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WRITES —

'CAST ASIDE APATHY'



Dear B.S.L. Friends,

Should I be asked what I most wanted at the present time, my answer would be two-fold. I want the people in this land to cease living in a fool's paradise. In spite of the fact that the international situation becomes more ominous as the days pass and our future as a nation becomes increasingly more precarious, we carry on as if our prosperity and safety were assured for generations to come. And this is in spite of the fact that we live under the shadow of the atomic bomb and the possibility of the annihilation of mankind. Should this horror be averted we are still faced with the fact, that unless we change our sense of values and are prepared to make real sacrifices, the children of Australia will in a few year's time be crying for food as are the millions of our neighbours in South East Asia. That book, "Commonsense about a Starving World," by Ritchie Calder, to which I have referred before, has been read by, I suppose, many thousands of people, but yet I have not heard anyone say that the author's findings are wrong. He is simply ignored and he a man of outstanding international reputation!

Oh for someone to rouse us out of our deadly apathy and lead us on the way to peace. There are some who say that only complete disaster can rouse us. They point to past history where again and again down the ages people have been faced with disaster and warned how it could be avoided, but warnings have been ignored with dire calamity. Although I cannot deny these facts of history I refuse to subscribe to this doctrine of hopelessness. There IS a way out of our difficulties. I believe that while there is yet time we must make friends with those who might become our enemies. That is where Community Aid Abroad, Inter-Church Aid and other such organisations come in, but as valuable and essential as are such movements, the whole answer does not lie there.

CHRISTIAN PLAN

This brings me to my second "want" for the present time. It is that we should examine The Christian Plan as if something quite new. Preconceived ideas must be put away, divisions in the Church forgotten and how the church functions at the present time. Forget these things and look again at, and test step by step, the Plan set forth in the Gospels. While doing this the early history of the Church should be remembered. In those days Christians had a faith and an enthusiasm which enabled a mere handful of men to change the whole course of history and lay the foundation of what we call Christian civilisation. We have to confess that the faith and enthusiasm to which I refer, is lacking today and we act as if Christianity had no relation to everyday things. Such most certainly was not the teaching of the Founder nor the practice of those who "turned the world upside down."

As I see it, the question before all questions today is "Does Christianity really work?" If it does not work we have believed in vain and those who say that religion is but opium for the people are right after all. Personally I am convinced the Church (not as it is today, but as it was in the early days) has not only an answer to our troubles, but the answer.

Speaking generally, there are two Plans for man's welfare here on earth — the Christian Plan and the Communistic Plan. At present, those who follow the latter plan are steadily growing in number and influence. Alas, we cannot say the same in regard to the Christian Plan and the reason to my mind for this is that we do not really believe that it does "work" and this because we have not really examined it.

IMPORTANT MATTER

In this letter I have tried to put before you good people who have done and are doing so much for this Brotherhood of ours, what is uppermost in my mind. If any should be interested to comment on my thoughts I should be very glad to hear from you. The matter is of such tremendous importance. There has never been such an important generation of people on the earth as those who are now

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WINTER APPEAL BEGINS SOON

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence annual winter salvage appeal commenced on June 1.

During the winter months demand for all the Brotherhood's many services to needy people ranging from recreation for the young in dreary inner Melbourne suburbs to care for the frail aged in Carinya, the hospital home at Box Hill, is at its highest.

Householders all over Victoria can help the appeal simply by turning out their wardrobes and cupboards, and giving the unwanted things they find — and there are always some in even the best run homes — to the salvage division.

Most wanted things are clothing (in good condition), ornaments, silverware, jewellery, household crockery, postage stamps, bedding, magazines, vases, pictures, books, milk bottle tops, scrap metal and radios. A call to 41 3183 is all that is needed to bring a van to your door if you live in Melbourne. Country people can send parcels free of freight to the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, c/o Flinders Street Railway Station.

FOR GOOD WORKS

The board of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence has decided on the first projects to be financed by money raised by the recent Forgotten People Appeal. The appeal, which was launched late last year to help many aspects of the Brotherhood's work, has raised £51,000.

