



Notes for the Friends of The Brotherhood of S. Laurence

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THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

THE HOUSING CAMPAIGN AND THE FUTURE.

51 Royal Arcade,
Melbourne, C.1.

August, 1945.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

At the time of writing the amount received through the Housing Campaign is just on £7,000. Considering our objective is £20,000 the result may seem somewhat disappointing. I had hoped that we would have reached the £10,000 mark by this time, but taking everything into consideration I regard the result as reasonably satisfactory. Before I go further, however, I must record our appreciation of the manner in which B.S.L. Friends helped with the Campaign. Our first word of thanks goes to Mr. R. C. Backholer for the very able manner in which he organised the Appeal. For months past he and the committee have not spared themselves on our behalf. During June Mr. Backholer must have worked into the early hours of each morning on Campaign business. I think, too, of Mrs. Kimpton, who was on duty most days at the Campaign Rooms, and of those who assisted her. Our thanks go also to those responsible for the Malvern Campaign Rooms. It would be impossible to enumerate all who freely gave of their services. In my previous letter I said that we did not expect our regular subscribers to give, to any extent, more than they were already giving — but in many cases they did! To all I can but say thank you very much. I cannot say that I was surprised at the manner in which our friends rallied round. B.S.L. Friends have a habit of so doing!

GOODWILL, BUT UNDERSTANDING LACKING.

The Campaign has taught us much, it has enabled us to realise the extent of the goodwill of the general public for the work of the Brotherhood as a whole. The thousand and more persons who subscribed bear out my contention in this respect. The many meetings that we addressed showed that when people really understand what the Campaign is for they realise its importance, not only from the economic point of view, but also from the Christian point of view. That many do not yet understand exactly what we propose doing is, I think, the main reason why the Campaign, so far, has not been as financially successful as we had hoped. Ours is a difficult story to "put over," but I am confident that when people realise the situation the necessary financial support will be forthcoming.

Perhaps we who have been working for so long on behalf

of the "Forgotten Tenth," the "Problem Family," are apt to be impatient with those who regard these poor unfortunates as a hopeless lot. I grant you they often do seem hopeless. They do let us down, in many cases they are dirty, drunken and immoral, but yet their class was so dear to the heart of Him Who alone can save them — and Who alone can save us who are apt to regard ourselves as superior. It surely must be the task of the Church to care for these forgotten people. To leave them in their degradation is not only un-Christian but it is also uneconomic. Surely it is uneconomic to have in our midst an ever growing class of people who become to an ever increasing extent an encumbrance on the community. We complain at the high rate of taxation, but yet we do little to make the slum-minded citizen a normal citizen; but yet it is this class that is costing the taxpayer more than any other class. Are we not right in saying that our proposition is sound from the economic point of view? I know I have said all this before, but yet I am so anxious that you, our friends, should be in a position to help educate the general public on this matter which is of such vital importance to the welfare of this dear land of ours.

THE FUTURE.

In regard to the future. We shall continue to endeavour to enlist the sympathy and understanding of a still greater number of people of goodwill. We know that we can have your co-operation in this respect. When you have read the leaflet which goes to you with this, please pass it on to a friend. And will you please remember my two previous suggestions. 1. That you should bring a party of your friends to our Fitzroy Cottage and there over a cup of tea allow me to talk to them of our work. The meetings of this kind that we have had already have been most successful. We are about to carry out certain improvements by way of making an ugly yard into a pleasing garden. We want to make our Fitzroy property the chief meeting place of our friends and supporters. The second suggestion which I referred to in my last letter, and which I now refer to again, is that some of you should arrange for meetings in your homes or that those of you who belong to organisations should suggest to those responsible that a representative of the Brotherhood should be allowed to address one of the meetings. We have been given many such opportunities of late, with happy results.

B.S.L. AND PARTNERS.

This letter, I fear, very inadequately expresses our appreciation of the manner in which you, our friends, have helped us along the biggest and most difficult of all our enterprises. But that appreciation is very real. With your continued support I am confident of ultimate success. I sometimes think that we should add to our name. To be quite correct we should be "Brotherhood of S. Laurence and Partners." ("Partners," of course, would mean "Friends"). We would not be much of a firm were it not for our "Partners!"

With every good wish to you all,

I am,

on behalf of the B.S.L.,

Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker

Secretary B.S.L.

P.S.—I have just received £5 as a thanks offering from one who, now that the war is over, can look forward to having her son home again after three years in the Navy. If others would express their thanksgiving in a like manner Granny Jones could have her bungalow at Carrum Downs. We are holding the £5 for the time being with the hope that this suggestion might appeal to some of our friends, perhaps specially to the dear ones of those for whom we have been praying over the years.

