



Colonel Thomas Cloud, promoted to Glory from Hadleigh, Essex, on Thursday, March 31st.

# A LIFE OF SALVATION ENDEAVOUR

RECALLED BY THE PASSING OF COLONEL THOMAS CLOUD

THE career of Colonel Thomas Cloud, who was promoted to Glory on Thursday of last week, provided a striking example of what can be accomplished by perseverance and the application of native ability.

The Colonel was born in humble circumstances. At the age of three he was taken into the workhouse with his mother and little sister, as the family had been left to its own devices.

At nine years of age he engaged himself to a draper at half a crown a week. When he was twelve he tasted independence and set up in the grocery line, his only capital being the sum of threepence. In three years he had made such progress as to be the owner of a pony and cart. This faculty of self-improvement never failed him.

While still a lad he met The Army and became converted. His first ambition was to play in the Band. He began by learning to play a bugle-horn and finally persuaded the Bandmaster to give him an instrument. This he also mastered.

In 1886 he entered the Training College from Hull Icehouse.

In 1891 the Colonel was married to

**Youth Year in the  
Wales and Western  
Territory**

Captain Annie Sells, whose zeal and ability have been a continued support and inspiration during their many years of energetic service together. Their honeymoon was spent in conducting Meetings.

After becoming a Captain he commanded nine Corps in the Provinces, and was then appointed as a Garrison Officer.

As a Divisional Officer he had the unusual experience of being twice in charge of the North and West London Divisions, besides commanding the South London Division.

From South London, Colonel Cloud was appointed to the command of the Birmingham Division, and his seven years at the Midland capital were marked by many striking advances.

The opening of Corps, the building of Halls, the enrolment of Soldiers, the forming of Bands and advances in the Young People's Work, were associated

with the name of Colonel Cloud in more than one country.

For five years the Colonel was the sub-Territorial Commander for Wales, where he made a reputation for aggressive Salvationism.

A complete change of scene and environment came in 1923 with his appointment as sub-Territorial Commander for Newfoundland. With characteristic vigour and cheerfulness, the Colonel embraced the new opportunities and travelled many miles in the ice and snow.

With another turn of the Army wheel the Colonel was appointed as the Territorial Commander for the West Indies West Territory.

When in this position he greatly interested himself in The Army's work amongst the blind, and was the first Officer to make representations to the Government concerning this branch of work which has since been greatly

extended. In 1937, an Institute for the Blind was opened by the wife of the Governor of Jamaica.

The Colonel served in the West Indies until his retirement, six years ago, from active service.

A few months afterward, when Colonel and Mrs. Cloud were campaigning at Congleton, the mayor recalled the occasion when, in 1887, the Colonel was brought before the local magistrates for obstruction and sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment. However, the mayor of that day refused to sign the commitment and the Captain was set free. His efforts to get the publicans to close the public-houses at the proper time, were much opposed. Rioting occurred, and on one occasion the young Captain was protected by a bodyguard of Soldiers.

Commissioner Wm. Maxwell conducted the Funeral Service at Hadleigh yesterday (Monday).

## ISAAC'S MOTHER

BY ADJUTANT ISA MILLIGAN

ISAAC saw his mother tie around her waist the strings of her snow-white apron, and reach for her shawl. No further invitation was necessary to accompany her, for they were inseparable companions.

He slipped his arms into his coat, and proceeded to brush into order the tousled golden curls of which his mother was justly proud. It was not until the door had slammed in harmony with the passion of her heart that she vouchsafed to Isaac her mission of revenge.

The Army folk had more than overstepped the mark! They had actually publicly announced her as their special

on Flanders battlefields, he must keep.

Steadfastly the young Bandsman made his way to the Holiness Table, to seal his vows. His mother, a uniformed Salvationist, knelt by Isaac, and again a tear fell affectionately on the head of her only son, her last earthly treasure.

'But if God wants you,' she said, 'just as Abraham was willing to give up Isaac, so I will give Him my Isaac.' Prayerfully and tearfully she made her offering to God.

To-day, as a Salvation Army Officer, he recalls the influence of a mother who opened unto him the word of truth and showed him the way of life.

### TUNE IN FOR THESE

**SUNDAY** Petersham (Sydney)  
April 17th Band. Lieut.-Com-  
missioner W. Dalziel.

5 p.m. (Eastern Australia time); Station VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 m., 9,590 kc/s.

This will be heard in Great Britain at seven o'clock Easter Sunday morning (G.M.T.). The broadcast will be repeated three times. The first repetition will be at 8.15 p.m., Easter Sunday (Eastern Australia time, 10.15 a.m. G.M.T.). The second at 11.15 p.m., Easter Sunday (1.15 p.m. G.M.T.). The third at 1.30 a.m., Easter Monday (3.30 p.m. Easter Sunday, G.M.T.).

**SUNDAY** Broadcast Salvation  
May 8th Army Meeting, led  
5 p.m. by Commissioner Karl

Larsson, Territorial Commander for Sweden. From Stockholm (426.1 m.).

**SATURDAY** Cambridge Heath  
May 28th Band. Regional pro-  
2.15 p.m. gramme (342.1 m.).