A SUGGESTION FOR HEADMASTERS.

We would like to make a suggestion in connection with local history to headmasters of schools. It is that the pupils in the upper grades in the primary schools and the lower forms in the high and technical schools should be taken on an excursion to the historic places in the city. Here is a suggested tour -

Begin at East Bentleigh with Mr. B. W. Clay's market garden in South Road, the first part of which was acquired by the Clay family in the 1860's. Travel to the Highway and turn north to Patterson Road, and the plaque in the footpath on the right hand side; this plaque commemorates the tollgate which stood here in the 1860's and 70's. Turn south; just beyond the Moorabbin shopping centre is the old house, "Redholme"; it bears the date 1901 and was built by Dr. Fleming Joyce, one of Moorabbin's early doctors; it is advertised for sale and will be demolished when sold. A little further on is Healy's two-storied home, once surrounded by a nursery and several acres of open country and still retaining enough space to look a beautiful and dignified piece of the past. Then along the Highway to the Southland area in Cheltenham, where still stand - but not for long - the St. John of God Home for retarded boys, opened in 1891 as a home for Methodist children and Marian Lodge, once a private home with a beautiful garden. Along Charman Road one comes next to the Old Cheltenham Cemetery, full of names of early Moorabbin families and many stones that show the changing fashions in memorials. Next door is the Charman Road State School opened in 1869; the original building has a slate roof and there is a plaque placed by the Society in memory of the first Headmaster. Near by is the Cheltenham Park set aside as a recreation area in 1883; its fifty-seven acres include thirty of natural bush-land which probably make it unique in Melbourne. In the Park are the memorials of three wars and also the horse trough placed there by our Society in memory of the days of horse transport. From there go along Park Road and then Centre Dandenong Road to beyond Warrigal Road, where the steel tracks put down for the market gardeners' carts may still be seen. From there turn back to Cavanagh Street and "Retreat House", built as a home for women and girls in 1892. And from there to Bernard Street, where there are market gardens and "Daphne Cottage", the home of Mr. E. Le Page. And finally to Warrigal Road again and the Melbourne Home and Hospital for the Aged, opened in 1911.

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