



Notes for the Friends of The Brotherhood of S. Laurence

FITZROY, VIC.

JUNE, 1947.

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General Office; Coolibah Club; Bursar's Office, Staff and Students' Quarters.

69 Brunswick Street

Superior's Cottage.

71 Brunswick Street

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Social Service Bureau.

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51 Royal Arcade

Campaign Rooms; Opportunity Shop and Office.

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B.S.L. Settlement

Tel. Frankston 376.

By Road: Either via Dandenong or via Seaford.

By Train and Bus: Train to Frankston and Ferntree

Gully bus to Carrum Downs.

THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

SLUM CLEARANCE AGAIN DEFERRED

51 Royal Arcade,
Melbourne, C.1.

June, 1947.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

I am sure you will be glad to learn that His Grace the Archbishop has consented to join the Board of Directors, which is responsible for the Social Welfare Work of the Brotherhood. His Grace has nominated the Reverend G. B. McWilliams and the Reverend G. T. Sambell to be members of the Board also. This closer link with the Diocese which will be formed by the assistance to be given by the Archbishop and those nominated by him will be, I know, of great advantage to the Brotherhood.

"HOW LONG, O LORD, HOW LONG?"

Mrs. Blackburn, M.H.R., recently asked in the House when the Government proposed proceeding with its Slum Clearance plans. Mr. Lemon, the Federal Minister for Housing, said that owing to the Housing shortage the matter of slums was deferred indefinitely. I have expressed myself often enough on the seriousness of the housing shortage, and I have done something more than talk about it. I do not take one word from that which I have said concerning this national tragedy, but I protest most emphatically about this unfair treatment meted out to slum dwellers. Why should their claims be ignored? Surely it should be a question of share and share alike? Should not the finance, labour, and material available for housing be proportioned

in such a way that all classes had something like their share?

We hear a great deal nowadays about the menace of Communism. The movement most certainly is growing at an alarming rate, but it is for us to remember that nothing advances its growth more than unfairness to one particular class of the community. Could there be anything more unfair than to say to the people of Collingwood, for instance, "You must continue to live in your filth and squalor until we have housed the people of (say) Hughesdale"? Are not all citizens of Melbourne, and are not all children of the one Father? I cannot forget the promises that have been made to slum dwellers over the years, and the promises, alas, that have been broken. By our indifference to social reform we are playing into the hands of those who would overflow by force the present Social Order. The first great impetus the Communist movement had was during the depression years. Since then the movement has continued to grow. It will grow with ever-increasing impetus until we get at the cause of the growth and eradicate that cause. I am not one of those who think a classless State is desirable or possible, but I am one of those who believe that fairness to all classes is not only desirable but imperative, that is, if we are not to be plunged into utter chaos.

SLUM CLEARANCE AT THIS STAGE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE

I can well understand the argument of those who say that owing to post-war difficulties wholesale slum clearance cannot be undertaken at this stage. This does not mean, however, that nothing can be done. There is one thing at least that can be done, and that is, to correct certain errors of the past. I know of scores of houses in Fitzroy which as long as ten years ago, were condemned as unfit for human habitation. In spite of that condemnation, people are still living in those houses; they have become infinitely worse over the years, and because of the general housing shortage they are more over-crowded than ever. The owners of the houses concerned are still receiving rent, and because the buildings have been condemned, in many cases, landlords refuse to carry out improvements. As matters are at present, the unfortunate people—men, women and little children—will be compelled to exist for the next ten years in their bug-infested hovels—and ten years ago a solemn assurance was given that they would be moved to houses fit for decent people to live in. The condemnation on houses should be lifted and the owners should be compelled to make the places at any rate liveable. In many cases such could be done without expenditure of much labour and material. To shelve the whole matter, as has been done, is as cruel as it is unjust. If we, as a community, by our silence condone this injustice, we as a community will have to pay, and pay dearly. Once again I would remind you that it is only public opinion that will help right these wrongs. May we rely upon all B.S.L. Friends to raise their voices against the injustices to which I have referred? Don't, dear people, be put off by futile excuses. Excuses of all kinds have been made over the last fifty years, and are still being made.

