

Nov 30, 1878

Dear Sister Ouchterlony

I have duly received both your letters and am very sorry that I have really not had time to reply before, but I have been almost continually moving from place to place since I returned from Sweden, and it is not easy to do much correspondence in those circumstances. But if I have not written much, I have thought very much about my people in Värnamo. Many times since I left you I have hoped that the Lord will let me see you all again some day – and I am praying for you that He will keep you in the arms of His love and preserve you from the snares of the wicked one. I am thankful to you for the news you send me in yours. I am always glad to know about the Lord's work in your own heart and in the hearts of those around you as well. You do not speak of your father. Please remember me to him. I trust he did and that he still does keep hold of Jesus as his Saviour. I am very glad you have had some meetings since. I hope you will keep them up – they will help you all.

I am thankful to the Lord that He is bringing you on in His own way. His spirit will speak to you, in your heart. Always listen. And always obey. Do not wait a moment. When He says do something. Do it. At once. If you will only do this always, He will never leave you alone, but give you always the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Ghost. The reason that many people lose their joy and strength is this – they do not do as the Spirit tells them – and then as Paul says, He is grieved and goes away. You are to be "fed by the Spirit". Sometimes He will bring you to trial – and you will suffer, but in your heart you will have more power and joy than if you did not bear the cross and suffer with and for Him.

It rejoices me to know that you were so much blessed that day when Mr Sandbod had preached. How good the Lord is. Now you are to live by faith. So walk by faith. So stand by faith. It is all by simple and constant faith in Jesus. According to your faith God will do to you, and do for you, and do by you. Faith works by love. Increase of trust in God brings with it continual increase of love to God and man. I cannot tell you of any better book to read than that *Perfect Love*. I have read it once or twice and it has done me good each time.

Now I know you feel timid in speaking to others. I do. It is bodily weakness. But you must persevere. You must do it even when it is very hard to do. Jesus did. God has promised "open thy mouth wide and I will fill it". Ps 81:11. If you will open your mouth – then He will fill it. Not until it is open. When you begin to speak – then He will give you words to say, and they will be words of power – that will do something.

I am trying to write today to Sisters Björkman + to Brother Duncan. Please remember me to Sister Törnbohm – tell her to keep close to Jesus. Satan will try to persuade that because she does not always feel very happy that she is not a child of God, and does not love Him. But he is liar. He is a deceiver and wishes to upset her and fill her with doubt and

darkness. When he comes in like that she must lift her heart to the Lord and he will come in power and the enemy will be driven away.

I will continue to pray in faith for you all. The Lord is strong. He will make all things work together for good. All things. Do you believe it?

Have you seen anything more of the station masters governess? I think she was much troubled. And there were one or two others whom she trust wounded, I hope they will be saved. It is good to know about Miss I's Sister. The Lord keeps them both. He will.

I am keeping partly well in body. And the work of the Lord is going on well. Many have come to Jesus where I have been these few weeks. I do hope that someday we may send a Mission to Värnamo. In fact, I would like to do all Sweden.

Hold fast the beginning of your confidence steadfast to the end. Abide close to Jesus. Begin every day with Him, take Him with you everywhere. Look after the weak ours. Feed the lambs.

And the great Shepherd Himself shall be your leader now and for ever.

Faithfully and affectionately yours in the Lord

W. Bramwell Booth

Miss Ouchterlony

I quite understand your letters. You write English very much better than you speak it.

2 Long Road
 London. 6 Jan 29 79
 Dear Sister Buckholme,
 I duly received yours
 and I am sorry I could not answer
 it sooner. I was glad to hear from
 you, and to know of your well-
 being. I hope all my friends in
 Warrand are also well both in
 body and soul.
 With regard to speaking
 about salvation from sin I do
 think it is necessary. If God
 can do it for us, I think we
 should be ungrateful if we
 did not acknowledge it - and
 we must not be ashamed to
 use his words - he says Be
ye holy - he says be clean - Be
filled with the Spirit and when
 by the power of the precious blood of
Jesus we are cleansed from
all sin we must not be ashamed
 to say so to others, and to tell of
 his wonderful grace and uttermost
 salvation. He says if we are ashamed
 of this word, he will be ashamed of
 us - so we will speak plainly no
 matter what people say or
 think about us. Mark vi - 35
 I know it is difficult. I
 feel it often so myself, but I
 always feel after such joy and
 peace in my soul, that I
 am glad I took up the Cross
 and testified or spoke up for
 Jesus and what He can do.
 By faith it is obtained and
 by faith it is kept, but to
 speak of it to others, to declare
 that God ever we have the
 witness or knowledge that our
 ways please God is a great
 help to faith. Do not stagger or
 be afraid to tell what God has
 done. If it be sin it is sin, it
 matters little about any body else
 or their opinions, but we are

Speak out boldly for the sake of
 others who do not know the same
 joy and the same deliverance out
 of the hand of all our enemies
 See Luke I 71 to 75. I have torn
 out some notes of mine from
 a Magazine for Feb 1878 - if you
 had time to read them they
 may ^{give} you some help.
 Give my love in the Lord
 to all I know. I am sorry you are
 still so troubled about your father
 I hoped he was saved. I will
 pray for him. Have you heard
 anything as to the Brookmans
 father's estate, I hope they
 also will be saved. Remember
 me to them please.
 The Lord is all-wise. His
 ways are not our ways. When
 he sends trouble and sorrow,
 they are for some plan or
 purpose of his own, and we
 must, if we will be happy
 say always with our heart - Thy
 will be done -
 I like to hear from you
 Sarah I had more time to write
 letters. Remember me to Miss I
 the sister, and your sister -
 and all. "Jesus forbear" is still
 our watchword is it not? He
 can do save. Blessed be
 his name. I had a letter from
 Mr Duncan last week - I hope
 you had a good time up there
 with him. Hope the housekeeper
 at Warrand is working hard
 fast. Tell her now to listen to
 Satan who is a liar, but always
 to keep her ear open to Jesus.
 God bless and guide you
 in all things and give you
 the joys of a full salvation
 yours in the Lord Jesus
 W. Mansfield Booth.
 Miss Buckholme.