

SOCIAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

(Melbourne Anglican Synod.)

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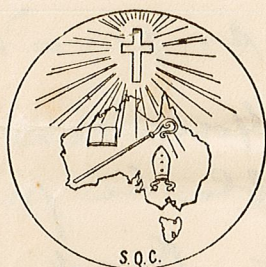
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SWANSTON STREET,

Melbourne, 30th March 1914

Your Grace,

The Social Questions Committee of the Melbourne Diocese summoned a Conference of representatives from the P.Q. Committees of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and Methodist Churches to consider the question of Picture Shows, Tangle Bances & Tangle Bars, and what action should be taken regarding them. The Conference divided Melbourne & suburbs into districts to be visited by representatives, who will present a report upon the Picture Shows &c in each of their districts to the United Conference on the 23rd April. So much by way of introduction.

Our S.Q.C. is very anxious to secure the co-operation of the S.Q.C. of your Grace's Diocese. Might I, therefore, take the liberty of asking that your Grace would kindly place this letter before your S.Q.C., or in the hands of some person leading Churchmen with the view of co-operating with us in the following direction:

1. Securing and forwarding to us from information and guidance (a) Reports upon the Picture Shows &c of Sydney. (b) The effects of such Shows upon the Public generally (c) Advisability of restricting or regulating attendance of children at the same. (d) Appointment of a Censor. (e) Means to take to make Picture Shows of value to the Church, and of use to the Public.

2. Obtaining and ~~preparing~~ forwarding
Report upon the Temperance & Jews together
with suggestions as to means to be taken to secure
their suppression, or supervision.

My dear Sir, Your Grace, that these
reports should be possible be forwarded to me
before the 23rd April, that we may be
in a position to consider them with our
own. Also as soon as possible.

It is our intention to forward a copy
of our Report to each of the Capital Bishops
of Australia and New Zealand, with the
view of concerted action being taken if
necessary.

Thanking your Grace in anticipation

Remain, Your Grace,

Yours Sincerely
John Raw.

Hon. Sec. S.D.C.

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