

THE SALVATION ARMY
NATIONAL TRAINING BARRACKS

CONGRESS HALL
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My dear Friend,

Your letter from Wernamo is to hand today. I am so thankful you seem cheered up. Remember when you suffer, we suffer; when you grieve, we grieve. About Garside you are I fear more anxious than your letters show. I do not think he should come away. But I do think you will do a great wrong to the work of God which you love more than you love any flesh and blood, if you put him in your place – if you value his life at the expense of your own. Do not do it. I beg of you give place to the judgement of us who can better estimate than you what is of the first importance and what is of the second. Consider your own health and strive to live and keep well or you will greatly grieve God and me and much endanger a great work which if all be well, will move all Sweden.

I have been anxious about you days post – you have been much in my thoughts – in the night when I have not slept. I feel you are in some danger – you are not to over-value God's good things or He will take them from you. Dear friend bear with me when I say hard things – but when I see you in a danger which perhaps you do not see shall I not warn you! I must.

Send Garside to the sea. And go also a little to rest yourself. You must rest. Mind as well as body. If you will not in Sweden, we must bring you to a damp in England! God does not hold you responsible for what you cannot do.

You say you love your children. Of course. That is right. That is God's goodness. That is why He gave them. You shall love them and train them to love Him and suffer for Him. But you shall love them in Him. Then it will not be burdensome love – a love that brings a weight.

I wish I could meet you in Wernamo. A few days of rest there! But I do not expect again to go there. Time is so short.

I am grieved for Jennie, my love to her. God will spare her. I do not think she will die. Do not be fainthearted. Fear not. Only tell me the real truth; or I will be vexed. You are all my children, my people – are you not? – I think how I feel by what you feel – and tell me the truth.

A Majors Council is sitting this week. I am very busy. We were delighted by Garside's wire on Monday about the Holiness Meeting. You are safe to win.

Now remind. The Kingdom of God is within you. Have care for yourself for the Kingdom's Sake – I do not ask it on any grounds of your regard for us – for me – but for God's sake and Sweden's.

Look up. Learn to Lie still in the arms of omnipotent Love sometimes and lay others there. I will write again.

I pray without ceasing for you and am sure with Love in the Lord of all – yours

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