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For the fortnight starting 13 July, the required reading is **1 Corinthians 3 – 1 Corinthians 12.**



WELCOME

Time to celebrate

This is a big year for The Salvation Army, and especially here in the Southern Territory—with many Salvationists travelling to London for the Boundless conference to help celebrate the Army’s 150th anniversary.

And, later in the year, the Melbourne Staff Band will be commemorating a significant milestone of their own, as they mark 125 years of ministry and music with a brass extravaganza that will feature some international guests.

These celebrations will be featured in future issues of *On Fire*, and August will see a bumper edition with firsthand accounts of the Boundless event, articles giving you a behind the scenes look, and some very special extra content.

But, as exciting as they are, none of these events would be possible without the work of William and Catherine Booth, whose vision and obedience to God’s calling saw the start of a new movement that—from humble beginnings—has spread across the globe and continues to bring the Gospel message of salvation and practical assistance to those most in need.

Every year we observe Founders’ Day, and think of the singular place that the Booths hold in Army life. In this Founders’ Day issue, you will read about the impact a face-to-face encounter with William Booth had on an entire family, and how it is still being felt today, as well as being asked the question—what can the modern Army learn from our Founders?

We will also be sharing some of the exciting changes coming to *On Fire*, as we look to continue to bring you all the news of the territory—as well as Christian teaching—in a new format.



David Goodwin
 editor

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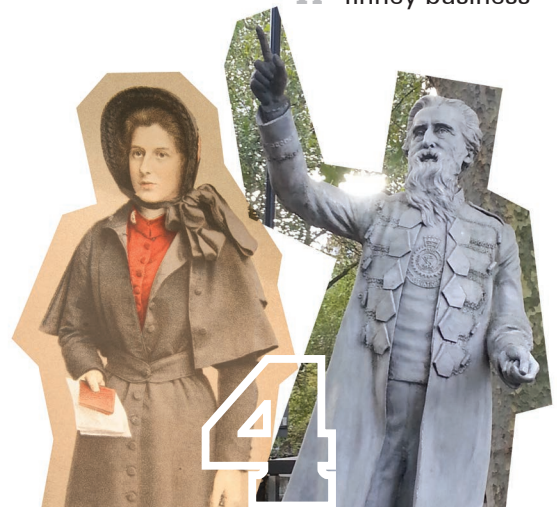
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Banding at its best

Salvo Publishing's latest book, *Sounds of the Gospel: 125 years of the Melbourne Staff Band*, was launched at the band's pre-Boundless tour concerts at James Tatoulis Auditorium, Methodist Ladies College, on Saturday 13 June. The well-attended concerts, titled 'To Boldly Go', were held at 3 pm and 7.30 pm.

Just before interval at both concerts, Captain Mal Davies, territorial literary secretary, introduced the book, and interviewed the author, Merv Collins, who has documented the MSB's music and ministry over the past 125 years. The book contains more than 80 photographs, from the band's humble beginnings in 1890 to the present day. Also included are names of MSB band leaders, executive officers and members—as well as a discography.

Interest in the book was high and sales after the concerts were way beyond expectations. Merv was kept busy signing books and chatting to MSB members past and present.

Sounds of the Gospel is available at Salvation Army Supplies, phone 1800 100 018, or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au/supplies for \$25 plus postage.



Boundless pin

On 11 June, graphic designer Glonaida Quaipon was recognised for her contribution to the Southern Territory's involvement in Boundless, having designed its commemorative pin—a mosaic of Australia.

The pin design draws influence from the art of mosaic tiling—how each different piece plays an important role in forming the greater picture.

An array of shapes and colours are centred on the star to represent the one mission that draws The Salvation Army together.

Each territory has its own pin for Boundless, with the intention that delegates from different territories will be able to swap and collect pins from around the world.



Dear friends of *On Fire*,

This year has seen a number of changes to the organisational structure here at Territorial Headquarters. The Salvation Army has given a great deal of thought and consideration to creating a cohesive communications policy that serves the needs of Salvationists and helps us respond to the many challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Part of this involves some changes to way that *On Fire* is delivered, and this issue marks an end to our fortnightly publication schedule. Starting with a special commemorative 'Boundless' edition on 8 August, *On Fire* will become a monthly magazine. While the cover price won't change, it will contain more pages—with even more of the comprehensive coverage of what is happening in our Territory that you've come to expect.

This change also sees the end of *RED* as a separate magazine. We are very proud of what has been achieved over the course of *RED*'s existence, and the many excellent features and articles that our team has produced. But, after a survey of the youth in our Territory and discussions with the Department of Youth, we have come to the conclusion that they would be better served by the content from *RED* becoming part of *On Fire* itself. We will be dedicating a space for youth within the magazine, as well as providing content aimed at the young adult demographic in the same way.

What this means is that *On Fire* will be a magazine that speaks to every Salvationist, regardless of age. These changes will allow us to use our resources in the most productive way, and deliver the most value to our readers. As with any change, there will be a period of adjustment, but we look forward to embarking on this journey with you, and working with all our readers to provide the best magazine we can.

Regards,
David Goodwin
Editor—*On Fire*



Glonaida Quaipon accepts thanks and a T-shirt featuring her design from Colonel Peter Walker.

THE SALVATION ARMY IS UNIQUE AMONG CHURCHES in many ways. Whether it is our military organisation, or our distinctive uniforms, we have our own way of doing things. But there is another aspect where we differ from many other churches—there are few mainstream Christian denominations that have remained so indelibly shaped by the legacy of their founders as the Army has by that of William and Catherine Booth. Even now, as we mark our 150th anniversary, the words and actions of the Booths remain as relevant to our mission as they ever have been.

As we celebrate Founders' Day, we can look at the example our Founders set, and ask ourselves whether we are remaining true to their values. In many cases we may well be, but, even so, this day acts as a chance to reflect and remind ourselves of where we came from—and look to where we are going.

GO FOR SOULS, AND GO FOR THE WORST

The Army has a long tradition of ministering to those at rock bottom. In Victorian England that was the alcoholics and the poor of London's slums; those who the rest of society looked down upon, and had given up on. When William Booth said, 'Go for souls, and go for the worst', he set a precedent that echoes through the Army's work to this day.

We need to ask ourselves not only 'Who are the worst?', but 'The worst to whom?' Not to God, to whom all are created equal in worth, but to society. Who does the world consider the 'worst'—the least in value, and the least deserving of our time and effort? It is those that the Army is called to minister to.

The Booths made a conscious effort to minister to those who no-one else cared about, those who were ignored or shunned, those whose hope and dignity had been stripped away. We need to look around and think about where the Booths would be working today. It would not be amongst the middle-class, it would be in the prisons, with asylum seekers and refugees, with sex workers and gambling addicts—the people who the media and the government tell us are the least among us.

