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EDITORIAL.

SOCIAL VIEWS: Whilst appreciating the fact that spiritual development is of paramount importance to all salvationists one sometimes wonders why the army does not cater in some degree for the social aspect.

The "Younger Fry" naturally seek some avenue of recreation and if it is not obtainable in the S. A. ranks, it is obvious they will find it elsewhere - this of course involves the risk of their mingling with doubtful company.

Surely it would be possible for a suitable person to be appointed as a 'Social Club Secretary', such position to entail the organisation of various sporting events as well as a social evening occasionally - the outcome of which should result in a greater bond of friendship between the different corps.

It was pleasing to read in the Perth Fortress Observer an account of the recently formed Salvation Army Cricket Association (of which Lt. Colonel Ede is the head) comprising to date six teams and they have apparently spent some happy afternoons in friendly competitive matches. This venture will no doubt be most successful.

If this is possible in the West, surely the Eastern Territory could make a similar move. A general sports association, including games in which the ladies could participate ought to receive decided popularity.

"Uncle Frank", in his recent splendid article of last month viz. 'Character Building' stated "the secret of a strong personality lies in symmetrical development" - "the wise boy" he said "strives to obtain balance in physical, mental, social and religious phases of his nature".

General Evangeline Booth attributes much of her stamina and splendid physique to constant indulgence in modified sport.

: P E R S O N A L :

Elwin Whittaker is down again for a few weeks and we hope to see quite a lot of him. He spent the day with us on Sunday last., at the afternoon open air he appeared adorned in Tommy's tunic - Dave's trousers and Jimmy's cap - certainly a McComb combination.

Bandmaster Thain of Petersham having resigned his position in that capacity is succeeded by Deputy Bandmaster Hanna, and Norman Harris has been appointed Deputy Bandmaster - we extend hearty congratulations to both these comrades.

Dame Rumour reports that Pro. Lieut. Copp recently spent an evening at Ramsgate Baths in the company of two of our esteemed lassies!!!!

Pro. Lieut. Ron Butt is home for a few days owing to health reasons, we trust he will soon be feeling quite O.K. again.

"Kathlyn" is spending her annual holidays at Armidale with Major and Mrs. Ward and family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sister Mrs. Williams who suffered bereavement recently in the passing of her brother-in-law Divisional Bandmaster Winley. He was well known and loved in Army circles.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY:

The marriage of bandsman Ronald Grant Stewart to Primary Leader Hilda Millar is announced to take place at the Citadel on Wednesday 24th April at 8 p.m. Fuller details at a later date.

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Don't forget Harvest Festival Celebrations., opened by the Major (Alderman Smith) at 3 p.m. Programme on Saturday night 8 p.m. - local talent, Monday night - Presbyterian Choir.

RIGHT FROM THE 'ORSE'S 'OOF.

We are sure our readers will be glad to hear that the H.T.J. are arranging an 'extra special' programme which will be held in the very near future. As this variety programme will include many eminent artists of outstanding ability we have decided 1/- admission will not be extortionate (you know what that means)

OUR BANDMASTER'S PAGE:By BANDMASTER H. PALMER...CAMPSIE.

With keen interest I read your Journal of February forwarded by your Editor with a request for me to contribute something for this issue. I found myself diving into its pages as if I were one of you and appreciating all the little pars etc. not forgetting the personalities "Pongo", "Roy the Grocer" and "the english giant of 6'2".

Since receiving the paper I have wished my capabilities as a journalist were such as would add color and richness to this issue, which I expect you look for in articles written. Feeling my inability in this direction I accede to your request for this one reason, that God will use me in the advancement of His Kingdom and the betterment of your band and bandsmen, Xthus I write you a few lines on the thought dominant in my mind,

"I WILL DO MY BEST"

The greatest success is brought about by doing our best. In everything we undertake whether it be business, sport, banding etc., to obtain the desired result we must sacrifice to give of our best.

