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generally agreed that it had been very successful. The Secretary, Mr. Sheehy, reported a small credit balance from the weekend finances. The meeting passed a resolution that the lectures given by Dr.Murray Smith, Mrs. Tipping, Mr. Robertson and Dr. Bowden at the weekend should be printed and circulated among the members.

After the business meeting members went to the home of Mr. Touzel, a member of the Mordialloc Society, where they viewed slides taken by him of the historic home, "Heronswood," in Mornington, which was visited by those who took part in the weekend.

SITUATION VACANT - 100 YEARS AGO

Newspapers reflect the character of their time and are therefore invaluable to the historian. And some of the character is to be found in the humble employment advertisements. The half-dozen items under "wanted" in local newspapers of a hundred years ago have swollen to the long column and more of the "Situations Vacant" of the "Moorabbin News". The reason of course is the enormous increase in population and in the varieties of occupation. Those so-long-ago "Wanteds" are mostly of two kinds - female servants and labouring men. Here are some of the former: a good general servant, a Smart Servant, a Respectable Cleanly (almost a vanished word) Girl Accustomed to Children, a Strong Girl as general servant, a good general servant with references, a Respectable Female Servant (note how our grandparents scattered capital letters at will.) Most of the men wanted seemed to need only one qualification - physical strength. A Man to drive horse and cart and attend wood and coal yard, a Man, good active spadesman, one who can trench, Men to grub and cut wood - though one or two require a little more - A Steady Sober man to work in garden, a Steady Sober man used to go to market. What a picture of a rural community these "Wanteds" suggest, so different from the industrial city of today. Only a few refer to the life of the townships growing up in the Moorabbin area - a young girl to learn Waistcoat making, a boy as apprentice to the tailoring. But there was not much choice of occupation for boys who did not want to follow their fathers and become market gardeners or dairy farmers or blacksmiths or for girls who resented the prospect of staying at home and helping mother or - for a few - serving in fathrr's shop. Perhaps the young people of today, bewildered though they sometimes are by the number of occupations open to them, are a little better off.