WE SHOULD ONLY CARE WHAT GOD THINKS

The Army has a privileged position in Australian culture, and enjoys the support and admiration of a great

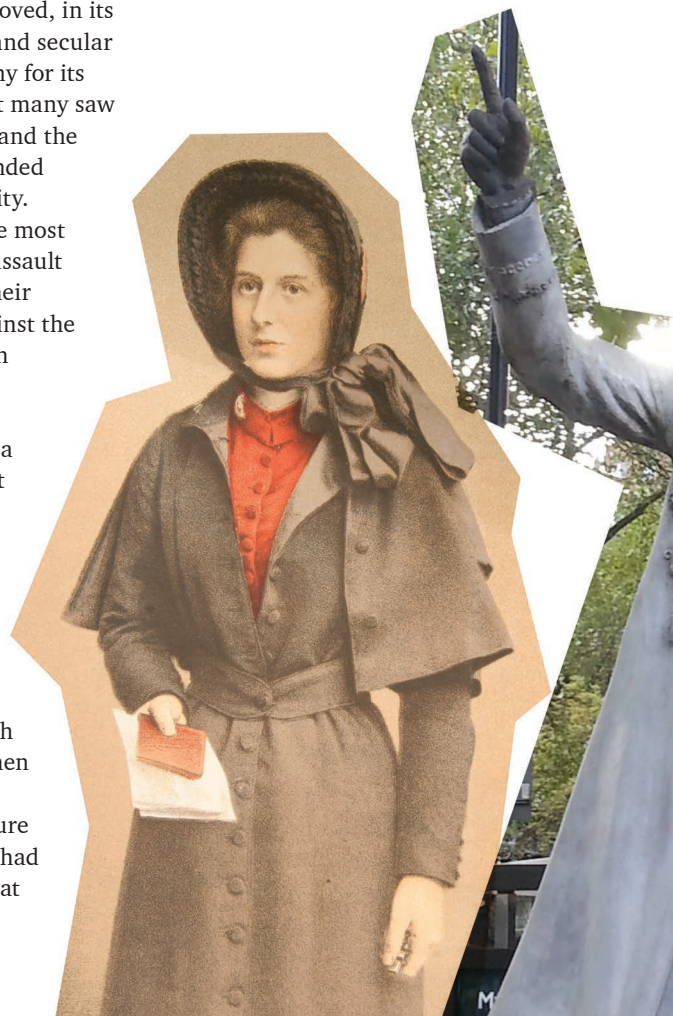
swathe of the general public. If we are honest with ourselves, we are used to being loved by Aussies, and when we do run afoul of public opinion it can make us very uncomfortable. But, a key lesson from the Booths is that there is only one opinion that matters—and that is God's.

Considering our popularity today, it can be hard to remember that Army was far from accepted, or loved, in its early days. Both religious and secular figures denounced the Army for its unconventional—and what many saw as undignified—methods, and the general public often responded with mockery, if not hostility. Those whose interests were most threatened by the Army's assault on alcoholism organised their own 'armies' to march against the Salvos, and responded with threats and violence.

Throughout all this, the Booths held firm to the idea that public opinion was not the important thing; that doing what was right in the eyes of God was what mattered. They understood that when you have timeless values that sometimes they will be out of step with a changing world—and when you push against cultural issues sometimes that culture pushes back. If the Booths had only been willing to do what

STAND THE SHOUL G

This Founders' Day, David Goodwin asks, 'What lessons can the modern Army take from the Booths?'



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was popular, instead of what was right, then the Army would not have been able to bring such change to the society they lived in.

It is wonderful to be loved, and we achieve a great deal due to the support we receive, but when it comes to choosing between God's opinion and the public's—or the government's—God must always come first.

**WE SHOULD REACH OUT TO
THE WORLD, NOT EXPECT
THEM TO COME TO US**

In a world often hostile to our faith, it can be tempting to retreat into our own Christian bubble, surrounded by those who believe as we do. We have created our own world, with our own language customs, and way of doing things. One of the problems with this is that we often expect people to change before they come to us, and set conditions on their entry.



This was just as true in the time that the Booths lived and ministered. As the British Empire spread, so did Christianity, but as it reached new cultures a very English style of church was often pushed upon converts. A condition of attendance was that parishioners conformed to the way the church did things—whether that was wearing Western style dress, or worshipping the same way in Africa as people did in London.

The Booths strongly believed that the church needed to adapt to meet the needs of those it was trying to reach. This did not mean changing its values, but becoming part of the life and community of where it was working. For example, the Army found success in India because Commissioner Booth-Tucker understood this, and took on Indian customs and usages—even adopting the name Fakir Singh.

This wasn't limited to foreign lands, but was the way the Army worked wherever it ministered. If we look at the methods of the early Army, they sought to go to where the people were, and to adopt usages that were familiar to those they were trying to reach. Nor did they expect people to change *before* they were welcome in church, but instead trusted that God would work what changes were needed *after* people were saved.

**METHODS DON'T MATTER,
RESULTS DO**

'If I thought I could win one more soul to the Lord by walking on my head and playing the tambourine with my toes, I'd learn how!'

It's one of William Booth's most famous quotes, and reflects his belief that there was no method for spreading the Gospel too undignified, or too outlandish, if it was effective. If taking bar songs and changing the lyrics meant people would listen, the Booths would do it. If playing timbrels and brass instruments would capture attention, then the Army would start a band. Conversely, methods that weren't effective were discarded.

Remaining true to the Booths' legacy does not mean doing things simply because they did so, in fact it can mean the opposite. Some of their methods remain just as effective now as they ever did, but others may not work in particular communities. Just because we have always used them is not a reason to keep doing so—the measure is whether they work to save souls.

**WE ARE ENGAGED IN A
NEVER-ENDING BATTLE**

'While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight.

While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight.

While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight.

While there is a drunkard left, While there is a poor lost girl upon the streets,

While there remains one dark soul without the light of God,

I'll fight—I'll fight to the very end!'

—General William Booth

The Founders understood that they were fighting a war that had been ongoing since the beginning of the world, and would continue until Christ returned. Even in the face of daunting odds, they refused to surrender, and they didn't lay down their arms until their promotion to Glory.

Today, just as much as then, we are called to accept the challenge of William Booth's most famous speech, and to continue the fight.

As technology and medicine continues to advance, and countries rise and fall, it can be easy to believe that the world has changed—but much remains the same. Women still weep. Little children still go hungry. Men still go to prison, in and out. There are still drunkards, there are still lost girls on the street—and there are still so many souls who have not experienced the light of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If William and Catherine Booth were alive today, they would still be fighting for them all. Can we do any less? □



Mid-1958, Port Pirie, SA: Captains Gavin and Jean Parker and family were travelling to Western Australia to take up a new corps appointment and were able to spend a few days en route with Gavin's parents at Parker farm. Back row, L-R: Wes Parker, Captain Gavin Parker, Maud Parker, CSM Perce Parker—Port Pirie Corps. (Perce was promoted to Glory just a few months after this photo was taken.) Front: Graham Parker, David Parker, Jennifer Parker. (Photo taken after returning from morning worship at Port Pirie Corps, by Mrs Captain Jean Parker, on Kodachrome film.)

