

1 May 1880

Dear Sister Ouchterlony,

I desire to hear soon again of your welfare. I am afraid you will think my last letters to you have been very short. – I am sorry that my time is so much occupied, day and night, with the work of God that I am unable to write to you as I would like. But I can and do pray for my people in Sweden. Look to the Lord. Beware of looking to your surroundings and circumstances. Look not to yourself. Be not dismayed at the enemy, he is a liar and a coward and our Jesus has conquered him, and therefore Jesus shall conquer him also. The darkness is to try your faith. God can only make your faith strong by setting it to the test. - I am sure God would deal far more kindly with us, if we would not try to stop Him when he begins. We seek to lay down the cross because it is heavy and because it hurts. Oh Lord forgive us and teach us to be wiser, and follow Him all the way.

I am better in body than I have been. Praise the Lord. I trust you also are better and that your path is plain to you. Remember that the Lord has promised to make our way straight before us, if we commit ourselves and all that we have to Him, I know you have done that. I pray for you that you may be guided by the Master.

The work of the Lord in this country is still going forward. Many souls are brought to Jesus, and others are seeking and finding the Second blessing of a clean heart. I rejoice to see it and though much care rests upon me, I joy in the Lord and in His work.

By the same post as this letter I send you a book called the Salvation Navy. It is the life of one of our Captains and I know will interest you and cheer you. I see by your letters that your English is very very good so you will be able to understand it all, I am quite sure. Tell me what you think when you have read it. If the Björkmans would like one I will be pleased to send another. Remember me to them and to all, with love in the Lord. Let your light shine. Jesus can and will save from fear of man. Open your mouth and He will fill it. Rejoice always, and again I say rejoice.


Satan will tempt you to doubt because your thoughts run away at prayer, and when at reading the word – that is not sin that is an infirmity of our poor weak body – just as a pain in our finger. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.

Affectionately your brother in our Lord Jesus Christ

W. Bramwell Booth

Miss Ouchterlony

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 W. Hammond Booth
 Miss Octob. 1880


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