



Notes for the Friends of The Brotherhood of S. Laurence

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THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

A NOTE OF APPREHENSION:—FOUNDATION FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS.

51 Royal Arcade,

Melbourne, C.1.

December, 1948.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

As I am about to leave for Sydney and Newcastle, I am writing this letter a fortnight earlier than is my custom. What I am about to say, however, will not, I think, be out of date by the time you read it.

I first of all want to express my appreciation to all those who helped to make our recent Market Fair the great success it was. The amount in hand is nearly £300. This is nearly £50 less than last year, but then we received a special cheque for that amount, so really the result for the two years is the same. Considering the fact that the weather was far from favourable and that the day coincided with the Street Appeal for Hospitals, I think we should be more than satisfied. To collect the amount referred to in a few hours means, of course, a great amount of work and organisation beforehand. To all who did that work and carried out that organisation, and, in fact, to all who helped in any way at all, I, on behalf of the Brotherhood, offer very sincere thanks.

A NOT QUITE SO HAPPY NOTE:

You will remember, in my last letter, I told you that we had been left a sum of money which should be in the region of £10,000. I said at the time that the Board of Directors had decided that all the money was to be spent in some special forward work, and I told you the kind of thing the Directors had in mind. Since my letter appeared, and since a notice on the same lines was published in the Press, I have been told by many that people are saying that the B.S.L. is now a wealthy organisation, and will not need

further financial help. I might have thought that this was only chit chat; but I am sorry to have to say that since the publication of my last letter there appears to be a marked falling off in ordinary donations. This may be mere chance, but it does make me feel somewhat apprehensive nevertheless, for, if our ordinary donations should fall off, we should either have to curtail our present work or else draw on capital. The latter, of course, would be the end of all our hopes for some real piece of slum clearance, and the furthering of our building programme at Carrum Downs. I do not think that I can be accused of always begging for money, and I am not going to do so now. But I do ask you to do all in your power to dispel any idea there might be that we are not in need of financial help. The legacy we are to receive I consider to be a mandate to extend our activities. I know you agree with me when I say that there simply must not be any drawing on of capital. There could be no future for any business that is forced to adopt such tactics. The same applies to charitable organisations such as ours.

HOSPITAL FOR CARRUM DOWNS:

As one grows older one thinks more and more of one's state when really old. We all hope when the end comes it may be sudden, and that we may be able to look after ourselves to the last. Old people value their independence as much as do the young. As much as we hope to be able to look after ourselves until the end, experience of life teaches us that the chances as such will not be the case. Happy are those who know that there will be some dear one, some son, some daughter, to care for them at the end. The majority of our old folk on the Settlement have not this assurance. I shall not be happy until they can know that everything possible will be done to give them loving care until they are no longer dependent on human ministrations.

We must have a Hospital, or, rather, that which is known as a Rest Home. It need not be an elaborate building, but one where a nursing sister can care for those who are bedridden by reason of old age. Through the generosity of Miss Sprigg, who started a Hospital Fund with a gift of £250, and through the generosity of another Friend who gave £50, we now have £300 in hand for the proposed Hospital. I am not at this stage making a special appeal for this project, but I am hoping to add to the Fund from time to time. As our numbers increase, and as our old folk become still older, the need will become increasingly urgent. You see, can you not? why I became fearful when people told me that others are saying that the Brotherhood had all the money it needs. "All the money we need," and scores of people asking for bungalows at Carrum Downs, and the colossal task waiting to be done in Fitzroy and similar localities!

CHRISTMAS:

As in past years, we are looking to you to enable us to bring Christmas Cheer to our ever-growing family. From the outset the Brotherhood has tried to be practical in its giving. We are utterly opposed to indiscriminate giving. We realise that we are dealing with trust monies, and such being the case, we feel that we are in duty bound to make the best use of monies given to us for our people. Nearly all, if not all the people to whom we give Christmas Cheer, at our Fitzroy party, are very poor indeed. They are old-aged and invalid pensioners, widows with large families, and others who have been worsted in the race of life. To these folk we give a simple meal and a parcel of groceries. About a hundred come to these parties, so a hundred parcels will have to be prepared. Those of you who send food parcels to England know something of the cost of even the smallest. We want to give each of our folk a reasonably sized parcel.

