



Notes for the Friends of The Brotherhood of S. Laurence

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THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

CALLING ALL B.S.L. FRIENDS.

51 Royal Arcade,
Melbourne, C.1.
June, 1945.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

Our printers are very good to us, but the conditions of the times are such that a considerable period has to elapse between sending matter to the press and the printing of the same. This means that I am writing this letter before our D Day — the launching of our Five Year Plan. I cannot therefore, at this stage, tell you anything of its progress. Although the month of June will be a very important one for us, it is only the beginning. It is important, however, that the beginning should be a good one. To quote the motto of a preparatory school I attended in the long ago "Bene Inceptum, Semi Perfectum" — "Well begun, half finished." V-E Day came when it did because D Day had been successful. May our D Day be successful and may we, too, have our V-E Day!

"WELL BEGUN IS HALF FINISHED."

Although you will be doing what you can during June, I am thinking now of what you, our Friends, can do in the months and years that follow. If we are to have our V-E Day we must enlarge and continue to enlarge our circle of Friends. What we have done in the past we have done through our Friends. If we double the number of Friends we double the work we can do. We are not unmindful of and are very grateful to the good people and generous firms who have sent us cheques just because they have seen one of our advertisements in the press. It is, however, the ordinary people who are whole-heartedly with us — who are "dead keen" on the B.S.L., who really count. Such people may be able to give us only a few shillings now and again, but those people are the heart of the movement, and it is those people to whom we look in our endeavour to enlarge our circle of Friends. It is those people who are going to enable us to celebrate our V-E Day.

WHAT ALL CAN DO.

Dear people, I do not want to worry you unduly, and I do not want you to think of me as an "awful pest," and I

know that ours is by no means the only good cause you have at heart, but you are so important to us. You do not mind, do you, my telling you what I want you to do? Here are two ways in which you can help (I may tell you of other ways in my next letter). The first, I think, nearly all of you can do. The second, some of you can do. The first — send for copies of our "Five Year Plan" circular. Keep one copy for your household and see that all the members read it, and leave it in the sitting room where visitors can see it. It has a somewhat striking cover. Some of our friends tear it off and put it up on one of the walls of their homes. Others have put it in the window of the house where passers by can see it. One good man has tacked it on a board which he has nailed to the garden fence. Besides your own copy I want you to get at least one to pass on to a friend. In this way you can help, not only to make your home a B.S.L. home, but yours a B.S.L. street, and in time a B.S.L. suburb or town. What wonderful things we could do. With God's help we will do them.

WHAT SOME CAN DO.

Now as to what some of you can do. Take a party of your friends (who are not yet B.S.L. Friends) to our funny old cottage at Fitzroy, and over a cup of tea I, or a representative of the Brotherhood, will tell of our work and of our plans for the future. Our slum corner is by no means a beautiful spot, the sights one sees in the streets are sometimes very horrible, as are the smells, but yet I think it is good for us to know "how the other half lives." In this case "the other half" has for so long been "no-one's business." I always remember that when I lived in South Yarra, and later in Malvern, I knew nothing of these poor neglected folk and because I knew nothing of them I did nothing for them. Slums came into being because of the ignorance on the part of the people of my generation, and of the previous generation. It is only through enlightenment on this subject that slums can be eliminated. Now you won't forget, will you, to send for copies of the "Five Year Plan," or you can pick them up at the Campaign Rooms, 51 Royal Arcade, and think about my suggestion concerning a Fitzroy party.

We are rejoicing with those of you who have had news of the release of your dear ones who have been Prisoners of War or are in poor war-battered Britain, which is at last freed from the immediate horrors of war. That many more may before very long receive good tidings is our continued prayer. We pray, too, for those for whom even the end of the war cannot mean re-union with dear ones. May they be comforted by the knowledge that those whom they loved gave their lives in doing their duty as they saw it, and may we all emulate their sacrifice and so do our part in making that sacrifice worth while.

I am, dear B.S.L. Friends,
on behalf of the B.S.L.,
Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Secretary B.S.L.

