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REMARKABLE WILL

DOCUMENT OF A NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE.

All Religions are False—Believing This, He Asks That No Religious Services be Held Over His Remains.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—This is an extract from the will of Henry Morehouse Taber, President and Treasurer of the Society of the First Presbyterian church of No. 54 Fifth avenue, of which the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield is minister:

"Believing that all religions, including Christianity, are superstitious, that the basic doctrine of the Christian religion—the fall of man—is utterly and absurdly false, and that its opposite—the rise of man (from lower orders)—is a scientific fact; that belief in (so-called) miracles are hallucinations of the brain, and never had the slightest existence in fact; that the chief characteristics of what is known as "the word of God" are injustice, cruelty, untruthfulness and obscenity; that the effect of orthodox Christian teachings is to encourage ignorance, selfishness, acrimoniousness, intolerance, wrong and mental slavery; that Christianity, so-called, is not the religion of Christ; that it supplants ethical culture and true morality with meaningless theology and unbelievable dogmas; that it puts an unknown (and probably unknowable) imaginary being in the place of nature; that it gives a name and a personality to evil, an equally unknown and imaginary being; that it so works upon the credulity of its adherents as to invite in them a fear of (that most horrible of doctrines) eternal punishment. I say, believing all this, I, in all kindness, request that over my remains there be no religious services of any kind, nature or description whatever.

"I also request that my body be cremated at Fresh Pond or other cemetery. Also that my ashes be left there.

"If as has been said, 'the highest tribute to the memory of our dead consists in obedience to their wishes,' may I not trustingly hope that my children will pay the tribute to my memory of seeing that the above clearly expressed wishes are carried out, and that they will resolutely and persistently resist any effort that may be made on the part of any of my pious relatives or friends to thwart my wishes?"

Mr. Taber's will was filed for probate to-day. It disposes of about $1,000,000. Mr. Taber was a widower at his death at seventy-three years of age, on December 24th last. He was President of the Northern dispensary, was on the Board of the Presbyterian Hospital and was in the directories of a number of banks. He was one of the organizers of the Loyal League of war times. Two children survive Mr. Taber—Mary, who lived with him, and Sydney Richmond Taber, who lives at Lake Forest, Ill. The will was executed on October 5th, 1894. Mr. Taber sets aside $50,000 for use in continuing his business and the rest of the estate is to be distributed between the two children.

The funeral was held at the family residence, No. 42 West Twelfth street, on December 27th. The services were conducted by Professor Felix Adler, of the Ethical Culture Society, and conformed in every respect to the instructions in the will.

Mr. Taber was never a member of the First church society. His wife, however, was a devoted church woman, deeply interested in the work of the First church and a constant attendant at all services. Up to the time of his wife's death, Mr. Taber frequently accompanied her to services and at her request assumed the responsibility of assisting in the management of the church society's temporal affairs.

Commercial Exposition.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Chicago Commercial Association has proposed to the South Park Commission the organization of the Chicago Commercial Exposition, with a capital stock of $1,500,000 to build an exposition building on a site 300 by 1,300 feet, on ground to be filled in on the lake front, between Jackson boulevard and Congress street, extended, and East of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's right of way. The Park Board regards the proposition with favor.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Congress Again in Session—Senator Teller Introduces a Silver Option Bill—Many Ohio Members Absent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—There was a very large attendance in the Hall of Representatives when the House reconvened to-day after the holiday recess. The galleries were crowded. It was noticed that with one or two exceptions the members of the Ohio delegations, both Democrats and Republicans, were absent. Those who were not in Washington are at Columbus taking part in the Senatorial contest.

Without any preliminary business the House went into committee of the whole to resume consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial bill. All the features of the bill had been disposed of except the appropriation for the Civil Service Commission, upon which, by previous arrangements, there was to be an indefinite general debate.

It was proposed that Mr. Moody (Rep., Mass.) and Mr. Dockery (Dem., Mo.) control the time for and against.

Mr. Hepburn (Rep., Ia.) suggested that it was a three-cornered contest. "The Democrats," said he, "desire the entire repeal of the law. Some of those on this side desire it to stand as it is, while a large body of us desire a wholesome modification of its provisions."

"Why does the gentleman aver that all the Democrats on this side of the House desire the entire repeal of the law?" inquired Mr. Clark (Dem., Mo.).

