

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

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tute and starving will be supplied with sufficient work to enable him to earn the fourpence needed for his bed and board. This is a fundamental feature of the scheme, and one I think which will command it to all those who are anxious to benefit the poor by enabling them to help themselves without the demoralizing intervention of charitable relief.

"Now let me introduce you to our tailor yard. Here is no pretense of charity beyond the charity which gives a man remunerative labor. It is not our business to pay men wages. What we propose is to enable those, male or female, who are destitute to earn their rations and do enough work to pay for their lodging until they are able to go out into the world and earn wages for themselves. There is no compulsion on anyone to resort to our shelter, but if a penniless man wants food he must, as a rule, do work sufficient to pay for what he has of that and of other accommodations. I say as a rule because, of course, our officers will be allowed to make exceptions in extreme cases, but the rule will be first work, then eat. And that amount of work will be exacted rigorously. It is that which distinguishes this scheme from the mere charitable relief."

The successful working of the Salvation Army workshops is introduced as an argument in favor of the plan, and the writer then goes on to say:

"Although our factories will be permanent institutions, they will not be anything more than temporary resting-places to those who avail themselves of their advantages. They are harbors of refuge into which the storm-tossed workman may run and rest, so that he may again push out into the ordinary sea of labor and earn his living. The establishment of these industrial factories seems to be one of the most obvious duties of those who would effectively deal with the social problem. They are as indispensable a link in the chain of deliverance as the shelters, but they are only a link and not a stopping-place. And we do not propose that they should be regarded as anything but stepping-stones to better things."

Intra-natal villages, agricultural villages and co-operative farms are all embraced in the plan of agricultural work. The mode and manner of selection of the colonists is indicated, and the regulations governing the disposition of the products stated. The detailed character of the farm scheme can be understood from the following paragraph, which is but one of many, anticipating and providing for the minor difficulties in the way of such an undertaking:

"It is quite certain that amongst the mass of people with whom we have to deal there will be a residual remnant of persons to some extent mentally infirm or physically incapacitated from engaging in the hard toils. For these people it is necessary to find work, and I think there would be a good field for their bountiful energies in looking after rabbits, feeding poultry, minding bees, and in short, doing all those little odd jobs about a place which must be attended to, but which will not pay the labor of able-bodied men."

A SKETCH OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF EMIGRATION.

The over sea colony scheme is briefly stated under the three general heads:

1. In the preparation of the colony for the people.

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3. In the arrangements that are rendered possible for the transportation of people when prepared.

The author then says:

"It is proposed to secure a large tract of land in some country suitable to our purpose. We have the South Africa to begin with. We are in no way pledged to this part of the world, or to it alone. There is nothing to prevent our establishing similar establishments in Canada, Australia or some other land. British Columbia has been strongly urged upon our notice. Indeed, it is certain if this scheme proves the success we anticipate, the first colony will be the forerunner of similar communities elsewhere. Africa, however, presents to us great advantages for the moment. There is any amount of land suitable for our purpose which can be obtained, we think without difficulty. The climate is healthy. Labor is in great demand, so that if by any means work failed on the colony, there would be abundant opportunity for securing good wages from some of the neighboring companies."

It is then pointed out that a pioneer corps to erect houses, and plant some crops would be sent out about a year in advance of the colony itself. The colonists would be prepared by an education in honesty, truth and industry, and in everything fitted to adapt them to citizenship in a community which would be controlled by the laws regulating all good governments.

Provision is made for transportation, and a plan by which the colonists shall repay their passage money sent out. The unique feature of this scheme, however, is the salvation ship, to be used for carrying emigrants to the colonies, and aboard which they could be employed at various kinds of work, on which, under religious and moral influences and teachings, they could be saved from the sins into which too many passengers on board emigrant ships are prone to fall. This chapter concludes as follows:

"Not only would the ship be a perfect hive of industry, it would also be a floating temple. The captain officers and every member of the crew would be salvationists, and all therefore, alike interested in the enterprise. Moreover, the probabilities are that we should obtain the services of the ship's officers and crew in the most inexpensive manner, in harmony with the usages of the army everywhere else, men serving from love and not as a mere business. The effect produced by our ship cruising slowly southwards, testifying to the reality of a salvation of both worlds, calling at all convenient ports, would constitute a new kind of mission work, and drawing out everywhere a large amount of warm practical sympathy. At present the influence of those who go down to the sea in ships is not always in favor of raising the morals and religion of the dwellers where they come. Here however, would be one ship at least whose appearance foretold no disorder, and from whose capacious hull would stream forth an army of men, who, instead of thonging the grog-shops and other haunts of licentious indulgence, would occupy themselves with explaining and proclaiming the religion of the Love of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

METHODS OF CARRYING OUT THE GENERAL PLAN.

There is an infinitude of detail connected with the elaboration of the scheme to which it is impossible to refer in more than a passing way. Nor is more concerning them necessary to a practical understanding of what is proposed. It is enough, then, to say that Gen. Booth proposes to make the Salvation Army more effective under the new auspices in the prevention of crime and the regeneration of men and women. He proposes both by spiritual and physical work to reduce vice, disease and poverty to the lowest possible minimum. As agencies in this work the old and stout workers will be strengthened and reinforced, traveling hospitals and prison gate brigades will be organized, new rescue homes for fallen women will be established, refuges for girls in temptation or danger built, refuges for the children of the street, industrial schools and asylums for moral lunatics opened and a great deal of other and similar work done. Sanitary surroundings will also be looked after. Improved lodgings and suburban villages will be part of this plan. The poor man's bank and the poor man's lawyer will be aids to business development and progress, and in the way of social reform in such a society, the matrimonial bureaus will fill an important place. These things, together with a general intelligence department, will be important parts of all salvation communities.

PROSPECTS FOR GIVING THE SALVATION SCHEME A TRIAL.

The appearance of this remarkable book created a decided sensation throughout England. Never before had the truth been brought home with such terrible force and vividness. The poets and novelists had made an impression; but it was easier to disparage their work by the charge of overcoloring than it was an indictment emanating from one who had spent years of his life in the exploration of the lost land he was describing, whose statements were fortified by all the statistics attainable, and whose personal character and veracity are above reproach or suspicion. The book and the scheme both met a welcome from the British press and public. The humanity of the one, and the practicability of the other were everywhere admitted. But what was to be done? Gen. Booth had stated that £1,000,000 would be needed to inaugurate the great enterprise, and that if that sum could be secured it could be relied upon to take care of the rest.

A great deal of money has already been contributed. It is stated by London journals that one quarter of the sum needed has already been subscribed. The aristocracy and wealthier classes are liberal contributors. In one quarter only, and that the one where least expected, has there been a note of dissent. Arnold White, himself a humanitarian of no mean reputation in England, has raised a voice against it, and his voice is joined by

that of the Socialists. But the plan meets with popular acceptance and is likely to be given at least a partial trial.

An Equivalent for Slaveholders.

If we allow our bodily infirmities to make away with us through neglect, have we not then incurred a heavy penalty? For example, the deadly progress of Bright's disease, diabetes, acute nephritis and gravel disease, most people are aware, is almost inevitable. Most people are aware, however, that this is simply the unvarnished truth in regard to these widely prevalent diseases. The inference is, that the more we live, the more we are liable to die.

The means of restraint are well known, but the means of prevention are specially suited in such cases. The means of restraint is to be found in Howett's "Principles of Health," give an important account of the kidney, bladder, and the infant complaints at its birth of the power for self-recovery.

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