Hearing God's voice through the generations

David Parker explores the legacy of faith in a family history

Many people of faith are descendants of Christian families through successive generations, but others come to faith having had no Christian upbringing at all. God calls all people to Salvation regardless of their background—we are not saved through or because of the faith of our parents. Nevertheless, it is evident that God continually reveals himself and blesses the spiritual legacy of families who have had a generational history of faith and Christian service.

As we celebrate 150 years of The Salvation Army, it is possible to find families with a history of eight or more consecutive generations of raising their children in the Christian faith as expressed by our movement. Let's explore one Salvationist family history here in Australia—while not as long as others, it provides an interesting picture of God working through several generations of faithful followers.

In 1904, 20-year-old John Percival Parker left his family farm in Port Pirie to seek work on the goldfields of Western Australia. Having attended a Congregational Church Sunday school, he had some awareness of Christian teaching. But, during these few years working as a brick carter around Kalgoorlie, his life changed dramatically when he attended a public gathering to hear a visiting evangelical

preacher from England—General William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army. This event was part of the Founder's second trip to Australia, and Perce responded to an invitation to repentance at Kalgoorlie. He got saved—encountering the life-changing power of God's grace for the first time.

By 1908, Perce had returned to his home town in South Australia. Records of correspondence and personal letters written around this time indicate that he had applied and was accepted to commence officer training at The Salvation Army Training Garrison in Melbourne. But this was not to be—it seems that he was needed to help run the family farm instead. However, he did connect with the Port Pirie Corps, attending there until his passing in 1958—giving many years of faithful service as corps sergeant major.

Perce married Florence Maud Nance, the daughter of a local dairy farmer who was a staunch Salvationist. Maud's grandmother had joined the Army after attending its first evangelical meeting

at Port Pirie in the early 1880s—just a few years after two Salvationists arrived from England to commence the work of William Booth's Army in Australia. Maud and Perce Parker's five children grew up in the life and ministry of Port Pirie Corps.

'His life changed dramatically when he attended a public gathering to hear a visiting evangelical preacher from England—General William Booth...'

that which is poured into it; our first ministry is to receive God's grace and then to Serve Him with what is His own.

"To you who are just starting in this great Salvation War I would say, 'Don't be concerned about your usefulness so much as about your goodness, your holiness, your devotion to God and His cause. Secure that, and your usefulness will be all right.'"

A BRICKCARTER'S TESTIMONY



By Brother Parker, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

"Seeing I have been so much blessed by reading the experiences of others who have come into the experience of full salvation, I thought it my duty to send along my testimony to the same, and trust that God will make it a blessing to other VICTORY readers.

"For some time after my conversion I was somewhat satisfied with my experience, feeling I was all that God expected me to be. Not hearing very much about full salvation, it did not trouble me until I became my privilege to work as a soldier under an Officer who had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and when I heard him tell about it, and that it was for all who sought it, it set my heart longing. Without any reserve whatever, I laid all upon the altar and sought earnestly that God would give me the witness within my own soul that He had sanctified me. For some time after surrendering fully I did not feel much better for it, but after waiting for about three weeks God wonderfully came to me. On October 7, in the Sunday night's prayer-meeting,

The Lord Whom I sought suddenly came to His temple,

and for nearly an hour I was prostrate on the floor. God filled my soul and thrilled my very being. Although God came to me in such a marked way, I thought I could know more of Him, so I kept waiting upon Him, and on December 2, in the prayer-meeting just previous to going to open-air, God signally came. I had just finished praying when a weight of glory came over me. Being anxious to know what God would do for me, I rose and stood as in the very presence of God with hands extended, and the fire fell. My soul was so filled that I shouted praises to God again and again. Since that time I have been conscious of the presence of God with me

THE GENERAL ON THE GOLDFIELDS.

Extraordinary Interest at Kalgoorlie and Boulder.

THE LARGEST HALLS JAMMED OUT.

Through an awkward set of the usual "uncontrollable" circumstances—the WAR CRY was not furnished with details of the General's triumphant Goldfields' Campaign in West Australia. Those participating in the historic events were too busy making history to chronicle the doings of the history maker. Still readers do not want excuses or explanations, so much as records, and it was with the idea of picking up a few of the main facts that I sought Major McMillan, who enjoyed the privilege of being numbered in the General's personal Staff on the whole of the famous ten thousand-mile tour in Australasia.

"Really I don't know that I can help you out, for although I was at everything I didn't carry "newspaper" ears and eyes. Let me see—you want to know about the meetings on the Fields. Wait till I think a bit." (Looking through his office walls, and away, away across the proposed route of the desert railway until he focussed the Goldfields' express with the General aboard, rooking her way up towards Midland.) "Ah, I remember now, the General spoke at Midland Junction on the way up."

"Very good, but the Captain there thoughtfully sent the CRY a few lines about that."

AT KALGOORLIE.

"Then we went direct to Kalgoorlie, arriving, I think, at 11.30 on the Wednesday a.m., and the General was driven 'straight' to the Council Chambers, where a civic reception had been arranged, and a very hearty function it was: in fact, nothing could have been more so

building, where the great political gatherings are held, they would naturally feel hilarious, and

Yet despite the din—almost bedlam—as soon as the General mounted the platform, everyone gave the closest attention, and exhibited the profoundest respect for the 'grand old man.' Several city men afterwards remarked that the close attention to the General's utterances was the best tribute these young bloods could pay any man, and yet there was nothing more hearty on the whole of the Campaign than that car-barn meeting.

"The General was, well, it's hackneyed I know, but he was at his best, and his pleasantries with the chairman (Mayor Keenan) and others were rich. That great audience, which composed the best people of the Fields, simply gave themselves up to the thrilling utterances. The magnificent talk of the General was little less than astonishing to a great many present, if one could judge from their countenances. Mr. Justice McMillan was amongst the interested listeners, as also was the State member for the district.

"The speeches by the Mayors of the two cities were fine and sympathetic, and they drew the General into a pleasantry or two that was greatly enjoyed."

"By the way, what about the crowd? Was there a charge on the door?"

"Nobody paid less than a shilling, I understand, and a great number, fully one-third, occupied reserved seats at two. This serves to show something of the great interest taken in our leader's visit."

