

B.S.L. NOTES

For the Friends of the Brotherhood of S. Laurence

The Brotherhood helps those in need and endeavours to arouse thought and action on social questions.

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The Superior writes on . . .

PREVENTION OR CURE ?

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JOURNEYING THROUGH VICTORIA

Dear B. S. L. Friends,

I am grateful to Mrs. Robert Wallace for the drawing which appears on this page. It depicts the unhappy lot of thousands of old people who seek, and very often seek in vain, accommodation in various institutions caring for the old and infirm. It is imperative that more accommodation should be found for such people and as soon as possible. I believe however, that the emphasis should be on keeping people from becoming infirm and so lessen the need for infirmaries.

Dr. Lindell, Chairman of the Hospital and Charities Commission is reported to have said recently that 60% of people in Government Institutions dealing with old people are there because of inadequate conditions before they were forced to seek admission into those institutions. To use a well-worn adage "prevention is better than cure."

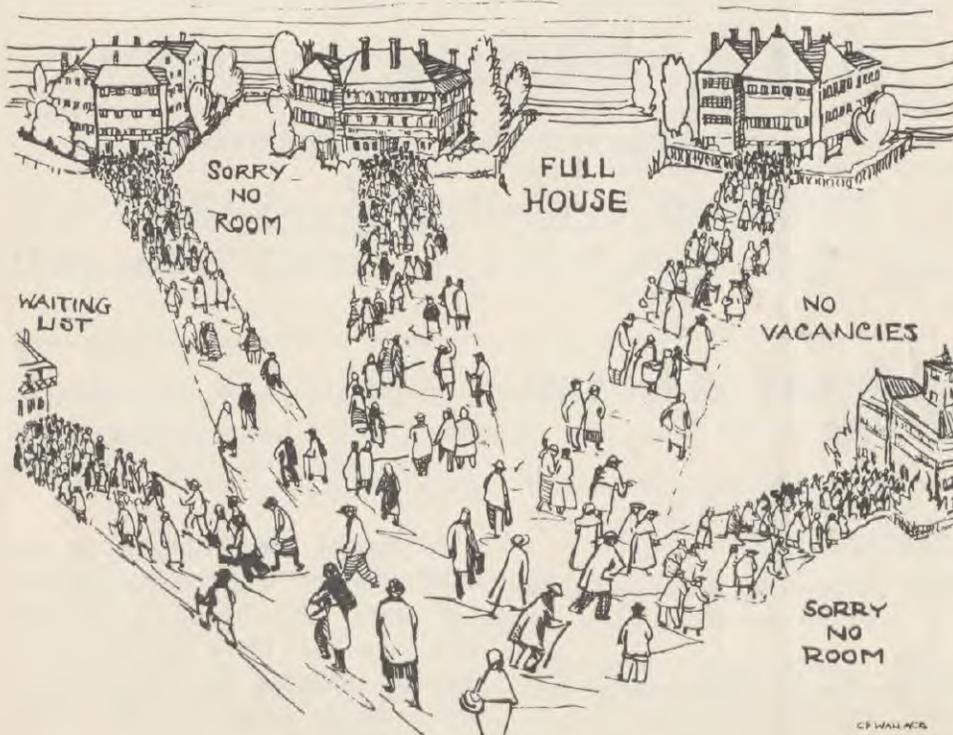
Although I had hoped that a more liberal increase would have been made to old age pensions than that which is promised in the recent Federal Budget, I am very pleased that a further amount of money is to be made available to those bodies providing housing for the aged. With a long range view of the problem I believe that we are now in a posi-



tion to see that, within 10 years, the problem could be solved. Many people have sufficient financial assets which, coupled with a Government Grant, would enable them to build a flat or cottage on a property owned by an organisation providing for the need of elderly people. The advantage of this scheme is that on the death of a person who has partly financed the building it would be available for one with no financial assets. The chief lesson to be learnt from the unhappy lot of so many infirm old people at the present time is the need for adequate accommodation for active old people.

DON'T WAIT

We find that many people wait until they become infirm before seeking accommodation in which they can end their days. With the Government aid it is not impossible from an economic point of view to provide housing for the active aged. To provide such accommodation for the infirm is quite another question. It is estimated that in an infirmary one staff personnel is required for every two patients; at Carrum Downs we have 10 staff personnel for some 165 residents. The reason for the difference is that the majority of those on the Settlement are making some contribution, in the way of service, to the maintenance of the community of which they are part. The question is often asked, "But will not the active, ultimately become infirm?"