P.S.—I have sent out a large number of letters asking for financial support for the Housing Campaign. If by mistake any of these letters should have gone to friends who have recently subscribed, will those concerned please ignore the letters and accept my apology for sending them.

G. K. T.

**PLEASE SEND FOR A COPY OF THE
"FIVE YEAR PLAN" CIRCULAR, OR
SECURE ONE FROM 51 THE ROYAL
ARCADE, MELBOURNE.**

INTERCESSIONS.

1. That the conscience of the community may be aroused as to the lot of the long forgotten slum dwellers.
2. That action may be taken to avert the danger which threatens Australia because of the shortage of houses.
3. That more men may be forthcoming to serve in the ranks of the Brotherhood.
4. For the members of the committee responsible for the launching of the Brotherhood Five Years Plan.
5. For Brotherhood Friends, and especially those in sorrow and anxiety.

In 1944 the income from the B.S.L. Shop at 51 The Royal Arcade, was over £800. This fine achievement was the result of the services of the voluntary workers who staff the shop and of the generosity of friends who sent in gifts (including stamps) to be sold at the shop. With the co-operation of a still greater number of Friends the result for 1945 should be even better than that of 1944.

WHAT CAN I DO?

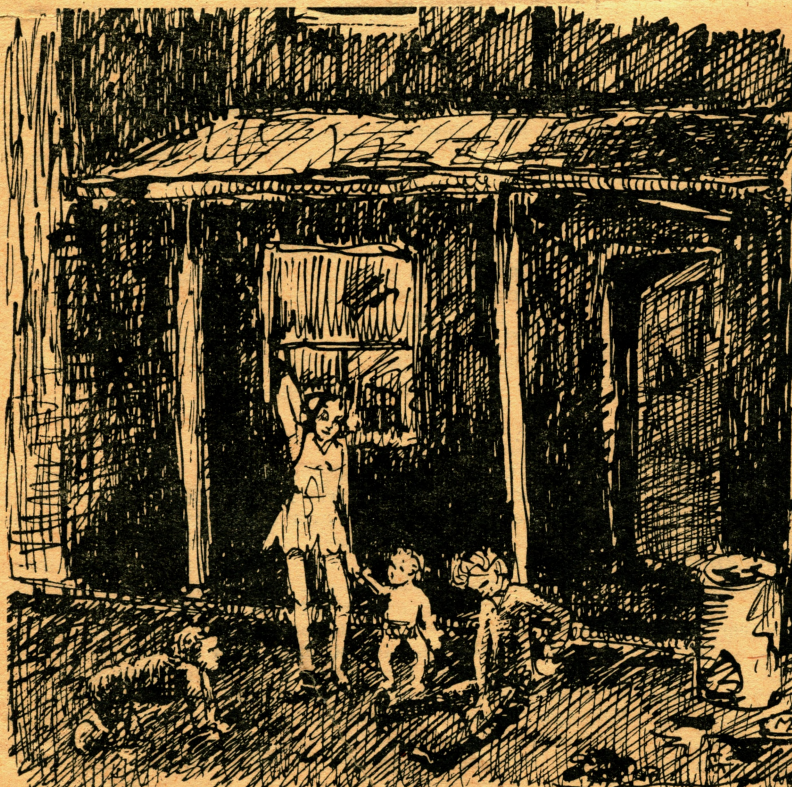
O God!

What shall I do about these little ones,
These children of the slums,
These helpless, unwashed babies of the
slums,
Who crawl along on bare and filthy floors,
Who feed with sticky flies,
Who play in evil-smelling lanes,
Whose mothers cannot keep them clean,
In body or in soul?
Inhuman landlords have no love
For babies of the slums.
They are but lower animals and need no
bath
Wherein their dirty, dimpled bodies may
be washed,
No troughs or copper where their dirty
clothing may be cleansed,
No kitchen sink in which to rinse
Their chipped enamel plates.

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O God! What can I do
To stop the massacre of these poor inno-
cents,
Whose blood shrieks guilt upon us all,
Where those who die are fortunate,
Compared with those who live
Shut in behind the bars of circumstance,
Who live from hand to mouth,
Who starve in misery,
Who prowl the streets,
With shrunken bodies, shrivelled souls,
Like Ghouls they prey on men,
What hopelessness!
What tragedy!
O God! What can I do?