G. K. T.

GENERAL NOTES.**Old, Poor and Lonely.**

These three words in conjunction make a sad picture. They picture the lot of many hundreds of people in this Melbourne of ours. The Brotherhood is specially concerned about the old, poor and lonely in its slum pocket of Fitzroy. The Brotherhood aims at doing two things for those who are its special responsibility. (1) A club room with comfort, warmth, and good cheer. We are hopeful of being able to attain to the first of these two in the immediate future. Largely through the generosity of 3DB listeners the two large rooms of the Hostel are to be converted into the much talked of club. At present there is only sufficient money in hand to do out the rooms and install a minimum amount of furniture. A wireless, canteen, and other items, are still necessary, but these, we feel sure, will be forthcoming when the lot of the "old, poor and lonely" is more fully realised. (2) We want to move, at any rate, some of our old folk from the squalor of Fitzroy to the peace and beauty of Carrum Downs. The sketch, which we hope to show in our next issue, of a bungalow suitable for an aged person, indicates how comparatively easy it is to provide for the peace and happiness of one who, although old, would not be poor and lonely.

Dope and Damnation Documents.

The Brotherhood's Research Officer, Mr. John Reeves, is about to edit a series of leaflets under the above somewhat startling title. Some may be shocked by the title and perhaps by what appears in the leaflets, but we believe that the present is time for plain speaking. In order to proclaim their message the prophets of old were compelled to shock people. It would seem that the same is necessary in our own time. Needless to say, the object of the leaflets is not merely to shock people, but we warn would-be readers that they may be shocked.

Stamps.

Miss Bagot, the honorary manager of the Stamp Department, has asked us to thank all who send in stamps. So many parcels come in, and many without the names of the donors, that it is quite impossible to acknowledge all gifts, either by letter or through the Notes. Of late Miss Bagot has had the assistance of Miss Marjorie Henstridge, who

assists every Saturday morning with the sales, as well as doing a large amount of sorting at home. The Brotherhood's thanks go to all who help to make this venture the wonderful success it is.

It should be noted that gifts for our Carrum Downs work are free from income tax.

Intercession List.

Since the early days of the war a company of people who believe in the power of prayer have met each Wednesday night in the Brotherhood Parish Church to pray for men and women on active service. Besides praying for those of the parish they have prayed for the dear ones of Brotherhood friends, whose names have been given us. God alone knows the extent of the blessings derived from these prayers, but from letters we have received from those for whom we have prayed we know that these prayers have made "all the difference." We are always glad to add to our Intercession List, and welcome news of those for whom we pray. We have heard nothing of a few of whose names we put on the list more than five years ago. Will their home folk please tell us if their names should remain on the list.

B.S.L. DISTRICTS.

ESSENDON: Secretary, Mr. P. J. Sanders, 11 Carlyle Street, MOONEE PONDS.
DEER PARK: Secretary, Mrs. R. Wansborough, DEER PARK.
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PASCOE VALE: Secretary, Mrs. Dobell, Burgandy Street, PASCOE VALE.
EAST BRUNSWICK: Secretary, Miss Laureen Williams, 114 Clausen Street, NORTH FITZROY.
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MIDDLE CAMBERWELL: Secretary, Mrs. Game, 501 Riversdale Road, Surrey Hills.

B.S.L. INTERCESSION LIST.

We are not repeating in this issue all the names on our Intercession List. This, of course, does not mean that we fail to remember them. The following are names received since the last issue.

Edward Williams
Robert Parker
Ronald Barker
Jack McGarvie

Leslie Edyvane
Maurice Woodcock
Robert Dulfer
Ivan Murray
L— Hill

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

20th May, 1945, to 21st July, 1945.

A.—Mrs. S. J. Atkins, 10/-; Anonymous (3DB), £1; Anonymous (Fitzroy), 10/-; Anonymous, 5/-; Mrs. G. G. Armstead, 5/-; Mrs. E. E. Adams, 5/-; Anonymous (3DB), 5/-; S. Aiden's C. of E. Ladies' Guild, 10/-; Mrs. A. F. Ansell, 9/-; Anonymous (3DB), 5/-; A Friend from Canterbury, £1; Anonymous (3DB), £1; Mrs. Anthonsen, 5/-; Mrs. S. Abrahams, £3; A Friend, £1; Mrs. Allen, 5/-; A. Wellwisher, £1; Mrs. Atkins, 5/-; A. W. C., £1; Mr. Alexander, 15/-; Mrs. Acfield, 5/- A. S., 10/-; Mrs. J. Lee Atkinson, 5/-; Mrs. M. Aspinwall, 5/-.

B.—Mrs. Baxter Bruce, £1/1/-; Mrs. Bradford, £2/14/3; Mrs. J. Bloomfield, 5/-; Mrs. Bishop, 5/-; Miss A. M. Baillie, 5/-; H. Birch, £1; Mrs. A. M. Billingham, 5/-; Mrs. J. E.