SUPERIOR'S LETTER (continued)

and so burdensome. To this answer is—"speaking generally—No." We find that those who come to us mentally alert, in reasonable physical condition and ready to play their part in the welfare of the Settlement go on their way happily and usefully until the final call comes.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST

I am much encouraged to know that groups of people in ever increasing numbers are endeavouring to help solve this pressing problem. I look forward to the time when every town and district in Australia will have provided for the needs of those who are coming towards the end of life's journey, which I maintain should be in some respects the happiest period of the journey. For many at the present time "alas, it is far from the happiest." This must be rectified. Without wanting to set myself up in authority on the subject, I would urge all who wish to make a contribution towards helping in this important matter, to study the subject from all points of view, for there are certain "pitfalls." I say this after eleven years' experience which to an extent has been one of trial and error.

COUNTRY TRAVELS

I have had several country trips since my last letter. It is gratifying to learn of the keen interest in the Brotherhood displayed wherever I go. Early in August, accompanied by Mr. Morris, after a visit to Mt. Gambier, I went to Port Fairy where we were hospitably entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Langdon. I was interested to see the stately tower recently added to the beautiful 100 years old bluestone church. No little of the work was done by the Rector himself. On my way back to the City I stopped at Inverleigh where we were kindly received by the Vicar and Mrs. Mills and where I showed our slides of Carrum

Downs to the people. My next journey took me to the Wimmera and Mallee, where I visited Charlton, Birchip and Sea Lake and received "no little kindness" from the Vicars of these Parishes.

SWAN HILL

I had a very interesting weekend at Swan Hill, where on the Sunday I preached both morning and evening. After evensong I showed the slides to a big gathering in the Town Hall. The Swan Hill folk are hoping to establish a Settlement for elderly people. I was glad of the opportunity to inspect the land on which they hope to build and to discuss the matter with those sponsoring the project.

I was thrilled by what I saw of the work being done by Sergeant Feldtmann for the aborigines of the district whose miserable humpies have been replaced by gay and well cared for cottages. Swan Hill is demonstrating what can be done with a difficult problem where there is understanding and enthusiasm.

On the Monday I went to Hoptoun where again a goodly number of people came to see the slides and hear what I had to say about the work at Carrum Downs. I was glad of the opportunity to speak to a large number of bright faced youngsters at the local school. I wish I could do more of such work. The Rector of Hoptoun and Mrs. Greenwood with their young family are shortly to undertake missionary work in New Guinea. In thanking them for their kindness I would wish them every blessing in their new work. I was glad to visit Warracknabeal, "a good B.S.L. town," where, with Mr. Scott, I was a few years ago. Here I addressed the Mothers' Union in the afternoon. Our thanks go to the Rector and Mrs. Gray for their kindness. I thank too the Rector for the proceeds of a recent Harvest Festival. My last visit in this trip was to Horsham where I addressed the

Rotary Club and afterwards showed the slides to an enthusiastic audience in the Parish Hall. I was inspired to see the really magnificent church which is being erected. Our kind host, Canon Anthony, is shortly leaving for Bendigo. Mrs. Anthony was unfortunately laid aside with the prevailing influenza.

At the time of writing I have just returned from Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

Although the chief object of my journeyings is to tell of the Brotherhood work and to increase interest in those things for which the Brotherhood stands, they are of financial gain to the Brotherhood and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those who so generously, in various ways, gave of their substance.

ALL SOUL'S DAY

May I remind you all of All Soul's Day at Carrum Downs on Saturday, November 2nd at 9.30 a.m. The Preacher will be the Rev. A. G. Church, Vicar of St. Paul's, Frankston. As usual the service will take the form of a Celebration of the Holy Communion when special remembrance will be made of that now large concourse of B.S.L. Friends serving the church in paradise. I consider this to be one of the most important of our annual gatherings. In no better way could we commemorate those who helped us lay the foundations of the Brotherhood and those who assisted in its building than by remembering them year by year at the communion (Union with) service.

Our Greetings to you all,
from us all,

Yours sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Secretary B.S.L.

HANDING OVER OF VOLUNTARY HELPERS' COTTAGES AT CARRUM DOWNS

Two new cottages financed from a donation from the Voluntary Helpers' Shop of Camberwell will be handed over at Carrum Downs by the President of the Voluntary Helpers' Shop, Mrs. R. Wilson, on Sunday, 20th October, at 3 p.m.

