

Five Years ago

THE FOUNDERS OF THE
BROTHERHOOD IN THE
GARDEN OF S. PETER'S,
EASTERN HILL.

*If this appeal is successful there will be such a garden
in the slums of Fitzroy dedicated to the memory of the
founder, who has departed this life.*



.....Brotherhood of S. Laurence

FIVE YEARS AGO the Superior and the late Rev. G. C. Cox came from Newcastle, N.S.W., to establish the Brotherhood in the slums of Fitzroy. Thanks to the wonderful way in which friends rallied round them the progress made has been remarkable. In the early days they had no financial resources. They began by renting a cottage for 8/- a week. Their numbers have grown from two to twelve. The Brotherhood now owns property at Carrum Downs valued at £3,000, and is acquiring property in Fitzroy valued at £3,500.

Although there is pressing need for expansion at Carrum Downs the venture there is firmly established. This cannot be said in regard to Fitzroy, where the work is hindered because of inadequate quarters. The estate taken over by the Brotherhood in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, consists of four properties.



*They need
your
help*



*Are they
worth
saving?*

These could be made eminently suitable for the purpose. On two of the properties are large, well-built shops, with residences. These are used for hostels for single men and for youths. One of the other properties is a yard and the other a somewhat dilapidated (by no means past repair) shop and residence.

WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD HOPES TO DO

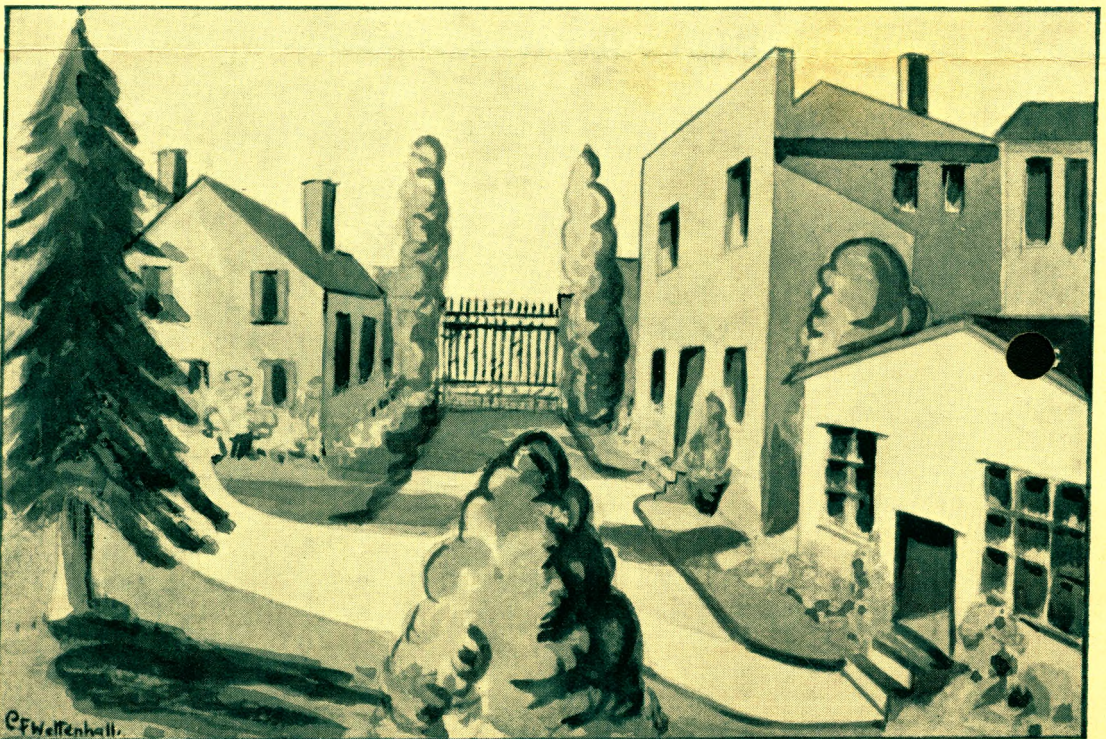
1. Liquidate the debt of £2,500 on the Fitzroy property. Until this is considerably reduced necessary and pressing improvements cannot be carried out.

