



**(SARAH)**

General Cartwright!

**GENERAL**

Good morning, Sarah. Arvide.

**ARVIDE**

Good morning, General.

**SARAH**

We didn't know you were coming to town, General.

**GENERAL**

I got in early this morning. I've spent the last hour trying to find you.

*(AGATHA appears in the Mission doorway)*

**SARAH**

Oh, I'm sorry. We've been holding some extra street meetings, trying to stimulate more interest—

**AGATHA**

Good morning, General.

**GENERAL**

Good morning—Sarah, there's something I want to talk to you about.

**SARAH**

Won't you come inside—have some lunch with us?

**GENERAL**

No, I don't have time, dear. I have several other calls to make—Sarah, we at headquarters have come to a definite conclusion. We have decided to close this branch of the Mission.

**SARAH**

Oh, no.

**ARVIDE**

Close the Mission!

**SARAH**

But, General, please! Someone can do good here, even if I can't.

**GENERAL**

Sarah, there are so many calls on us,—

*(SARAH crosses to L., pass GENERAL)*

—so many other places where our work is really needed.