

# SALVATION ARMY COLONY

## One of the Schemes of Reclaiming the Unemployed Poor.

DENVER, COL., August 14.—Whenever the condition of a rich man becomes a popular emblem of national success, the old problem of the poor comes up fresh as ever in its vital necessities, vigorous as ever in its impractical appeal for solution. Never in the history of the United States has the "golden calf" been so numerously set up in the great cities as in this, our twentieth century.

"Prosperity" is an inadequate term to express the luxury of 1901. Yet as Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, said, "The hungry wall of helpless children, the sullen despair of helpless mothers, the empty despair of worthy yet workless fathers, the empty cupboard, the comfortless home, the grim, eternal, hopeless battle with the wolf at the door, are facts not fancies."

### PRACTICAL NOT SENTIMENTAL.

It was to be expected that the experience and knowledge obtained by this organization would evolve a plan practical enough for stern business principals and kindly enough for the most exacting sentimentalists. The sentimental side of the Salvation Army is perhaps the least cause for its tremendous size and far-reaching influence.

An experiment of colonization, started three years ago, has, it is said, developed into one of the best schemes for redeeming those honest unfortunates of the great cities who, panic-stricken in an overwhelming menace of misfortunes, seek in vain for advice, for guidance, for practical aid.

"The honest poor, the victims of circumstances over which they have no control, are the people whom the Salvation Army has commenced to hunt out, to relieve, to set on their feet.

"The theory of deliverance," said Commander Booth-Tucker, "may be formulated in this way. Place the waste labor on the waste land by means of waste capital." And he set to work to gather these ingredients of his formula and pound them together into one unrecognizable dose in his spiritual pestle.

It was no mere land scheme that the Salvation Army proposed, because, after all, every contract with a colonist gave him capital, work, independence, home, and time beyond the usual limits of business profit required for usual loans.

The first thing the poor unemployed need is work; says the philanthropist. The Salvation Army men know that he needs money in hand first; then, they say, he requires a clear prospect ahead of him, not a mere fixed matter of wages, but a rising scale of earnings according to his own thrift, his own skill his own plans.

### THEORY BACK OF THE COLONY.

In its first inception, the colonization scheme of the Salvation Army was a theory. It was this:

"If, for instance, \$50,000 spent annually by our nation on merely affording temporary relief to this social sore should

be devoted to the planting of the three million of our surplus population upon say, six million acres of fertile soil, the following results, among others, would be obtained: Their labor would produce annually from the land at least \$1,200,000,000 worth of food for the consumption of their families.

"The value of the land would increase from fifty to one hundred per cent., thereby affording an abundant security for the investment of the capital, which would be repaid within a period of ten years with interest. The tax producers would be converted into tax consumers, and an enormously increased demand would be created for the produce of our city manufactures, while the dead weight of city taxes would be simultaneously lightened by the removal of this terrible incubus of a vast population."

Extensive as these prospects appear the actual balance of accounts shown to me from one single colony in Colorado bears out their general meaning.

From the commencement of operations on a tract of two thousand acres at Fort Amity, Col., owned and directed by the Salvation Army in April, 1898, to September 30, 1900, the accounts show that the Salvation Army loaned its colonies \$24,933 or at the rate of \$997 per colonist for 25 families. They have paid back \$7,274, at the rate of \$290 per colonist.

The accounts for the fall term of the colony up to date show the following figures.

Colonists Charged.	Repaid.
Twelve original colonists from April, 1898, to December 31, 1899.....	\$18,232 \$1,036
From January 1, 1900, to December 31, 1900.....	4,879 3,916
Subsequent colonists to December 31, 1900.....	9,692 590
From January 1, 1901, to December 31, 1900.....	8,250 2,651
Total.....	\$41,172 \$8,293

The amount loaned in the second year and the amounts repaid show a surprisingly small deficiency when one takes into consideration that it represents the integral earnings of men and women who could find no work in the big cities.

It is a fair estimate to assume from the returns of the labor unions in the State of New York alone that ten per cent. of their members are out of work, even in a period of exceptional national prosperity. Non-union labor would show a much higher percentage.

### POSSIBILITIES OF THE SCHEME.

Out of this restless competition for daily bread comes the strikes, and yet there are great areas of fertile land in the far West where every man can build his own home, own his own land, and market the produce of his own labor at its own normal value.

The possibilities of this colonization scheme are endless, because it is on a practical business basis. The unemployed are loaned money for investment in land, which they learn by labor and profit according to the improvements they make in their own settlements.

The Salvation Army bought the land at Fort Amity for \$22,500 an acre. The colonists after three years' work, value it at \$100 an acre, and it belongs to them. The usual settlement is ten acres. They can buy twenty if they like. They are given a team of horses, a cow, pigs, poultry and groceries. Everything is charged to their account, and they pay nothing until they have earned it on their own land.

The original capital was raised by an bond issue for \$150,000. Then a system of selecting suitable colonists was begun. For this purpose blanks were offered for applicants seeking a allotment, in which they answered all questions considered necessary. A similar form was sent to any one named as a reference for the applicant. The prospective colonist was visited in his home, he attended "colonization meetings and selections were made of men who had drifted from the country into the city and could not get back.