Molloy—was crowded and night, despite t

"In the afternoon His Excellency Sir presided at the lecture was one of the most attractive gatherings held in Perth. The Premier, the Mayor and other chairmen, spoke in praise of the General, and the

"Then about the night

"That's difficult rarely seen such interest by those hearty Perth say that thousands would yet the building with Brigadier Harris with vestibule endeavouring pointed ones interest into a corridor to crush a bit, when and as I had to get prayer-meeting, I was However, I got a round, and eventual scramble, and a 'escape, I managed platform. There results, but I real figures now. At a West Australian C seekers were registered

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Their third child, Richard Gavin Parker, was to fulfill the call to officership that his father Perce had felt. After military service during the Second World War, Gavin entered the Training College in Melbourne and then served—together with his wife Jean—for more than 40 years in Salvation Army ministry. Their service across the four states of the Australia Southern Territory included a term as divisional commanders of Western Victoria. Jean's maiden name was Cottle, and she was born in Melbourne to officer parents, her mother originally serving as a young officer in England before migrating to Australia.

Jennifer, the youngest of Gavin's four children, entered training college in 1975 and served for eight years before taking up a career in nursing. All four children have maintained church involvement to this day. One of Gavin's granddaughters, Melissa, was commissioned from the Visionaries session and married a session mate, Daniel Templeman Twells. They currently serve with The Salvation Army in the Japan Territory.

From the commencement of Port Pirie Corps through to Captain Melissa Templeman Twells, and her two sisters—who both attend Mornington Corps—six generations of Salvationist witness can be identified. This heritage can be traced all the way back to that moment when Richard Nance gave his blessing for his daughter Maud to marry Perce Parker—who had returned from the goldfields of Kalgoorlie where he had responded to God's

voice through the preaching of General William Booth himself.

Many descendants of these two families have kept the faith in other parts of the Christian church, not just The Salvation Army. Christian parenting can bring great joy and delight as children are introduced to an awareness of God, but it also demands immense responsibility to live out an authentic faith. Someone discovering the revelation of God as the first in their family history could represent the beginning of a long lineage of faith. By hearing God's voice down the generations we are reminded that God's truth does endure forever!

The scriptures exhort us to sing about the mercies of the Lord and to praise his name from generation to generation. Whether we are raised through a family of faith, or we are indeed the first in our family to worship God, Psalm 78 has a message for us all:

'For he gave his laws to Israel and commanded our fathers to teach them to their children, so that they in turn could teach their children too. Thus his laws pass down from generation to generation. In this way each generation has been able to obey his laws and to set its hope anew on God and not forget his glorious miracles'—Psalm 78:5-7 (Living Bible).

David Parker works in education and attends Mornington Corps (Vic.)





The General meets the Imam

On 11 June, General André Cox hosted a visit from the Grand Imam Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad, of the Badshahi Mosque in Lahore, Pakistan—the second-largest mosque in south Asia and fifth-largest in the world.

These two faith leaders had first met during the General's visit to Pakistan in 2014. They were joined in their meeting by Commissioner William A. Roberts (Chief of the Staff), Commissioner William

Cochrane (International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff), Commissioner Lalmazlova (International Secretary for South Asia) and Imam Khalid Hussain from Birmingham Central Mosque, who was accompanying the Grand Imam on his visit to the United Kingdom.

In an atmosphere of warmth and mutual respect, the General spoke about the work of The Salvation Army in Pakistan and gave the visitors an overview of its worldwide ministry.

Salvo relief continues in Nepal

The Salvation Army continues its disaster response efforts in Nepal following the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that devastated the region around Kathmandu on 25 April. This was the worst earthquake since 1934 to hit this country—which has struggled with high unemployment, poverty and hunger for many years.

Partnerships formed with other organisations are proving to be vital, especially as many remote communities can only be reached by helicopter. In the Sindhupalchok District, The Salvation Army is working with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to distribute rice and solar chargers to complement the items people were able to rescue from the rubble of their house and to provide power to these remote communities which would otherwise be completely cut off from the outside world.

New areas of work continue in Nuwakot, where rice, dhal, oil and salt were distributed to 280 families, along with solar lamps and mosquito coils. In Gorkha, food drops take place in partnership with Mountain Child, a local NGO.



The Salvation Army response by Nepali Salvationists and volunteers is coordinated by Damaris Frick (Field Operations Officer, International Emergency Services), and supported by Bobby Myers from USA Eastern Territory, Captain Petr Janousek (The Netherlands and Czech Republic Territory) and Amanda Narango, a volunteer from the USA.

Two camps in the Kathmandu area are overseen by The Salvation Army, where the distribution of hygiene articles, food and tarpaulins helps make life a little more comfortable for residents.

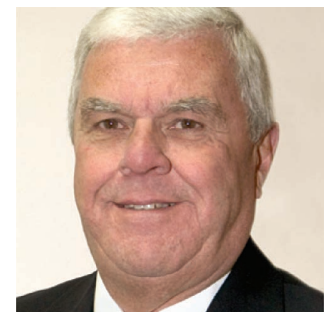
An initial US\$20,000 rapid relief project, funded by the USA-based Salvation Army World Services Office, paid for the purchase and transport of tents, water and blankets for 40 families. Hong Kong and Macau Salvation Army is funding a similar project for 1,000 families at a cost of more than US\$300,000.

To make a donation to support The Salvation Army's #NepalEarthquake appeal, visit www.salvationarmy.org/nepalearthquake.

Salvos Stores CEO retires

After 10 years of leading Salvos Stores, CEO Allen Dewhirst is retiring on 31 July.

Allen's business acumen and passion have produced tremendous outcomes for The Salvation Army, which will continue to benefit from the foundation laid by Allen and his team.





Captain Colin William Abram

Colin William Abram was born on 14 March 1947 in Coburg (Vic.), into a Christian family. At the age of 11 he became a follower of Jesus at a Billy Graham Crusade, and his spiritual experience grew deeper throughout his life. As a teenager, he—along with his family—became fully involved in the many expressions of Army service at Fairfield Corps and, after leaving school in 1963, he studied surveying at RMIT before working with State Rivers.

In 1969 he met Merl and they married two years later. Together they raised four sons—Phillip (now corps officer at Launceston Corps), Russell, Steven and Stuart. During these years the family lived at Greensborough, Ballarat and Geelong, and Colin was a committed local officer at The Salvation Army corps of Briar Hill, Ballarat and South Barwon—as well as a successful manager of a consulting surveyor company.

Merl and Colin felt God was calling them to full-time ministry and had commenced theological studies, but Merl was diagnosed with a terminal illness and was promoted to Glory in 1998. Colin still felt a calling to continue these studies, not fully understanding why until he met Cadet Christine Mulholland and this relationship 'seemed to open opportunities for ministry as an officer'—in Colin's own words. Chris's own children, Tyler, Angus and Joel, soon became part of Colin's family.

After their marriage on 4 January 2003, Chris and Colin were appointed to Glenroy Corps (Vic.) as corps officer and cadet-in-training, respectively. He was part of the 'Bridgebuilders' session of cadets, and was commissioned at age 56 on 29 November 2003—also commencing his Bachelor in Theology at that time. They were next appointed to Plenty Valley Corps and then, after two years as the Melbourne Central divisional property secretary and assistant



Verna Beryl Marchant

Verna Beryl Solomon was born on 19 August 1922 in Unley (SA), and was the eldest of four children. When her father died she was 14, and had to finish school and find work to support the family.

