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Sir Hubert Von Herkomer,
1849 - 1914
Portrait of General William
Booth 1829-1912, founder of
the Salvation Army

Price

GBP 6,500

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Description

Sir Hubert Von Herkomer, 1849 - 1914 Portrait of General William Booth 1829-1912, founder of the Salvation Army oil on canvas 31 x 23 cm (12 x 9 in.) This portrait is likely to be a studio Modello Portrait painted by Herkomer. The large full scale portrait of William Booth after Sir Hubert Von Herkomer at the William Booth College. William Booth, (1829-1912), founder of the Salvation Army, was born at Sneinton, a suburb of Nottingham, on 10 April 1829, one of five children of Samuel Booth (1775-1842), a speculative builder, and his second wife, Mary Moss (b. 1791). He was sent to Biddulph's School, Nottingham, but it failed to turn him into either a gentleman or a scholar; at thirteen, because of family poverty, he was apprenticed to a pawnbroker in a squalid part of Nottingham. Although he proved an able assistant to his employer, he spoke of this experience in later life with bitterness. Soon after his apprenticeship began his father, whose business affairs had gone from bad to worse, died; the family, struggling to make ends meet, moved into a shop. Booth's 'blighted childhood', as he always called it, left a powerful impression on his mind. Booth drifted out of th...

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