"Simply because that would be wrong, and your side is always wrong," retorted Mr. Hepburn amid great laughter.

All suggestions as to the control of the time failed and the Chair recognized Mr. Grow (Rep., Pa.), who spoke for twenty minutes in support of the general principle of the Civil Service law.

He said that he believed that the President's appointive power should be confined to judges and foreign representatives. The heads of departments should appoint their confidential advisers. The clerks should be under a rigorous Civil Service system.

An Option of Paying Bonds in Silver.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Teller, of Colorado, to-day introduced a concurrent resolution declaring that the bonds of the United States, principal and interest, should, at the option of the Government, be paid in standard silver dollars, and that such payment is not in violation of public faith or in derogation of the rights of the public or creditors. The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Hawaiian Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Davis, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations, gave notice to the Senate to-day that he would call up the Senate Hawaiian annexation treaty in executive session Monday next and ask the Senate to consider it each day thereafter until the treaty should be disposed of.

Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The President to-day sent the following nomination to the Senate: Justice Francis C. Lowell to be United States District Judge for the district of Massachusetts.

Henry L. Burnett, Attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York.

To be Marshals of the United States—William Henkel for the Southern District of New York.

State—Herbert G. Squires, of New York, to be Secretary of Legation of the United States at Pekin, China.

Treasury: Leander P. Mitchell, of Indiana, to be Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury.

To be Collectors of Internal Revenue: John G. Ward, for the Fourteenth District of New York; Thomas F. Penman, Twelfth District of Pennsylvania.

To be Pension Agents: Charles A. Orr, at Buffalo, N. Y.; Jonathan Merriam, at Chicago, Ill.; Sidney L. Wilson, at Washington, D. C.

THE FIGHT IN OHIO

Waxes Hotter Than Ever, Although No Changes Are Reported.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The Senatorial contest became more bitter to-day than ever. After the sensational developments last night in connection with the repeated changes of Representative Griffith and other doubtful members, the skirmishing proceeded more clandestinely on both sides. The situation to-day is the same as after the caucus of Saturday night and the organization of the Legislature on Monday.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Legislature adjourned for the day without announcing committees. There is no change in the Senatorial situation.

Griffith Threatened.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 5.—A special from Marysville, Ohio, the home of Representative Griffith, of the State Legislature, says: "Peple here are wild and threats of violence are made against Representative Griffith.

Two Kurtz men from Columbus, while here, narrowly escaped violence at the hands of angry Republicans. A mass meeting of Griffith's constituents has been called to take action on the matter."

THE STATE CAPITAL

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER COLVIN.

Receipts $32,678,112.09; Expenditures $30,029,286.21—Organization of the Legislature—Caucus Nominees Elected—Message Read—Adjournment Until Next Wednesday—Stock Companies Incorporated—Anti-Trust and Dollar Gas Bills Introduced.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Lieutenant-Governor T. L. Woodruff called the Senate of 1898 to order at 11:10 o'clock this morning. The galleries were occupied by only a few spectators. A handsome bouquet in the form of a basket, upon Senator Brackett's desk, was the only floral display.

Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff made a few happy remarks, expressing pleasure upon entering upon the second year of service and wishing the members a happy New Year.

The resignation of former clerk John S. Kenyon, now Secretary of the State Railroad Commission, was read by the President.

Senator Coggeshall presented a resolution accepting the resignation and expressing the thanks of the Senate for the excellent services which Mr. Kenyon had rendered.

Senators Cantor, Malby, Krum, Guy, White and Ellsworth, seconded the resolution, paying a high tribute to the retiring Clerk. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Senator Higgins presented a resolution nominating James S. Whipple as Clerk of the Senate.

Senator Cantor offered an amendment substituting the name of Charles T. Dunning, of Orange. The amendment was lost by a vote of 31 to 11. The original resolution was carried.

Mr. Whipple was brought to the bar of the Senate and sworn in.

Senator Coggeshall presented a resolution, which was adopted, re-electing clerks, doorkeepers and officers of last year.

The usual committees of two were appointed to wait upon the Governor and Assembly respectively and carry the information that the Senate was in session and ready to transact business.

Senator Ellsworth offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to draft a resolution in memory of the Hon. Joseph Mullin, the Senator from the Thirty-fifth district, who died during the recess.

