days of power and of deliverance to many. I have seen many come into the enjoyment of full salvation while engaged in this branch of work.

Our Missionary Interests

Regular Contributions

Our regular contributions through the Missionary Societies must be kept up to support our Missionaries.

Special Contributions

needed are for the passage of Brother F. T. WRIGHT to Paulpietersburg, South Africa, and for the return of Brother I. F. KIERSTEAD and wife and two children.

In sending your money to Rev. H. C. ARCHER, Woodstock, N. B., state the purpose for which you wish it to be used.

The vital importance of personal holiness is continually pressed by the Army upon its officers or ministry. In its Orders and Regulations for Field Officers, Chapter 1, Section 3, the Army expresses itself thus:

"The field officer must be holy," and devotes the whole chapter to the discussion of and enlargement upon the necessity and importance of every field officer having a definite, personal experience of and testimony to the blessing of holiness. (Here the speaker read a great holiness statement from the Army book. Another whole section of the same book, Part 3, sections 1 and 2 to 7, is given over to further teaching and impressing the field officer concerning this experience.)

The fruit of these teachings is to be seen in the godliness and self-sacrifice of the Army's officers of all ranks and grades.

The Army keeps holiness to the front in its literature. The War Cry, thirty different issues in as many different languages. Books by various Army writers, and the Army's hymnology: "Lord, through the blood of the Lamb," "Oh Spotless Lamb, I come to Thee," "From every stain made clean," and a number of others.

The Army leaders, past and present, believe in and teach holiness: General William Booth, Mrs. Catharine Booth. General Bramwell Booth, who shortly will visit this city, is famous for his powerful holiness meetings and

clear, lucid teaching of entire sanctification.

Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Estill, Colonel Brengle, who has been especially set aside by the Army to conduct holiness campaigns in this and other lands, and others whom we have not time to mention.

The Army's Symbols.

(a) The Flag—Red centre, the Blood of the Lamb; blue border, Purity, holy living; yellow star, Fire of the Holy Ghost, the one essential baptism indispensable for power and service.

The uniform stands for separation from (a) the world, (b) the flesh, an eternal warfare on, (c) the devil.

(b) Our Motto, "Blood and Fire," by which and through which only is the experience of entire sanctification obtainable and retainable. Freedom to preach.

The secret of the Army's power in the past has been "Holiness unto the Lord." Its present day success and power is "Holiness unto the Lord." Its hope for the continuation of these in the future is, as has been past and is present, "Holiness unto the Lord."

The utmost freedom to testify to the blessing of holiness and to preach it in all its fullness is not only permitted but is invited and encouraged on the part of every member of the Army, officer and soldier alike, and under one flag every man and woman on straight holiness lines may feel the utmost liberty to proclaim what they possess and none may molest or make them afraid in consequence of their doing so.—*Christian Witness.*

TOBACCO.

Doctors agree that the system is always weakened by the use of tobacco, and rendered more liable to succumb to attacks of disease. Especially is this true of pneumonia, in which a strong heart is so essential to recovery. Tobacco invariably weakens the heart's action. Not what smokers say, "It doesn't hurt me," but facts given by physicians must be accepted.

Dr. Stone, of Troy, N. Y., and Dr. Warren, of Boston, have no hesitation in stating that tobacco is the real cause of the great proportion of the many sudden deaths attributed to heart disease.

Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, says: "Tobacco is undoubtedly not infrequently the cause of apoplexy, so common of late years among business men."

Dr. Landen, of France, says that the testimony of the college of physicians of France is that 20,000 die annually of tobacco poison, either directly or indirectly.

The Highway should be remembered with several Christmas presents of about "five hundred dollars" each. If you want to send out a preacher, make the Highway a weekly. The people want it.

"No one can do a man harm but himself. The injuries that others would do him may be turned to blessings. The injuries that he does himself may destroy his very soul."

When one has come to seek the honor that comes from God only, he will take the withholding of the honor that comes from men very quietly indeed.—*George MacDonald.*

"If one wishes to abstain from eating forbidden fruit, he must keep away from the orchard."

"The weight of a man's word is always in proportion to the weight of his character."

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