

WHAT YOUR HELP WILL DO FOR YOU
A MESSAGE

My Dear Friends and Supporters of The Salvation Army:

I greet you. Again I have the happy duty of appealing to you for assistance in the work we are endeavoring to do, on your behalf, for the poor, for the needy, for the unfortunate, and for the sinning.

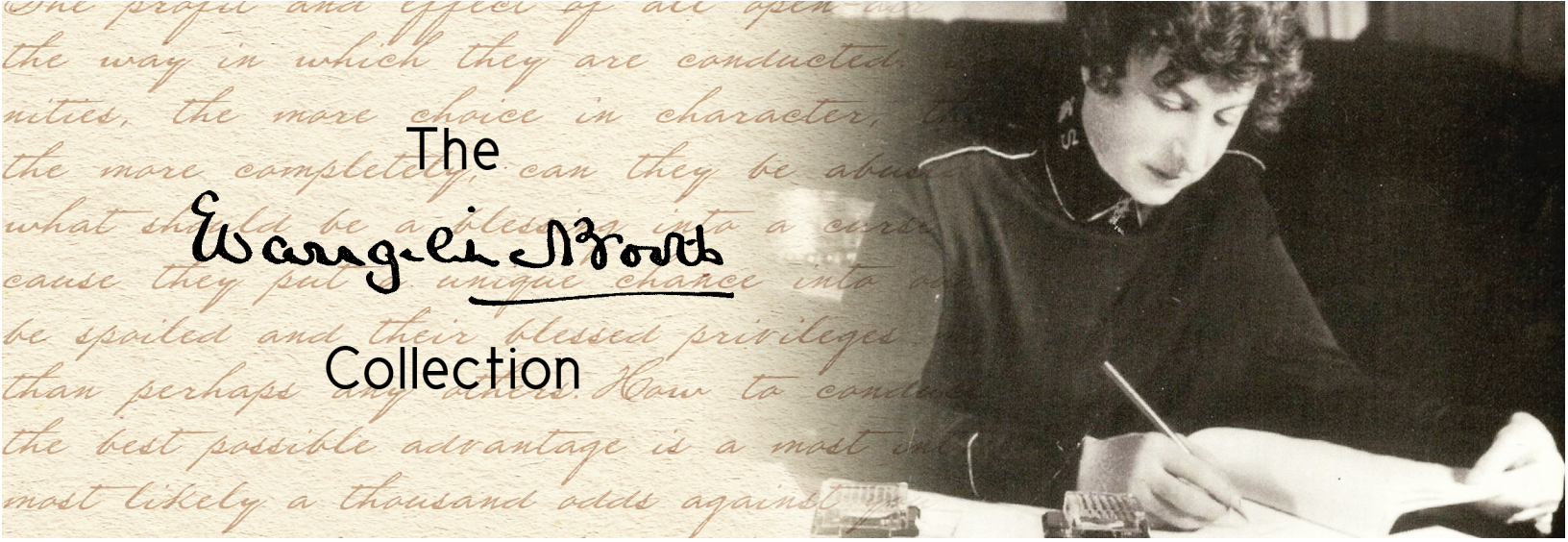
You undoubtedly have had many joys in life, but I cannot help but think that none you have known, nor will know, will compare with what will come to your heart if, having helped us, you are able to realise how much happiness you have aided our people to make in the lives of others. Please let me for a few moments try to show you what your taking a share in the Home Service Appeal of 1921 will do.

FROM CITY HEAT TO OCEAN BREEZES.

You will make happy thousands of little children and bring incalculable blessing down upon them by making it possible to take them away from the Summer-heated, stifling city streets — some to the country, some to the seaside, where they will find health and childhood's happiness, and where there will be planted in their young breasts the first aspiration toward faith and all good.

Have you ever visited a tenement street on a hot day in August? Have you seen the little babies gasping for breath on the sun-baked pavement? Have you seen the overworked mothers whose only heritage is toil and sorrow, borne down with anxiety for their children? And have you ever seen these same mothers and babies — girls and boys, big and little — playing under the big tree branches among myriad wild flowers, or splashing in the cool waters of sea or lake? If you have you will know something of the happiness your helping of our Fresh-Air Camp funds will bring into waning little lives and failing hearts.

You will make happy hundreds and hundreds of men, who will be cared for, talked to, prayed over and assisted by our officers, who will take light and hope and help into the prisons, and



hold meetings there, and who will meet, upon discharge, those who have determined (many truly converted) to live right and to atone, by good citizenship, for the transgressions of the past.