Baxter, 5/-; Mrs. Breen, 5/-; Mrs. A. E. Burrows, 5/-; Mr. B. Bryans, 5/-; Mrs. A. L. Bryans, 5/-; Miss D. H. Bailey, 11/-; Mrs. J. R. Bellett, 10/-; Mrs. A. Bergemann, 5/-; Mrs. E. Bourke, 5/-; Mrs. R. Berlin, 5/-; B.H., £1/1/-; Mrs. J. C. Burns, 5/-; Mr. J. Bundara, £2; Mrs. M. Boyd, 5/-; Miss Blockey, £1; Elizabeth Bright, 5/-; Mrs. H. Book, 5/-; Mrs. J. Bowman, 5/-; Mrs. S. Briant, 5/-; Mr. Monty Blandford, £1; Mrs. Burston, 10/-; Miss F. E. Barrett, £1; Bro. E. L. Barber, 5/-; Mrs. F. M. Black, 5/-; Mrs. W. Baker, 5/-; Frank Bradford, 10/-; Mrs. Ballantine, 5/-; Mrs. Burgess, 5/-; Mrs. Brain, 5/-; Miss F. Buttel-Sanpht, 5/-; Mrs. G. H. Boyle, £1.

C.—Mrs. J. R. Collins, £100; Miss Peg. Clarke, 5/-; Cheerful Gran, 5/-; Mrs. Hammond Clegg, £1; Mrs. S. Collins, £1/15/-; Mrs. Curtis, 5/-; Mrs. Cass, 5/-; Miss L. Crocker, £1; Country Listener, 5/-; Mrs. Collins, 5/-; Mrs. Ewan Campbell, 10/-; Mrs. F. A. Campbell, 5/-; Mrs. Cairns, £1; Miss Crotty, 10/-; Miss R. Collins, 5/-; Mde. Cannot, 2/6; Mrs. Coleshin, 3/-; Mr. J. H. Chenoweth, £5.

D.—Mr. H. V. Duncan, 5/-; Miss M. Downs, 5/-; Mrs. Denham, 5/-; Mrs. Dewer, 5/-; Mrs. Driscoll, 5/-; Mrs. N. Doyle, £3; Mrs. Day, £1/1/-; S. E. Dickens Pty. Ltd., £3; Mrs. Davis, 5/-; Ivan Dodd, 5/-; Mrs. E. Dyason, 5/-; Mrs. Dight, 5/-; Mrs. Davis, 5/-; Mrs. Debenham, 10/-; Mrs. Dailey, £1/1/-; DB Listener, 12/7.

E.—V. Ellemor, £1; Mrs. V. Everest, 5/-; E.G.H., 10/-; Estate of Late Alfred Edments, £15; Mrs. L. A. Edyvane, 5/-; Miss C. Edwards, 5/-.

F.—Mrs. R. Fraser, 5/-; Mrs. E. J. Finn, 5/-; Alfred Felton's Estate, £9; "Fitzroy Man," 2/-; Mrs. N. Ford, 5/-; Mrs. Forrester, 5/-; Mrs. C. R. Franklin, 5/-; Mrs. B. Ferguson, 10/-.

G.—Prudence's Good Fairies — "Proverbs," £1/10/-; "Isobel Elsie," 5/-; "Grey Gull," £3/6/8; "Foxglove," 5/-; "Scarlet Glory," 5/-; "Speckled Carnation," 4/-; "Black Beauty," 10/-; "Pauline," 5/-; "Sunshine Emily," 2/6; "Yorkshire Tike," 10/-; "Hibiscus," 2/6; "Rose of Tralee" and

"Russett Leaves," 5/-; "Mrs. Peter Celery," 6/8; "de Lovely," £1/1/-; "Ivo," £6; "Rahvee," 2/6; "Perdita" and mother, 5/-; Mrs. Gravell, 15/-; Misses R. and C. Gadd, £2/2/-; Mrs. C. Gardener, £1; Miss Jean M. Grant, 5/-; Mrs. Grant, 5/-; Mrs. L. Goulet, 5/-; Master Keith Gardy, 15/-; Mrs. Good, 5/-; Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, 5/-; Mrs. Grinham, 5/-; Miss M. I. Griffin, 5/-; Mrs. Gilmour, 10/-; Grace, 2/1; G.R.B., 8/-; Mrs. Gaunt, 5/-; Miss Grant, 5/-; Mrs. R. Growse, 5/-; Mrs. Grayson, 5/-; Mrs. Rupert Greene, £3; Mrs. Grandin, 5/-.