First allocations of the money will be:—

- £20,000 to Carinya, the Brotherhood hospital home for the frail aged at Box Hill, for a further 15 beds.
- £2,000 to finance an activities and occupation centre at St. Laurence Park, Lara, the Brotherhood settlement for active elderly people.
- £3,000 to finance a three-year visiting and occupational scheme for "shut ins," elderly or physically handicapped people.
- £5,000 for research.

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alive. The whole future of the world for countless generations to come depends on our thoughts and our actions.

I am very grateful to those of you who wrote to me in regard to my last letter in which I spoke of "bearing in mind" our needs. I referred specially to "Carinya" our hospital for frail aged. You will be glad to know that we are now very hopeful of being able to make a start to carry out the necessary extensions. I know that all who believe in "bearing in mind" will do so in regard to what I have written above.

I am,

Yours fearfully yet hopefully,

G. Kennedy Tucker

Secretary BSL

BROTHERHOOD PROFILES No. 2 Mr. S. Tuxen

Mr. S. Tuxen is a man who has taken an interest in Brotherhood of St. Laurence affairs ever since it began work in Melbourne during the depression. He has been a member of the board almost from the time it began.

Mr. Tuxen says that he has always been interested in social work particularly in slum abolition.

Carrum Downs, the Brotherhood settlement which now houses active elderly folk, has been one of his main concerns since pre-war days. As an engineer he was particularly interested in the provision of drains, roads and water supply at the settlement.

Mr. Tuxen says he thinks that there is a great need for places such as Keble Court, where old people can live in Melbourne, as well as rural settlements. He is pleased to see the interest now being taken in old people's affairs in Australia.

Mr. Tuxen's interest in welfare work is shared by his daughter, Miss Joan Tuxen, who is director of the Crippled Children's Society.

HER MEMORIAL AT CAMBERWELL

A memorial to Mrs. A. L. Slack, a former resident of Carrum Downs, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence settlement for active old people, was dedicated recently at the Congregational Church, Riversdale Road, Camberwell.

The memorial was an inscribed inset at the base of the stained glass window which commemorates Mrs. Slack's husband who served as a minister for several years in the parish.

The present minister, the Rev. Leonard S. Pearce, dedicated the memorial which was the gift of Mrs. Slack's sister, Miss G. Bath.

Mr. Pearce made special mention of Mrs. Slack's work during her later years for the Brotherhood at Carrum Downs.

COMMENT BIG CHANGES FOR FITZROY

A new skyline of 20 and 12-storey blocks of flats will confront the Brotherhood in Fitzroy within two years. The entire Fitzroy block facing the Brotherhood headquarters in Brunswick Street will be demolished by the Housing Commission and re-developed with high level flats for families and elderly people.

The Commission will commence acquiring property in the 15-acre block this year. The Brotherhood, which played a leading part in slum clearance campaigns in the 1940's and 50's, welcomes the move to replace sub-standard housing with modern accommodation so long as the needs of existing residents are met.

The Fitzroy area represents new problems in re-housing as its population includes many single immigrant men and elderly people, a number of whom, particularly elderly male pensioners are not eligible for re-housing by the Housing Commission.

PEOPLE MOVE

There are also many itinerant people and some whose ways of living would exclude them from Commission tenancies. As the inner areas of Melbourne are progressively re-developed, these groups of people who are not re-housed by the Commission, move to older nearby areas.

Sooner or later the community and the Commission must face up to the housing and welfare problem of providing suitable accommodation for these minority groups. The Brotherhood has suggested to the Housing Commission that many elderly people now considered as housing "risks" because they may not be able to care for themselves completely in independent flats, could be accommodated if an elderly citizens' welfare centre with dining room, club room and welfare officer was incorporated in each large block of flats for elderly people.

HOSTELS NEEDED

The Government should also give consideration to the provision of hostels for single younger people in inner areas.

The demolition of rooming and apartment houses and cottages where families took in lodgers is producing a critical housing problem in the areas where many immigrants just settle on arrival in Melbourne. The Brotherhood may need to review its own social work programme in Fitzroy as a result of the big changes which will take place in the next few years. Its location and experience should enable it to play an important part in the social development of this old and unique part of Melbourne.

—DAVID SCOTT.