At the same time Mrs. Wilson will present Father Tucker with another cheque for £4,000 for the renovation of old cottages and the provision of further accommodation.

In the past four years the Voluntary Helpers' Shop of Burke Avenue, Camberwell has raised large sums of money which have been distributed

to five organisations representing different religious denominations providing accommodation for elderly people.

At Carrum Downs the Voluntary Helpers have helped finance several cottages and the block of Collins Court apartments.

A special bus will run to the Settlement for the presentation and will leave the City at 1.45 This will take the place of the usual monthly Saturday bus trip. Tickets are available from the City Office (6/6 return).

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW FRIENDS

The Brotherhood welcomes a record number of new Friends who have given practical support to our work by donations or voluntary service.

Mrs. Rucker, St. Kilda; The Rev. W. F. Hart, S.C.6; Mr. Geo. J. Smith, Geelong; Mrs. L. Farlie, Williamstown; M/- H. E. Meggs, Kew; M/- V. R. Blackwood, Cheltenham; Mrs. E. Wiffen, West Newport; M/- J. Harding, Warragul; M/- R. Nightingall, East St. Kilda; M/- M. Roberts, Coburg; M/- W. M. Radnell, Dandenong; M/- Frederickson, Reservoir; M/- C. W. Baxter, Frankston; Mrs. W. R. Davies, Frankston; Miss Beryl Trask, West Heidelberg; Mrs. N. Ellis Smith, Mid. Brighton; Mr. N. Raff, Caulfield; Mrs. A. V. Huntsman, Brighton Beach; Mrs. R. Maxwell, Hawthorn East; Miss E. Ferguson, East Malvern; Mrs. A. E. Candy, Essendon.

Mrs. A. T. Clark, Sorrento; Mrs. W. H. Chandler, Ballarat; Mrs. H. O'Neill, Macedon; M/- E. A. Thomas, Elwood; Mr. G. F. Mitchell, Clifton Hill; Mrs. Pitcher, Albert Park; Mrs. B. Martin, Chadstone; Mrs. Morocco, Caulfield; Mrs. Maginee, Glen Iris; Mrs. Meredith, Malvern; Mrs. Smith, Murrumbena; Mrs. Blandy, McKinnon; Mrs. Telfer, Armadale; Mrs. Hill, Caulfield; Mrs. Jenkinson, Malvern; Mrs. Thompson, Sth. Caulfield; Miss M. B. Pearson, Narre Warren; Miss D. Selby, East Malvern; Mr. B. R. Gowan, East Malvern; M/- M. Bosshard,

Brunswick; The Rev. L. V. Green, Carnegie; Mr. N. Westh, Footscray; Mrs. Darby, East Bentleigh; Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Ormond; Mrs. J. Drake, Ormond; Mrs. Berlwitz, Cockatoo; Misses McWhinney, Hawthorn; Mrs. E. A. Abbott, Dandenong; Mrs. Pitt, Goswells, Perth; Mrs. W. E. Wainwright, Caulfield; Mrs. G. Winter, Frankston.

Mrs. M. C. Darby, East Bentleigh; Mrs. W. M. Simpson, Ormond; Mrs. V. Rooke, Ormond; Mrs. M. Fowles, McKinnon; Mrs. L. Wright, Ormond; Mrs. D. Hursthouse, Caulfield; Mr. Edgar, Camberwell; Miss Ashton, Camberwell; Miss Noyes, Camberwell; Mr. Ledger, Camberwell; Mrs. Reid, Camberwell; Mrs. Wishart, St. Kilda; Mr. E. Richardson, Elwood; Mrs. Fenton Smith, Glenhuntly; Mrs. Hudspeth, Ormond; Miss Hill, Caulfield; Mrs. Felgate, Middle Park; Mrs. Glass, Ormond; Miss Martin, Malvern; Mrs. Ilton Sin, Glen Iris; Miss M. Martin, Armadale; Mr. A. L. Chambers, Balwyn; Mrs. Treasure, Drouin; Mrs. H. Young, Toorak; Mrs. M. Bade, Ormond; Mrs. Russell, Ormond; Mrs. Smith, Ormond; Mrs. Herne, McKinnon; Mrs. Fowler, Carnegie; Mrs. Bradley, St. Kilda; Mrs. I. Armstrong, Burwood.