Verna married Clarence Hailes in 1943 at Unley Corps, where their first child Wendy was born. When housing in Adelaide was difficult to find, Verna and Clarrie moved to Renmark where, from time to time, they held leadership positions in the local corps—and it was here that their children Ross and Mary were born. In 1969 the Hailes moved back to Adelaide where again they participated in corps activities at Adelaide Congress Hall.

In 1980 Verna and Clarrie became envoys and provided leadership for the Salvation Army camp and corps at Victor Harbor.

After Clarrie's death, Verna married Cyril Marchant in 1988. Cyril was promoted to Glory in 2005. At 91 years of age Verna moved to Melbourne, and became part of the Camberwell Corps.

Verna Beryl Marchant was promoted to Glory on 10 May, aged 92.

Verna was part of the witness and mission of The Salvation Army all her life, leaving a legacy and an inspiring imprint in many people's lives. Verna will be remembered for her courage, her great sense of humor and her unconditional love for her

at Moreland City Corps, their final active appointment was as Kalgoorlie/Boulder corps officers with Emergency Accommodation.

Colin entered retirement in 11 January 2012, and Colin and Chris thoroughly enjoyed their short years of retirement together. They travelled overseas, visited family and settled in Beechworth (Vic.). Colin used to say that he didn't want to grow old and often quoted the biblical measure of 'three score years and 10' as life's allotted time.

The proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Colin was fit, active and always working on one project or another. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, he spoke words of wisdom.

Captain Colin William Abram was promoted to Glory from Beechworth (Vic.) on 29 May, aged 68.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Captain Colin Abram was held at The Salvation Army South Barwon, conducted by Major Alan Laurens and Captain Phillip Abram (son). A composite band played before the service. After a welcome from Major Alan Laurens, the service commenced with 'How Great Thou Art'. Friend of the family, Rian Peppunkhouse offered a prayer, with scripture readings by Major Fred Shaw, Captain Pauline Middleton and Lieutenant Judy Shaw (niece). Major Pat Willhelme read the territorial commanders's tribute.

Colin's four sons, Phillip, Russell, Steven and Stuart, gave a tribute to their dad, and Christine Abram (wife) delivered a tribute of her own. There were further tributes from friends, read by close family friend Bill Collins, followed by a candle-lighting ceremony during which a photo tribute was shown.

The final song was one of Colin's favourites, 'In Christ Alone'. A service of committal was then held at the Leopold Cemetery, conducted by Captain Phillip Abram.

family. She also supported and had a bond with young people.

A service of thanksgiving for Verna's life was held at Camberwell Corps, conducted by Lieut-Colonel Frank Daniels. Family tributes were given by Major Ross Hailes (son), Wendy Philpot (daughter) and Lieutenant Fiona Kean (granddaughter). Ross, who grew up in Renmark but now lives in Canada with his wife Agnes, had come to Melbourne to support his sisters by being with Verna in her last days.

Wendy said her mother was interested in people, and noted that 'grief is what we pay for a lifetime of love'. Fiona said that 'Grandma' had nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, and had always made known to them, and many others, that she was going to heaven one day.

Commissioner John Clinch, who remembered Verna from his time as a boy of 15 in Adelaide, gave a corps tribute and said that, although Verna had been at Camberwell Corps for only a few years, she had made many friends. Mary Wiseman (daughter) read Psalm 23 and verses from Romans 8.

In his message, Lieut-Colonel Daniels spoke of the seasons of life, comparing winter to death and reminding everyone that it is followed by spring—the season of new life.

Leading who?

You may well have heard the statement, 'If nobody is following, you're not leading. You're taking a walk.' That may be true, but, if so, it relates to the leading of others. It might, however, be worth considering that your most important and most difficult leadership assignment is the person looking back at you in the mirror. In the leadership section of most bookstores, shelves buckle under the weight of books on organisational leadership or team leadership. Yet the most significant leadership—personal leadership—is so often forgotten or assumed to have been mastered, but it is foundational to effective leadership development.

In his recently released book, *Leading Me*, Steve Brown, president of Arrow Leadership, identifies that personal leadership is our first leadership responsibility. He describes it as an intentional partnering with God and others to become the whole person God created and desires us to be. It is a personal focus on nurturing a dynamic and intimate relationship with God, reflecting godly character, holiness and health. Brown also defines personal leadership as being about developing deep and vibrant relationships and fostering the heart, calling and skills for effective impact through service.

For many who find themselves in positions of leadership, placing a focus upon personal leadership is a significant paradigm shift—a shift away from an external to an inward focus. For many leaders, much of the substance of personal leadership is assumed to have been accomplished. Yet the elements of personal leadership must always be under development. In *The Making of a Leader*, Robert Clinton writes, 'God is quietly, often in unusual ways, trying to get the leader to see that one ministers out what one is. God is concerned with what we are.'

To lead others effectively, I must learn to lead myself well. This journey is not a solo walk or all up to me—it is ultimately about God's forming work within me. Personal leadership begins with the understanding of the unique partnership that Jesus described in John 15:5 when he said to his disciples, 'If you remain in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' Through his Word, God provides a framework to understand his design for our lives and, in his book, Steve Brown goes on to describe eight practices for a Christian leader's most important assignment—leading oneself.

Let me encourage you to take the challenge to embrace what is truly your most important leadership assignment (and possibly your greatest leadership challenge). For every leader, at any level of experience and responsibility—there is a new step to be taken in personal leadership. Don't settle for what you have already achieved. Take a next step in 'leading yourself'. God is ready for it to happen. Those around you will thank you for it as you lead them, as well.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd
Territorial commander



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The transfigured Jesus

Geoff Webb shares a series on Mark's Gospel, focusing on special words or phrases that give insight into Jesus, his mission, and his call to be his disciples.

~ MARK 9:2-8 ~

The 'inner circle' of disciples—Peter, James and John—have been taken aside. They have come to the mountain of God. Jesus reveals something of his identity, yet maintains an ironic silence about what that identity could mean. Somehow it relates to the (equally silent) characters of Elijah and Moses, who represent the Prophets and the Law.

Peter speaks, wanting the moment to endure by building three dwellings. He therefore shows his (very human) inability to leave a holy moment alone. Perhaps Peter is placing Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the same level.

As before, when Jesus told Peter he was Satan, now Peter-as-Satan again unwittingly presents the alternative for Jesus. Will he remain with the path of glory by allowing Peter to build shelters to capture the moment (Mark 9:5)?

The divine 'voice' thunders against Peter's response and shows that Jesus is unique, commanding Peter, James and John (and the reader) to listen to Jesus. Jesus will indeed join Elijah and Moses in the glory of heaven. However, unlike the other two—whose glory came when God took or buried them—Jesus' heavenly glory occurs through suffering, rejection and death.

