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GOVERNMENT.

"The people are the government," and they like to be told so occasionally. If some one were to tell them, say, during the heat of a political campaign, that they are not the government, that they are but the clay in the hands of the potter, to wit, the skillful politician, they would probably be surprised. And yet, while it is not altogether true that they are plastic clay to be moulded into any desired shape by a politician, there is probably enough truth in it to make it worth while looking into it.

During our occasional political campaigns certain policies are held up for advocacy. One bears the trademark of one party, the other that of the opposite party. The people flock to the trade-mark, swear allegiance to it, vote for it, work for it, pull for it. It is the party's trade-mark, the policy counts for nothing, is seldom studied except through the distorting lens of a politician. The people vote for the party, not for the policy.

These are the standbys, the old

guard in each party who never change their allegiance. They vote election after election, for the party. They may be "The salt of the earth," but they are not the makers or unmakers of governments. This function is performed by the "floating vote," (the word being used literally if desired), by the changing, the purchasable, the persuadable vote.

It is this last mentioned batch of His Majesty's subjects who give one political party the reins of government or snatch it from the hands of the other.

How are these influenced? Not all of them by the patriotic desire to rule their country well; not all of them because of their belief in the superiority of one policy as compared with another.

"The people are the government," but it is of supreme importance to stop once in a while and ask who "the people" are. We are a mixed race; we have many wants and many ways in which to supply our wants. These ways are too often exploited in the making and unmaking of governments.

PASSING OF GENERAL BOOTH.

The passing of General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, recorded in our despatches today, removes from life's activities one of the most notable men of the century, a philanthropist of world wide fame and a religious leader and teacher who was instrumental in bringing more men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ, perhaps than any other of whom we have any record.

He was a forceful, fearless and indefatigable preacher, a born leader and organizer. The organization of the Salvation Army in almost every civilized country on the globe was in itself a gigantic task. And his work by no means consisted in preaching alone. The Army maintains now nearly 1,000 social relief institutions in various parts of the world, about two hundred rescue homes through which it is said seven thousand fallen women annually pass, eighty-five per cent of whom are permanently restored to clean and useful lives.

In the early career of the Salvation Army General Booth and his followers were the objects of much ridicule. The street meetings and the methods of the Army were looked

down upon as sensational and often the forces were hard pressed by persecution. But the organization persevered and when its true worth became evident honor and praise were bestowed both on the Army and its General.

In his work he was greatly assisted by his family. Mrs. Booth shared largely in her husband's efforts and further explained their views in a number of written works. She died of cancer in 1890 after several years of painful illness.

The direction of the Army in the United States is now in the hands of Commander Eva Booth, fourth daughter of the General. The second daughter, the wife of Booth-Tucker, was killed in a railway wreck some years ago. She and her husband for a long time supervised the work of the Army in India and later were transferred to the United States. A third daughter, for some time conducted mass meetings in the chief English cities.

In his death the world, which he has greatly enriched by his untiring and devoted work, loses a great man and a great leader, whose work will endure through many generations.

CIVILIZATION'S DISEASES.

We of the Twentieth Century would probably feel insulted if told that our civilization is beginning to show symptoms of disease. We can look backward to any other period in the world's history and can place our finger definitely on the disease spots, but we, the heirs of all the ages, consider ourselves above that, consider ourselves part of a civilization that is moving steadily onward from one degree of perfection to another. We are civilized, cultured, educated. There is no disease in the civilization that we are part and parcel of! It is worth while to examine ourselves

once in a while as to our healthfulness.

That we are civilized, highly civilized, too, there can be no manner of doubt. Are we not progressive? And is not progress one of the outward and visible signs of civilization? Savages never progress.

Wealth is an evidence of progress. Therefore in order to show that we are progressive we must show that we are wealthy. If we are not wealthy we must, rather than admit our poverty and therefore our unprogressiveness, pretend that we are.

This pretence is one of the diseases of our civilization. Is it true that we are guilty of such pretence? We believe it is. We have made wealth the badge of respectability. "Poor but honest" may be all right as a remote ancestry connection, but it does not pass current amid the progress of today.

The passport to respectability is wealth, or its equivalent, show, and without it there is no entry. The young man and the young woman who, today, would set up housekeeping cannot attempt it as their parents did a generation ago with bare necessities. They must begin where their parents left off, with luxuries. To do so, they must begin with a handicap of debt. If not they must go west where, like their neighbors, they may begin at the beginning.

It was this disease that drove our forefathers from the older civilizations of Europe to the primitive life of the American wilderness. It is largely what is driving our young men and young women from the extravagances of eastern life to the wild and woolly west. We need to examine even our civilization occasionally and if possible check its diseases.

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NOTES.

"Are we certain," asks a certain writer, that our human resources are not going the way of our forests, and the native fertility of our soils. Our farms have provided us with an indispensable part of our industrial labor supply. How are we using this source of our power? There are waste products on the farms which modern ingenuity is converting into a marketable and profitable product. Are we wasting the lives of our sons and our daughters and our hired help in conserving these others? Let us think it over.

What is it that constitutes the difference between success and failure? Why does one win promotion while others of equal ability are compelled to remain in the ranks of the plodders? One authority tells us that attention to detail is a key which never fails to open the door to success. It was a small thing for the wireless operator on the Carpathia to go back to his room at 10.20 when he was supposed to be off duty, and touch the mysterious wireless key, when behold the fatal "S. O. S." flashed through the instrument which told of the sinking Titanic; it was a little thing, this going in after hours, but it saved seven hundred lives. And it is said that a night spy glass would have enabled a man on the look out in the crow's nest of the Titanic, that night, to have averted the most terrible marine tragedy in all history. That also was a little thing—neglected, and see what the result was.

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