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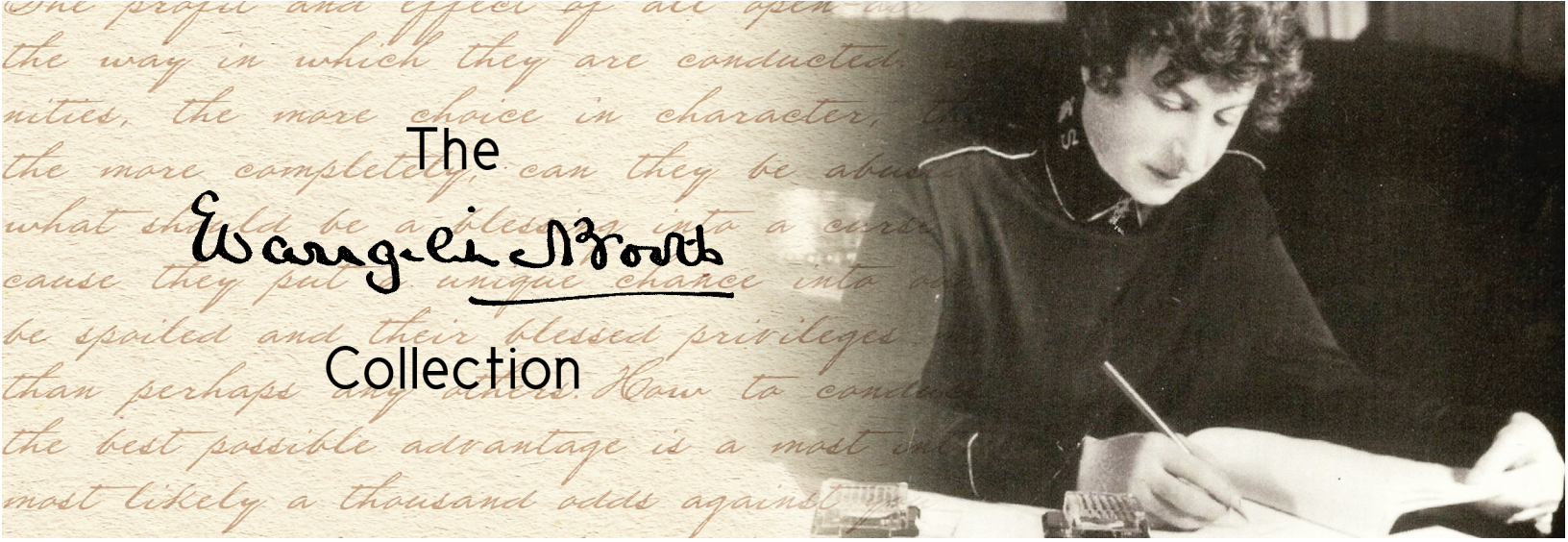
**THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE**  
A Message to Salvationists

Very early in its history The Salvation Army became international. Today our territories are under every sky, our titles ramble into all languages, upon our flag the sun never goes down. Hence, naturally, our sympathies are with every undertaking that tends to bring the nations together, and I do not think it is speaking presumptuously to say that both the faith and the practice of me Salvation Army have wielded no small influence toward this end.

No people's prayer will be more earnest, and the confidence of none more demanding, than those of the officers and soldiers Of The Salvation Army as they ask of God that the ultimate union of all nations of the earth in goodness, in truth, and in justice shall be the outcome of the Disarmament Conference, for hath He not made "of one blood all the nations of men?"

The Salvation Army has witnessed the marvelous transformations made by the grace of God in all peoples, destroying that jealousy, that greed for possession, that inconsideration of others that foster division and engender strife, replacing them by the principle of justice, the love of mercy, and the Spirit of Christ, the world's Redeemer, before whom all alike are in the uttermost need, and in whom all alike can find an equally uttermost salvation.

The Conference called by our President, to which the nations are sending their representatives to consider the limitations of armaments, is unparalleled in importance in all history, and I am sure it has been the burden of thought of my people from its first announcement, We join our prayers in the fervent petitions of tens of thousands of Christian hearts all over this country, who with importunity ask of God that through Divine wisdom the great brains as well as the great hearts which are concentrated upon the most stupendous question that has ever been before men, will find some way to overcome the mammoth obstacles that confront them as to the practicability of the disarmament of the nations, and evolve a plan which shall be a solution of the problem, so that this Conference, momentous in its relationship to the progress and benefit, almost the very existence of the human race, shall be a step toward that glad day when God shall spread His treaty of peace over all monarchies and republics, and all kings, and presidents and rulers shall come up to sign it; when the seat men-



o'-war, built for errands of destruction, shall be changed into merchantmen with commerce to enrich the world instead of death to impoverish it, or shall be kept to be looked upon as relics of a barbarous age; when the ingenious inventions of the masterly tacticians of the battlefield shall be supplanted by even more ingenious devices to overcome the various enemies of the unfortunate man and solve the problems of the poor; when the marvelous surgical discoveries made in the treatment of gunshot fractures and shrapnel wounds will find their only opportunity for use in relieving the suffering victims of accidents; when all round the world the hammer of the shipwright as it strikes against the rivet in the vessel's ribs sounds, life! life! instead of, as it echoes now, death! death! Then the angel choristers will sing without one broken note, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Now, any dear Salvationists, we understand prayer. God has given us to see the high walls crumble, the waters divided, and the impossible brought to pass again and again. Let us use this great privilege of prayer as never before, remembering that the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and yields its best riches to those who take it by force. Pray for our beloved President and for the honored representatives from each of the countries as they meet at Washington, that they may have wisdom to see the way and courage to take it.

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