The disciples' failure to understand Jesus' identity—despite the glory of the moment—looks forward to the failure of all the disciples at Gethsemane. Peter's failure through his inappropriate comment (9:5) serves to reinforce his earlier misunderstanding at 8:32-33. It also anticipates the disaster of Peter's denial at 14:66-72.

The disciples, together with the reader, are now 'on the road' to Jesus' passion. Jesus' silence invites the disciples (and the reader) to continue to wrestle with the question of Jesus' identity.

Jesus has shown that the nature of glory—and the way of discipleship—is by way of suffering. Sometimes these days, there are people who would claim that discipleship involves God's blessing through prosperity. By contrast, Mark makes clear that the way of Jesus—the way of discipleship—is the way of the cross.

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[BOOK] A GIRL WITH A MIND OF HER OWN: THE STORY OF GISÈLE GOWANS

CATHY LE FEUVRE ★★★★★

A lot has been written about the late General John Gowans, world leader of The Salvation Army (1999–2002).

He was, after all, a hugely charismatic character—larger than life—or, as another retired General and intimate friend, John Larsson, described his colleague, ‘an oversized personality’.

But little has been published about General Gowans’ widow, Commissioner Gisèle Gowans—until now.

Cathy Le Feuvre, a former Salvation Army British media officer, writer and broadcaster, spent many hours over several years talking with Commissioner Gowans to produce *A Girl With a Mind Of Her Own*.

Who could possibly be the right woman to marry such a dynamo as John Gowans? That woman, Gowans said, would have to be ‘a girl with a mind of her own’. And so it was that John married Gisèle.

The author shows great sensitivity in presenting Gisèle Gowans to her readers. It is obvious the author has huge admiration for her subject. She treats her with utmost respect, sharing stories that brought laughter and tears from both of them.

Readers learn of the young Gisèle born and raised in France during the dark days of World War II, meeting and marrying John, her struggles and challenges as a female officer, being part of the inspiring Gowans-Larsson musical projects and dealing with her husband’s debilitating dementia until his promotion to glory in 2012.

Gisèle Gowans also talks of ‘one of the happiest periods of their leadership’, when she and John led The Salvation Army in the Australia Eastern Territory from 1993–97. **Bill Simpson**
Available to order online: thetrade.salvos.org.au/catalogue/product/a-girl-with-a-mind-of-her-own-cathy-le-feuvre/ \$19.99

[CD] NO TURNING BACK BRANDON HEATH
★★★★★

Brandon Heath isn’t turning back from a decision to follow Jesus 20 years ago that is celebrated in this album, or from a music career that has produced number one singles from his five previous albums.

The title track ‘No Turning Back’, backed by duo All Sons & Daughters, is a clever piece of catchy song-writing using the lyrics of the old song, ‘I Have Decided To Follow Jesus’, that had me singing along on first listen.

The standout listening experience for me was

the voice—there’s something in the voice—an earnestness, it’s absorbing.

Heath hails from Nashville and the album contains subtle hints of the country music scene that state is renowned for.

‘Behold Our God’ is a beautiful worship song (co-written with Matt Maher), and ‘Everything Must Go’ struck a chord with me as I strive for a simpler life.

A good mix of 11 songs, coupled with that voice which seems to speak directly from his heart, has resulted in a good album that many will enjoy.

Colin Lane

Available at Koorong \$14.99

[BOOK] LIFE VERSE

DAVID EDWARDS ★★★★★

Can one verse from the Bible really change your life? In his latest literacy offering, *Life Verse*, David Edwards argues it can.

Assisting you in the process of reading and hearing the Word of God, and discovering your life verse for living in this world, David believes that when you take scripture and a verse seriously it has the ability to close the book on your old stories of shame, regret, and loss, and assist in turning a page on a story of new life.

Each of us tend to have defining stories from past experiences that echo back and forth through our thoughts, and current relationships; that tend to place a glass ceiling on our growth and often today’s conflicts are driven by our stories from an era long past.

Each chapter takes the reader on a journey—at times through the story of another—and how they experienced a life-transforming verse for their life, concluding with a series of questions designed to help them recognise any ‘death sentences’ that may hinder the reader from trading the old life stories for a new life-giving one.

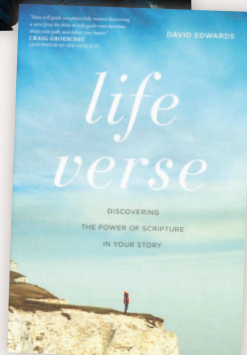
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Brett Allchin

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Rebuilding lives

Limbe School in the north of Haiti is very thankful for the support of sponsors from Australia whose generosity makes it possible for children to benefit from education.

Without the sponsorship program these children would have no chance of finding a school as there is no free government education in the area—which was badly affected by 2010 earthquake.

There are 10 children from the school waiting for a sponsor, including:

Widley, who—despite suffering from toothache—goes to school daily and works hard. His family lost everything in the earthquake and all five of them live in a small two-room home built of earth.

Dashka, a bright little girl who likes playing with her doll, but still has nightmares about the earthquake and wakes crying that the room is shaking.

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DOVETON COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE, VIC.

JASON CARTER // Volunteers recently completed refurbishing the back shed, turning it from a drab and cluttered area into a warm and inviting space.

The new space is a place where members of the community can drop in during the day, volunteers can meet and spend time between jobs, and meetings and training can be held.

The highlight of the shed so far has been seeing five men laughing hysterically as they spent hours watching old episodes of *Mr Bean*.



TERRITORIAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT

CAPTAIN CRAIG FARRELL

During April and May, the Territorial Youth Department conducted SP3 training for all THQ officers, including senior cabinet officers.

SP3 (Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places) is the safety management system of the Australia Southern Territory. THQ officers have now been trained in all three levels: coordinator, team leader and team member.

SP3 training, formerly ChildSafe, is currently being rolled out across the Territory—the key purpose of the training is to create a ‘best practice’ culture of safety for children and vulnerable people.

Above: **Commissioner Floyd Tidd** learns the ropes at SP3 training.



GREENWITH, SA

CAPTAIN QUENTIN CASTLE // A hot chocolate drive was run to support the breakfast program at Greenwith Primary School, which Greenwith Salvos have been running for the past five years.

Some of the girls from youth group organised a ‘Girls Night In’ fundraiser to support homeless women. They collected feminine hygiene products as well as cash donations, with the proceeds going to Ingle Farm’s social programs.



MILDURA, VIC.

CAPTAINS GRAHAM AND JULIE MOYLE // More than 30 children gather each Thursday evening for a time of learning and fun at SAGALA.

The term began with a visit from the Buronga Fire Brigade to teach about fire safety. The April church parade was held as part of the monthly Messy Church service, bringing SAGALA kids and their families—who wouldn’t normally come—to church.