As I told you in my last letter, we are, in conjunction with the Reverend G. T. Sambell, Director of the Diocesan Centre, hoping to give some hundreds of under-privileged children camping experience during the summer months. As one who has had a good deal of experience in this matter, I can testify as to its value. It not only gives the young people a happy time, but it does much for them physically and spiritually. The discipline is good, as is the companionship. In no better way can workers get to know children than when sharing camp life together. The camp forms a bridge between "class" and "class." Were there more bridges there would be less of this terrible class warfare that threatens the welfare of us all. I hope that the camps, for which we are now preparing, will be the beginning of something really worthwhile. I do not begrudge the Mallee children their camps; but I do want something of the kind for children of the industrial areas. I hope that before very long we may be able to secure land of our own on which we can erect permanent camp buildings. On the land, too, I would like to erect a rest-house for tired and worn-out mothers. Since Sister Hay has been working with us this need has been brought home to me to a greater extent than was the case when the staff consisted of men only. It is really a case of the more you do the more you find there is to do. And then some say that the Brotherhood has all the money it needs! In our plans for Christmas I have remembered what you have done for us in the past. What you have done in past years I know you will do in this present year.

FOUNDATION FESTIVAL:

I find it difficult to realise that seventeen years have passed since the founding of the Brotherhood. They have been full years, and happy years, in spite of difficulties and set-backs. To me there are very real indications that our work is in accordance with the mind of Almighty God. I invite as many of you as is possible to be with us for our Eighteenth Foundation Festival at St. Cuthbert's, East Brunswick, on Sunday, 12th December, at 7 p.m. As is their usual custom, our good St. Cuthbert's Friends are to give us all a cup of tea at the conclusion of the Service.

In thanking you all, not only for your ready co-operation during the past year, but also for what so many of you have done during all the years of the Brotherhood's existence, I would wish you all a very Happy Christmas and the best of good things in the years to come.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Superior B.S.L.

GENERAL NOTES.

CARRUM DOWNS STAFF:

We much regret to have to report that Mr. Haynes, who has been Manager of the Settlement during the last twelve months, is, for domestic reasons, about to leave us. The present has been the most progressive year in the Settlement's history. This has been, to a large extent, due to Mr. Haynes' industry and enthusiasm. The Superior is to become Manager, and is to have the assistance of Mr. R. G. Clark, a former member of the Royal Navy, who is expected to arrive from England during 1949. We have been glad to have with us Mr. Ernest Andrews, who joined the staff during the year. He is proving himself very useful in helping in the upkeep of the ever-increasing number of buildings. We are also very glad to have Mrs. Andrews, who is always ready to help in any way possible.

18th FOUNDATION FESTIVAL

IN ST. CUTHBERT'S, EAST BRUNSWICK
 With kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens
 ON SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER, at 7 P.M.

Preacher:

REV. G. T. SAMBELL, M.A.
 (Director of Diocesan Centre)

From the City, take East Brunswick 'Bus, and alight
 at the corner of Glenlyon Road and Nicholson Street.



*It is to people living in
places such as this that
we should give some
Christmas Cheer.*



*It is from places such as
this that we shall take
boys and girls for their
Holiday Camps.*

TYPICAL LETTER:

Rev. Tucker.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask if you would let me have a cottage at Carrum Downs. I am a widow, aged 75. I live in a small room and pay 15/- a week. I cook on a gas ring, and have to carry all my water upstairs. I am a bit lame. The people in the house are kind, but they do not want me. I have no people of my own, and I am very lonely and unhappy. I would love a little place at Carrum Downs, and you would find me satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Think of this lonely old soul in her inconvenient little room. We have put her name on the list of applicants for bungalows, but, unless we can speed up the building programme it will be many months before we can ask her to join the little community at Carrum Downs, the members of which are enjoying that peace and security which should be the lot of all in the evening of their earthly pilgrimage.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FROM 1st SEPTEMBER TO 31st OCTOBER, 1948.

A: Anonymous, £9/1/-; Miss Ashton, 5/-; Mrs. Alexander, £1; Mrs. E. M. Anderson, £2/10/-; "The Age," £2/2/-; Mrs. Anderson, 5/-; Mr. E. G. Adamson, £1/1/-.