The business man who thinks his best unnecessary and diverts his attention elsewhere soon finds his objective far in the background and faces the possibility of ruin. If he is a wise man, what does he do? He turns his whole attention to the business, breaks with all hinderances, cuts costs as far as possible and sacrifices his own salary, then rolls up his sleeves and puts in his best - the result is obvious.

The cricketer goes in to bat with the idea that the bowling is easy, no need for much concern. The bowler sends down a couple and senses the batsman's lack of life, takes courage, sends down a good one which the batsman if keen could deal with, but in his neglectful attitude touches with the bat, but the ball goes to the wicket keeper who yells "How's sat" and back to the pavillion he goes - no score. The captain is disappointed, the team is let down and the game is lost.

Is anything but our best acceptable to God? Would any of us offer Him anything less than our best? I suppose numbers of us, nay all of us, would say if we were business men, we would at least endeavour to do our best from the start and keep at it, or if cricketers we would never treat the bowling cheaply, what then are we

doing with our banding job?

We are all well aware what Christ said about those who were ~~l~~swarm. He expects us to be red hot, in other words He wants our best. Let us then live near to God that we may feel the indwelling and guiding of His Blessed Spirit so that when we pray for sinners we will have such power in prayer that our work will be a success, our objective will be reached and souls will be won. If on the other hand we treat our souls' needs in a neglectful fashion then ruin is certain and with the cunning crafty bowler, Satan, who is doing his best, our score will be a duck. Bandsmen! let us then become the best men that God by His spirit can make us - away with hinderances, do our best and He will do the rest.

What about attendance, punctuality, deportment, playing, singing, speaking etc? Are we giving our best? Are we earnest about our work of winning the people? If not, I would say let us examine our hearts and yield ourselves unreservedly to the Christ who died to purchase our redemption then our best will be our pleasure.

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DUO....TRUTHS.

Loving life more than Christ means death; loving Christ more than death means life.
The prayer of faith honors God. God honors the prayer of faith.
If you would experience God afresh, seek fresh experience with God.
A faithless prayer is as useless as a prayerless faith.
If you would get into Heaven you must get Heaven into you.
Every man should purpose to be true, and he should be true to his purpose.
Put faith before reason and not reason before faith.

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God never would send you the darkness if He felt you could stand the light, but you would not cling to His guiding hand if the way was always bright. And you would not care to walk by faith could you always walk by sight.

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"A little nonsense Now & Then -  is relished by the Greatest Men!"

"Material things WASTE AND WEAR AWAY" which only bears out Lou's excuse for appearing in civies on a recent Sunday night.

If the "Wave Offering" is to be a regular feature in the future, we predict a busy night for the handkerchief stall. Seemingly, (judging from the recent patchy displays) many comrades are waiting for the Harvest Festival to make their purchases.

"Ming" has succeeded in getting the glory with the "wave offerings" but we are sad to say it is only a "half masted" effort.

* Not so "Joyful Tidings" - our new Base section.

Horses

Tenders are hereby called for the removal of deposits of fertilizers which exists in varying quantities around the Friday night open air stand.

(Charlie says his finger prints are recorded at Scotland Yard - that's nuthin' the Editor's are on the Journal.

Bandsmen! read Fletcher King's hints on courtship - success guaranteed !!!!!

Seeing that Major and Mrs. Whittaker's ambitions were realised, it is now evident that Major and Mrs. Howarth (by the purchase of 'horned rims') are aspiring to the command of Congress Hall Corps.

COMING EVENTS: General Evangeline Booth's visit
" " " Fletcher's solo at Congress

(The fact that our worthy band secretary collected the highest amount at last month's bombardment suggests Norm: "Little man you had a busy day".

It just shows you the thoughts our lads entertain whilst on duty as bandsmen. Frank Huggett quoted during bombardment "Where I 'ham' there ye may be also". Ron Stewart, evidently having oats foremost in his mind replied promptly to this statement "no mustard thankyou!"

Boys: "HAIR WAVED (MARCEL OR PERM) FREE OF CHARGE" at a notable Hairdressing Establishment. - full particulars from the Editor. Don't miss this marvellous opportunity.