Senators Ellsworth, Elon R. Brown and Cantor were named as such committee.

The Senate then proceeded with routine business. Colonel Treadwell, acting Private Secretary to the Governor, presented the Governor's message, which was subsequently read.

The Senate, at 1:03, adjourned until Wednesday evening of next week at 8:30 o'clock.

ASSEMBLY.—"Swearing in" took up so much of the time of the new Assemblymen this morning that it was long after the hour for meeting before the regular routine of organization began. The members showed no hurry about gathering and spent the time getting acquainted with each other. As a preliminary to good feeling all around, Assemblyman Wicke, of Kings, presented each member with a handsome bronze match safe and tray. There was a comparatively large attendance of politicians and a number of ladies who showed interest in the preliminary proceedings.

At 11:45 the formal opening of the 121st session of the Legislature of the State of New York commenced.

Clerk Baxter then formally called the members to order and prayer was offered. At roll call there were three absentees, who all came in later with the exception of Assemblyman Pickett.

James M. E. O'Grady, of Monroe, was elected Speaker by a vote of seventy-seven. Thomas F. Donnelly, of New York, Democrat, received sixty-seven. Assemblyman Laimbeer, Independent Republican, voted for Assemblyman Weekes, his independent associate, who returned the compliment by voting for him. Mr. Sligberg, the National Democrat, voted for Mr. Laimbeer.

Mr. O'Grady was declared elected Speaker and escorted to his chair. He acknowledged his election in a short speech.

A spirited discussion was caused at the very opening of the session of the Assembly by a motion by the Republican leader, Mr. Nixon, to adopt the rules of last session.

Mr. Green (Dem.) demanded an amendment, so that bills could be moved from a committee at any time. He was backed up by his leader, Mr. Donnelly, who tried to stave off a long discussion by having the matter go over until next week.

The Republicans persisted in calling for the adoption of the Nixon motion.

Thereupon Mr. Green made an attack on the existing method of committee work and especially in the power of the Committee on Rules, which at the close of session controls all legislation.

Mr. Donnelly did not agree with all of his associate's contentions, but pointed out inconsistencies in the rules.

On roll call the proposed amendment was defeated. Ayes 61, nays 77. Mr. Laimbeer, independent Republican, voted with the Republicans and Mr. Weekes, his associate, with the Democrats.

After hearing the message read and drawing for seats, the Assembly adjourned until Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Both Parties Caucus.

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—The Senatorial Republican caucus gave a unanimous vote for the Senate clerkship to James Whipple, of Cattaraugus, its session lasting but a few minutes. The Democratic Senators did not caucus, but will nominate in the Senate session to-morrow as their candidate for clerk, George Dunning.

The Republican Assembly caucus selected the following candidates for office: Clerk, Archie Baxter, of Elmira; Sergeant-at-Arms, James Crawford, of New York; Doorkeepers, William Craig, of Rochester, and Charles R. Hotaling, of Albany; Stenographer, Henry C. Lemmert, of Brooklyn.

The Democratic caucus named the following candidates: Clerk, William J. Mackey, of Buffalo; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Anderson, of New York; Doorkeepers, Martin Waters, of New York, Thomas Kelly and Lester D. Langdon, both of New York; Stenographer, James M. Russo, of Albany.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Dollar Gas—A New Excise Measure—A Bill Affecting Life Insurance Companies.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Bills without number were introduced in the Senate to-day. Among them was the Anti-Trust bill, which will be supported by the Democratic party. The bill is the same as the one placed on the statute book last year, save that the objections raised to that law by Justice Chester and the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, on the immunity to be granted to witnesses and the power of Supreme Court Justices are eliminated.

Senator Cantor also presented the bill reducing the price of gas in New York city to one dollar.

Senator Guy introduced a bill to prevent fraudulent and misleading advertising. This bill is a copy of a law in operation in Berlin, Germany.

Senator Guy also handed in a bill providing that nobody can deal in medicines except under the authorization and regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy.

In the Assembly Republican leader, Mr. Nixon, to-day introduced a bill appropriating $62,500 to make good the deficiency in payment for publishing the session laws of 1897 in newspapers. He also introduced the bill prepared by the Railroad Commission appropriating $250,000 to carry into effect the grade crossing law. The bill gives the Commission $10,000 to be expended in securing expert and clerical service in carrying out the law.

