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THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

51 Royal Arcade
MELBOURNE

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

At this Season of the year when it is my pleasure and privilege to be present at the many functions we are able to provide for our ever growing "family" I wish that you too could be present for it is you who make such functions possible. Soon we will have our party for the folk who come during the year to our Fitzroy shop for the clothes you send in from time to time. At the party I shall hand to each one a parcel which will bring them happiness on Christmas Day. They thank me for the parcels, but it is of course you who provide the money for the purchasing of good things contained therein. The Christmas dinner to the members of the Coolibah Club is one of our happiest events. I do wish you could see the gaily decorated room with the old dears, each with a coloured cap on head, enjoying the really good repast that you provide for them and there are presents for all. On their behalf, I say "thank you B.S.L. Friends." And then there are the children's parties, and again presents for all from you dear people. There is very little real happiness in the lives of our Fitzroy folk both young and old, but through your generosity we are able to give them something of that Christmas joy which is the right of all.

Already good Friends have provided presents for us all at Carrum Downs. If the weather is kind we shall have our "Carols by Candlelight" and present giving on the lawns of Collins Court. If any of you could join us you would be very welcome at this very happy family gathering.

Christmas Day will not conclude our special functions, for during January many hundreds of youngsters will go by bus to nearby seaside and hill resorts for a few hours

away from the drabness of mean streets and shabby tenements. And then there will be the camps at Mornington, when boys and girls will spend in relays, glorious days "under canvas."

Of all our Christmas efforts nothing is more worthwhile than these camps. Although the time is short one can see the difference those few days make to the youngsters. The good food in itself is of great value but I like to think that the benefit is something more than merely physical. I think that lessons are learned which will be of profit throughout life.

When I think of all that we are able to do during the year and of the joy that we are able to bring to many hundreds at Christmas time, is it any wonder that my heart is full of gratitude to all you good people who make our efforts possible. I can say God bless you and pray the Christmas may be a time of much happiness to you and your dear ones.

On my own behalf and on behalf of all those who serve with me in the B.S.L.

I am,

dear B.S.L. Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Superior B.S.L.

Thanks Be!

Ordered copies should be called for
at 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne

Father Tucker's Autobiography

12/6

On Sale at city booksellers and at 51
Royal Arcade, Melbourne.

A suitable Christmas present for B.S.L.
Friends.

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR THOSE WE HELP

Dear Father,

Could you please help me with something for the children for Christmas. I am a pensioner (£7/10/0 every two weeks).

I have 3 children of my own and I have 4 children from a brother up home which I receive endowment for.

I have been able to manage as far as food goes, but I can't manage for Xmas.

If I could have just one little something for each I would be grateful. The children are four boys (5, 6, 7, 8 years) and two girls (1 and 10 years).

I hope you can help me.

Yours faithfully,

FOR THE AGED

This Christmas will be the bleakest for many years for most pensioners. There was no increase in the pension and food costs have risen, including a big price rise for tea. We hope to be able to make up parcels of food and toilet articles for some 300 pensioners.

Christmas Dinner

It is expected that 120 men and women members of the Coolibah Club will sit down to the eagerly-awaited Christmas dinner and receive a Christmas gift.

Christmas Party

The usual party given by the voluntary helpers who run the Fitzroy shop will be held for elderly Fitzroy citizens who are not members of the Coolibah Club.

Each year the Brotherhood's work expands and so too does the circle of those to whom we try to bring some spark of Christmas cheer at this time of the year.

The letter reproduced here was received by the Brotherhood two weeks ago. The family is one of many families and pensioners who look to the B.S.L. each Christmas.

FOR THE YOUNG

Three hundred children will be entertained at a monster Christmas party in the Fitzroy Town Hall. Children from our Children's Clubs and children from families we are in touch with throughout the year will enjoy a bumper Christmas dinner with balloons, caps, toys and all the trimmings. Again this year we hope that groups and clubs will share with us the task of hosts.

FOR FAMILIES

We already have more than 100 families on our list for Christmas parcels. They are all families whose needs are known to B.S.L. social workers. The parcels are made up of food, toys, and gifts to suit the particular needs of the families. How many we reach on our lists depends on the response from our Friends.



Elderly members of the Coolibah Club eagerly await the Christmas dinner.

HOLIDAYS FOR THE YOUNG

Three hundred boys and girls from inner industrial suburbs are depending on the Brotherhood for a holiday in the country or at the beach. If the Brotherhood can raise the £2 per head it costs to provide these holidays the children will go to the B.S.L. Holiday Home at Mornington where holiday camps will be staffed by young volunteers.

When planing your summer holiday you might like to sponsor a child for one of our holiday camps. Organisations might like to sponsor a tentful of 10 youngsters.