The mainly music program continues to attract young families, with attendance growing from around 30 to more than 50 each week. Some great relationships are being developed.

Three junior soldiers were also enrolled in March.



HEALESVILLE, VIC.

LIEUTENANT SARAH ELDRIDGE // On Friday 22 May, ‘The Lounge’—a youth drop-in centre at the corps—was officially opened.

The project, initiated by young people from the youth group, was assisted by grants from the Collier Foundation and The Salvation Army Ringwood.

The corps building has been renovated to provide a space where young people can meet and share life with other young people, staff and volunteers.

Above, L–R: **Eliza Owen** (youth transitional worker), **Lieutenant Sarah Eldridge**, **Rhiannon Dixon** (youth group member)

NORTH-VICTORIA DIVISION

MAJORS

JOHN AND

WENDY

FREIND //

Members

of Men’s

Sheds from

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contested

the Red

Shield Cup

boat race.

The rain held off but so did the wind, so the event slowed from a race to a sail.

Major Christine Ellis took out honours in the women’s challenge with her boat *Geelong* and Major Kaye Viney came from the rear to take out third.

In the men’s challenge, Captain Craig Wood, with *Salvo Care*, was disqualified for cutting corners. Major Adye Viney refused to sail the boat *Collingwood* stating that if he took the controls it might ‘accidentally’ hit the pontoon and sink.

The inaugural Red Shield Cup for 2015 was won by a member of Kangaroo Flat Men’s Shed.





PERTH CHINESE CORPS, WA

ESTHER AND PAUL ONG // On Sunday 24 May, divisional commander Major Wayne Pittaway installed Paul and Esther Ong as corps leaders at Perth Chinese Corps.

Paul and Esther, along with their four children, were warmly welcomed as they took over as ministers of this growing congregation of the Asian community in Perth.

Above: Paul and Esther Ong and family

SOUTH BARWON, VIC.

CAPTAINS MAL AND TRACEY DAVIES // On Mother's Day, a team was entered in the Mother's Day Classic event held in Geelong—a fun run and walk held across the nation to raise funds for breast cancer research.

Apart from raising several hundred dollars, the 26-member 'Team Salvo' (right) also won the Geelong award for the 'largest community group' team.



RIVERLAND, SA

LIEUTENANTS ADAM AND CATHERINE MACKENROTH // Local schools, Rivergum College and Glossop High School, held 'wear red' casual days to raise money for the Red Shield Appeal.

Also, an 'I See Red' rock'n'roll fundraiser was held in Berri Town Hall, which included an auction, dancing, food and a live band.



MANNINGHAM CITY, VIC.

CAPTAINS ANNE AND RAILTON HILL // The women of Manningham City Corps spent a day in retreat on Saturday 9 May. The theme of 'Autumn' reflected the challenge women have to 'let go' of different parts of life, just as a tree lets go of its leaves.

The women spent time sharing, in discussion, art making and journaling—some wrote contemplative prayers, others were involved with poetry, music and stories, and tried their hand at clay modelling.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION YOUTH DEPARTMENT

CAPTAINS ANDREW AND DIANNE JARVEY

The divisional 'Rev' event brought youth together to hear special guests Jason Poutawa and Sam Dobbs share—from 1 John 4:6—on 'we are loved without cause'.

On Saturday night, the second divisional young adults event included a spit roast meal. Jason and Sam shared on the importance of this age group investing in the future through mentoring, participation and love.

At the Sunday morning service at City Salvos, Jason spoke about the need to 'go to the one', to gather as a community as well as seeking the lost.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Accepted Sonia Edwards of Echuca-Moama Corps, Northern Victoria Division, Mitchell and Sally Stevens of Floreat Corps, Western Australia Division, and Claire and Dale Merrett Ingle Farm Corps, South Australia Division, have been accepted as Aux.-Lieutenants. **Appointments Effective 1 July:** Major Wendy Hateley, executive manager, Chaplaincy and Mission, Employment Plus; Aux.-Lieutenant Sonia Edwards, corps officer, Echuca-Moama Corps; Aux.-Lieutenants Claire and Dale Merrett, assistant corps officers, Ingle Farm Corps; Aux.-Lieutenants Mitchell and Sally Stevens, assistant corps officers, Floreat Corps. **Effective 1 July:** Lieutenant Susan Lamotte, chaplain (pro tem), Employment Plus—Victoria. **Bereaved** Commissioner Aylene Finger of her mother on 13 June. **Retirements Effective 1 July:** Major Ruth Bailey, Major Sharon Power, Captain Joseph Liu.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd
18 July—Men's Pre-Retreat breakfast, Melbourne

FINNEY'S REVIVAL LECTURES - EDITED BY COMMISSIONER FREDERICK BOOTH-TUCKER

'During the earlier half of the nineteenth century, Charles Finney, the well-known American Evangelist—described by the General as a Presbyterian Salvationist—delivered a series of lectures on "Revival of Religion" to his own congregation in New York.

'Upon publication the lectures attained wide circulation, and, although wellnigh a century has since elapsed, they still exert a far-reaching influence, the principles they set forth being little affected by changing conditions.

'Finney was strongly of the opinion that spiritual harvests can be gathered with as much certainty as harvests of wheat or rice or potatoes, and that it is wrong in soul-saving to work to cast upon God the responsibility of our failure. "He that winneth souls is wise," not, he that tries to win them and fails. The causes of failure, also the conditions of success, are herein fully explained.'

~ Frederick Booth-Tucker, August 1926

Keep revival fires burning

'I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?'

~ Nehemiah 6:3

The story of Nehemiah shows how the enemies of God tried in various ways to divert him from the great work in which he was engaged. This has always been done, whenever a great work of God has been in progress.

Undoubtedly, a revival is a great work, because the objects involved are great, namely:

- The glory of God;
- The Salvation of men.

There are many things that may stop a revival:

- A revival will cease when the church thinks it is going to cease. It does not matter what enemies say or believe. But if the church which is the instrument of the revival loses faith it will invariably cease, since Christians must labour in faith, and they cannot do so, if they believe it is going to cease.
- A revival will cease when Christians consent that it should cease. If they see danger, and it fills them with agony and concern, and drives them to their knees in prayer, it will not cease. But if they do not try to avert the danger, they consent to the revival ceasing.
- It will cease when Christians lose their fire and power, and when their works and prayers become cold and mechanical. It will cease when Christians get the idea that the work will go on without their aid. This is not so. The sinner cannot be converted unless he does his part, for conversion consists in turning to God. Neither can he be converted unless the church does its duty in presenting the truth.
- It will cease when Christians prefer to turn aside to what they regard as their own business, and begin to think they cannot afford sufficient time from their worldly employments to carry on the revival.
- When those who have carried it on get proud of the revival



and begin to boast about it, the revival will cease. The opposition or indifference of those who take no part in it will stop it. But when those who have carried it on get puffed up, God's Spirit will leave them and the revival will cease. Unsuitable, boastful accounts are sometimes written to the papers. Beware.