2. Make such alterations to the second of the two shops with residences (hostel for youths) referred to as will enable it to face on to a garden instead of on to a main thoroughfare. At present the entrance is direct from the street. This is very undesirable in a district such as Fitzroy.

3. Convert the present woodyard into a garden. At present the fifty men and youths in the hostels have only two very small back yards for recreation purposes. There would also be room for a gymnasium and work shop.

If sufficient money were available for the perpetual upkeep of the garden the members of the Brotherhood would like to dedicate it to the memory of the late Rev. G. C. Cox, who not only helped to begin the work in Fitzroy, but was one of the founders of the Brotherhood. What more fitting memorial could there be to a life dedicated to the uplift of mankind than the converting of a place of filth and ugliness into one of beauty and inspiration — a place used for the benefit of those in whose service the life was lived?

4. Convert the somewhat dilapidated shop and residence into a home for members of the Brotherhood working in Fitzroy. At present they are living in a cottage condemned as unfit for human habitation. This is a matter of pressing importance, not only from a health point of view, but also from the point of view of the efficiency of the work.



TO
CARRY OUT THESE ALTERATIONS
AND TO
ENABLE THE BROTHERHOOD
TO CONTINUE ITS WORK
UNFETTERED WITH FINANCIAL
ANXIETY

£4,000
IS NEEDED

It should be remembered....

- I. That the Brotherhood is dealing with a class who, if allowed to fend for themselves, will become an ever-increasing burden on Society.
- II. That by its Settlement at Carrum Downs the Brotherhood is making a valuable contribution towards the solving of the slum problem.
- III. That the members of the Brotherhood receive only such remuneration as will provide for clothes and pocket money.
- IV. That no salaries or commissions are paid in connection with the raising of moneys.



*Further information
may be had from.*

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Date of this brochure could be 1938 to 1942, as it mentions that 5 years ago Tucker and Cox came from Newcastle. Information from the timeline suggests property may have been purchased in 1934 or 1936.

Cox died in 1937

Father Tucker moved to Melbourne in 1933 plus 5 years = 1938

Pounds changed to dollars in Australia in 1966

Brochure was found in a box with Social workers mixed files (administration and reference material, date range of information in the box was 1960's to 1974? (was box 588)

Information from the BSL Timeline.

Cox, Guy Colman -

Deacon, an inaugural member of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (1930)

The Reverend Guy Cox licensed as priest in the parish of St Cuthbert's, East Brunswick on behalf of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (21 May 1936).

Died 1937, aged 32 years. 5

Tucker, Gerard Kennedy (1885 - 1974)

The Reverend Father Gerard Tucker, founder of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. (1930)

Born Melbourne 1885, son of Canon Horace Tucker and Caroline Lavinia Brodribb, of Christ Church, South Yarra. Educated at Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, ordained in 1914.

Served as Private and Chaplain in AIF France (1915 - 1919). 1

Priest in charge, then Rector of Adamstown Diocese of Newcastle (NSW), 1920 - 1933.

Began the Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8 December 1930.

Brotherhood transferred to Melbourne in 1933.

Appointed as missioner to St Mary's Mission within the parish of St Peter's, Eastern Hill in Melbourne - both he and Guy Cox licensed as curates in the same parish (1933)

Moved to Carrum Downs (1948)

1934

St Francis' House, Fitzroy transferred to 2-8 James Street where the first Brotherhood property was purchased (check date - Holden says 1936) 1936

First shop auxiliary formed in Fitzroy and conducts first Brotherhood shop in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

Buildings in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy - three shops with residences and a woodyard, all of which backed on to St Mary's Mission - purchased for £3,000 3