A Big Happy Family Lives At Carinya

Matron Dorothy Brewin, of Carinya, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence home for the frail aged in Box Hill, has a problem in common with many suburban mothers. She looks after a big family in a home that is really too small for its needs.

Like most mothers with limited means, Sister Brewin makes the best of things. But when you consider that the 20 members of her family are old, frail and in need of constant nursing attention, you can understand her difficulties better.

Sister Brewin, a handsome, auburn-haired woman who has been at Carinya since it opened in 1963, tells you about her problems in a charmingly furnished sitting room which also serves as her office.

Because of the tremendous demand for beds, Carinya wants to extend across to the house next door which has been bought for this purpose. (Carinya itself is an old converted suburban home bought for the Brotherhood by an anonymous admirer.)

The annex would bring the number of beds up to 35, and although this would increase the size of her family, Matron Brewin feels that it would be a good thing because it would enable her to employ more staff. At present she is working with a few trained sisters, married and living out, and a couple of nursing aides and domestics. It means a great deal of "filling in," and sometimes Matron Brewin has to cook the dinner as well as do her own job.

NOT WELL OFF

Patients at Carinya are not well off. Most receive only the old age pension. They pay between five and seven guineas a week, and receive a Commonwealth grant of £1 per day. The rest of the money needed to run the hospital comes from the Brotherhood funds.

A tour of inspection bears out your first impression of Carinya after you enter its gates from Kangerong Road. It's a home first and a hospital second.

The rooms (single and double) have doors and windows opening out on to an attractive garden in which Sister Brewin obviously takes a great interest.

Everywhere there are homely touches in spite of the air of efficiency. There are different coloured place mats on the dining tables where well enough patients take their meals; vanity tables in the bathroom where old people in wheelchairs can "tidy up"; three little patios set with tables and chairs where the residents can sun themselves while reading, talking, knitting or just sitting. Visitors are encouraged. "It's so good for the old folk," says Sister Brewin.



But throughout the tour the space problem crops up in various ways. Rooms could be kept tidier if patients had more room for belongings . . . there's a verandah which could be used, but it needs repairs . . . more room for food storage would be a blessing in the kitchen . . . a wheel chair bay would help keep passages clear and save damage to the pastel-painted walls.

A GREETING

Still, they are a happy family out at Carinya. The old faces smile a greeting as Sister Brewin takes you round, even though some bear the marks of pain.

Here in bed is Mrs. E. McIntyre, who was formerly at Carrum Downs, and who can't decide whether she is 56 or 86. She jokes with Sister Brewin and says, "It's a nice place, isn't it?"

Having a cup of tea together on a sunny verandah are Mrs. E. M. Williams, another resident from Carrum Downs, and Mrs. R. Millott, a fragile 98. It's just like the tea-break in any suburban home.

SKILL, KINDNESS

Miss Elizabeth Lothian 79, a former mistress at MCEGGS, and a tutor at Queen's College, has a visitor at her bedside. It's her sister, Miss L. Lothian, who comes out into the corridor to tell you how grateful they both are for the skill and kindness shown at Carinya.

Matron Brewin is grateful, too, for the interest taken in Carinya by Brotherhood friends. Some help out by serving afternoon tea or taking the patients for drives. And Scotch College boys have given her valuable assistance in the garden.

The Sun's Fine In The Garden



ABOVE: Two old patients enjoy the sun in Carinya's lovely garden. The hospital staff takes patients out of doors whenever possible.

ABOVE LEFT: Two patients share a little talk in one of the bedrooms. There are single rooms and two-bed rooms at the hospital.

Over A Thousand See Homes

More than 1,500 people visited seven attractive Beaumaris homes thrown open for inspection to help the Brotherhood of St. Laurence recently.

The Brotherhood will benefit by £166 as a result of the afternoon, which was arranged by the Beaumaris Helpers for the Aged.

This inspection day has become an annual event, and not even a rainy day this year kept visitors from travelling long distances to see the homes.

"GREAT DAY!" THEY SAID

It was a great day for all when members of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria recently visited Carrum Downs, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence settlement for active elderly people.

Memories flooded back as the residents rode joyfully in the cars of yesteryear and members of the Club were equally happy at the chance to show their veterans off.