Miss Jill Cromb, East Brighton; Miss Marion Alcock, East Bentleigh; Miss Judith Ralston, Hawthorn; Miss Rhonda Smith, Burwood; Miss Margaret Channon, Glen Iris; Miss Mary Brevitt, Cheltenham; Miss Joan Diprose, Strathmore; Miss Yvonne Burns, Croydon; Miss Gladys Trail, Sale; Miss Joan Cathcart, Burwood;

Miss Evelyn Snow, Caulfield; Miss Anne Leeton, East Malvern; Miss Rosemary Horton, Caulfield; Miss Shirley Lukes, Murrumbena; Miss Deidre Fuller, Caulfield; Mr. Brian McGowan, C/o. Ridley College; Mr. R. Terril, Murrumbena; Mr. J. Hamilton, Carlton; Mr. R. Crawford, Ballarat; Mr. C. Hennessy, Toorak; Mr. P. Harris, Canterbury; Mr. J. Wall, Sandringham; Mr. M. Alexander, Tecoma; Mr. M. Keating, Heidelberg; Mr. J. Walker, Hawthorn; Mr. Neil Beggs, Carlton; Mr. D. Conron, Essendon; Mr. D. Palmer, Geelong; Mrs. Spargo, East Preston; Mr. J. Farguharson, Birregurra; Mrs. L. Stewart, Deans Marsh; Miss L. Reed, East Malvern; Mr. Stobie, East Kew; Mrs. Tawell, Mitcham; Mrs. E. Porter, Brunswick; Miss Opie, Elwood; Mrs. Steaposs, Black Rock; Miss Stone, Mornington; Mr. McLennan, Mont Albert; Mrs. Posse, Ascot Vale.

Miss Richardson, Brighton; Mrs. H. A. Evans, Toorak; Mrs. Marsh, Caulfield; Mrs. V. Trenerry, Broadford; Mrs. Wilson, Hawthorn East; Mr. McGilbert, Fitzroy; Mr. C. Trencher, Hampton; Mr. R. Cleveland, Cheltenham; Miss L. S. Aitken, Melbourne; Mrs. L. Broadbent, Caulfield; Mr. A. Riddett, East Malvern; Captain Farrell, Box Hill North; Mrs. T. Twaites, West Coburg; Mrs. A. Purtle, West Coburg; Mrs. R. Maddern, West Preston; Mrs. E. Miller, Adelaide; Mr. D. Johns, East Doncaster; Mr. G. Murrey, Black Rock; Mrs. D. Morton, Glen Iris; Miss Nellie Kolle, Yarraville.

We look forward to seeing you at the Brotherhood's

1957 MARKET FAIR

Tuesday, 8th October

in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall

to be opened at 11 a.m. by Mrs. H. E. Bolte

Fair Features include—

*Home Made Cakes, Home Made Jams, Knitted Garments,
Good Cleaned Clothing, Toys, Sweets, Produce, Ornaments, Vases,
Books, Pictures, Hand Made Baby Clothes*

*LUNCH AT THE FAIR AND TELL YOUR HUSBAND OF THE PIPING HOT
TEA AND COFFEE SERVED WITH TASTY SANDWICHES, CAKES AND
SCONES*

**Goods for the Fair welcome at 67 Brunswick St. (JA 3335)
or 51 Royal Arcade. (MF 3011)**

WANTED — USED CLOTHING AND ORNAMENTS

Used clothing, ornaments and household articles are wanted by the Brotherhood. Unfortunately we have had to discontinue the collection of furniture but any household articles that can be carried by one man will be picked up by our van. Phone JA 3183 and a van will call.

ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence for 1956-57 will be available in the middle of October from the City Office, 51 Royal Arcade, MF 3011, and will be sent to any Friends who would like copies. The Annual Report tells the story of the growth of the Brotherhood's work which you have made possible.

AUXILIARY NEWS

● COMBINED AUXILIARY MEETING:

A combined auxiliaries meeting will be held at "Morven," Brotherhood of St. Laurence Holiday Home, Mornington, on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2 p.m., when presidents of groups will give a report on their activities, and hand over the money raised by their groups, to the Brotherhood. All auxiliary members are very welcome. "Morven" is in Tanti Avenue, Mornington.

● A NEW AUXILIARY:

Has been formed in Preston with the ex-Mayoress, Mrs. R. W. Gardiner, as President and Mrs. R. Biddle as Sec./Treas. It is hoped to have a street stall on the 15th November. The meeting day for this group is the second Monday in every month at the Mayoress's Lounge, Preston Town Hall. New members are invited. Several members are helping at the Annual Fair on October 8th.

