

and was never known as Captain Herbert. She was for some little time an inmate of Mrs. Bramwell Booth's Rescue Home, and was befriended in an hour of need by the Salvation Army. In her book called "The Little Mother," there are some statements which I think Mr. Stead and others in England proved to be far from correct. There was much in her past, so far as she was known in England and when she first came to this country, that was of a very shady character. I have answered, when enquiries have come to me from different people, that if she is now thoroughly changed in life and is making no more false statements, we have no wish whatever to say anything which might hinder her or throw a shadow on her in this new start in life. Therefore I prefer that you find out from those who have known her during her work in this country, for personally we know nothing of her except what is far in the past. I should be glad if you only make use of this information for your own guidance or to further a more complete investigation. I would not like it thought, as you will readily understand, that the Salvation Army is trying to follow her up and reveal her past to the public or those to whom she may go. But I can say that there has been enough in her past to justify my saying that her statements cannot be taken for gospel. I will also refer you to my sister-in-law, Mrs. Bramwell Booth, 101 Queen Victoria street, London, England. I have already referred several to her who have written to me for information. I wish I knew their names so that you could get facts from them, but as I do not, it would be better for you to write to Mrs. Booth. Also I can say that her stories about her aristocratic relations are without foundations. I think you will get full information from those I have named.

Believe me, yours very truly,

MAUD B. BOOTH.

#### NO. 18.

North New York Methodist Episcopal Parsonage,  
336 Willis Avenue,

New York, April 24, 1891.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of the 19th inst. duly received. Somebody owes a "work of faith," unpleasant though it may be, to the Christian people of the various communities where the lady to whom you refer "holds forth." As the result of my experience with her, during her stay at my house, in New Haven, Conn., I have no confidence in her. She is a woman of no principle. The story of the poisoning is the most ludicrous imaginable. It is a fabrication got up for the purpose of making a sensation. She