



THE CREST

THE SALVATION ARMY ARCHIVES, CANADA AND BERMUDA

Massey Hall A Host To Fifteen Generals of The Salvation Army.



In 1907 William Booth preached in Massey Hall. Since that time every General of The Salvation Army up to General Eva Burrows has spoken from the same platform. An interesting story was told of how the Founder's visit was advertised.

Two young enterprising headquarters officers used every means possible to publicize his meetings at Massey Hall on

Sunday. The boys used a box kite which they secured from a kite enthusiast. The kite was about 8 ft. high with a crossbar of at least 6 ft. It would rise normally with a slight wind. From the kite string (a strong cord) there was a silk banner 50 feet long by 3 feet wide which bore the wording "General Booth Massey Hall Sunday." The two officers took the kite away out into North Toronto, several miles out of the city to a large field used by horse riders. This gave them plenty of room to test the kite. The test was okay and it looked as though the boys had a real find-and so they had as later events would prove.

Next step was how to get it up over city areas where there were few places from which they could fly their kite. They hit on an idea of securing permission from one of the larger flat top buildings down town. A visit was made to the head of the T. Eaton Company and permission was granted for the kite to go up from the top of the Eaton Building on the North side of Albert Street, next to the Temple.

Plans were completed and on the first windy day the kite went up and floated up over Yonge Street to the East and out over the area where it was seen by thousands and many heard of General Booth's visit to Toronto.

Unfortunately as the afternoon moved along there was a lull in the wind and in spite of all the coaxing by the sponsors of this ingenious method of publicity they could not keep it up, and to their dismay it finally fell down with the kite resting on the trolley wires near the corner of Yonge and Shuter Streets. Yonge Street was jammed with the five o'clock crowd and what turned out to be an embarrassing misadventure undoubtedly helped to make known that the Founder of The Salvation Army was in Toronto. -from the G.W. Peacocks Papers.

FOOT NOTES IN HISTORY 75 YEARS AGO

TRANSFER OF CORPS

Changes which are being effected in The Interested of Economy.

With a view to economy in oversight the Commissioner, after very full consideration, has decided to effect the following transfer of corps:

To St. John Division (from Halifax Division) - Parrsboro, Springhill, and Oxford.

To North Bay Division (from Hamilton Division) - Orillia, Barrie, Midland and Collingwood.

To Halifax Division (from Sydney Division) - Florence, Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay, New Waterford, New Aberdeen and Whitney Pier.

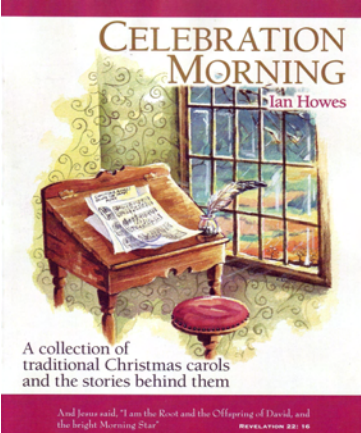
To London Division (from Hamilton Division) - Simcoe

To Windsor Division (from London Division) - Forest

The Sydney Divisional Centre will cease as such, but effective and more economical oversight will be given from Halifax.

These changes will operate as from November 7th. 1931

New Books *by members of The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Historical Society.*



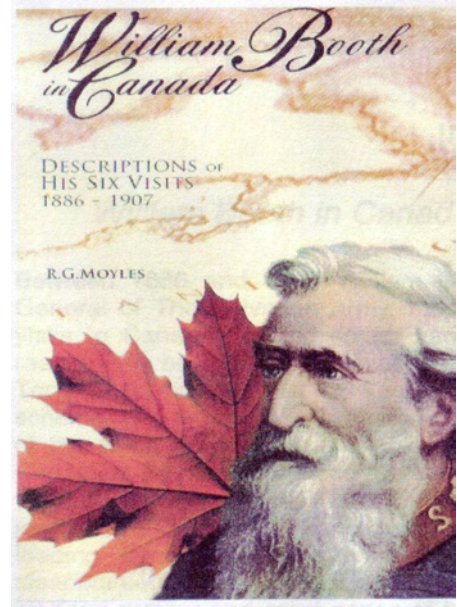
Ian Howes has written a very inspirational and informational book which gives the origin and historical background of our best known and loved Christmas carols. A reading of this beautifully edited book not only provides the historical context for many of our better known carols but provides us with a worship tool that will bring inspiration and joy each time we open its covers and spend a few minutes of quiet time within its pages.

This is a Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory publication and is now available from the Publishing and Supplies Book Store, 2 Overlea Blvd. Toronto , ON.

Between 1886 and 1887 William Booth, made six visits to Canada. He did so for various reasons: to boost the morale of the new Territory, to promote his 'Darkest England' scheme, and to convince Canadian politicians of the value of his emigration plans. For Canadian Salvationists however, these visits were opportunities to see and hear their leader.

In his book R.G. Moyles not only sets the stage for the visits themselves-describing the hectic pace and variety of activities engaged in from St. John's to Victoria- but attempts to reveal something of the personality of this great man by capturing the essence of his sermons, sharing some of his stories, revealing his personal(often eccentric) habits and showing through newspaper reports, what the Canadian public thought of Booth and His Salvation Army. It is a fascinating and illuminating journey. Available by writing to R.G. Moyles, 10852-11 Ave. NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6J 6H9 or by emailing the author at agmoyles@shaw.ca

Cost: \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping .



Wally Court's book ***In The Firing Line***, a biography of Colonel Bramwell Coles - a giant in the 127 year history of Salvation Army music makes a significant contribution to Salvation Army music history. The author delivers a moving portrait of a dedicated, humble Christian warrior

Ronald W. Holtz Ph. D Music Department. Asbury College, Kentucky

A work like this could only have been undertaken by one who understands and values the importance and depth of SA heritage. The author's treatment of the subject matter is kind and straightforward. And if it is true that we can only see the future by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, then this work indeed helps us do that with purpose.

Leonard Ballantine, Secretary Music and Gospel Arts Department.

Available from W.L. Court, 1 Ashmill Court, Etobicoke, ON, Canada, M9A 4T7 Cost: \$28.00 Canadian addresses, \$32.00 US addresses and \$38.00 overseas addresses

COMMENTARY

“The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present.”

-David Thelen.

There are lessons to be learned from history: values and principles to be maintained or even reclaimed, some things best forgotten, others to hold on to and guarded with every fibre of our being, and windows peering into the past that inspire and motivate.

If nothing else one thing we learn from history is that change is inevitable. We plan and tinker and strategize with the goal of making things better, of doing it a better way, of maximizing potential and opportunity. Even in The Army that has been our way and rightly so. Our forebears were not prepared to stand still and just drift along with the flow. They too were ‘change agents’ See column ‘75 Years Ago’ front page.

The Booths were certainly change agents effecting the world of their day. An act of parliament raising the age of consent, social reforms bettering the lives of thousands, new ways of attracting the unchurched and introducing them to Jesus, brass bands and women preachers, these were all the result of the genius and vision of our early day leaders who were not satisfied to stick with the status quo.

The past has some very good lessons to teach us and we are obligated to respect the past but not to idolize it. What we have today was handed down to us by dedicated men and women, who themselves in their day looked back and asked “Is there a better way to accomplish our mission? How can we improve on what we have been handed? Is there a better way to carry the torch? Sometimes the answer was “Yes” and sometimes the answer was “No”

J.E.C

From the Tackaberry files

THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR - June 20, 1884

Reverend Mr. Sutherland criticized The Salvation Army very severely in his discourse last evening at St. Mark’s Church. He objects to the soldiers thinking they have all through tickets to heaven, while people who don’t agree with their peculiar views are bound to go the other way.

THE BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR - October 19, 1883

We are pleased to observe that Sir John A. MacDonald has been attending the meetings of The Salvation Army at Kingston. He did this twice the same day, and gave the leader of the Army an invitation to Ottawa. Sir John A. MacDonald, at the solicitation of Mrs. Captain Abbie, has subscribed \$25.00 towards the Salvation Army barracks in Kingston. In view of his being unseated in Lennox for bribery, Captain Abbie may exclaim, “While still the lamp holds on to burn etc.,” and assign him the first bunk in the first dormitory of the new barracks.

THE BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR - May 11, 1883

In a Salvation meeting at St. Thomas the other evening, one of the leaders, who had evidently been reading the Times, prayed thusly, “May God Bless the reporter. If he is here tonight may he speak the truth for once in his life, and shame his master the devil.”

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS:

- October 2, 2006 "Telling The Army Story"
Major Lloyd Eason
- December 4, 2007 Meet the authors:
Ian Howes Wally Court
- March 5, 2006 Marion Ford
- May 27, 2007 "Empress of Ireland
Memorial Service"

Guest Speaker: General Bramwell Tillsley

With the exception of the Empress of Ireland service the regular Historical Society meetings commence at 1:30 p.m. and are held in the Calvert Conference Room at Territorial Headquarters 2 Overlea Blvd. Toronto.

WE ARE ON THE WEB:

WWW.HERITAGE.SALVATIONARMY.CA

Who can remember this beauty? Incidentally, we don't have one in our collection at the Archives. We have a great variety of hats and bonnets but not one of these.



THESE WE HAVE KNOWN....

Their influence lives on.



Major Rhoda Sainsbury, Newfoundland's First Social Worker.

It was after her retirement in 1933 that Major Sainsbury began her service with the Government as Newfoundland's first social worker. During her long period of service to The Salvation Army, to the Newfoundland Government and to her fellow human beings, there were few people better known in St. John's than was Major Rhoda Sainsbury. She was born in Wesleyville, Newfoundland and was associated with The Salvation Army from her earliest days, at twenty-one becoming an officer.

She was appointed to Harbour Grace in 1898 and from there to a number of corps appointments, her last corps appointment in 1913 being to the Number Two Barracks on Livingstone Street. During her leadership a new citadel was built on Adelaide Street. Five years as Training College Principal in St. John's preceded her being given responsibility for the Cook Street Home for Girls, more widely known as the Anchorage and it was there she got more involved in the work she loved best, that of dealing with and helping people with problems of all kinds. In 1917 she founded the League of Mercy in Newfoundland.

It was as a social worker for the Newfoundland Government following her retirement in 1933 that she considered this period the happiest of her life, because it gave her the opportunity to help the poor and needy, as always her first love. She continued for 14 years in this work nine of which she was busily occupied as a probation and welfare officer.

"There was no identity crisis for Major Rhoda Sainsbury. She knew she was on earth to do God's work, and whether this involved supplying coal to a poor man, seeing to it that a widow's home was not to be taken from her, or bringing comfort, both material and spiritual to the sick and suffering, she did it with a right good will. Her religion was a happy one, no long face for her, and she gave herself until there was nothing left to give." *Helen Porter*