

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY,
272, WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON .E.

27 dec 1879

Dear Sister Ouchterlony,

I was thankful to have your last letter and pleased to know that the Lord is dealing with you so wisely. I see he knows better what is good for you than I do, or you do yourself. The Medicine is often nasty but good. And the Lord deals with us like a good physician.

I fully understand how you feel about speaking to the people on this Higher life. You are afraid to make them disagree among themselves. But you must not mind. Jesus will stand by you and will give you wisdom to teach them the ways of the Lord. Be sure not to close your mouth. Satan will do all he can to make you be quiet. But you are not ignorant of his devices.

In this one matter of confessing Jesus, I believe lies a whole lot of the secret of failure or success. People who speak out, are very seldom doubters. So confess Christ helps our hearts to believe in Him.

Few as you say can understand the secret things of God. The Spirit is tender and only those who follow Him carefully, and listen for each whisper, get the best of His blessings and words and joy. Give my love in the Lord to that dear blacksmith tell him. Jesus came to put away sin, to save from sin, His blood was shed to save us, so that we could serve Him in holiness, without fear all the days of our life. Luke 1:68-75. And while you are to esteem and look up to all who you know to love God, you must not let what everybody says, take you away from the word of the Lord. God is your teacher. Follow Him.

I praise the Lord for that dear girl you tell me of. I hope her father will be saved. Remember me with much sympathy to the sisters Järnile – the Lord is a Comforter. He knows these sorrows and tears and He loves them more in sorrows. When the waves go over our heads He is near. There is a hymn we sing about the Christian pilgrim which says in one verse – “When stern affliction clouds his cheer and death stands at the door, He hears a voice which says Look up ’tis better on before. Do you sometimes sing, “Jesus frälsa mig”? I do. It still does me good.

I trust you have had a good Christmas. We have had good meetings = much of the Holy Ghost –

I am afraid I cannot promise when I will come to Sweden. It is difficult. I have much to do.

Mr and Mrs Billups are pretty well, but very busy. I will ask Mrs B to write to you.

I trust 1880 shall be the best year of your life. More of Jesus, and more souls for Jesus, and then I am sure it will be a happy new year.

Love to all.

Affectionately greetings your brother in the Lord

W. Bramwell Booth

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