- Revivals sometimes cease because of not taking sufficient time for food and sleep. Thus those who are carrying on the work become exhausted and the revival stops.
- Revivals cease when the church stops to speculate and argue about abstract doctrines that have no bearing on practice.
- When churches begin to wrangle and quarrel over the converts and a spirit of controversy and bitterness arises in trying to gain proselytes, a revival will cease.
- When Christians are mean and niggardly in their gifts to God's work, a revival cannot continue.
- A revival will be checked when the church grieves the Holy Spirit.
 - By not realising dependence on him. By getting to rest in its own strength, being lifted up with its success, and failing to give God the glory. There is a constant danger of men and churches taking the glory to themselves, especially in published accounts. The Holy Spirit is grieved. Many a hopeful revival has been killed in this way.
 - By speaking disparagingly of, and undervaluing, a great work of God.
 - When Christians lose the warm spirit of brotherly love, which makes them naturally call each other 'brother' and 'sister'—when they lose this glow of affection—the Spirit is grieved and revival ceases.
 - A revival will cease unless Christians are frequently broken down and revived. Their hearts are liable to get crushed over and lose their relish for divine things—their unction and prevailing power in prayer diminish. Then unless they are re-consecrated and re-baptised they will do injury to their

work. I have never been engaged in a revival with anyone who would keep in the spirit who did not pass through this process of breaking down every two or three weeks. Revivals die down because Christians become mechanical and it is important that ministers should know how to break them down again.

SELF-DENIAL

- When Christians begin to lose the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice, and give way to self-indulgence, then they gradually become dull and lazy and fearful and useless, and grieve the Holy Spirit and stop the revival.
- Controversy about new measures will stop a revival.
- When those who are engaged in a revival allow themselves to be upset by those who oppose it, and get a bad spirit, the revival will stop. Let them take no notice, but go on with their work. A pastor was once put on trial for new measures, but the church went on praying and believing and the revival continued.
- Anything that distracts public attention from the revival may cause it to cease. The appearance of an angel upon the scenes might have this effect, if it distracted attention.
- Resistance to the temperance movement may stop a revival. Christians can no longer be neutral on this question. The man's hands are red with blood who stands aloof on the question.
- Similarly a revival may be stopped by a church taking wrong ground on some great moral question such as slavery. The church must testify to the truth or she stands perjured by God and the Spirit will leave her.
- Neglecting the claims of missions will again cause revivals to cease.
- A church will grieve the Spirit if it fails to send workers into the ministry.
- Slandering revivals will often cause them to cease. The opposition of sinners and blasphemers and the outside world cannot check a revival. But it is different when the church itself misrepresents and slanders a revival. The Spirit is grieved and the work declines.

WASTING TIME

- Ecclesiastical difficulties will often grieve the Spirit and stop a revival. Some of the most successful revivalists have been called away from their work to answer charges before their church leaders regarding the use of new measures. Their time has been wickedly wasted, and public attention distracted from the great work of winning souls.
- Censoriousness on the part of those people who are carrying on a revival will stop it. While they retain a humble spirit the work will go on, but when they allow themselves to become bitter, to retaliate and reply, the Spirit will be grieved and the revival cease.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT OUGHT TO BE DONE THAT A REVIVAL MAY CONTINUE

- Ministers themselves must deeply and wholeheartedly repent. It is not enough for them to call on their congregation to do so.

They must humble themselves before God. Especially those who have opposed revivals.

- Those churches which have opposed revivals must humble themselves and repent.
- Those who have been engaged in carrying on the work must repent. If they have allowed a bitter, censorious, harsh spirit to creep in, they must repent, and not attempt to justify themselves by saying that others are more to blame.
- Christians must take right ground on politics and must vote only for honest, moral, upright men, who are fit to be trusted with authority. If the church will take a resolute stand, only men of character will be put forward by all parties.
- The church must sanctify the Sabbath. There is a vast and increasing tendency to neglect the Sabbath.

NO NEUTRALITY

- The church must take right ground regarding temperance and moral reform. It has no right to be neutral. It must make its voice heard against drink and immorality, if it wishes for God's blessing on its work.
- There must be more done for all the objects of Christian benevolence, the Bible, missions and education, or the church will displease God.
- Let the whole church go to work for the salvation of souls. Instead of writing and speaking against the measures used, let Christians show a more excellent and successful way. Instead of standing aside and finding fault, let everyone put his hand to the plough. Otherwise revivals will cease, and God will hold Christians answerable for the souls that perish.

SUMMARY

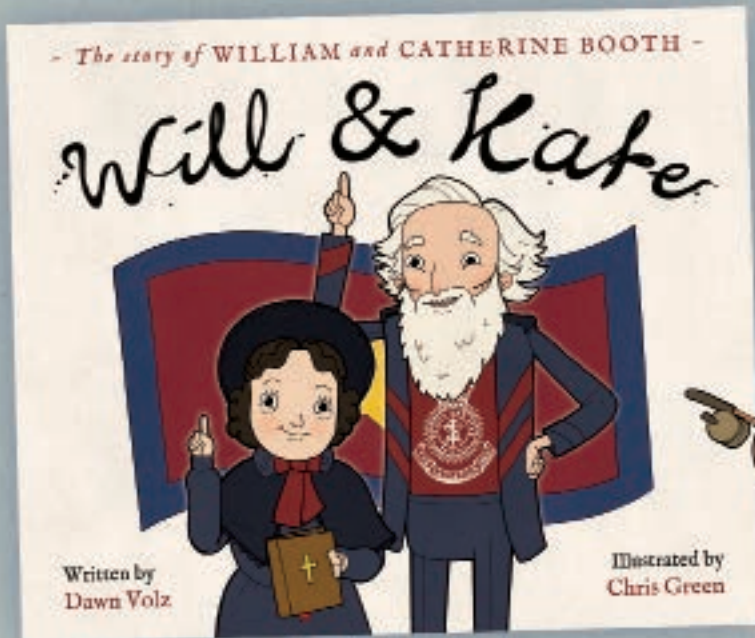
- It is high time that there should be deep and solemn heart-searching on the part of all. Instead of criticising one another, let us all humble ourselves before God.
- Let us repent and forsake our sins and amend our ways. Let us drop all minor differences and unite in winning souls.
- If the church will rise up and do her duty, religion will soon triumph in the world.
- In all revivals there is a constant tendency to decline and backslide. What shall we do? God has been brandishing his blazing sword of war over our heads. We must get down into the dust before him and take hold of his great work unitedly. Let each one do his duty individually, and make up his mind to have a revival. Do not let us blame one another, or that abstract thing, the church, but let us take hold of ourselves, and each do his part in bringing about a great revival of religion.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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