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for file

May 17, 1945

Dear Arthur:

The program as you have outlined it, seems perfectly satisfactory to me.

I would suggest as Hymns:

Faith of Our Fathers
and
Eternal Father Strong to Save

I have written my daughter to help in getting a speaker, and I will send on to Judge Rosenman your suggestion about the Rogers place. I do not know what the outcome will be.

I am glad to have you make any suggestions of things in which you think I can be useful.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Smith

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: ^{Hyde Park N.Y.} ^{May 16, 1948}

I have discussed the matter of the Memorial Service with Dr. Anthony & between us we have worked out the following brief & simple programme: (1) Prayers by Dr. Anthony (2) Hymn by ^{St. James} (3) Talk (Daniels or Walker) (4) Saying of wreath & (5) last the singing of the patriotic song by the entire assemblage.

I hope this meets with approval & Dr. Anthony has specifically asked me to find out if you have any preference as to the Hymn & song to be used.

be done? - 3 -

That is that a permanent Veterans Hospital be established there, along the lines of the one at Castle Point, since there will be a demand for a great many of them probably through-out the Country for years to come.

While I do not know just how to go about getting anything of that sort established here, I feel certain that perhaps you do or would know who to contact.

As I see it, it would be very beneficial since it would provide work for various local people, when the let-down comes after the War + I think it would remain

Will you please let me know? - 2 -

On the chance that you do not take the local paper (Poughkeepsie New Yorker) I am enclosing a clipping from last night's issue, which I think answers your question about the Rogers Estate.

Since you are so kind as to interest yourself in Hyde Park's affairs + future, may I be so bold as to express my opinion of the best use to which the Rogers Estate could be put for the lasting benefit of the Town, providing of course that it can

On the tax books, which would
be another big asset.

I know, of course, that you
have a great deal of work before
you at present + I hesitate
to bring the matter up, but if
anything is to be accomplished
it must be started quickly before
some other disposition is made of
the place.

Therefore I hope you will
not think me presumptuous in
bringing up the matter, which
I know has been discussed favorably
locally, but dropped there as no
one knows just how to go about it.

Respectfully yours
Arthur Smith