

THE ADVANCE OF
THE SALVATION ARMY
IN 1886.

*WITH STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1886.*



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given us the most substantial assurance possible that we shall be able to establish all over the world vast organisations of men and women living and acting with one accord for the one great purpose.

American Officers in Asia.

The Officers from India, gathered in Canada and the United States, as the result of a visit of two of the Indian Staff, have added most substantial proof of the practical results that must follow from such a world-wide union.

Our Italian work, carried on exclusively so far amidst the lowest surroundings of Hatton Garden, is going forward; and a Hall having been offered to us for twelve months without charge in the City of Rome, we trust ere long to have the work established there.

Our Chinese Soldiers during their visit to various parts of this country have created wide-spread interest in their native land, and as a considerable Chinese force is being raised in New South Wales, we trust the way is prepared for our advance into the Celestial Empire at no very distant date.

In South America we have already a number of Soldiers or adherents, most of them emigrants from Switzerland.

In Jamaica we have also warm friends; and a gentleman in this country having volunteered to defray the expenses of sending out officers to that country, an expedition is being got ready.

EUROPE.

In *France* the war has gone forward during the year with blessed success, nine Corps and forty-one Officers having been added, and a great and successful attack upon the city of Lyons having been made. The great and wide-spread interest shown in the approaching marriage of the Maréchale and Colonel Clibborn is a striking testimony to the extent of the impression produced by The Army on the Continent.

In *Switzerland* we continue to make progress, notwithstanding the continuance of persecution and local opposition of the most extraordinary kind. Only a few weeks since several of our Soldiers were condemned to a fine of fifteen francs each, simply for having attended a meeting in a cottage, the windows of which were opened on account of the great heat felt in the crowded room. We have now, in France and Switzerland, 39 Corps under 149 Officers.

In *Germany* we have at length obtained a footing, from which we hope to advance in due time. We have thought it wisest to avoid any great demonstration on the subject at the beginning, for

so great has been the horror of The Army created by misrepresentation in German circles, and so stringent are the German laws against any organization not locally approved of, that we could only hope to obtain a good footing in a very quiet way. We rejoice, however, to know that from amongst the drunkards and unbelievers God is already raising up for us the commencement of our first German Corps.

For the invasion of *Holland* we have already made preparation by the issue of a Dutch Song Book, and a translation of "All about The Salvation Army," and as we have already a number of Dutch-speaking Officers at the Cape of Good Hope, we may confidently hope to make this advance within the next year.

In *Sweden* steady and pleasing progress has been made, notwithstanding special difficulties and persecution. Captain Hellberg, Chief Officer on the Staff in that country, was imprisoned, but was released, to our great joy, by the King, at the request of a Swedish girl. We have now 11 Corps and 30 Officers in Sweden; and in connection with the Northernmost Station, established at Gefle, a glorious work has already been done amongst the Laplanders who visit this part of the country in the summer time.

ASIA.

In *India and Ceylon* we have now 16 Corps and 120 Officers, 36 of the latter being natives of various districts. It is impossible to speak too highly of the example of thorough-going self-denial which has been set to the entire Army and to the world by our Officers in India, who have made themselves thoroughly one with the people in dress and food; have even begged from door to door in order to gain more thorough access to the people's hearts, and have laboured with ceaseless diligence, in spite of disadvantages of climate, to learn the languages of the people and to conquer the heathen for Christ.

In order the better to ensure the complete organisation of the work we sent out early in the year Colonel and Mrs. Taylor, two of our most experienced and faithful Officers.

The shiploads of Officers sent to India this year mark an era in the progress of The Army, and not only demand but promise a vastly increased sympathy and energy with regard to the Salvation of the heathen world.

Terrible Figures.

The appalling fact demonstrated in the pamphlet on Modern Missions this year—that, whereas