Record Book

July 1925.

Saturday	4th	Parlour Games Competition
Sunday	5th	Holy Communion 11 AM.
Tuesday	7th	
Saturday	11th	Parlour Games Compt^n.
Tuesday	14th	Mens Guild Meeting
Saturday	18th	Parlour Games Compt^n.
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting
Saturday	25th	Parlour Game Compt^n
Tuesday	28th	Mens Guild Meeting
Every Sunday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Services Morning & Evening
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Every Saturday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Recreations.

August 1925.

Tuesday	4th	Deaf Workers Club Annual meeting.
Saturday	8th	Lacrosse Semi Finial Match.
Tuesday	11th	Mens Guild Meeting.
Tuesday	18th	Deaf Committee Meeting
	18th	Womens Guild Meeting.
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Look Out for Anniversary Rally

September 1925.

Tuesday	1st	Cricket Club Committee Meeting
Thursday	3rd	Vic Branch A D & D A Committee Meeting
Saturday	5th	Final Round Lacrosse Match "C" Section
Tuesday	8th	Women's Guild Meeting.
Tuesday	15th	Men's Guild Meeting
Tuesday	22nd	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	24th	Anniversary & Complimentary Social
Tuesday	29th	Womens Guild Mens Guild Meetings.
Every Sunday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Services Morning & Night
Every Thursday	3rd 10th 17th 24th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
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Sunday 5th Oct. Holy Communion

CHURCH FOR DEAF MUTES
Jolimont Square,
Wellington Parade South,
Melbourne East.

SUNDAY, September 20th, 1925.

7 p.m.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

to

DEAF YOUNG MEN

and

DEAF YOUNG WOMEN.

"AM I A MAN?"

Come - and be seated before 7 o'clock.

COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION

to

Mrs. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

For 17 years Matron (Mother) of the Blackburn Home for Deaf-Mutes and Wife of the Founder.

You are invited to contribute toward the Presentation. The List will close on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Send your tribute at once and an Invitation Ticket to the Complimentary Social (to be held at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne E., on Thursday September 24th at 7-30 p.m.), will be sent you by return post.

Address:-

Mr. J. M. Johnson,
Secretary,
Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne E.

ADULT DEAF - MUTE CENTRE.

Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade S.,

COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL

to

Mrs. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

("Mother " of the Blackburn Home)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24th. 7.30pm.

ADMIT BEARER.

"Herald"
Sept 25th 1925

DEAF MUTES' SOCIAL

Presentation to Mrs. Abraham

At a social gathering at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Clubhouse at Jolimont last night, Mrs E. J. D. Abraham was presented with an Elizabethan writing desk, on the occasion of her retirement, after 17 years' service as matron of the Deaf Mutes' Institution. Mr W. P. Muir, one of the founders of the society, presided. He referred to the splendid work accomplished by Mrs Abraham, and detailed the great progress made by the society in the last 24 years under the guidance of Mr and Mrs Abraham.

No more lasting memorial to Mr and Mrs Abraham could ever be thought of than the Lake Park, Blackburn and Jolimont Square properties, now owned by the society, mainly through the untiring energy and devotion of Mr Abraham. Among his plans for the future was the enlargement of the Club House, erection of a church, and the opening of hostels for deaf men and women at Jolimont Square, and an Agricultural and Horticultural College at Blackburn.

Mrs F. E. Frewin, president of the Deaf Women's Guild, also spoke in very appreciative terms of the service of Mrs Abraham.

ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB.

Your attendance is urgently requested at a Club Meeting to be held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne, Friday next (Sept.25th.) at 8 pm.

Business:

Representatives Report

Finance etc.,

Practice at Blackburn on Saturday 2. 30pm

Mr. Abraham will entertain members to tea.

W.McMillin

Hon. Sec.,

Tennis Club
Euchre Party & Dance
Oct 10th 1925

There are 300,000 Deaf Mutes in China, and only ONE School for them.

Will you help to keep this Christian School for Deaf and Dumb Children open?

Please prick a hole in each square for every PENNY given.

Issued by the Victorian Deaf Women's Guild, Jolimont Square, Melbourne.

MRS. E. FREWIN, President
MISS M. GIBSON, Hon. Sec.

Just a "Bob In" for a whole Days Fun
— an innovation —

A "SEE HOME FIRST"
CUP DAY
PICNIC Tues. Nov. 3rd

Kilyroy Gardens & Jolimont Gardens
10 am to 10. pm.
Two Good Meals
— Dinner & Tea
Games, Racing, Dancing, Prizes.
Tennis Court open all day.

Tickets ... One Shilling
(Covers Everything)

If you wish to join up=and of-course you do= you must obtain your ticket before Monday Nov. 2nd.

Tea & Dinner will be served in the Club House Hall. Jolimont Square. Dinner 1. pm. Tea. 6. p.m.

— And — "All for a bob"

All Deaf Mute Centr
Jolimont Sq. Melb.
Cup Day Picnic
Tues. Nov. 3rd 1925
10 am to 10. pm
This Ticket Entitles
holder to
Dinner & Tea
One Shilling

"Argus"
November 11th 1925

DEAF MUTES' SOCIAL.