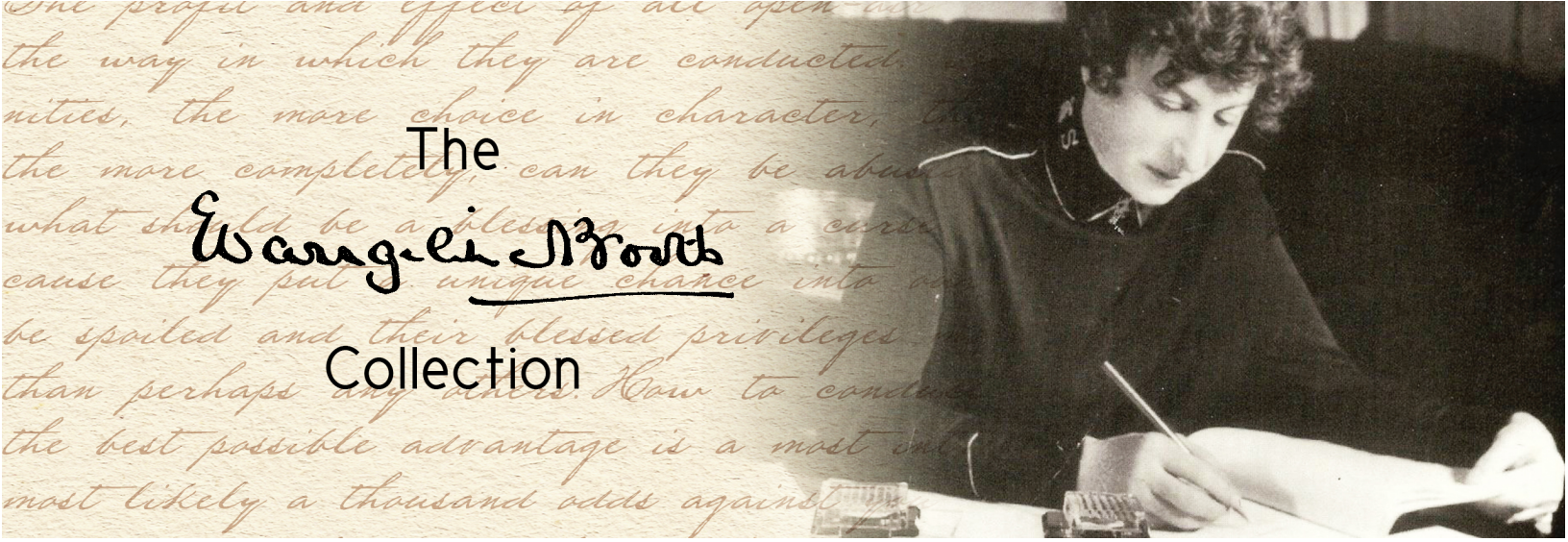
Have you ever seen the prisoner's wife and family, disgraced and dejected, left to get along as best they can, with father serving a long sentence? And have you seen the relief and happiness brought by the entry to the sorrowful home of a Salvation Army officer? The innocent have been sheltered from the harshness of the world that would visit upon them the sins of the guilty; they have been provided with needed food and clothing, and, best of all, in many, many instances, father in the end has been restored to the home, a changed man, who will never bring such trouble upon his wife and children again.

RESTORATION TO SOCIETY.

You will make happy and restore to society as pure and useful members of the community hundreds of poor girls betrayed by those who should be their protectors. Forsaken and outcast, they and their nameless little ones, left to themselves, may find a watery grave in the cold and silent river, whose waters reflect the city's light in a flickering promise of the end of trouble to those who are broken by sin and sorrow; or they may go on living and yet be worse than dead.

But some of them will be, as a result of the helping hand you will enable us to give them, happily married; some will be found situations in which they will earn a good living for themselves and their innocent babes; some of them will be restored to desolated mothers and fathers. What a different life you will make for them to what it might have been!

You will help the merciful ministrations of our Hospitals; the mothering of poor orphans and neglected children in our Homes; the remaking of men which is carried on while they are remaking materials in our Industrial institutions; the reuniting of loved ones, brought about by our wonderful Lost and Found Department; the Relief Work that throughout the Winter takes blankets, food, fuel and clothes to the shivering, hungry poor, and through the Summer takes ice and milk to the sweltering, starving little children of the slums; the loving hands that at Christmas, and upon other festive dates, take to thousands of homes the cheer they would otherwise be without, and a hundred and one other enterprises and agencies that have for their



objects the healing of the sick, the comforting of the sorrowful, the salvation of the sinning and the creation of happiness.

My dear friends, let this little summary of something of what your sympathy and your support will do help you to decide the measure of the part you will take in helping us to make the world some better, some purer, some gladder, and you will thus be gloriously sharing in the finding of the lost sheep

To those who have helped us previously I would say that the happiness I have set out in the future tense above is yours by every right in the present. Again, thank you, and God bless you!

Yours, ever depending upon you,

Evangeline Booth,
Commander.

(N.Y.W.C.)
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