B: Mr. G. Brown, 5/-; Mrs. Boadle, 2/-; Miss I. Brown, 5/-; Mrs. S. Barton, 5/-; Mrs. Billingham, 5/-; Mrs. H. A. Brown, £5; Mrs. W. Baker, 5/-; Mrs. Brame, 10/-; Miss G. Bouton, £2/2/-; Mrs. Batchelor, £1; Mrs. M. G. Burnett, 5/-; Miss L. Briggs, 10/-; Mrs. O. M. Benn, 10/6; Mr. Lionel Beach, 10/-; Mr. A. J. Blashki, £2; Mrs. W. Baxter, 5/-; Mrs. S. L. Blakely, £1; Mrs. Bissett, 5/-; Mrs. F. Beattie, 7/6; Mrs. H. A. Bergin, 10/-; Mrs. Blenkhorn, 4/-; Mrs. H. Book, £1; Miss A. Borrie, 5/-; Mr. Bullock, 2/-; The Late Canon Batter, £5/0/6.

C: Mrs. Clifton, 5/-; Miss C. Cook, 5/-; Mrs. Clark, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Condon, 10/-; Miss S. Coldham, £5; Mrs. S. M. Callister, 10/-; Mrs. N. Carter, 5/-; City of Sandringham, £1/1/-; Mrs. E. Clark, 10/-; Miss M. Cornish, 5/-; Mrs. Rutter Clarke, 13/-; Miss S. Clements, 10/-; Mrs. R. G. Caddell, £1; Mrs. S. Collins, 5/6; Mr. W. E. Clack, 10/-; Mrs. Christison, £2; Mrs. M. A. Charles, £1; Mrs. C. E. Campbell, 10/-; City of Richmond, £5; Alan Clugston, 5/-; Miss Chadwick, £50; Mrs. E. Clark, 10/-; Mrs. C. G. Campbell, 10/-; Mrs. Clifton, 5/-.

D: Mrs. Dumaesque, £1; Mrs. Donaldson, 5/-; Mrs. Dobell, 5/-; Mesdames C. Davey and F. Roberts, £3; Mrs. Deslandes, 5/-; Mrs. G. Duncan, 5/-; Miss Drew, 5/-; Mrs. Delaney, 5/-; Mrs. E. Davies, £1; Miss Davidson, 5/-; Mrs. Dyason, £1; Mrs. E. Damman, 5/-; Mrs. L. E. Daniell, £1/5/-; S. E. Dickins Pty. Ltd., £3; Miss V. Doble, 5/-; Darling Baptist Fellowship, £2/10/-; S. E. Dickins Social Service Fund, £3/15/-; Mrs. Davis, 5/-.

E: Mrs. Edwards, 1/-; Mr. Elrick, £1/1/-; Miss E. Ereat, 5/-; Estate of the late Mrs. A. L. Morrison, £200; Mrs. I. Emerson, £2; Mrs. E. Epps, 5/-; Mrs. M. Evans, £1.

F: Mrs. E. Fellows, 10/-; Miss A. Ford, £5; Mrs. C. Forbes, 11/-.

G: Miss Godwin, 10/-; Mrs. Gazeley, 10/-; Mrs. Gardiner, 5/-; Mrs. G. C., 10/-; Miss F. Godfrey, 10/-; Mrs. Galbraith, 5/-; Mrs. J. Gleeson, 5/-; Mr. J. Griffiths, £1; Miss D. Gregory, 10/-; C.E.G.G.S., Geelong, £2; Miss Griffin, 5/-; Colin Gray, Esq., £5/0/6; Good Fairy "Pebbles," 5/-; Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, 5/-; Mrs. A. Graves, 10/-.

H: Miss F. Hohmuth, 15/-; Miss Hill, 5/-; Miss I. Hogg, £1; Mrs. Halbig, 10/-; Mrs. Hutchings, 5/-; Mrs. L. F. Harris, £5; Mrs. F. Humble, 10/-; Mr. Norman Haynes, 10/-; Mrs. McKenzie Henry, £1/1/-; Miss I. J. Helm, £1/1/-; Miss M. Hickey, 5/-; Mrs. C. Hutchinson, 5/-; Miss L. Hearle, 5/-; Mrs. A. Howard, 5/-; Mr. W. Hayes, 5/-; Mrs. G. E. Hemphill, 5/-.

I: "In Memory of Mother," £1; Mrs. A. Isister, 10/-.

J: Mrs. Jaques, 5/-; Mrs. G. B. Jenner, £1/1/-; Mrs. Jilkes, £3; Mrs. B. Joseph, 10/-; Miss J. Jones, £5.

L: Miss A. Lambrick, £1; Mrs. Lurati, 5/-; Miss K. Lucas, 5/-; Mrs. Liddell, 10/-; Mrs. R. Leadbeeter, 5/-; Miss D. Lewis, 5/-; Mrs. W. T. Lewis, 15/-; Mrs. A. M. Lawrence, £5; Miss E. Lambert, £1.