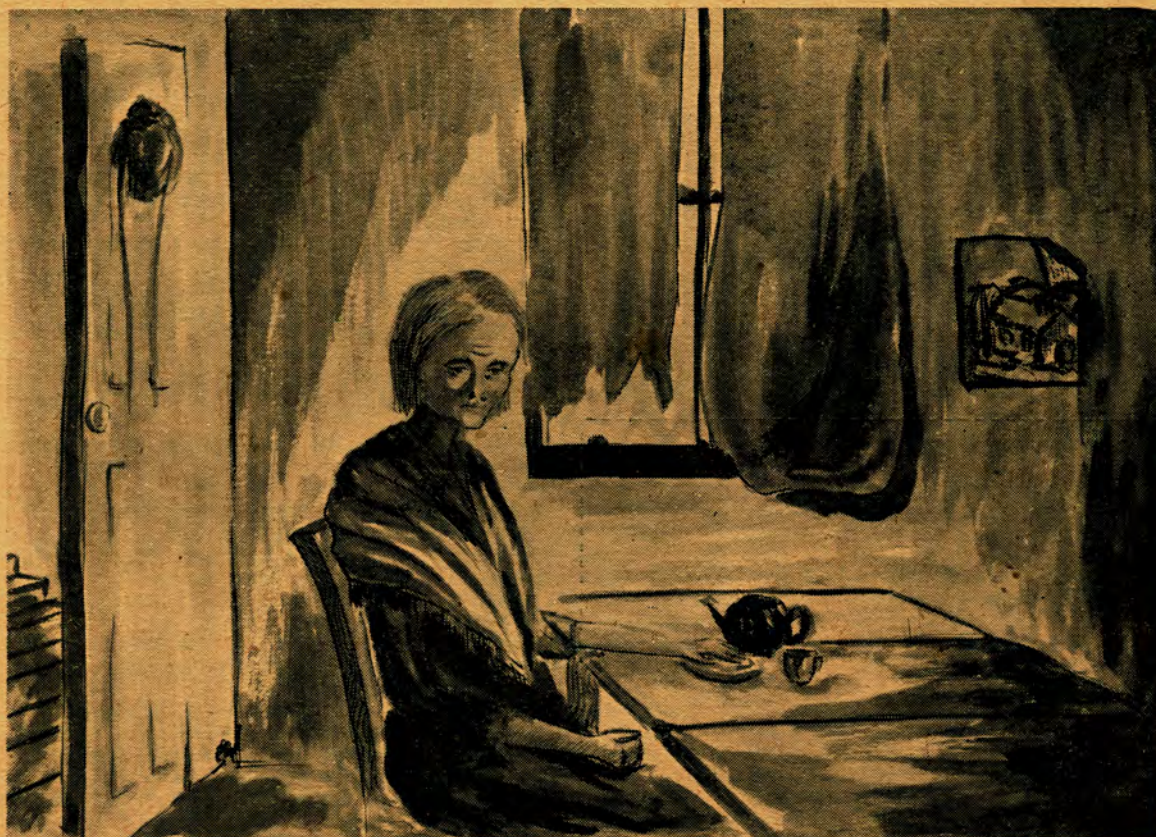
H.—Miss L. Hearle, 5/-; Mrs. Hindle, 5/1; Lady Harrison Moore, 5/-; H. Halliwell, £10; Mrs. Huntingford, 10/-; Mrs. L. V. Hagger, 10/-; Kathy Hemsworth, 15/-; Mrs. Hillgrove, 5/-; Mrs. C. Hodgins, 5/-; City of Hawthorn, £10; Mrs. T. Hosking, £1; Mrs. E. Hale, 10/-; Mrs. G. Hemphill, 5/-; Mrs. L. Horsburgh and Miss N. C. Cochrane, 10/-; Mrs. Howard, 5/-; Mrs. Frank Hooper, £2/2/-; Mrs. Healey, £2; Mrs. Harwood, 5/-; Mrs. E. Hogg, 5/-; Mrs. W. R. Hale, 5/-; Mrs. B. E. Hiscock, £1; Mrs. Hummerston, £1/1/-; Mrs. Hilbeg, 7/6; Miss F. Hohmuth, 10/-; Mrs. Hobson, 5/-; Mrs. George Hewitt, 5/-; Mrs. C. Horsfall, £1; Mrs. Hosking, 5/-.

I.—Mrs. Irish, 5/-; R. K. Ievers, 10/-; Mrs. S. Irwin, 5/-; Miss Irvine, 2/6; Miss N. Imhoff, 10/-; Invisible Mending Staff, 5/-.

J.—Mrs. Jeannerett, £1/5/-; Mrs. G. Jenner, 10/-; Mrs. G. Johnson, 10/-; Jane, £5; Mrs. Jones, 5/-; James, £1; J.F., £2; Mrs. M. E. Jaques, 5/-; Mrs. A. C. Jackson, 10/-; Miss J. M. Jeffrey, 5/-.

K.—Mrs. N. Kirton, 10/-; Mrs. Kearney, 5/-; Mrs. N. Kneebone, 5/-; Keep On Keeping On, 2/6; Mrs. P. Kane, 5/-; Mrs. E. Keys, 2/-; H. Kent, £1; Mrs. Kerr, £1; Mr. E. H. P. Kershaw, 5/-; Miss F. Kind, 10/-; Miss M. Knox, 5/-; Mr. J. B. Knight, 10/-.

