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Dear Sister Ouchterlony,

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 wellbeing. I hope all my friends in Värnamo 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 <u>his</u> words – he says <u>"Be Ye holy"</u> – He says <u>be clean</u> – "<u>Be filled with the Spirit</u> "and when by His power and the precious blood of Jesus we are <u>cleansed from "all sin"</u> 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 <u>ashamed of his words</u>, He will be ashamed of us – so we will speak plainly no matter what people say or think about us. Mark 8:35

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 like Enoch 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 He sees and knows, it matters little about anybody else or their opinions, but we are to 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 1:71-75. I have torn out some notes of mine from a magazine for Feb18, 78 – if you have time to read them they may give you some help. Give the love of the Lord to all I know. I am sorry are still so troubled about your father. I hoped he was saved. I will pray for him. Have you heard anything as to the Björkmans brother and sisters, 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. I wish I had more time to write letters. Remember me to Miss I and her sister, and your sister – and all. "Jesus frälsar" is still our watchword is it not? He can and He $\underline{\text{does}}$ 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. I hope the housekeeper at the Andersons is holding Jesus fast. Tell her never to listen to Satan who is a $\underline{\text{liar}}$, 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

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