Beach Picnics

Every week day throughout January outings to nearby beaches will be organised by the Brotherhood for children from Fitzroy, Carlton, Collingwood, North Melbourne, Camp Pell and Richmond.



Above: In Melbourne's inner suburbs children spend holiday time on street corners or in tiny backyards.

Below: Happy youngsters enjoy the good food, fresh air, sunlight and companionship of a B.S.L. Holiday Camp.



B.S.L. CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

Children's Monster Party at Fitzroy Town Hall.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Christmas party for 100 old people.

THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

Coolibah Club Christmas dinner.

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Christmas Eve distribution of food and toy parcels to families, pensioners and children.

25th DECEMBER TO 1st JANUARY.

Camp at Ocean Grove for working boys.

27th DECEMBER to 4th January.

Girls' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

4th JANUARY TO 11th JANUARY.

Girls' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

14th JANUARY TO 22nd JANUARY.

Boys' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

22nd JANUARY TO 29th JANUARY

Boys' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Commencement of daily beach picnics from Fitzroy.

WILL YOU HELP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE?

Welcome to B.S.L. New Friends for September and October

NEW FRIENDS

SUBURBS

Mrs. Lewis, Carnegie
 M/s P. Tynan, E. Melb.
 Mrs. M. Hopwood,
 North Carlton
 Mrs. Leach, Northcote
 Mrs. M. Smith, Toorak
 Miss F. Palmer, Kew
 Mr. R. Edwards, A. Vale
 Mrs. L. Tullock, Glen Iris
 Mrs. Alexander, Flemington
 Miss A. Gray, Hawthorn
 Mr. Best, Jordanville
 Mr. F. L. Shephard, P'ston
 Mr. F. W. Mitchell
 Moonee Ponds
 Mr. Farringer, Coburg
 Miss I. Walker, Frankston
 Mr. J. Winter, Glen Iris
 Mrs. Christian, Ormond
 Mrs. E. Bourne, St. Kilda
 Mrs. Ball, Hartwell
 Miss I. Hamilton, Malvern
 The Rev. F. H. Peake
 East Malvern
 Mrs. M. E. Foster, B'leigh
 Miss A. Parker, Brighton
 Miss H. Bain, E. Brighton
 Miss V. Nowell, Box Hill
 Mrs. Catamore, Toorak
 Miss Wade, Northcote
 Mr. E. Kirk, Parkdale
 Mr. P. Williamson, H'thorn
 Mrs. Warren, Balwyn

Miss Buchanan, W. B'wick
 Miss M. Rogers, Kew
 Mrs. Feddon, Regent
 Mrs. A. Maude, Carnegie
 M/s E. E. Butcher
 South Caulfield
 M/s R. Blyth, Armadale
 Mr. Moore, Hawthorn
 Mrs. Fern, Malvern
 Miss Pownall, Glen Iris
 Mr. P. White, Sth. C'well
 Mr. H. Kesting, Hawthorn
 Mrs. F. W. Green, F'ston
 M/s J. Howell, Burwood
 Mrs. G. Mann, St Kilda
 Mrs. J. Adam, Burwood
 M/s M. McGregor,
 East St. Kilda
 Miss M. Walton, E. Malvern
 Mrs. Earl, Balwyn
 M/s J. Barters, M. Albert
 M/s P. E. Knight,
 East Brunswick
 Mrs. E. McFred, West
 Brunswick
 Mrs. A. Allenby, Malvern
 Mrs. Buckley, Richmond
 Mr. W. Bets, Balwyn
 Miss A. Fielding,
 Mordialloc
 Miss F. Baum, Burwood
 Mrs. C. Voumard, Asp'dale
 Mrs. McLean, Carnegie
 Mrs. M. Sellar, Ormond
 Mrs. Massey, Carnegie

STOP PRESS!

Record Market Fair

Progress total for the market fair is £730 — a new record. Our many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make it a success.

B.S.L. GROUP NEWS

WELCOME

Friends of the B.S.L. will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Rogers, who has had a long holiday in England, is now back in harness again.

SWAN SONG

While Mrs. Rogers was away, I had the happy task of filling her position. I would like to take this chance of thanking you, one and all, for your wonderful kindness and co-operation; that loyal band of voluntary helpers who run our shop; the good ladies who have done so much knitting for us; the groups who have worked so hard on our behalf; and lastly the Friends who make it possible for the Brotherhood to carry on its work. And now, a fond farewell to you all. May you carry on with your wonderful cause.

Joan Essery

I should like my Christmas donation to go towards—

- ★ Christmas parcels for families and pensioners.
- ★ Christmas cheer for old folks.
- ★ Children's party.
- ★ Children's Holiday Camps.

* Please mark your preference

Christmas Donation Slip

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

Please find my donation for £ : :

Name

Address

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

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