L.—Mrs. G. Lemon, £2/2/-; Mrs. E. E. Lane, 5/-; Mrs. Lacey, £1; Mr. A. J. Law, £1/1/-; Mrs. J. Lanning, £5; Mrs. Lee Brown, £1/1/-; Mrs. C. S. Lovett, 5/-; Mrs. Landman,



This is Granny Jones in her "home." She pays 10/- a week for this miserable room in a miserable street. She does her cooking on a smelly oil stove. Her room is three flights up. For £250 a comfortable little bungalow could be built for the poor old soul on the B.S.L. Settlement. What a suitable thank offering such would be for the ending of hostilities. And what a joy such would be to poor old Gran.

10/-; Miss L. Lloyd, 10/-; Miss C. W. Lloyd, 10/-; Mr. D. W. P. Lee, 10/-; Mrs. R. F. Lazarus, 10/-; Miss Liddell, 10/-; Mrs. Lane, 5/-; Mrs. Lilley, 15/-; Mrs. Lovell, 5/-.

M.—Miss J. Mackin, £1; Mr. A. J. Morris, £1; Mrs. A. Maroney, £1; Mrs. Martin, 10/-; Melbourne City Council, £25; Mrs. Mehegan, £6; Mrs. Mills, 2/-; Miss Netta Marks, 5/-; City of Moorabbin, £1/1/-; Rev. Canon Maynard, £1; Mr. Alan Markby, 5/-; Mr. A. S. Marshall, £5/5/-; Mrs. H. O. Mathews, 15/-; Mrs. Madsen, 5/-; Master Terry Moroney, 5/-; Mrs. Marsh, £1; Mrs. M. Male, 5/-; Mrs. F. Millis, 5/-; Miss D. Merritt, 5/-; Mr. Morner, £1; Miss Faith Mollison, 5/-; Mrs. Mekle, 5/-; Mrs. M. March, 5/-.

Mc.—Miss J. McIntosh, 5/-; Mrs. Mackintosh, 5/-; Miss N. Mackenzie, 5/-; Mrs. M. McConville, 5/6; Mrs. McCullin, 5/-; Mrs. H. R. McLean, 5/-; Gwen McGregor, 2/6; Mrs. J. B. Mackay, 5/-; Mrs. L. Macauley, 5/-; Mrs. McChesney Matthews, 5/-; Miss H. McDonald, £1; Miss A. B. McLelland, 5/-; Miss McNeilly, £1; Miss McNeille, 10/-.

N.—Mrs. Nelder, 15/-; Dr. John Edward Nihill's Estate, £2; Mrs. H. Nicholls, 10/-; Mrs. Nash, 2/-; Miss N. Nutt, 5/-; Mrs. L. Nind, 10/-; Mrs. Northcott, £5.

O.—Mrs. Orrell, 5/-; Mrs. Arthur Oldham, £5; Mde. Olive Dubois, 5/-; Misses Oldenburg and Kennedy, 8/6; Miss Owen, 5/-.

P.—Mrs. Ponton, 5/-; Mrs. Pugh, 5/-; Mrs. J. Pomeroy, 5/-; Miss Palmer, £50; Mrs. F. M. Pearton, £1; Misses Pinniger, 5/-; Mrs. I. Paton, £1; Mr. G. A. Pickering, £1/1/-; Mrs. A. Parr, 10/-; Mrs. D. Parson, 5/-; Mrs. Peile, £1; Mrs. Panlock, 10/-; Mrs. E. R. Peters, 5/-; Mrs. E. P. Patten, 5/-; Mrs. R. Pringle, 5/-; Miss Pallman, 5/-.

Q.—Dr. Balcombe Quick, £5/5/-.

R.—Miss Rutherford, 10/-; Mrs. Robins, 5/-; Miss D. Richardson, 5/-; Mrs. J. F. Rossack, £1; Mrs. M. Reade, 5/-; Mrs. Riches, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, £1/1/-; Miss K. A. Ridoutt, 10/-; Miss E. Ritchie, 5/-; Mrs. Reed, £2/2/-; Mrs. Randle, 3/6; Mrs. Read, 10/-; Mrs. M. Reid, 10/-; Mrs. Rothery, £1/4/6; Charles B. Rankin, 5/-; Helen Ramsay, 15/-.

S.—Mrs. Stimson, 10/-; Mrs. W. L. Simpson, 10/-; Miss V. Smith, 5/-; Miss D. Smith, 5/-; Mrs. Smith (Hampton), £3; Miss Eveline Syme, £1; Susan Sybell, 5/-; Mrs. A. Smith, 5/-; Miss A. F. Scroder, £1; Mrs. E. J. D. Shew, 10/6; Mrs. F. Smithson, 5/-; Mrs. Sharp, 5/-; Miss Sinclair, 5/-; Mrs. E. Sargent, 5/-; Ruth and Phillip Shea, 5/-; Mrs. Scott, 5/-; Miss L. P. Sexton, £1; Mrs. R. E. Sexton, £2; Mr. C. W. N. Sexton, £1; Miss Gwen Sloan, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. V. Salter, £5; Miss C. Syme, 10/-; Mrs. Salisbury, 2/-; Mrs. Stevens, 5/-; Miss D. Seeley, 5/-; S.C.K., 5/-; Mr. Sanders, £1; Mrs. E. E. Schmidt, 10/-; Mrs. F. Sheppard, 5/-.