"A bill entitled "To protect the sanctity of the home" will be urged by Assemblyman Green in the Legislature. It provides that any man shall be guilty of a misdemeanor who commits adultery, knowing that the woman is married and living with her husband.

A bill requiring life insurance companies to attach to their policies copies of all papers relating to the same, and also prohibiting any clause in a policy waiving any of the legal rights of the insured, will be introduced by Assemblyman Green, of New York. A similar measure was introduced last session by Senator Brackett and beaten after several heated discussions.

Senator Featherston introduced a bill in the Senate to-day prohibiting gas companies from receiving over $1 per 1,000 for illuminating gas. The local officers at present authorized to contract for gas in the respective cities of the State under the provisions of the bill become a gas board which is given power of contracting, supervising and investigation and to make ordinances necessary for the carrying out of the act.

Senator Grady, of New York, this morning offered the Democrats' substitute for the present Excise law. It provides for the restoration of local excise boards and has been fully detailed before. It gives power to the local board to fix the license fee and regulate the hours.

The State Finances.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—The annual report of State Treasurer, Addison B. Colvin, was to-day transmitted to the Legislature. It is simply a statistical statement with no recommendations, showing the condition of the State Treasury on January 1st, 1898, and at the end of the last fiscal year, which was September 30th. During the fiscal year the total receipts were $32,678,112.09, as compared with $30,029,286.21 during the year ending September 30th, 1896. The expenditures for the last fiscal year were $30,864,254.91, compared with $36,510,425.77, expended during the preceding year.

The balance in the State Treasury at the end of the last fiscal year was $7,248,904.31, as compared with a balance of $4,950,046.43 at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

On January 1st, 1898, there were $2,383,341.33 in the State Treasury, as compared with $9,077,665.89. The payments during the last three months of the calendar year were very heavy. They aggregated $6,906,764.30. This is due to the fact that the appropriations made by the preceding Legislature take effect on the first of October. The financial condition of the State is considered to be most favorable.

THE CANAL BONDS.

Bids Were Opened at Noon To-day—Not Advertised Legally.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Comptroller Roberts was to have opened bids at noon to-day for the sale of $8,250,000 canal improvement bonds, but the sale was indefinitely postponed in consequence of a technicality which might have invalidated the sale. The law requires that the sale shall be advertised each day for at least twenty days prior to the sale. Two Brooklyn papers, in which the advertisement was published, did not issue on Christmas or New Year's day, hence the advertisement did not appear in accordance with law.

ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Appeal to be Argued January 31st.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—It has been agreed between the Court of Appeals and the attorneys interested that the argument in the matter of the appeal from the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the proceedings brought against the alleged coal trust, shall be made before that court on January 31st.

The case involves the constitutionality of the anti-trust law enacted at the last session of the Legislature. Justice Chester, who originally decided the case, declared the law to be unconstitutional, but the Appellate Division did not pass upon that question.

Stock Companies Incorporated During the Year.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Mr. Frank White, corporation examiner in the Department of the Secretary of State, announced to-day that during the year 1897 there were incorporated 1,603 stock companies having a total capitalization of $150,-859,295. During the year 1896 1,446 companies were incorporated. This total capitalization was $116,907,115.

Mr. White said that the business transacted in the corporations department in 1897 was the largest in twelve years, with the exception of 1893, when the Erie Railroad Company was reorganized with a capital of $146,000,000 and the American Spirits Manufacturing Company incorporated with a capital of $35,-000,000.

The company incorporated in 1897 with the largest capital was the New Amsterdam Gas Company, of New York city, which had a capital of $36,000,000.

In 1897 the increase over the preceding year in companies was 146 and in capitalization $19,284,000.

Decision Against Robinson.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—The Third Appellate Division has decided against David C. Robinson, of Elmira, in his appeal from decisions in five cases from judgments awarding the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, foreclosure on $500,000 worth of mortgages. Counter claims of Robinson for $1,000,-000 are dismissed.

Judge Appointed.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Governor Black to-day announced the appointment of Severyn Pruyn Sharpe, of Kingston, as County Judge of Ulster county, to succeed Judge A. T. Clearwater, who has been appointed to succeed Justice Alton B. Parker, as Justice of the Supreme Court.

A Contested Seat.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—A notice of contest in the Twenty-third Assembly district was filed to-day by the Democratic leader on behalf of Thomas Jefferson Hayden. The sitting member is Mark J. Lowenthal, Republican.