POOR, OLD AND LONELY

I am writing this on Sunday night. This morning a message was brought that an old woman aged 80 years had sought shelter in a partly-demolished house in Camp Pell. There was not a stick of furniture in the building. The old soul spent the night lying on the concrete floor with only a bag as covering. Kindly neighbours had given her food and came to us for help. Mr. Barratt visited the woman and found her sitting on the floor, for there was nowhere else to sit. She will, at any rate, be comparatively warm to-night, and to-morrow we will try to find some corner for the poor old thing, but it is very difficult to find corners in this great city of ours for the "poor, old and lonely." The tragedy to which I refer is only one of the many that come under our notice. You can understand, I am sure, why I am so anxious to increase our accommodation at Carrum Downs for the "poor, old and lonely." Carrum Downs would not, at this stage, be the place for the old woman now at Camp Pell, for she needs attention that we are not in a position to give. There are, however, hundreds of old people

still able to care for themselves who would be overjoyed to be given a corner (and they are very comfortable corners, too) on the Settlement. I maintain that our plan for caring for a certain type of old people at Carrum Downs is not only right, but it is economic. If old people are given comfortable and congenial surroundings they will be able to care for themselves longer than if compelled to merely exist in one room. One of the reasons why wards in old people's homes are overcrowded is due to the fact that, owing to the conditions under which they lived in the past, they became old before their time, and so became a burden on the State sooner than would have been necessary if they had been looked after before they got too old. It is true that the old-age pension has been raised of late, but that rise is nothing in comparison with the rise in cost of living. Think of an old person paying, say, 15/- a week rent on an income of 37/6 a week, and think of the cost of food. There is not much margin, is there, for fuel, warm clothes and those little extras that you and I regard as essential? Our old people at Carrum Downs pay 6/- a week rent, and instead of one tiny room they have a little cottage all of their own and a little garden as well. I know you think it is a worthwhile venture, and I know you will continue to give us of your sympathy and goodwill in our efforts, not only for the old folk, but for all who need a helping hand. Life at present is difficult; one does get somewhat weary at times, and the more one does the more one sees should be done, but in my moments of depression I remind myself of the ever-growing band of B.S.L. Friends. Between us all, under the hand of God, we really are doing something worthwhile.

Thank you all, dear people, for the encouragement you give. It means more than I can express.

With the greetings of us all, to you all,

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.—Please try and see the pictures on Thursday, 19th June, and tell you friends of the same.—G.K.T.