T.—Mrs. F. E. Turner, 10/9; Mrs. Thomson, 2/6; Mrs. Trathem, 5/-; Mrs. Terry, 5/-; Mrs. H. H. Thomson, 5/-; Mrs. H. Tuckett, 5/-; Mrs. Thompson, 5/-; Three Sisters, £1; Barbara and Keith Tilley, 5/-; Miss Traves, 5/-; Mrs. Norman Tulloh, 5/-.

V.—Very Thankful, 10/-; Miss Vivian, 5/-.

W.—Mrs. Wells, 5/-; Mrs. N. R. Walker, 5/-; Miss D. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. Walkerden, 10/-; Mrs. R. H. Wilkins,

£2/2/-; Mrs. E. M. A. Williams, 15/-; Mrs. A. L. Weightman, 5/-; Mrs. Wren, 10/-; Mrs. L. Williams, 5/-; Miss Dora L. Wilson, 5/-; Miss L. Walker, 5/-; Mr. H. S. H. Wallace, 5/-; Mrs. E. Wilson, 10/-; Miss Glory Watkins, 5/-; Miss Laureen Williams, 5/-; Mrs. Wright, 5/-; Miss Mavis Woodford, £1; Mrs. B. Whatley, 5/-; Mrs. M. Walch, £1; Mrs. H. P. Williams, 5/-; Mrs. J. M. Wilson, 3/6; Mrs. Wright, £5/5/-; Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot, 5/-; Mrs. Williams, £1/1/-; Miss Wren, 5/-; Mrs. W. S. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. Wyatt, 7/-; Mrs. J. R. West, £1/1/-; Mrs. E. L. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. L. H. White, 10/-.

Y.—Mrs. Yates, 10/-.

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B.—Mrs. A. E. Barnes, Mrs. Brett, Miss K. Boyce, Miss I. Brown, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. E. E. Berger, Mrs. Bridget, Mrs. Beattie, Miss Breaks, Miss Braithwaite, Miss Blades, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Billows, Mrs. Borrowman, Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Bartold.

C.—Miss Chadwick, S. Catherine's G.F.S., Caulfield; Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Chas E. Campbell, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Christian, Misses Condor, Mrs. Crellin, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Lyle Crellin, Mrs. J. W. Colville, Mrs. Cheffers.

D.—Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Davey, Nancy Druin, Miss Dixon, Miss Davies, Mrs. Dell, Mrs. A. G. Dunn.

E.—Mrs. Evans, Miss Evans, Miss C. Edwards, Mrs. Erikson.

F.—Mrs. B. Ferguson, Mrs. Ford.

G.—Mrs. Gellibrand, Good Fairy Rose Marie, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss George, Mrs. Gobb, Mrs. L. A. Green.

H.—Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Hoskin, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Horn, Miss Hide, Miss P. Hamilton, Mrs. E. H. Harrison, Mrs. Hammond, Miss Harris, Mrs. Homes, Mrs. Henningsen, Miss Hyde, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hausbrough, Mrs. Haynes, Miss Halliday, Mrs. E. Heden, Mrs. Hogg.

I.—Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Ison.

J.—Mr. Jennings, Mrs. H. B. Jackson, L. W. Johnston, S. James' C. of E. Ladies' Guild, Malvern; Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Jackson.

K.—Mrs. Key, Mrs. W. Knight, Mrs. Kind, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. J. B. Knight, Mrs. Kirkwood.

L.—Miss Lynds, S/Ldr. A. D. Longden, Miss Locke, Miss Lyon, Mrs. G. Lemon, Mrs. Liddell, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Long, Betty Laird.

M.—Mrs. Mills, Mrs. S. Mott, Miss Mahnke, Mrs. M. Murray, Miss Mathieson, Mrs. J. J. Morrison, Mr. I. W. Malins, Mrs. May, Miss N. L. Morgan, A. S. Marshall.

Mc.—Mrs. McFarlane, Miss Macnicol, Miss A. B. McLennan, Messrs. McFarlane Bros., Mrs. McLeod, Miss McGrath, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. McChesney.

N.—Mrs. Nelder, Mrs. L. Nind, Mrs. Noonan.

O.—Mrs. Oakden, Mrs. Orrell, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, Mde. Olive-Dubois, Miss V. Ogilvie.

P.—Miss Panter, Miss M. Pollock, Miss Palmer, Miss Perratt.

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S.—Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Slessor, Mrs. Shallard, Miss Shackell, Mrs. Scammell, Miss Savage, Mrs. Starnes, Miss K. Sleight, Mrs. L. Straker, Miss D. Smith, Mrs. Stoddart, Miss Salter, Mrs. Stokes.