Union Evangelistic Meetings.

The Rev. G. F. Love preached last evening at the First Presbyterian church. The text was from Judges xvi:21, the story of Samson taken to illustrate the power of sin.

Yesterday at 3:30 P. M. the Rev. Mr. Thorp gave a Bible reading on the Psalms that will make that book dearer to all who listened.

To-night the Rev. J. Calvin Mead preaches in the West Baptist church, subject, "She Could Not Hide." To-morrow afternoon the Rev. Mr. Leonard will give a Bible reading in the chapel of the First church.

VanEtten in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—The Randsburg Railroad Company elected the following directors: Edgar Van Etten, A. A. Dougherty, Charles Wier, Walter Ross, Mr. Warren, of Rochester, N. Y.; Messrs. Crowley and Leonard, of Arizona, and Albert Smith, of Rochester. Edgar Van Etten, the General Manager of the New York Central, was elected president of the new company.

The Fire Record.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 5.—The East wing of the Ottawa University was burned this morning. The chapel was also badly damaged. Loss $70,000. The students, who are principally from the United States, have not returned from their holiday vacation.

NO POISON FOUND.

The Case Against Charles Zanoli Has Fallen to Pieces.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The case of the People against Charles Zanoli, on the charge of killing his fourth wife, Jennie Suhmer, has, it is said, fallen to pieces. It was reported in the District Attorney's office yesterday on good authority that the alleged insurance swindler now in the Tombs will not be placed on trial for homicide. The chemical analysis made by Dr. Witthaus on the parts of Jennie Suhmer's body, shows that nothing in the way of evidence against the prisoner was found in the woman's body, with the exception of a fluid containing arsenic, which, it is believed, was probably the product of arsenous acid from the embalming fluid.

Installation of Officers.

At the session Monday evening, January 3d, 1898, of Lake Ontario Division, Sons of Temperance, No. 91, the following officers were regularly installed by Grand District Deputy A. M. Coggswell: W. P., John Slight, Jr.; W. A., Francis D. Godden; R. S., Mrs. R. H. Spencer; A. S., Louisa Chaffee; T. S., J. C. Henry; T., B. C. Barnes; C., O. W. Perry; Con., Louisa Engel; A. C., Mrs. Thompson; I. S., Charles Bower; O. S., F. W. Allen.

IN THE FAR EAST.

FEELING THAT THE SITUATION IS IMPROVING.

The Chinese Loan—English Papers Refer to the Ascendency of Money Over the "Mailed Fist"—Prince Henry at Port Said—Other Interesting Foreign News.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—There is a general feeling in England, and it is reflected on the Stock Exchange, that the situation in the far East is improving. It is believed that the proposed Chinese loan of sixteen million will be guaranteed by the British Government, although the final decision is not likely to be reached until the meeting of the Cabinet on Monday next.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon refers to the the ascendency of money over the "mailed fist" and says: "Great Britain's vessels are anchored off Chemulpo and at Port Authur. This is quietly implying that Great Britain will have a voice in the future arrangement. Further, the latest telegrams clearly indicate she has plenty of friends."

Continuing, the Pall Mall Gazette remarks: "Aside from the Japanese, nations like the United States, whose interests are purely commercial, are well disposed towards our Government and are opposed to trade exclusiveness."

Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, who negotiated with China simultaneously with the J. Pierpont Morgan and other syndicates, is not concerned in the present loan. He said to-day: "The Chinese take more dealing with than any people on earth. I had my loan, £16,000,000 ($80,000,000), all agreed upon with China and the money arrangements practically completed in London. In accordance with the terms, I paid a deposit of £100,000, ($500,000) into Lloyds Bank, of which Linton Clarke, Stanley Boulter, John Barker and myself put in a quarter each. China demanded that the deposit be put in Pekin, to the order of the Chinese Government. Then I stopped. Had I done so, they would have used the money and when any hitch arose we would have lost it for years. The Chinese are not good enough. No loan can be a success unless the Government take a hand. The Government should do it and promptly."

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—In order to promote exports, the Railroad Commission has ordered a reduction of twenty per cent. in the freight rates on flour going to the Russian seaports and has ordered a reduction of sixteen per cent. on grain intended to be ground at the seaports prior to shipment.