Altogether the day was such a success that the Club has asked Carrum Downs to let it make the visit an annual event.

The Situation of our Local Young People

By FR. PETER HOLLINGWORTH

Recently the Fitzroy Police and Citizens' Association decided to re-form their old youth club. This decision is of great importance to the City and should do something in the way of supporting local youth in their growth and development. Furthermore, it will be a useful supplement to B.S.L. youth activities.

Our Youth Department is to be directly involved in the Interim Committee of Management, the group to be responsible for shaping the Club and its activities. Naturally, our first thoughts must be for the youth themselves. Thus it will help me to think as I write to you of the situation and the difficulties faced by many of our youth, particularly in inner suburbia.

RECURRING FAMILY PATTERNS

The picture amongst generations of many local families could be likened to a long, dark corridor of mirrors facing each other, passing a set of images along the way. It is thus to be expected that disturbances and inadequacies of the parents are passed on to the children.

The decisive need for the children (as distinct from their own perceived needs) is to make a break in that deterministic process and to find somewhere outside it where they can stand and grow, independently from the family structure.

Looked at from the ideal end of the scale, every young person needs a secure, harmonious, physically and socially adequate home with consistent, insightful, caring parents.

Seen in either of these ways, the local youth usually have neither, to any marked degree. Youth work, then, should seek to provide "ground" where the adolescent can stand and grow; it should also seek to develop relationships similar in quality to those which ought to come through the parents.

THE SLIPPERY WAY

It is therefore inevitable that, as satisfactory relationships are not made with parents, they are also not made with other adult authority figures in society.

This sort of pattern is a monotonous and recurring one—a harassed and depressed mother, an irresponsible father who works sporadically and often retreats to alcohol, family differences settled with violent aggression. Often, when tension builds up, the adolescent will leave home, temporarily or permanently and take a room. The home has failed to produce satisfactory relations for the youth, where parents are concerned.

At Church and school, the authority figures, being threatened themselves, often fail to make deep relations because they feel the need to protect themselves through

discipline, authoritarianism and the cane. When the youth has passed through these stages, the next authority figures to encounter are the police. The same relationship breakdown operates, but is now superimposed by the power to punish effectively.

In all these instances the only means of relating to these authority figures is one of open rebellion or sullen defiance.

To nail the point, the basis and initial need for this group is to develop meaningful relationships with adult authority figures who will not judge, nor condemn, nor order, but who will show patience, support, consistency and acceptance of them. Perhaps even more than this, they need to be authority figures who both understand themselves as persons and who also understand the total environmental situation of their charges. Only in this way can they handle the many behavioural irregularities that will occur.

I fancy that this group of youth has slightly different needs from more middle-class groups. The latter often have a stronger need to belong to a group and to break away from what is often an over-protective family environment. They need to make new peer relations in groups, and often need help in doing so.

Our local youth have less difficulty in doing this, firstly because many are already physically or emotionally disengaged from the family structure, and secondly, because relations with peers seldom require the depth involvement of a more educated group. Usually the gang is the main form of group experience, and as such it has perhaps more positive supportive value than we are often prepared to concede!

What I feel then is that relations are the greatest difficulty for this group, not on a peer level, but on an authority level.

PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS

The first need requiring fulfilment is **someone**—an adult who carries authority yet who is approachable, outgoing, understanding and accepting. The second—arising out of this—**somewhere** that such a person is to be found, where the adolescents can express themselves as much as they want, where there is help in completing self-chosen tasks, whether it be writing a letter, talking out a problem or repairing a car. Somewhere that he has **covert** supervision, but only to the extent that will make him feel secure in relating to his peers, to the opposite sex and to authority figures.

The atmosphere needs to be as free as possible from tension, fear, aggression and legalism, precisely because these are the most serious emotional difficulties that many of our local youth have to handle. This is the sort of independent, separate "ground" on which the adolescent needs to stand and grow. It is only when a

Club has provided a sense of openness, breathing-space and supportive freedom that it can begin to develop programmes.

Out of this atmosphere activities will slowly emerge, although the more disturbed the group, the longer it will take (indeed we are still engaged almost entirely on the first level in B.S.L. Youth work).