T.—Barbara and Keith Tilley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. L. Tully, Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. Norman Tulloh, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Tonkin.

V.—Miss Vere, Mrs. Vaughan, S. C. Vickers.

W.—Miss Elsie Wood, Mr. P. Wheeler, E. R. Winston, Miss Watton, Mrs. Woodside, Mrs. Worrall, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. J. Wonston, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wright, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. A. K. Wansborough, Mrs. I. I. Whitehead.

Y.—Mrs. C. E. Young, Beryl Young.

DONATION SLIP

TO THE SUPERIOR, B.S.L.,
51 ROYAL ARCADE,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

I want to help the Brotherhood help Granny Jones and all the others who come for assistance. I enclose

£ : : .

Name

Address

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

EVANGELISATION OF JAPAN.

C.D. £1 1 0

Brotherhood of S. Laurence



S. LAURENCE HOUSING CAMPAIGN

*“What It
Hopes
To Do!”*

WITH COMMENDATIONS BY
CHURCH and
STATE

COMMENDATIONS

From—

THE PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA.

The Archbishop of Perth,
The Church Office,
Cathedral Avenue,
Perth, W.A.

My Dear Tucker,

I gladly send a word of commendation on your Five Year Plan, and I thank you for sending me a copy of Mr. Reeves' booklet.

I hope that your effort will rouse much interest and get much support. Perhaps the best commendation I can send you is the enclosed cheque.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd.) HENRY PERTH.

29th June, 1945.

From—

BISHOP J. STEPHEN HART.

My dear Reeves,

I desire to congratulate the Brotherhood of S. Laurence, through you, on the splendid courage of their last effort to help the "forgotten tenth". It appears that colder minds are so far forgetting, that they reject these people as impossible and hopeless, and to speak frankly, I guess that even you expect a large percentage of failures. What matters that? If only one family here and there is lifted out of the mire, in Christ's Name, when others see no possibility of success, yours will be a glorious achievement.

My thoughts go back to the time when the hopeless flocked to Gerard Tucker's father at Christ Church, South Yarra. The great Canon never gave a man up so long as he was willing to go on trying, and even then his sympathy was not destroyed. Fr. Tucker is showing himself a worthy son.

'Tis not in mortals to command success, but it is possible for Christians to make Christ's motto their own, "Whoso cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. STEPHEN HART.

Glen Iris, 11th June.

From—

THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE.

My long association with the Superior of the Brotherhood of S. Laurence (The Rev. G. Kennedy Tucker) and my admiration for the work which the Brotherhood has accomplished since its inception, makes it a privilege to commend the Five Year Plan, which it now has in view.

Undaunted by difficulties and discouragements, the Brotherhood has tackled with courage and devotion, the task of social amelioration, and found the solution in the application of Christian Principles to the problems of life.

The work of the Brotherhood in the past has been so blessed by God, that its new venture of faith can be confidently recommended to all who look for the Coming of Christ's Kingdom in the social and economic realms of mankind.

(Sgd.) REGINALD BRISBANE.

Bishopscourt, Brisbane, Q.

From—

THE BISHOP OF GOULBURN.

My Dear Fr. Tucker,

I wish you good success in your tenant training scheme. It is really a piece of practical educational work. Anything that improves the public taste is to be commended. A pride in the home is a foundation sentiment for national life. I hope you can overcome the many obvious difficulties and thus continue to serve greatly both Church and State.

Yours ever,

(Sgd.) ERNEST GOULBURN.

Diocesan Church House,
Goulburn, N.S.W.

From—

THE BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON.

My dear Kennedy Tucker,

I am enclosing a short commendation, which I hope may be of some value. That is a particularly good little book on the Housing Problem and I should say there is no reason why you should not get the full amount of your objective.

Other things being equal, the success of a new and big undertaking by any Society depends to a large extent on the past achievements of that Society. The Brotherhood of S. Laurence during the past fifteen years has entered upon some big ventures and has been game enough to see them successfully through even at times in the face of strong opposition. For that reason their Housing Campaign with its "Five Year Plan £100,000" should meet with a most generous response, especially as it has a great deal to commend it. It so happens that I know from personal experience of parish work in South London that the particular methods which the Brotherhood are adopting have proved eminently successful. I am glad to have the opportunity of commending this venture and feel that I can do so with much confidence that its objective will be achieved.

With my best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) FORTESCUE,

Bishop of Rockhampton.

Rockhampton, Q., 5th July.

From

HOUSING COMMISSION, VICTORIA.

147 Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

J. H. Reeves, Esq.,

Social Research Officer,

Brotherhood of S. Laurence,

71a Brunswick Street,

FITZROY, N.6.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Commission to convey to you its commendation of the scheme which the Brotherhood of S. Laurence proposes to initiate for the training and rehabilitation of problem families at present residing in substandard houses.