B/M. Scotney complimented the boys on their good behaviour on the platform at C.H. Major stated "they were just as good off the platform" - 'still waters run deep'.

(the following article and the enclosed picture was kindly forwarded along by Adjutant and Mrs. Brister of North Peiping, China, to whom we are greatly indebted).

MUSICIANS IN MAKING

(this article is taken from the "Crusader" the English Supplement to the Chinese War Cry).

Music has long played a great part in salvation army activities, although only regarded as a means to an end and never reckoned an end in itself.

Of course it was only to be expected that the army would bring music with it to China when commencing work in this land. The potent appeal of music to the people of the Republic has been frequently demonstrated since those pioneer days. Whether in the thronging streets of large cities or the less crowded streets of country towns and villages, people everywhere have hurriedly gathered together at the sound of the drum or cornet.

The value of music in our work has led to special classes being arranged in the Training Institute in which the rudiments of music are taught the Cadets. Practical training is also given to the men through the formation of a small band.

Great promise is shown by the boys in the Boys' Home in this direction. Some months ago brass instruments were brought from England for the purpose of organising a band in the Home. The boys have made remarkable progress under the tuition of a Chinese comrade from Headquarters and have already made their appearance in public several times, creating no little interest and gaining well deserved applause through their tuneful playing.

This little band has made visits to various corps where they have proved a centre of attraction by their neat uniforms well polished instruments and enthusiastic playing.

The girls from the Girls' Home have already a well established reputation for musical ability. Their singing and musical items are always an appreciated feature of the annual congress meetings.

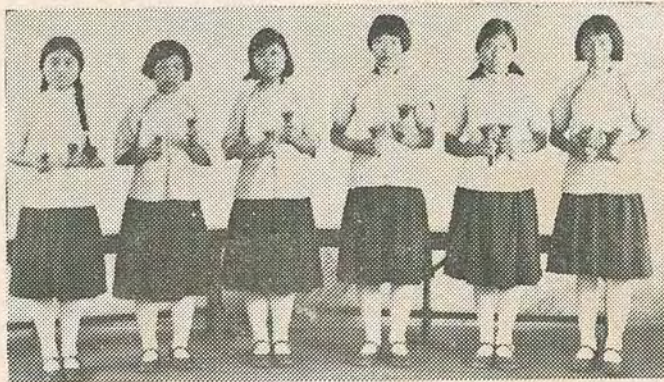
The cleverness of the girls with hand bells have never failed to please an audience, while their performance on musical glasses is always a source of wonderment to those privileged to witness it.



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THE BELL RINGERS

Recently the girls broadcasted a programme of music in Peiping. The musical glasses proved so popular that several telephone requests were received at the close of the item for a repetition.

An interesting innovation amongst the girls has been the formation of a mandolin band. The instruments were designed by one of our officers and made by a carpenter in Peiping. This band has proved a splendid success and attracted much attention at the first appearance.

May these chinese links in the army chain of music and song which encircles the earth be further multiplied and used with greater effectiveness in bringing souls to Him - "Whom to know is Life Eternal".

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The Matron of the Girls' Home is an Australian - Adjutant Mrs. Elliott. The officer who designed the mandolins and taught the girls to play them as well as the hand bells and glasses is also an Australian Major Leonard Stranks.

JUST..BEING..HAPPY.

Just being happy is a fine thing to do
Looking on the bright side rather than the blue,
Sad or sunny musing is largely in the choosing
And just being happy is brave work and true.

Just being happy helps other souls along
Their burdens may be heavy and they not strong,
And your own sky will lighten if other skies you brighten
By just being happy with a heart full of song.

CHORUS: Tune - THE BELLS OF ST. MARYS.

In anguish and sorrow my Saviour is groaning,
For me a poor sinner He dies on the tree;
Oh, list to His crying, as He hangs there dying.
Forgive them, hear Him pleading there for you and me.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST

Old Timer

Mixed and varied are the memories of other days. At the word "remember" we cast our minds back say ten or twenty years, perhaps more. Vivid scenes flash across our minds, their tragedy, pathos, humour etc. are all lived over again within the space of a few minutes. The most entertaining of all memories are of the humorous type and being acquainted with the humorous past of Hurstville band I will endeavour in these few words to recall some of it for you.

