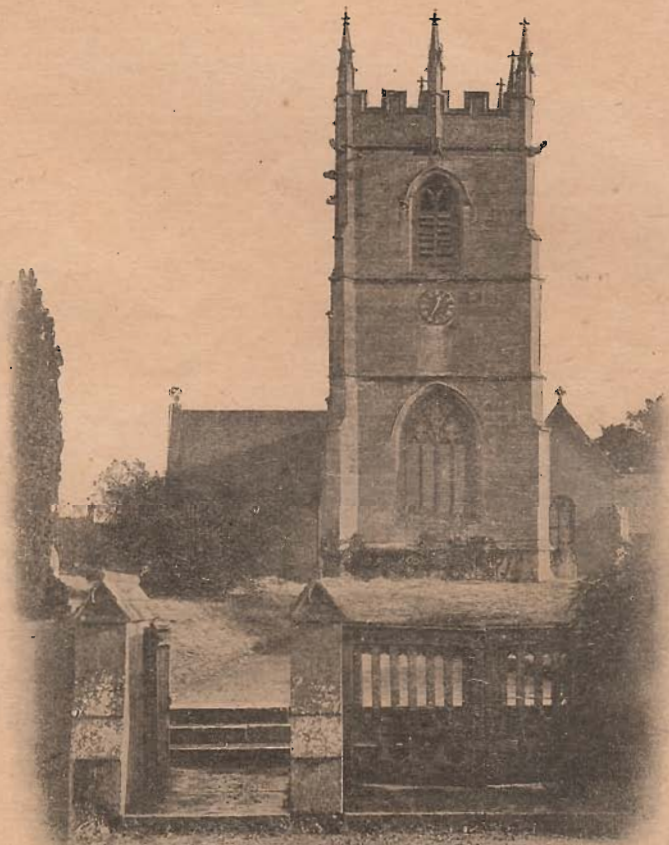


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A BORN LEADER.

In the death of General Booth we have lost one of the most striking personalities of our time. Whatever may be our opinion of the net value of his social and religious work—and without “inside” knowledge, such as few Churchmen possess, it were hazardous to venture an opinion at all—we cannot but admire the genius which could conceive so great a scheme, and the steadfastness of purpose which could carry it through against the most powerful of all forms of opposition—the opposition of ridicule, whilst General Booth’s single-minded zeal for the spiritual welfare of his fellows, commands the respect and reverence of all Christian people.

We had the privilege of seeing him receive the honorary degree of D.C.L. at Oxford, at the first Encænna after Lord Curzon’s installation as Chancellor. It was one of the most brilliant functions Oxford had seen for many a long day, the recipients of degrees being for the most part men of world-wide reputation in literature, arts and science, and many had thought that General Booth would seem strangely out of place in such company. But they were mistaken; the altogether spiritual face, with its deep-set eyes, revealed a man who had seen visions, a man with a great ideal and capable of making all sacrifices to realize it.

Though representing a type of Christianity widely different from that represented by the Salvation Army, the *Church Times* in a leading article, pays the following tribute to the General’s ability, influence and integrity:—“There has been nothing like it (the Salvation Army) since the coming of the Friars. Like the Mendicant Orders it scorns the limitation of nationality. General Booth, the insubordinate Methodist preacher, has proved his genius for order by adapting his methods to the most diverse conditions of social and political life; he has succeeded in manipulating almost every known system of law. Absolute autocrat, sole trustee,

retaining the right to nominate his successor, he has known how to secure his authority and his property even in countries where the right of association is jealously restricted and where deeds of trust are refused recognition. He has relied on his own personality, and has required others to place in him the same reliance. There is no reason to suppose that their confidence has been abused. His conduct of affairs has sometimes been tyrannical, there are stories afloat which seem to show that it has sometimes been cruel, but not even a deserter has ever brought against him any reasonable charge of corruption. His methods have been fiercely criticized, his finance has been called tricky, his advertising has been held up to obloquy, but his personal honesty is unchallenged. He seems to have founded a dynasty, but his own family has felt the heavy hand of discipline. One may ask what is the worth of all this organization, but all events it is clean.”

Viewed from the Catholic standpoint the Christianity of the Salvation Army is an incomplete Christianity, but it embraces one grand essential. In an age when some of the so-called Christian Churches are renouncing or explaining away the doctrine of the Atonement, General Booth has never wearied of preaching the universal need for salvation, or of pointing men to the Crucified as its one and only Source. So far as mere numbers are concerned his mission has been a phenomenal success, and for this very reason some are disposed to be sceptical as to its real and permanent value; but when all allowances have been made, one fact is patent, that, unless those who preach and “testify” at the Army’s meetings are mainly liars and hypocrites, the name of William Booth must find a place on the roll of those who have been instrumental, under God, in “turning many to righteousness.”—R.I.P.

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NOTES AND NEWS,

The Badsey Sunday School will re-open at 10 a.m. on September 22nd.

The Parish Library will be open from 5-30 to 6 every Monday evening, commencing Oct. 7th.

The King's Messengers will meet (Girls at 5, Boys at 6) on Monday, Oct. 7th.

Members of the Coal Club are requested to inform Mrs. Hands, **by September 23rd at the latest**, of the quantity of coal they require.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

Aug. 18.—Enid Flora Mary Hardiman.
 „ 21.—Edith Stewart.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

Aug. 5.—Arthur Henry Chamberlain and Margaret Cole.

BADSEY.—BURIAL.

Aug. 15.—Eliza Hanks, aged 68 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGE.

Aug. 5.—John Thomas Pitman and Elizabeth Priscilla Morgan.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
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The Editor begs to apologise to readers for the delay in publication of this number of the Magazine.