The need for such action has been apparent since the removal of such houses was commenced. For many families, the promotion from the derelict house to the new unit on a housing estate has been too rapid and has not met with the success which was anticipated. Intermediate stepping stones during which conditions are steadily improved, and the tenant is trained to an appreciation of his improved surroundings are necessary. The proposal of the Brotherhood to acquire and recondition houses in the inner areas for rehousing of such families, and their training by social workers, skilled in this particular work, should alleviate many problems.

Your appeal for funds to undertake this meritorious work deserves the wholehearted support of the Community.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. H. DAVEY,
Secretary.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. TO CHANGE THE SO-CALLED PROBLEM TENANT INTO THE NORMAL TENANT:

FROM the outset the Brotherhood's social activities have been largely directed towards the care of the "under-dog", those who seem to be "no-one's business". There is a class of tenant which the Housing Commission is unable to deal with. These people have been born and bred in the slums. Many of them know nothing better. The majority could be given a new outlook on life if given the chance, but in their present state it would be useless to remove them into better houses for the new houses would soon become much like those from which the occupiers had come.

What is to be done with these People? For too long they have been ignored. They not only bring into the world their own kind and so add to the problem, they not only cost the community large sums every year, for they help to fill the hospitals, gaols and asylums, but they constitute a blot on our national character. They are Australians, they are our people, our responsibility, products of our social order. They form a cancerous growth in the body politic.

Through the S. Laurence Housing Campaign the Brotherhood proposes to demonstrate in a practical manner how this problem can be solved. The Trust will buy certain reasonably good houses in slum districts and put them in reasonably good order. These houses will be let to the

class of tenant which the Housing Commission is at this time unable to accept. Through a trained woman social worker the tenants will be regularly educated to care for their homes. After paying for rates, taxes and other such expenses, the rents received will be used for carrying out further improvements to the house. This will be done in proportion to the care taken of the houses. The tenant asks for a new copper. She is told she can have it in six months time if in the meantime she pays a little more attention to the cleanliness of her house, and if she uses the bath for the purpose for which it was made and not for a repository for the coal. When the tenants have learnt to care for their houses, have become home minded and have a real desire to improve their conditions, they can be recommended to the Housing Commission for a house on one of its estates.

(Further details of this scheme are outlined in "Housing the Forgotten Tenth.")

We all look forward to a more beautiful Melbourne, to the time when not only slum dwellers and industrial folk but all Melbournites will have a home, in the true sense of the word, of their own. There can be no really beautiful Melbourne as long as a class of people are allowed to contaminate the community as a whole in the same way as a bad apple in a case rots all the apples in the case.

2. TO EXTEND THE WORK ALREADY BEGUN AT CARRUM DOWNS.

(a) Further Houses. At present there are 20 houses on the Settlement. There is room for at least 50. Applications for houses come from all parts of the Commonwealth. Many from wives and widows of servicemen. Others from pensioners and from women, who for various reasons are compelled to bring up their children without the aid of their husbands. Both from the economic and from the health point of view it is best that such people should be provided with homes in the country rather than in the already overcrowded cities.

Not only houses are needed but provision will have to be made for the social life of the people. Already an Infant Welfare Centre has been erected. To this should be added a kindergarten. The present small and temporary club room should give place to a Community Centre with library, movie apparatus and other social amenities.

(b) A Site has been set aside for Cottage Homes for Children. Each cottage would accommodate not more than eight (8) children of both sexes of various ages. A matron or married couple would be in charge of each cot-

tage. The aim would be to make each unit as much like an ordinary home as is possible. Children brought up under the normal institutional system lack much of what is necessary to enable them in after life to play their part as normal and useful citizens.

(c) Homes for the Aged. Provision has also been made for the establishment of a collection of small cottages for married and single old age pensioners. In addition to the dwellings there would be a common dining room, social room and "sick bay." A matron would be in charge of the establishment.

(d) Poultry Runs and Market Garden. As far as possible the Settlement should be self-supporting. Certain areas are eminently suitable for poultry, vegetables and fruit. The youth of the Settlement who desire a life on the land should be trained in these branches of agriculture by a competent man who would do the same while earning his own living by supplying settlers and others with produce. Further land other than that already owned by the Brotherhood could be procured.

3. HOMES INSTEAD OF HOVELS FOR FITZROY:

Since two members of the Brotherhood, on coming to Melbourne, made their home in the slums of Fitzroy, it has always been the hope of one of those two (the second has been called to his rest) to replace the hovels of that unsavoury spot with homes in which happy and healthy Australians might be reared. What form the proposed housing scheme should take will depend on the circumstances which will exist when building becomes possible and the

Housing Commission is in a position to disclose their plans for the area under consideration. What more suitable memorial could there be to the life and work of the second of the two men referred to than a block of buildings set in fair surroundings in the Fitzroy of the future. There is already a small fund in existence called the G. C. Cox Memorial Fund. If this could be added to, still another dream of the Brotherhood would have come true.

What it has done

—ALREADY!