We had a 'hanger on' connected with our band some years ago and by the way he was one of our solo cornetists (still that was no glory to anyone in such a position in the early days of "OUR BAND") who was a source of hilarious amusement, although quite unconscious of the fact himself. He had a happy knack of appearing at frequent intervals, uninvited and when least expected at various bandsmen's homes, weighed down by two suitcases and quite casually announcing his intention of staying indefinitely.

On one occasion he borrowed a horse and sulky from one of the boys and returned with a new set of harness. Presenting the bill to the astonished owner he said "the horse was badly in need of new harness and I thought it would be a good idea to purchase a new set at your expense" - very humorous indeed.

Having rather original ideas his next whim was an egg and butter run. In this he excelled himself and very nearly expelled himself also. His favourite hour for calling on bandsmen customers was approximately 6 a.m. Army bandsmen strongly objected to being awakened at such an unearthly hour - hence the egg and butter business soon fell through.

However, he did not accept failure as defeat, for a few months later we read in one of the local rags that school children had been poisoned by foul soup and the parents were going to take action. Looking into the matter we discovered that our friend had taken up business next to a school and unfortunately, manufactured soup which was not in accordance with the pure foods act of 1908.

This particular chap being still at large, in the course of a few years I hope to record a few more of his antics.

Approximately seven years ago there played in our band a wheezy soprano cornettist who had a defective vision. It was customary in those days (as it is now) to hold our Sunday night open air outside of Jolleys.

In the vicinity nearby existed a rather vile drain outlet from which drifted aromas of the rotten egg variety at the precise time of our open air commencement and incidentally throughout the whole service. To the ordinary natural capacity of the everyday salvation army bandsman this drain was pronounced vile, but to this particular bandsman (who being bereft of natural sensitiveness of sight and apparently endowed with specially sensitive nostrils) this smell was unearthly and certainly not heavenly. He overcame matters by concealing in his hip pocket a large bottle of phenol and when the drain started to hum he would pour a generous supply into its murky depths and quietly walk back to his position with a smile of satisfaction beaming on his face.

