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☆ Hon. Joseph H. Choate,

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THE following Table shows the Number of Institutions now in operation, and of the Workers engaged in them:—

SUMMARY OF SOCIAL OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

	No. of INSTITUTIONS.		
	Gt. Britain.	Abroad.	Total.
Children's Homes	2	35	37
Rescue Homes	25	95	120
Ex-Criminals' Homes ..	1	15	16
Food and Shelter Depots	24	145	169
Labour Bureaux	11	13	24
.. Factories	11	47	58
Farm Colonies	1	12	13
Other Social Institutions..	10	56	66
Total Institutions ..	85	408	493
Slum Posts	54	84	138

Total number of Officers and Cadets engaged in Social Work, 1,725.

**A FEW FIGURES SHOWING SOME OF THE WORK OF THE
DARKEST ENGLAND SCHEME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

	TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1902.	DURING 1903.	TOTAL TO SEPT. 30, 1903.
Number of Meals supplied at Cheap Food Depots	35,263,391	3,381,106	38,644,496
Number of Cheap Lodgings for the Homeless	15,661,892	1,325,056	16,986,948
Number of Meetings held in Shelters	99,242	5,655	104,897
Amount of Cash received from the people for Food and Lodgings	£398,610 8 4½	£32,639 15 0	£431,250 1 4½
Number of Applications from Unemployed registered at Labour Bureaux	147,516	12,863	160,379
Number received into Factories	34,300	4,872	39,172
Number for whom Employment (temporary or permanent) has been found	122,111	14,062	136,173
Number of Ex-Criminals received into Homes	5,790	732	6,522
Number of Ex-Criminals passed through Homes, restored to friends, sent to situations, &c.	3,683	266	3,949
Number of Applications for Lost Persons	27,624	1,728	29,352
Number of Lost Persons Found	10,841	283	11,124
Number of Women and Girls received into Rescue Homes ..	25,129	2,211	27,340
Number of Women and Girls received into Rescue Homes who were sent to Situations, Restored to Friends, &c. ..	20,639	1,855	22,694
Number of Families visited in Slums	255,827	121,596	377,423
Number of Families prayed with	169,429	64,089	233,518
Number of Public Houses visited	241,854	60,445	302,299
Number of Lodging-houses visited	1,595	1,300	2,895
Number of Lodging-house Meetings held	1,150	676	1,826
Number of Sick People visited and nursed	10,916	11,876	22,792

"In The Salvation Army's practical dealings with the social problems, it at once discriminates among people in distress, the difference between those who must remain permanently inefficient, and those who may attain or regain actively useful positions in the community. Alcoholism, vice, disease, weak physical organisation, defects of Intellect or sanity reproduce hereditary deterioration if permitted to do so; and how this is to be dealt with is one of the great problems of future humanity. The Salvation Army, however, in the courage of its spiritual faith, refuses to classify any individual case short of insanity as irreclaimable, therein differing in its tenets from the ideas of lay criminologists. In its comprehensive efforts to reclaim, The Army performs most valuable work in sorting from the habitually criminal and vicious those whose presence among social outcasts may be only due to such a lapse under our uneven social code as a woman's indiscretion, or some other venial offence, and whose general character, capacity, and antecedents render it quite incorrect to class them as inefficient."—(*His Excellency Major-General Sir Herbert Chermide, G.C.M.G., Governor of Queensland.*)

INTRODUCTORY.

BY GENERAL BOOTH.

THE perusal of the following pages will, I think, give some idea of the extent of the work, which, by means of its Social efforts, The Salvation Army is doing to combat the misery around us. I hope also that our friends may gather from these "Letters" some idea of the spirit, as well as the methods, of the devoted men and women who are carrying it on.

Varying our usual custom of issuing an Annual Report more or less devoted to Statistical reviews, or to descriptions of the work by other persons than those engaged in it, we have here printed letters from the workers themselves—letters, in which the writers tell, in their own way, something of their own feelings and hopes, of their toils and tears, while engaged in the great task they have in hand.

In such a warfare with vice and misery, the