Activities, and the possibility of Programming, will eventually develop, but only if we allow the youth themselves to "write the agenda" and then in their own good time.

These general thoughts represent something of the basis upon which we are trying to develop the work of our Fitzroy Youth Centre.

ANY POT PLANTS YOU CAN SPARE?

Can anyone let us have cuttings of succulents and cacti suitable for pot plants?

They could be left at 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne, or posted to St. Laurence Park, Lara.

Your Old Stamps Can Boost Funds

Used postage stamps are worth money to the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

Simply tear the corner off the envelope including the stamp, and send to 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne. Volunteers soak the stamp from the paper and sort them for sale.

Although the more unusual the stamp the higher its value, the Brotherhood welcomes ordinary Australian stamps as well as those from other countries.

BIG EXTENSIONS ARE ON WAY

A further 12 units are planned for Keble Court, including furnishings which will cost approximately £50,000. At present there are 18 flats in the East Brunswick housing project which provide accommodation to elderly people who have to live in the city area. The Voluntary Helpers' Shop, Camberwell, is providing most of the finance for Keble Court.

CARRUM DOWNS BIGGER

At Carrum Downs, the Brotherhood settlement for active elderly folk, £16,500 was spent on new cottages last year. The erection of a further nine cottages has just been completed.

Two Button Days Early In October

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence plans to hold button days on October 1 and 2 in the city of Melbourne, suburbs and provincial centres in Victoria.

Plans are now going ahead for those special fund-raising days which have a target of £12,000. The money will help swell proceeds from the recent Forgotten People Appeal which did not reach its target of £75,000. The Appeal Committee under chairman Mr. D. Randal Dossetor and Vice-Chairman Mr. Noel Rundle will run the project, which is under the direction of Miss Nell Rawlins.

A new venture in conjunction with the button days this year will be the operation of stalls which are expected to boost proceeds considerably.

Over 3,000 badge sellers and stall helpers are expected to rally to the Brotherhood's call this year. Many helpers from the Brotherhood's button day appeal last year have already offered their services. However, many more volunteers are needed to help sell badges or make cakes, jam and other items for the stalls.

PETS GO ON HOLIDAY

When pensioners from the Coolibah Club go on a ten-day holiday to Morven, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence home at Mornington, their pets often go on vacation too.

The pets go to the friendly home of Mrs. J. Millott, manageress of the club, in Burnley.

They are usually budgerigars because the elderly people most times live in rooms where they cannot keep active animals.

They find it really lively at the Millott home because Mr. Millott, a keen member of the Metropolitan Bird Society, keeps between two and three hundred birds of many kinds.

Mrs. Millott usually has one or two bird visitors during the pensioners' holiday.

Two permanent boarders at the Millott home are dogs left in her care by old people who cannot look after them any longer.

They are a beautiful cocker spaniel, whose owners have moved into a flat, and a silky terrier belonging to an old man now seriously ill in hospital.

One way and another, Mrs. Millott's life seems to be involved with Coolibah Club pets.

A regular job for her is to see that two cats belonging to an old man are safely outside when she calls to take him to the club. Inside, you see, there's a budgie who would probably not be there to greet his owner again unless she remembered.

Miss Rawlins said that she especially appealed to friends of the Brotherhood to help in any way they could, to ensure the success of the Button Days. If you can help, please ring Miss Rawlins on 41 7055.

WELFARE WORKER FOR 17 YEARS

Finding suitable accommodation is the main problem faced by many old people in the community today, according to Miss Jessica Sumner, a welfare worker who has been with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence for 17 years.

Miss Sumner is welfare officer with the Brotherhood in Fitzroy, dealing with elderly and "lone" people who do not come under the care of any other organisation. Some are pensioners, others are old people with means.

Pensioners would be healthier and happier, she says, if they could find good accommodation which did not take up most of their pensions.

The solution to this problem, she considers, is more housing built by the Government—not necessarily the type it is building now—but accommodation with rents scaled down to pensioners' means.

Present conditions, she says, mean that many old people have to live in sub-standard rooms in houses where they are not allowed to use what facilities there are.

