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THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER TWO APPOINTMENTS — AFTER CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

51 Royal Arcade,

Melbourne, C.1,

January, 1949.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

You may have seen in the daily Press that the Reverend G. T. Sambell has been appointed by The Brotherhood as its Director of Social Services. I should like to enlarge upon this matter. Mr. Sambell is Director of The Melbourne Diocesan Centre, has been a member of our Board for some two years, and has recently organised the B.S.L. Diocesan Centre Camps and Day Trips for some thousand children of the industrial areas. We will be under no financial obligation to Mr. Sambell, who will continue with his Diocesan Centre work. As our contribution towards this scheme we have undertaken to be responsible for the salary of a Secretary for Mr. Sambell. This new move is going to be a great help to Mr. Wilding and those working with him in Fitzroy. It will also, I feel sure, enable us not only to strengthen our position, but also enlarge our activities. Except as a member of the Board I shall in future be free from responsibilities in connection with Fitzroy. I know that Mr. Sambell will receive the same loyal co-operation that I have received at all times, not only from the staff but from all who assist in the Fitzroy activities. Although I am to be relieved of some of my responsibilities, I shall continue to share in the ever-growing work at Carrum Downs and to press on with our "WAR AGAINST SLUMS AND ALL THE EVIL THAT COMES THEREFROM."

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Reverend H. C. Walton, until recently Rector of Lochart, in New South Wales, is to come to us as Chaplain of the Settlement. Except when on tour with the films, I have been able to have a morning service on the Settlement, but, owing to many afternoon and evening engagements in the city, I

have not been able to have regular evening services. At the advent of Mr. Walton this will now be possible. He comes to us after a long and strenuous ministry. We do not intend to make big demands of him. For what he is aiming to do for us we give a house and a very small remuneration.

SOME AFTER CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Thanks to the generosity of our friends we were able to do more for our people this year than ever before. The most important part of our Christmas activities was in regard to the Camps and Daily Outings for some thousand youngsters. The extension in this part of our work is largely due to the happy co-operation of Mr. Sambell and the members of our Fitzroy staff. The sum of £500 spent on this work was, I consider, more than worthwhile. The greater part of the £500 was subscribed by Fitzroy, North Melbourne and other business men.

While we were in the midst of our Christmas activities I was asked to speak from the A.B.C. I would here repeat something of what I said on that occasion. I spoke of the generosity of people at this time of the year and of the joy of giving to those who are in special need of Christmas Cheer. It was a great pleasure, I said, for me to see our Old Folk coming up to receive their parcel of groceries and the youngsters for their toys from the tree.

It was a pleasure to see young and old around tables almost weighed down with good things to eat. Those who shared in the Camps and Outings were more than happy to see the happiness of the youngsters under their care. The happiness which came from the swimming, the games, the good food, the good companions, the comfortable and clean beds, the sing-songs and the evening prayers, too. It was almost just as it should be. None of us, though, can forget the other side of the picture. We cannot forget the lonely

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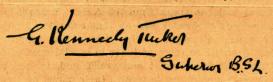
and often unhappy lives of those old folk who, after receiving their parcels, returned to their miserable little rooms in mean back streets. We cannot forget the conditions under which those deserted wives and those widows have to bring up their children. We cannot forget what so often happens to those unfortunate children. We cannot forget what, under present conditions, has happened to many of those happy carefree children who played so happily on the beach during those glorious few days in camp. In my broadcast I quoted one as saying "that we overfeed the poor on Christmas Day and starve them for the rest of the year." Of course such is an exaggeration, but yet many people have become hardened to slums and other such abominations and are inclined to think that they have done their duty to the poor if they give them "a good time at Christmas." With your co-operation, we will continue to bring what happiness we can to the unhappy lives, but we will at the same time continue to do our part in eliminating those things that make for unhappiness.