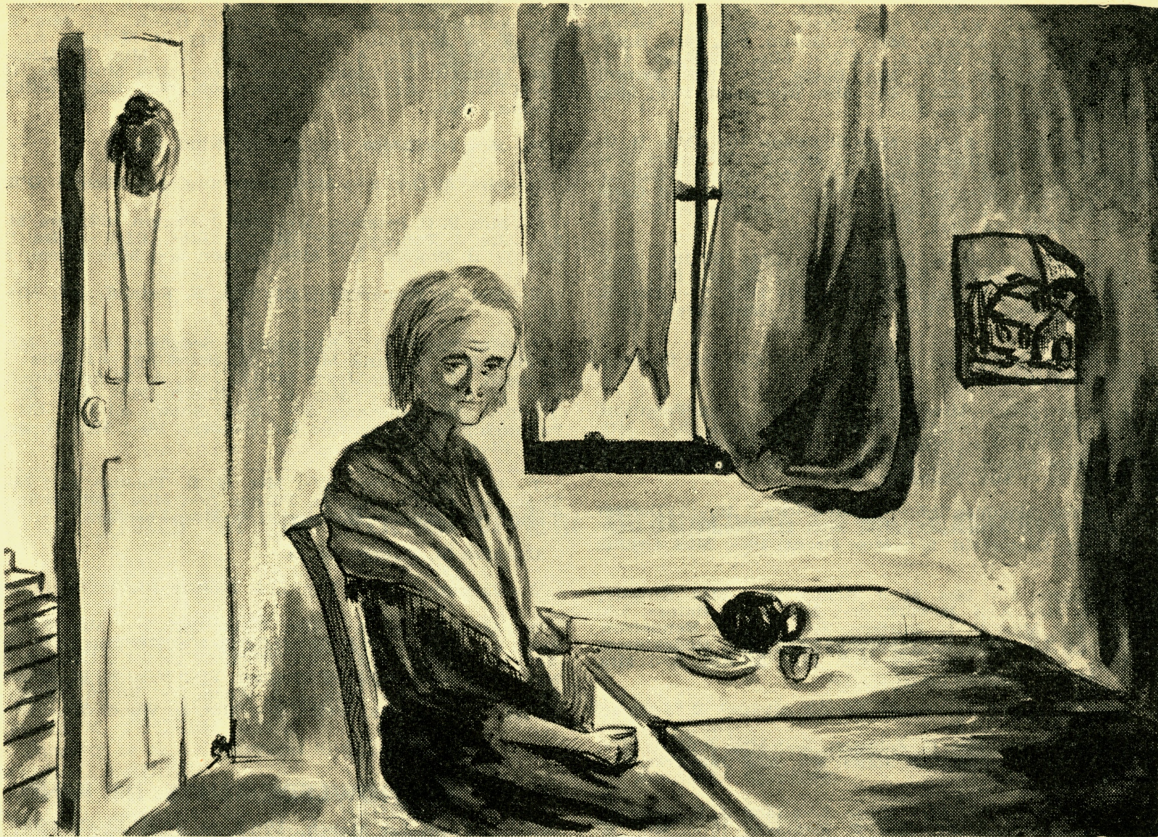
The Brotherhood is on the air from—

3XY on Tuesdays, at 11.30 — Mr. Barratt.

3DB on Tuesdays, at 4.50 — The Superior.

3XY on Thursdays, at 12.45 — The Superior.





"POOR, OLD AND LONELY"

It is not a pretty picture, but it is real, nevertheless. What a joy a bungalow at Carrum Downs would be to this old soul.

GENERAL NOTES

3DB and 3XY Bungalow

Mr. BARRATT and the Superior have, of late, been appealing to their listeners to help build another bungalow at Carrum Downs. Recently it was announced over the air that £150 was in hand, and that £100 more was needed. Two days later a cheque for that amount came to hand from Mrs. Ashtcn, of Hawthorn. So the sixth bungalow is to go up. Needless to say, still more bungalows are needed. £250 gives one old person peace and security for life.

Carrum Downs

Arrangements have been made whereby on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and on holidays, passers-by can secure a cup of tea in the newly-set-up tea rooms. Eggs, plants, cakes, etc., will also be available at a reasonable cost. Will Friends please tell their friends of this venture. It should be understood that visitors are welcome at the Settlement at all times, irrespective of the tea rooms.

Plants

We are very grateful to all who responded to our appeal for bulbs. When discarding during the winter, will gardeners please remember that plants of all kinds are always acceptable for the Settlement?

Winter Fires and Tea

The old men of the Coolibah Club do love their fires. In most cases such things are unknown in the places where they live. Donations earmarked "For Coolibah Club Fires"

are most acceptable. There is something else the old men love, and that is their morning and afternoon "cupper." Sometimes it has to be a "cupper" cocoa, but it is tea they want. Will those who do not use all their tea coupons please remember this? It is only through the generosity of such folk that the old fellows can have tea at all.

Next Carrum Downs Outing

All weather coach leaves garage at corner of Pt. Nepean Rd. and New St., Elsternwick, at 2 p.m. and Hawthorn Rd. tram terminus at 2.15 on SATURDAY, 7th JUNE. Return fare, 5/-. Tickets at 51 Royal Arcade.

**The Superior will show the film
"THE CURSE OF SLUMS"**

in the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on
Thursday, 19th June, at 8 p.m.
No tickets necessary — Collection.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

From 1st March, 1947, to 30th April, 1947

A.—Lady Armstrong, £2/2/-; A.D.H., 10/-; Mrs. Anquetil, 10/-; Australian Plaster Industries, £2/2/-; B.D., 10/-; Mrs. E. M. Anderson, £2/10/-; Mrs. Ahern, £1; Anonymous, £6/7/-; Miss Alexander, 10/-.

B.—Mr. R. Barrett, 10/-; Mr. F. R. Baker, £1/1/-; Mr. Lloyd Brink, £4; Mr. H. Black, £1; Mr. Cecil Berry, £5; Mrs. F. Bates, 10/-; Mrs. G. A. Brown, £1/8/6; Mrs. P. Brown, 6/-; Mrs. H. V. Baddock, £1; Miss Gertie Bolton, £2/2/-; Miss M. Bone, 4/6; B.C., 5/-; Miss E. Bedford, 10/-; Mrs. Blade, 15/-; Mrs. Brown, 3/-; Mrs. Brane, 12/-; Mrs. Baird, 2/-; Mrs. Brennand, 10/-; Mrs. H. A. Brown, £1; Mrs. Bowen, 5/-.

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From 1st March, 1947, to 30th April, 1947

B.—Mrs. Brain, Miss Blade, Mrs. Bruce, Miss I. Brown, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Beardsley, Mrs. Bowen.

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51 ROYAL ARCADE,

MELBOURNE, C.I.

Please find my donation for £ : :

Name

Address

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