Taken from Mr. F. Oswald Barnett's book of poems
"I Hear the Tramp of Millions." These poems bring
home in a very realistic manner the lot of the people
whose cause the Brotherhood and its friends have
made their cause. Copies of the book may be had
from the Campaign Rooms — price, 3/9.



"What can I do about these little ones,
These children of the slums?"

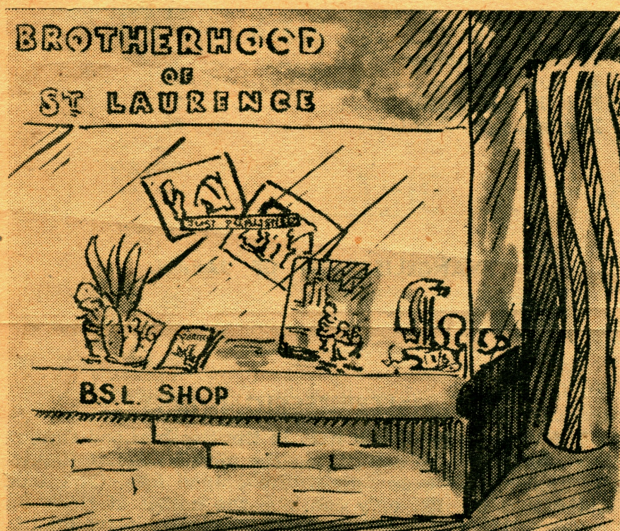
GENERAL NOTES.

Malvern Campaign Rooms.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. G. Haynes, of 1241 High Street, Malvern, for allowing us to use his premises as Campaign Rooms during campaign month. Besides being a centre for the distribution of literature and the receiving of donations the rooms will also serve as an Opportunity Shop. Ladies, in relays, will be in attendance from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. We are hoping that B.S.L. Friends in Malvern and surrounding suburbs will send in gifts for sale in the shop, and will also make purchases there.

Proposed Old Folks' Club.

We are still hopeful that this dream may become a reality, but nothing definite can be done until after the campaign month. Much depends on the result of that venture. We are very grateful for the encouragement we have received in regard to this proposed venture.



No. 51 (Royal Arcade). It is here that Friends' gifts are received and sold to other Friends.

Clothing Coupons.

Many have been "making do" until the first Saturday in June, when the new coupons become available. When securing new clothes and putting aside the old please remember the old folk, and the young ones, too, who go to the B.S.L. shop at Fitzroy. They should not have to rely on the discards of their "betters," but the fact remains they do. In times of shortage those on the lowest strata of society are the greatest sufferers. The workers in charge of our old clothes shop have been having a very trying time of late. It is hard to have to say "no" to people, who are obviously inadequately clad, when they come seeking something warm — and the Melbourne winter can be very cold! We ask that B.S.L. Friends should tell their friends about our ever standing need for old clothes. Parcels are carried free when on the railways, and should be addressed to the Brotherhood, Flinders Street Station. On behalf of our Fitzroy folk and on our own behalf we say to Mrs. Gipps and her co-workers thank you very much.

B.S.L. Districts.

Will Friends in those districts already formed please send their names and addresses to their district secretaries. This is important. It is the secretary's duty to distribute any special literature to their members and to inform

them of any special B.S.L. happenings that are about to take place. Father Coaldrake is to go to Bairnsdale at the end of June, and to Bendigo at a later date, where he hopes to form districts. The Superior hopes to go to Wangaratta for the same purpose. As there are only two men available for the purpose we cannot often go far afield, but we are glad to do so as far as possible.

Royal Arcade Campaign Rooms.

Although the income from sales last year was no less than £800, the value of the work being done by Mrs. Kimpton and those associated with her goes beyond the financial value of the work, as great as that is. The Rooms are a meeting place for B.S.L. Friends, and a useful propaganda centre. We are very grateful to those who send in articles to be sold at the Rooms.

The Fitzroy Cottage.