PORT SAID, Jan. 5.—The German warships Deutschland and Gefion, under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia, have arrived here on their way to China.

MOSCOW, Jan. 5.—Dr. Zaccharin, the famous physician of Czar Alexander III., is dead.

PEKIN, Jan. 5.—The Kiao Chou difficulty was settled yesterday at a conference of the Tsungli Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office), which made the necessary concessions. Details are expected.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The cession of Kiao Chou Bay to Germany takes the form of a lease for an indefinite time.

Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take measures required for their protection.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—The question of calling General Weyler to account (for protesting to the Queen Regent against the wording of President McKinley's message to Congress and for allowing the document to become public) is closed, the public prosecutor having informed the Supreme War Council that he had decided there is no ground for prosecution.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO Jan. 5.—Diamond Match, ... New York Biscuit, 65; straw-board 31¼.

BOOTH IS COMING.

GENERAL OF THE SALVATION ARMY

Will Sail From London for New York Next Saturday—Hopes to Strengthen the Hands and Cheer the Hearts of His People.

NEW YORK, Jan 5.—A dispatch to the World from London says: General Booth who sails for New York next Saturday, gave out last night the following exclusive statement concerning the objects of his visit:

"I am going where I shall receive—I have never questioned it—a hearty welcome. They use me well in what we are pleased to call 'foreign' countries, but there is no country foreign to the Salvation Army. God is our common father, all men our brothers, our home is in every land, our country on every shore, and in no country have I met a more cordial reception than in the United States.

"The Salvation Army does not fight by depreciating other laborers, but in competition with them. Paul thanked God for those who preached the gospel out of sheer contention with him and and his people; that is, I suppose, those who separated from him and went into business on their own account. But we have no claim for sympathy on this ground. We build not on any other man's foundation, nor on the misfortunes of any other workers in the vineyards. We are helpers of all who are helping suffering men and women everywhere. There is no man who labors for or advocates any true reform, whether natural, supernatural, commercial, social, municipal or political, who is hindered by the Salvation Army. We are friends of human progress in every shape and form, of every human institution that has human progress at heart.

"I am going to the United States to assist in the formation of new plans and for the furtherance of the work which is at present in operation for helping the suffering poor and outcast classes of society. I am also going to America to give my counsel and instruction with regard to the extension of these methods across the water, with such modifications as the differing conditions of society may call for. There are people there also, as well as here, in the dark sea of poverty, bound up in the chains of and shut up in the prison of crime, whom we believe it possible to relieve and rescue. There are people there crying for help, and I contend that there as well as here, all that is required for the furtherance of our principles is to the employment of an adequate amount of skill, system and capital in their behalf. "In both countries people are crying for work; in both countries millions of acres of land are crying out for workers. It may be possible that I can do something to bring work and workers together. I am going on this journey with the full purpose of strengthening the hand and cheering the hearts of my own people; and I am sure they deserve all the cheer and inspiration it is possible to give them. I shall take them an assurance of the love of the Army here and of our undiminished affection and sympathy for every officer and soldier in the Army. I shall take the message, that they have fought a good fight and kept the faith, and we bless them for it.

"Whatever jealousy or selfish aims may dominate the hearts of other people, the Salvation Army on both sides of the Atlantic are one in mutual confidence and affection and in desire for the prosperity and hapiness of your great people.

"To increase this spirit of affection and unity and turn it to more practical account is one of the purposes of my visit. It is that for which I live. The Army is built upon a foundation of love, its regulations are the expression of love. The atmosphere in which it lives, breathes and has its being is love, the object for which it exists—indeed the only reason why it should exist at all—is love. The motive force of all its activities is love.

"We have sorrows ourselves. In the United States one of my sons has separated himself from me and is working in his own way. I bear him no ill will. Though I think him wrong, he is still my son.

"As to controversy or dispute I will have none of it. I am a friend to all men whether they use me well or ill, better or worse than my master, the enemy of none.

"WILLIAM BOOTH,"
General of the Salvation Army.

General Booth will address a great farewell meeting at Albert Hall in London to-morrow night. The gathering will be representative of the Army not only in Great Britain but on the Continent. He will speak under the flag of the Army and the Stars and Stripes, draped together. Although the largest hall in Great Britain has been taken, the Army has had 5,820 more applications for tickets than could be accommodated.

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