

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY,
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Dear Miss Ouchterlony,

I don't know whether Bramwell has written you, as he has sent a number of letters from his own home where he has been confined mostly in bed, for several days. He has had a bad attack of dysentery, brought on by too much on his brain. Dear boy, thank God he is better, and hopes to get to Headquarters on Monday next. Now I just send a line to say how delighted we are with the news in your letter, and with Garside's report. We are putting the letter in the War Cry, you will see it there. We shall send the books asked for as soon as the Swedish Songs are out, which we expect will be in a day or two.

Praise God for the wonderful beginning he has given you. Now you must be very wise. I know you will be loving, and I feel quite sure you will be filled with zeal to make the best of such an opportunity of bringing Salvation to your own Country. What a privilege! I know you will weep, pray, and struggle to make the best use of your opportunity to save the people from going to Hell, and to bring multitudes to salvation.

But at the same time I do want you to be wise, and take every possible care of your health. You are not strong. You have been resting a good bit, and have therefore got a large amount of recover strength, consequently you may not perceive the wear to tear of the War upon you at first, but the strength will wear down if you are not careful, then leave you a wreck, helpless, unable either to help other people or keep yourself afloat. Do take as much sleep as you can, and let other people do in the meetings all they can. Never do in a meeting yourself what other can do. That is if there is anybody else there that can sing well enough, let them sing; if there is anybody that can speak, let them speak; anybody that can pray, let them pray. Make new converts sing and speak; you lead. Make the singing go with your hands; save yourself all you can.

Don't be in too great a hurry to get converts. Let them be miserable for a good time; they will be all the more established, and in earnest when you do get them. Push Garside up to learn the language; not too much at once, but little by little.

What about Gothenburgh? I don't know how that stands. Have you any offer of a hall in Gothenburgh. Bramwell knows I suppose. – Write us all you want to say, and ask all you want to know, and what we can do for you we will.

We are very busy here, there are many trials, especially with money, just now, but God will bring us through.

Yours affectionately
William Booth