Amongst the parties held here of late was one to receive Mrs. Noble-Yule and other members of the Holy Trinity, Kew, Ladies' Choir, who handed the Superior the sum of £18/10/-, being the proceeds of a function they had arranged for the Brotherhood. The Cottage is now quite reasonably comfortable. The pictures on the walls are not beautiful, but they show what we are out to eradicate — SLUMS.

Change of Address.

When Friends change their addresses, or if we should send "The Notes" incorrectly addressed, will they please let us know. And may we be excused for any mistakes under the "Acknowledgement" heading.

A Call for Service Overseas.

The Brotherhood has recently been invited to allow one of its members to take part in a work in Europe of Supreme International Importance. Because of the shortage of staff this offer has had to be declined. It is gratifying to know that it is realised that the Church has an important part to play in the work of Reconstruction, and the members of the Brotherhood feel honoured that their organisation should be asked to share in that work. In reluctantly refusing the offer they continue to pray that men inspired with the spirit of sacrifice and adventure may join their ranks and so enable the Brotherhood to help the Church do that work which she alone can do, the work of bringing to a war wracked world a real and lasting peace.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

19th April, 1945, to 19th May, 1945.

A.—All Saints' Cathedral, Bendigo, £14; A. and M., 10/-; Anonymous, £2/2/-; R. A. Archman, 5/-; A Country Listener, 10/-; A.W.P., £1; C. J. Aretzner, 5/-; Anonymous (per Fitzroy), 5/-; Mrs. A. F. Ansell, 5/-; Anonymous (3DB), £1; Anonymous (3DB), 5/-; Mrs. D. S. Abraham, 5/-; A.B., 5/-; A.N.A., Malvern Branch, £1/1/-; A Friend, 5/-; Miss Armstrong, 5/-; Mrs. W. Allen, £5/5/-.

B.—Mrs. Boyde, 5/-; Miss E. Blyth, £1; Miss L. Brown, 5/-; Miss D. Buchanan, £1; Mrs. E. Butler, £5; Miss M. S. Bull, £2; H. F. Black, £1; Mrs. Bradshaw, 5/-; Mrs. S. A. Brown, 5/-; Mrs. Beck, 5/-; Mrs. Billows, 5/-; Mrs. E. Bourke, 5/-; Mrs. C. E. Brown, 5/-.

C.—G. C. Carter, 5/-; Mrs. Cole, 10/-; Mrs. C. G. Campbell, 10/-; Mrs. A. L. Cockren, £1; Mrs. M. Crawford, 5/-; Mrs. Cunningham, 5/-; Mrs. F. I. Cross, 5/-; Catanach's, £2/2/-; Mrs. Chenoweth, £1.

D.—Mrs. E. Driscoll, 10/-; Mrs. E. Dixon, 10/-; Mrs. Driscoll (East Brunswick), £1; S. E. Dickins Pty. Ltd., £3/15/-; Mrs. Dumeresque, £1.

E.—Every Little Helps, £1; Mrs. Etherington, 5/-.

F.—Miss Alice Fish, £1; Mrs. E. M. Ford, 5/-; Mrs. W. K. Ferguson, £2/1/-; Mrs. F. Finn, 5/-; Mrs. B. Ferguson, 5/-.

G.—Prudence's Good Fairies — "Proverbs," 10/-; "Fox-glove," 5/-; "de Lovely," £1/1/-; "Rose Queen," 5/-; "Sweet Briar," 5/-; "Bushland," 5/-; "Dot and Carry," 5/-; "Bronze-wings," 8/6; "Virginia," 10/-; "Rigi," 5/-; "Boronia," 5/-; Mrs. H. Gaunt, £1/1/-; Mrs. J. H. Grinham, 5/-; Mrs. Gott, 5/-; Mrs. Gregory, 5/-; John Garrett, £1/1/-; Mrs. Grandin, 5/-; Mrs. Griffiths, 10/-; Mrs. Goulder, 5/-.