Miss Sumner says that the accommodation problem has become worse since she began her welfare work, and on the whole she feels rather pessimistic about it. She knows of people who have been waiting up to nine years for Commission flats, and as the years go by the housing available to them has been older and poorer.

Explaining why she took up her welfare work, Miss Sumner says simply: "I always had a social conscience, and fate seemed to decide that I was coming here."

Her job covers a great deal of ground. It can mean helping someone through a court case or an eviction, assistance with applications for pensions, purchasing a house or even buying a pair of shoes.

Some of her old people cannot read or write so she prepares many letters for them. She also does liaison work with police and hospitals.

Very often Miss Sumner's work brings her in touch with sickness and squalor, and she has even run into physical danger at times. "But I'm quite capable of dealing with that," she says.

Miss Sumner's leisure time hobbies are "dogs and antiques."

Printing Plant Helps At St. Laurence Park

A flourishing little printing industry at St. Laurence Park, Lara, is providing residents there with some interesting creative work—and helping the Brotherhood in its own battle with the cost of living.

The workshop has been set up in a new occupational therapy unit, a 40' x 30' modern building with natural lighting. In it are being turned out printing "extras" for the Brotherhood such as envelopes and circulars.

Mr. Neville Brooke, the administrator, says that the main idea behind the establishment of the printing industry, which has been operating now for about five months, is to give interested residents a creative activity to fill in their leisure hours. With a woodworking scheme now operating, it is the forerunner of a number of diversified activities designed with this in mind.

Nearly a dozen men and women among the Park's 60 active elderly residents are helping with the printing in about equal numbers. On an average they spend about eight hours a week on the job, but there's one enthusiast who comes in every day. One veteran has spent 40 years in the printing industry, though some are very new to the job.

The Brotherhood has bought some of the necessary equipment but most being used is obsolete machinery donated by the printing industry. It is "not younger than 100 years old," says Mr. Brooke, "but it is extremely good."

He sounds very pleased when he talks about this new project at Lara. "It will be an economic success too," he says.

TRY THIS!

Here's a novel money-raising idea which Brotherhood of St. Laurence auxiliaries might like to copy.

To start the year's activities each member of the Cheltenham Mordialloc Auxiliary was given a £1 note and asked to "make it grow" for the Brotherhood.

Members have used many ingenious schemes to help along the "make it grow" campaign.

NEW ROOM

A new room is being built as an extension to the eastern end of the hospital at Carrum Downs by the Rotary Club of Frankston.

The room will be a sitting room for patients at the convalescent stage.

AUXILIARIES

WARRANTYTE AUXILIARY. Much sympathy and concern has been expressed for the President, Miss D. Rutledge, and the Secretary, Miss M. Bennett, in the loss of their home "Mulloka" during the recent bushfires. "Mulloka" has been the setting of all this auxiliary's meetings since its inception and also of many happy functions. The generous use of their home has been appreciated both by the Brotherhood and the auxiliary members. Owing to the bushfires, it was necessary to change the date of the Progressive Dinner to Friday, 28th May. A most enjoyable Ballet Night has just been held, and the two-day Street Stall has been arranged for the 16th and 17th July.

MALVERN SHOP AUXILIARY. At the Annual Meeting in February, Mrs. A. Parr was elected President and Mrs. P. A. Smiley Secretary/Treasurer. It was greatly regretted that owing to ill-health Mrs. Rogers had to resign as manageress of the shop, but the group is pleased to welcome Miss Chomley to this position. Mrs. R. Curtis gave a farewell party for Mrs. Rogers, and this was much enjoyed by all. The quarterly meeting was held at the shop on Monday, 10th May.

KOONUNG AUXILIARY. This group has a number of events arranged in the near future. On 26th May there was a "Home and Garden" lecture at the home of Mrs. Chappell, 23 Stanley Street, Bulleen, at 8 p.m., and on 8th June there will be a luncheon and mannequin parade at the Savoy Plaza. A very successful function which has just been held was the progressive dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by both husbands and wives.

BRIGHTON AUXILIARY. A recent function arranged by this active auxiliary was a "Wedding Review" during which young wives modelled their own wedding gowns. This was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Brighton, on 7th May. They have already held several street stalls, also a very successful card afternoon.