● THE CUSHION CLUB:

At North Balwyn intend to have a Christmas party in December at the home of Mrs. I. Pittman. They will put on a play as the entertainment for the evening. The next meeting after that will not be until the first week in February.

● ESSENDON GROUP:

Had a card evening at the home of Mrs. Gibbs in Leslie Road, on September 14th, when they raised the sum of £52. A musical evening is planned for their next meeting.

● CHELTENHAM-MENTONE GROUP

Are having a street stall on October 25th, also another on 5th November. Maxam's Cheese will give a demonstration on 12th November at St. Austine's Church of England Parish Hall, at 1.30 p.m. Visitors are very welcome.

● THE CAMBERWELL AUXILIARY

Will hold their next International Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Read, 4 Stoddart Street, Camberwell, on October 3rd, when Professor Maxwell will speak on Iceland. This group is in charge of the Book-Stall

for the Annual Fair. Books may be left at the Lower Melbourne Town Hall before 10 a.m. on the morning of 8th October.

● ARMADALE AUXILIARY:

Held a successful picture-afternoon at their September meeting. The group is growing rapidly and now have 28 keen members. They have altered their meeting day to the 2nd Wednesday in the month, instead of the usual Friday. Any goods for the Fair on October 8th, may be left at the home of the President, Mrs. D. Thorn of 81 Kooyong Road, Armadale.

● MIDDLE PARK GROUP:

Monthly card parties have helped to swell the funds of this active auxiliary. They are also keen knitters and many beautiful garments have found their way to our St. Kilda shop. A group from this auxiliary are amongst the keen sorters at our Salvage department. Our thanks also goes to the group who, under Mr. Felgate's guidance, are painting our city shop.

● BRIGHTON AUXILIARY:

Helping to sort at the Salvage Division and helping to run the Elsternwick Market "Opportunity Shop" has kept this group very busy over the past two months. They are now preparing for a street stall to be held in Hampton Street, Brighton, on Friday, 4th October.

● ORMOND AUXILIARY:

This auxiliary has combined with the Brighton ladies in running the Elsternwick shop. Their efforts are proving very profitable and they look forward to greater success as the shop becomes more widely

known. Mr. W. Funston of Dunklings, gave a gemology demonstration at a meeting held in August. Mr. Funston would gladly visit any group who may be interested. Ladies in the Ormond district are invited to attend the next meeting on October 1st at the home of Mrs. V. Simpson, 28 Lillimur Road, Ormond. Mrs. Sutton of Brighton, will tell of her life in Japan. Any enquiries, please ring Mrs. Simpson, LW 2314.

● HUGHESDALE-MURRUMBEENA GROUP:

A successful card evening was held at the home of Mrs. Trenwith on August 17th at which the sum of £19/6/- was raised. Owing to the increased support of the Malvern shop, a very attractive shop, situated at 265 Glenferrie Road, Malvern (in the main shopping area) has been obtained, and here we hope to meet many more Brotherhood supporters.

The next meeting for this group will be held at the home of Mrs. Curtis of 5 Fellows Street, Hughesdale, on Thursday, 10th October, at 2 p.m. New members are cordially invited.

● MORNINGTON AUXILIARY:

The ladies of this auxiliary have worked very hard towards the success of our shop in Main Street, Mornington. We now have a sewing machine and many members of the group are busily making articles to be used for stocking the shop. We are looking forward to meeting ladies of other auxiliaries at the combined meeting on December 4th.

OUTING FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Ninety-five members of the Coolibah Club enjoyed a day's outing to Yan Yean, organised by the Coburg Apex Club and other nearby Apex Clubs. A police motor cycle escort accompanied the bus loads of elderly people to Yan Yean where a meal of "many courses" was provided.

BUS TRIPS TO CARRUM DOWNS

The October bus trip has been changed to **Sunday, October 20th** to coincide with the handing over of the Voluntary Helpers' cottages. The bus will leave the City at 1.45 p.m.

The November bus trip will be on Saturday, November 16th. Tickets from the City Office, 51 Royal Arcade.

DONATION SLIP

THE SUPERIOR,
BROTHERHOOD OF ST. LAURENCE
51 ROYAL ARCADE,
MELBOURNE, C.I. Central 2721

Please find my donation £ : :

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."