I recently heard a very good talk over the air on the subject of migration. The speaker stressed the need for increased population, and he emphasised the fact that we must see that all migrants become good Australians. Of course, we need good Australians, but yet we allow tens of thousands of children to be born and reared in such conditions that they must become bad Australians. Will you good people remember this fact at this time, when there is so much talk about population. I am in no way criticising the present migration policy, but I do urge that we should look after the people we already have — and especially the children.

I should like to tell you about my recent Sydney-Newcastle tour with our films. Space, however, does not permit. I should like, however, to express my gratitude for the great kindness Mr. Barratt and I received wherever we went. Our special thanks go to those kind Clergy-wives and others who entertained us. My impression is that the Sydney folk are not as "Slum Conscious" as are the people of Melbourne. I would like to think that the B.S.L. has played its part in making many people in this city of ours very unhappy about the conditions that prevail in our inner industrial areas. May I say that for me the highlight of our trip was my visit to Adamstown — the Parish in which the Brotherhood was born and in which I spent some of the happiest years of my life. I shall never forget the welcome those dear people gave me on my return after nearly 15 years' absence.

Our greetings to you all, dear people, and our thanks to you all.

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



GENERAL NOTES.

CARRUM DOWNS

It would seem that we are soon to have two much desired amenities — water and electric light. Up to the present we have had to rely upon tanks and on a limited supply of water on the property, and have had to content ourselves with lamps for lighting purposes. Thanks largely

to the energy of Mr. Saxil Tuxen, who has been one of our chief advisers on Settlement matters from the beginning, we expect soon to have an almost limitless supply of water, from a bore which has been sunk. The water will be pumped into a tank on a hill, and from there will be conveyed by pipes to the various allotments. It may be that the tanks will still be used for drinking and washing purposes. The bore water will be most useful for the gardens and for other purposes, when at the end of a dry summer the tanks are inadequate. For some years we have been hoping for electric light. We have now been told that we can expect it in the near future. It would seem that our pioneering days are now over, and that while enjoying the benefits of the country, we shall have many of the advantages of the cities. When we took over the property 15 years ago there was only one building on the 45 acres. Now there are 40. Considering the fact that during the six years of war building operations were to a large extent held up, we consider that the progress made has been satisfactory, and we hope that those who had faith in the scheme in its early days can now feel that their faith was justified.

CARRUM DOWNS OUTINGS

These are generally on the first Saturday in the month. Special cars leave Batman Avenue at 2 p.m. Tickets, which are 5/- (return) may be had from 51, Royal Arcade, and should be secured as early as possible before the date of the trip. The April outing is to be on Saturday, 23rd. This will be OUR ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Further particulars will be given in the next issue. It would be helpful, however, if those who intend to make the trip would secure their tickets before the paper comes out. It is essential that we order cars well in advance.

THE SUPERIOR'S LODGE

A cottage is being built on the Settlement for the Superior, and is being constructed in such a way that the three rooms can be thrown into one for entertaining purposes. It is hoped that the cottage and garden may be ready for the party on 23rd April.

CAMPS APPEAL - NO ACKNOWLEDGMENTS HERE

Will those who subscribed to our special appeal for children's camps please note that we have been unable to acknowledge their gifts in this paper. All, however, should have received receipts and letters of thanks.

VOLUNTARY HELPERS

Since our last issue Anthony Clunies-Ross gave us 10 days of his holidays on the Settlement, and Messrs. Harty and Black a week-end.

We cannot over-estimate the importance of such work, and especially during the days of labour shortage. We are only too glad to give hospitality to those who give us of their services.

LAND WANTED

This is for a permanent holiday camp for children of the industrial areas. It should not be too far from the city and it should be close to the beach. We might be prepared to buy a suitable block, but this notice is inserted in the hope that someone will supply our need free of charge. A camp would help us in our efforts to help under-privileged boys and girls — give Australia what she needs before everything else — GOOD AUSTRALIANS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(Not including donations to B.S.L. and Diocesan Centre Holiday Fund.)

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