RINGWOOD AUXILIARY. On 5th May a luncheon, followed by a hat parade, was held at the home of Mrs. J. McFarland, Warrantyte Road, Ringwood. This group has decided to accept an offer from the Ringwood Council to cater for the supper for the inter-church youth ball to be held on 6th July as it is felt that this community service will be mutually helpful.

ORMOND AUXILIARY held its Annual Meeting in April at which Mrs. Utber was elected President, Mrs. F. M. Jones Secretary and Mrs. Ryde Treasurer. On 21st June, this group has arranged a textile demonstration in St. Stephen's Hall, and on 25th August a Luncheon will be held at Mrs. Grant's home.

SUNSHINE AUXILIARY. A very interesting afternoon was arranged by this Auxiliary on Tuesday, 11th May. This was a Yoga lecture and demonstration,

followed by afternoon tea, and was held in the Methodist Church Meeting Room, Devonshire Road, Sunshine. This auxiliary is also entering for a table setting competition, being represented by the Vice-President, Mrs. Holden, and has arranged a luncheon for August.

WANGARATTA AUXILIARY continues to help our social service work by sending parcels to Salvage and this is much appreciated. The auxiliary would be glad to welcome new members, so if anyone is interested contact the President, Mrs. S. Docker, or the Secretary, Miss E. E. Allen for further information. It is hoped to arrange some social activities in the future.

CAMBERWELL AUXILIARY. This Auxiliary has gained a well-deserved reputation for the luncheons they hold, and the next one will be held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Read, 4 Stodart Street, Camberwell, on Thursday, 17th June. On the 8th June they have arranged a Film Night to be held at the Mobil Theatre, St. Kilda, at 8 p.m.

CHELTENHAM-MORDIALLOC AUXILIARY. Among many events arranged by this Auxiliary has been a Morning Coffee, followed by a talk "Party Time" at the home of Mrs. Geoghegan, 47 Milan Street, Mentone, on 11th May. The President, Mrs. Collins, is holding a function at her home at 9 Surf Street, Parkdale, on 15th June, at 10 a.m., and a Luncheon is being held on 20th July at Mrs. Taylor's home, 198 Warrigal Road, Mentone.

MORNINGTON AUXILIARY. At the Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary in April, Lady Garrett was elected President, Mrs. Gardiner Secretary and Mrs. Cowle Treasurer, with Miss Vickery as Vice-President and Mrs. Matthews as Social Secretary. Four new members joined the group at the annual meeting, and others would be welcome.

BOX HILL AUXILIARY. Members of this group are working to stock their an-

nual street stall in September. On 28th June, after the meeting, Mrs. Andrews will give a talk and show slides on Central Australia. This will be held at the home of Mrs. Richards, 121 Albion Road, Box Hill.

DANDENONG & DISTRICT AUXILIARY. This active group continues to staff the Opportunity Shop at Dandenong, and new members would be welcome. They arranged a stall held in the market on 18th May.

PRESTON AUXILIARY. The Opportunity Shop run by this Auxiliary continues to function very satisfactorily, and new members would be welcomed to this keen group. Anyone who may be interested should contact the President, Mrs. Gardiner (47 5833).

FITZROY SHOP AUXILIARY are still working very hard at our Salvage Division and in the Fitzroy Opportunity Shop. The next quarterly meeting will be held on 21st July at the Salvage Division.

GLEN IRIS AUXILIARY held its Annual Meeting on 3rd May at the home of Mrs. Smart, when there was a speaker on the work of the Brotherhood. This group recently catered for luncheon and tea at the annual Ashburton Horticultural Show, and this was appreciated by all.

CITY OF HEIDELBERG AUXILIARY. A recent function arranged by this Auxiliary was a Morning Coffee, given by Mrs. Sharkey and Mrs. Hocking at the home of Mrs. Sharkey, 116 Green Street, Ivanhoe, on Thursday, 13th May. They are also arranging to hold another two-day stall in June.

HARRIETVILLE & BRIGHT AUXILIARIES. Although so far away from Headquarters, these two groups are keenly interested in the work of the Brotherhood, and continue to collect, sort and despatch used clothing and articles to our Salvage Division.

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