M: Mr. McRoberts, £5; Mr. A. McFarlane, £1; Mrs. M. Mason, 5/-; Mrs. J. R. Murray, 5/-; Mrs. M. K. B. Morley, 5/-; Mrs. Marr, 5/-; Miss Morgan, £1; Mrs. Mott, 5/-; Mrs. Mayley, 5/-; Mr. D. Morrison, 5/-; Mrs. V. Miller, £1; Miss B. McDonald, 5/-; Mr. I. D. McKinnon, 5/-; Mrs. M. Morris, 10/-; Mrs. Moreland, 4/-; Mrs. C. N. McKay, £1/16/-; Miss

M. McGarvie, 10/-; Mrs. McConachy, 10/-; Mrs. F. J. McKee, £1; Miss M. Mills, 5/-; Mrs. R. E. Merrett, 12/6; Mrs. McFarlane, £2; Mrs. V. Maybery, 10/6.

N: Mrs. Norris, 5/-; Mrs. P. B. Nye, 5/-; Mrs. M. S. Newton, 5/-; Miss V. Newnham, 5/-.

O: Miss F. Owens, 5/-; Miss E. Osborne, 10/-; O'Mara, 6/-; Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, £2.

P: Pascoe Vale Mothers' Union, 7/6; Presbyterian Brotherhood (Benalla), £13/2/6; Mrs. Pullman, 5/-; Mrs. Plumpton, 13/6; Mrs. Pattenden, £2/2/-; Mrs. N. Probert, 5/-; Miss M. Percival, 5/-; Mrs. J. Pomerey, 5/-; Mrs. Perlstein, 10/-; Mrs. Pyke, 5/-.

R: Miss Roper, 10/-; Miss Rielly, 5/-; Miss L. W. Reid, £1; J. Reeve, 10/-; Mr. T. Rushworth, 5/-; Mrs. Reade, 5/-; Rookies' Club, Business Girls, Y.W.C.A., City, 5/-; Mrs. Rudwick, 10/-; Regent Pictures, £1/18/-; Miss E. M. Rodda, £2; Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Ryan, £3/3/-; Mrs. A. Rowe, 5/-; Mrs. A. Richardson, 5/-; R.F.L., £1.

S: Mrs. Schubach, 10/-; Mrs. Sanderson, 10/-; Mrs. Shean, 3/-; Mrs. Schmidt, 5/-; Staff Taxation Mail Room, per Miss C. McKinnon, South Yarra, £2; Mrs. E. L. Scott, 10/-; Stanhope South Sunday School, £3; St. Mark's, Rose-dale, £2/2/-; Mr. Sherbourne, 10/-; Dr. Schaffer, £1; Mrs. Shuttleworth, 5/-; Mrs. C. M. Short, 10/-; Mr. Victor Say, £5/5/-; Mr. Schultz, £1; Mrs. Scott, £2.

T: Mrs. Tillotson, 16/6; Mrs. Thomas, 5/-; Mrs. Thornton, 5/-; Mrs. A. Thomas, 3/4; Tasmanian Visitors, 10/-; Mrs. B. Turvey, 5/-; Mrs. Tortice, £2/5/-; Mr. E. Thorp, 10/-; Mrs. Turner, 15/3.

W: Mrs. B. A. Wood, 5/-; Miss Williams, 5/-; Mrs. Woods, 5/-; Wellwisher, 4/-; Mrs. A. E. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. Walsh, 2/-; Mr. A. A. Willis, 5/-; Mrs. E. Wilson, 5/-; Mrs. N. Whitehead, 5/-; Mrs. Walkerden, 5/-; Miss Whitehead, 5/-; Miss Walton, 5/-; Mrs. G. Wren, 10/-; Colin Warren, 2/-; Widow's Mite, 5/-; Miss T. Woodhouse, 5/-; Mr. A. E. Walker, 5/-.

Y: Mrs. Young, 5/-.

Z: Mr. G. F. Zeigler, £5.

DONATION SLIP

TO THE SUPERIOR, B.S.L.,
51 ROYAL ARCADE,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Please find my donation for £ : :

Name

Address

STOP PRESS

It has come to our notice that a person has been attempting to collect donations from door to door, on behalf of the Brotherhood. We do not employ any collector; all our donations we receive from our friends and from people interested in the work. Fortunately, the activities of the bogus collector was stopped by the prompt action of one of our friends. Anyone who is approached in this way would greatly assist us by reporting the matter to our central office at once.