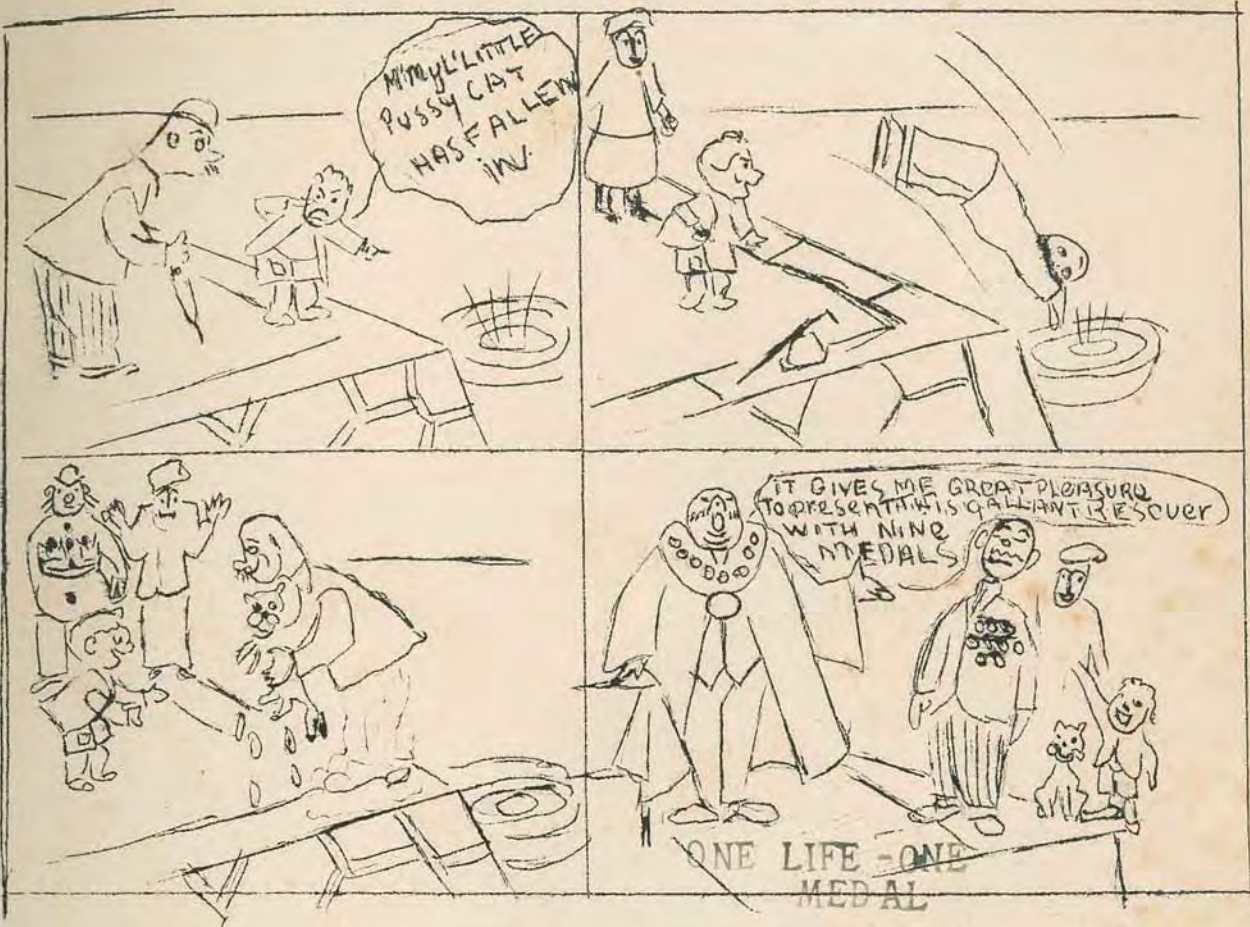
On another occasion the band was due to fulfil a country engagement. We had to meet this chap at Banksia station, but when the train pulled in he was nowhere in sight. As the train moved slowly off we perceived a familiar figure rushing frantically along the platform. His feet were covered with socks only - his boots dangled in his hands - an unfastened tunic revealed a shirt (also undone) minus collar. We learned on inquiry that he had 'slept in'. Naturally the few minutes available in which to catch the train had prevented him from devoting any attention to toilet preparations (on his face was a thick stubble of at least three days growth). However, he managed to appear presentable at the journey's end.

A CHALLENGE.

Congress Hall cricket team have challenged the Hurstville band to a cricket match on Easter Monday, which has been accepted, and the match will be played in all probability at Bexley Oval. Women barrackers are urged to attend, as their inspiring presence will doubtless cause many boundaries to be scored (probably by C.H.) The Congress Hall team will be captained by b/man Jack Farthing, and the following H/ville team has been selected. The captain (Arthur Copp) has fixed a target for each budding cricketer. Failure to reach target - ???????

A. Copp (Captain) 0	Albert Dale 10
Norman Stacey 8	Hector Jarrett..... 228 (not out)
Jimmy Huggett78	Lewis Hodge 2
Frank Huggett11	Wilfrid Graham 3
Tommy McComb.....14	Roy Hoepper 9
Ray Copp 13	William Bedwell ... 12th man
	Reg. Jarrett..... 13th "

We apologise for the omission of Band Personalities this month.



We are pleased to announce the arrival of the latest addition to the Hodge family; namely, a baby daughter.

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Our friend Clem is on the move again we believe he is contemplating a trip to Queensland. What for this time Clem?

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COMING EVENTS.

Saturday April 13th. -
ANNUAL BAND FESTIVAL BY CAMPSIE BAND
(fuller details next month).

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Lieut. Commissioner Adams (The new Territorial Commander for New Zealand) is a band enthusiast, and has displayed his interest in a practical manner by granting one of the bands a donation of £20 towards a scheme they have in hand.

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