H.—Holy Trinity, Pascoe Vale, Ladies' Guild, £1/1/-; Mrs. D. Hutchinson, 5/-; Mrs. A. Howard, 5/-; Mrs. Hall, 5/-; Holy Trinity Ladies' Choir, Kew, £18/10/-; H.E.I., £20; Mrs. H. Haydock, 5/-; Mrs. Ham, 5/-; Mrs. Herne, 10/-; Miss Hohmuth, 5/-; Mrs. Halford, 5/-; Mrs. A. Holmes, 10/6; Mrs. Heathfield, 5/-.

I.—Invisible Mending Co., 5/-.

J.—R. V. Janson, 10/-; Miss E. Joske, £3/3/-; Mrs. E. M. Johnson, 5/-; Mrs. A. C. Jackson, 10/-; Miss Jeffrey, 4/-.

K.—Mrs. Kellow, 5/-; Miss L. Kennedy, £1/10/-; Mr. H. L. King, £1; Mrs. P. Kane, 5/-.

L.—Mrs. E. M. Lodge, 10/6; Mrs. E. E. Lane, 5/-; Miss Evelyn Lee, 5/-; Miss Mary Lee, 5/-; Mrs. C. Lovett, 5/-; Mrs. Langley, 5/-; Miss F. E. Lloyd, 5/-.

M.—Mrs. Matthews, 2/-; Mrs. Mehegan, £2; Mrs. L. Miller, 10/-; Mr. W. Mason, 10/1; Mrs. Martin, 5/-; Master Terry Moroney, 5/-; Mrs. B. C. Morris, 10/-; Miss D. Morgan, 13/-.

Mc.—Mrs. P. McLean, 5/-; Miss Macnicol, 5/-.

N.—Nil Desperandum, £1; Mrs. M. Neylan, £3/3/-.

O.—Mde. Olive-Dubois, 5/-; Dr. J. A. O'Brien, 5/-; Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, £1; Misses Oldenburg and Kennedy, 8/6.

P.—Miss Alice Payne, £2/2/-; Mr. Peakman, £1; Cyril H. Pascoe, £10/0/6; Mr. J. V. Paton, 5/-; Mrs. J. V. Paton, £1.

R.—Miss F. Rede, 5/-; Mrs. Rodda, £2; W. G. Ross, £1/10/-; Mrs. Roper, 5/-; Rev. W. R. Ray, 10/8; Mrs. E. J. Root, £1; Mrs. Robison, 2/6; Mrs. H. Rose, 5/-; Miss Richardson, 5/-; Mrs. Reid, 5/-; Mrs. G. H. Roadley, 5/-; Miss C. Robertson, 5/-.

S.—Mrs. A. E. Smith, 5/-; Mrs. Stevens, 5/-; Miss M. Hobart Studds, 3/-; Mrs. Shea, 5/-; Mrs. Slessar, 10/-; Mrs. D. H. Smith, 5/-; Mrs. Shears, £1; Miss E. Sim, 5/-; Mrs. W. Simpson, 5/-; Mrs. E. Schmidt, 10/-; David Scott, A.B., 5/-; J. L. Smith, 8/-; Mrs. Sennett, 10/-; A. G. Serle, 6/-.

T.—Thankful, 2/6; Miss M. Talbot, 10/-; Mrs. Turpin, 5/-; Mrs. H. H. Thomson, 5/-; Miss S. Thompson, 10/-; Miss Traill, 3/-; Miss C. Trewartha, 5/-.

V.—Mrs. Videll, 5/-.

W.—Mrs. W. Webb, 5/-; Miss L. Wright, 15/-; Mrs. L. Williams, 15/-; Mrs. Wilkins, £25; Mrs. Wood, 5/-; Miss R. Wrixon, 10/-; Mrs. E. L. Wilson, £1; Mrs. Wren, 10/-; Mrs. E. M. A. Williams, 5/-; Miss Webster, 6/-.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS IN KIND

19th April, 1945, to 19th May, 1945.

A.—Mrs. Arthur.

B.—Mrs. Barrup, Miss D. Best, Miss I. Brown.

C.—Miss Conder, Miss Chadwick.

D.—Mrs. Dawns.

F.—Mrs. B. Ferguson.

G.—Miss Grant.

H.—Mrs. Hemmy, Miss Hyde, Mrs. J. Hobbs, Miss Heyes.