In the contract between the colonist and the Salvation Army it is specified that the former will not bargain, sell, barter or trade upon said land any intoxicating liquors or otherwise dispose of as he bever ages any intoxicants at any place upon said premises, a violation of this clause being equal to a forfeiture of the contract.

### MARKETABLE PRODUCTS.

The principal yield of the land at Fort Amity is sugar beets and cantaloupes, which give a cash income to the colonists. Butter and eggs are another source of revenue. A local bank in the vicinity of this colony loaned the community \$5,000 to purchase one hundred cows, for which the Salvation Army went security, and they have already paid back \$1,500 of this amount. A colonist is expected to pay for his land in ten years, but he is not pressed condition being considered in his favor.

Sometimes a mistake is made. A colonist may fall in his work, in which case the Salvation Army bring him back to the city and establish him somewhere else. It is their boast that they never let a man go entirely; they take care of him in some fashion while he lives.

If he loses a horse or a cow, another one is brought for him; lumber is brought to him for his house. Some of the younger members of a colonist's family find employment in the neighborhood, while he works at his plough and develops his own land.

There is no religious censorship. The colonists are free to attend any church they please, or to join the Salvation Army as many of them do.

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### S.S. LESSON.

AUGUST 18. ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION. Gen. 18. 16-33 Memory verses, 23-25 GOLDEN TEXT.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5. 16.

### OUTLINE.

1. God Confiding in Man, v. 23-25.
2. Man Confiding in God, v. 16-22.

### LESSON HELPS.

16. "And the men rose up"—Although called men, they were angels whom, as men, Abraham had entertained. "Abraham went with them", a short distance for it was the custom of the East so to do to departing guests. "Toward Sodom"—Probably situated at the southern end of the Dead Sea.

17. "Shall I hide from Abraham"—A question prompted by friendship. The plans of God are involved in mystery unless he is pleased to reveal them.

"Which I do"—That is, which I am about to do. "The secret of the Lord," we are told, "is with them that fear him." He who walks with God has insight and foresight. As Abraham was to be the medium of religious light to all "the nations" it was important for him to know that God deals both in judgment and mercy.

19. "He will commend his children"—Not harshly, but kindly because religiously. He will commend them so that "they shall keep the way of the Lord." Abraham was what the head of a family should be. Family religion is held in high esteem by God, and should be by us. There should be a family altar and family training in religious things. That which he hath spoken of him"—The promises to him and to his children. Faithful, praying parents may hope that their children may be partakers of the blessings of the covenant.

20. Abraham knew much, but now he shall know more, for "to him that hath shall be given." "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great. Sin has a voice which cries aloud for punishment. The universal feeling is that there ought to be punishment for transgression. Their sin is very grievous"—Full of grief and causing sorrow. The Hebrew means that it is the earth bends under it.

21. "I will go down and see"—Not that the Lord was in doubt, but he speaks after the manner of men. Observe from this verse: (1) God does not act hastily, but calmly. (2) He acts not on rumor, but on evidence. (3) Whatever the evidence may be, he says, "I will know"—Nothing can be hid from him, and no man can deceive him. Sodom might have been saved by a timely repentance.

22. "The men turned their face from thence"—The two angels who accompanied Jehovah. "Abraham drew near"—A friend who was in earnest to have his request granted. A remarkable prayer followed. Abraham had compassion upon a wicked people, and had faith in the mercy of God. Though sin is to be hated, yet sinners are to be pitied and to be prayed for. "Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"—Judgment falls upon the innocent as upon the guilty in this world, because separation cannot be made, but all things will be adjusted in the next day.

23. "Observe this prayer: (1) It begins with a petition that the righteous may be saved. (2) It continues and ends with a petition that all may be saved for the sake of a righteous few. As Abraham's mercy increases. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"—The question was asked in a kind of painful doubt. Sometimes a good man is sorely tempted with a righteous doubt. Though sin will vanish, yet sinners are to be pitied and to be prayed for. "Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"—It is a fact in history that God spares many a place because there are some good men there. The community should value such men as a part of their wealth, though that wealth cannot be expressed in dollars. "Righteousness alone exalteth a nation."

The prayer is now based not on justice, but on mercy. "which am but dust and ashes"—A homely figure, and expressive of humility. The prayer is a humble one in the presence of God. "I will speak unto thee, and thou shalt answer me."—I will speak unto thee, but thou shalt answer me. "I will speak unto thee, but thou shalt answer me."—I will speak unto thee, but thou shalt answer me.

Abraham had a great deal of God's displeasure, but God is not vexed with any man and earnest pleading. "I will speak unto thee, but thou shalt answer me."—I will speak unto thee, but thou shalt answer me.

Abraham did not go until Abraham had finished his prayer, for he is not weary of our prayers. There is value in intercessory prayer even though Sodom was destroyed. The instinct of the heart teaches us to pray for others. "Abraham returned unto his place"—To his tent under the oak at Hebron.

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