I.—Mrs. Ireland.

J.—Mrs. Jeffrey.

L.—Mrs. F. J. Long, Miss Locke, Rev. R. Leck, Mrs. Lemon.

M.—Mr. Morton, Nance Murray, Mrs. Misson.

O.—Mrs. Oldham.

P.—Miss Panter.

Q.—Mrs. Quinn.

R.—Mr. Riley, Mrs. Ross.

S.—Miss K. Sleight, Mrs. Sheane, St. Albans, West Coburg, Mrs. E. Schmidt, Mrs. Symons.

T.—Mrs. Turner.

W.—Mrs. Wilson, Miss L. Wright, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Miss Wilson.

S. LAURENCE HOUSING CAMPAIGN (Reconstruction Fund)

19th April, 1945, to 19th May, 1945.

Mrs. A. Carr	£1 Certificate
Miss Rotherham	£10 Bond
Miss F. Phillips	£1 Certificate
Miss A. M. Collins	£1 Certificate
Mr. J. S. Parkinson	£1 Certificate
Mrs. G. de L. Evans	£1 Certificate
Good Fairy "Rule Britannia"	£1 Certificate
Anonymous (3DB)	£1 Certificate
Anonymous (Shop)	£1 Certificate
Mrs. Hooper	£1 Certificate
Miss F. Rede	£1/17/-
F. Oswald Barnett	£5/5/-
H. A. Brown	£1
Rev. Fr. Underhill	£2
Bequest (per F.W.C.)	£5
	£34/2/-

EVANGELISATION OF JAPAN.

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B.S.L. INTERCESSION LIST.

An Intercession Service is held in the Brotherhood Church each Wednesday, at 8 p.m., when the men on Active Service whose names have been sent in are prayed for. It should be noted that our list only contains the names of those for whom we have been asked to pray. We are always glad to add to the list and glad, too, to receive news of those for whom we pray.

John Ferguson	Albert Stephens	Stanley Potter
Keith Ferguson	Bryan Bateman	William Potter
Ken Ferguson	Beamish Brett	Alan Matthews
Henry Chapman	Robert Lethbridge	Donald Macmelkan
Mathar Gravener	Phyllis Crosbie Gould	Chester Wilmot
Norman Gravener	John Crosbie Gould	Charles Anderson
Leonard Gravener	Douglas Crosbie Gould	Edward Bagot
Phillip Gravener	Alexander Langlands	Edward Walsh
Milton Wettenhall	Robert Langlands	Robert Bell
Ernest Harper-Bourne	Len McHugh	Donald Powell
John Ollis	Jack Peters	Richard Brain
William Johnson	Arthur Peters	Peter Brain
Bernard Johnson	Frank Davis	Charles Olive
David McArthur	James Gleeson	Keith Madson
Frederick Culverhouse	Richard Collins	Dick Later
William Culverhouse	Joseph Moroney	David Scott
Stephen Sage	Herbert Sharpe	Bryan Keaney
Geoffrey Oxlade	Daniel Milton	Alan Pridmore
Edward Graham	Oscar Potter	Dern Symon
Campbell Guest	Norman Anderson	Joseph Strudwick
Chester Guest	Alexander Miller	John Keenay
Geoffrey Brush	Henry Patterson	Ralph McAuley
Llewellyn Wettenhall	James Black	Peter Olive
Rowland Reed	Geoffrey Ingham	Ronald Fawcett
Gerald Reed	Charles Hill	Philip Ingmyre
Geoffrey Reed	Malcolm Hill	James Langlands
James Brown-Beresford	Edgar Hill	Nigel Tulloh
Thomas Clark	Stanley Francis	Sydney Roberts
Hadie Metzner	Stanley Eaton	Robert Wallace
John Hill	William Wood	Cynthia Wallace
Harry Hill	Jack Lobb	Archib Cunningham
Thomas McAuliffe	Peter Wilson	Walter Paldgeon
Frank Bull	John Iverson	Richard McCormick
Kenneth Laity	Allen Everest	Mark Haynes
Alfred Whitley	Ben Murray	Robert Haynes