Deaf mutes in Melbourne will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb School by a social at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Club House, Jolimont square, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock. The school was established in 1860 by the late Mr. F. J. Rose, who was also its first superintendent. He, too, was a deaf mute. All deaf mutes are invited to attend.

"Sun News Pictorial"
November 12th 1925

Deaf and Dumb Anniversary

The deaf mutes of the city will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb School by a social at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's club-house, Jolimont Square, to-night at 8.

All deaf mutes are invited to attend.

"Argus"
November 13th 1925.

DEAF MUTES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Deaf mutes at the school at Jolimont celebrated last nigt the anniversary of the foundation of the first school for deaf mutes in Victoria—indeed in Australasia. This school was founded by the late Mr. F. J. Rose. A number of past and present inmates attended, and they inspected with evident interest a series of photographs showing development of the institution. Speeches in the manual language were made and supper was afterwards partaken of.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club Social
Thursday. Nov. 26th 1925.
Programme of
Vaudeville Entertainment
Held in the
Adult Deaf Mute Estate, Jolimont Sq.

First Part—The Absurdity
"Wanted a Husband"

characters.

Mrs Mary Topsail -- W. A. Sutherland.
Mrs Topsail --- W. Leo. Owen
Susan Jane— W. Geo. Twinley
Mr. Toby Topsail - W. H. Lambert
Rough Seaman -- W. Jn. Johnston
Bride - W. O. Brien.
Tramp - -- W. Mc Millin
Mayor. Tilzbloomart - W. T. Darby
Refreshments During the Evening

Charades.

First Word. (Double Word) Messrs Sutherland and Twinley (Part I)
Messrs Sutherland Twinley & Johnston (Part 2)
The Complete Word, Messrs — as above.
Second Word. (Double) Part I — Messrs Sutherland and Owen. (2) Mc Millin & Johnston. Complete Messrs — as above.
Third Word. (a name) Part I — Messrs. O'Brien & Owen (2) Messrs Johnston, Mc Millin, Lambert & Darby. Complete — as above.
Fourth Word (a name) Part I. Mc Millin (Part 2) O'Brien, Johnston Mc Millin Complete. as above with Lambert Darby.
Fifth Word (name) Part I. Sutherland Twinley, Mc Millin O'Brian. (2) Messrs Johnston, O'Brian, Mc Millin Twinley Sutherland & Lambert (Part 3) Johnston Lambert. Owen (Complete) Twinley Sutherland, Mc Millin, O'Brien. Lambert and Owen.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club
SOCIAL
Admit Bearer
November 26 1925

"Sun News Pictorial"
December 5th 1925.



THE DEAF AND DUMB BOYS' cricket team is very proud of its place in the Y.M.C.A. under 16 cricket grade.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

To the Deaf of Victoria and all Hearing Friends.
May the Blessing of God be yours. May Peace, Contentment, Love and Joy be ever present in your Homes.

OUR GENERAL BOARD.

The business of our Society is making increasing demands upon the time of the General Board. There was a time when the Committee met once a quarter to listen to the report of the Missioner and that seldom took more than five minutes and the whole business could be transacted in a quarter of an hour. To-day the General Board meet monthly at 4.30 p.m. and frequently do not disband until 10 p.m.. then there is the Farm and Finance Committee, Sub-Farm Committee, Food Supply Committee, Deaf Committee and other Deaf Committees to every activity of the Society. There was a time, too, when it was difficult to get a quorum, now-a-days there are but few absentees and a very lively interest is taken in the business. Our Board are proud of the work accomplished and equally proud of our people.

OUR VICE-PRESIDENT HONORED.

Advices have been received in Melbourne from Prague that at the instigation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs the Government of the Czecho-Slovak Republic in Council on September 17 approved the establishment of an honorary consulate in Melbourne, and appointed Mr. E. R. Peacock as the first occupant of the newly created office. Mr. Peacock travelled throughout Czecho-Slovak during some of the stirring times of the transition period, and became acquainted with many of the leading personages of the country, including Dr. Benes, Foreign Minister, who is one of the most influential members of the League of Nations. - "Argus"

GOOD GIVERS.

Far too many appeals have been made at our Centre during the past year, yet it is very hard to know which to "cut out." Each one has its own peculiar claim. Our people have been exceedingly generous, some we know giving what they could ill spare. Last month about £20 was raised for the Chinese School for the Deaf, £8/15/0 collected at the Special Hospital Service, in addition to the ordinarysunday offertories, and quite a large sum was raised for the Testimonial to Mrs. Abraham.

MEN'S GUILD.

On Sept. 29th and Oct. 13th Mr. A. W. Sutherland concluded his long Paper on Flights and Adventures of Parer and MacIntosh from England to Australia.
On 27th October the Guild joined the Women's Guild in their annual social and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

AMALGAMATED GUILD'S SOCIAL.

The Annual Amalgamated Guild's Social was held on the 27th of October when fifty members availed themselves of the invitation. Mrs. Frewin the President of the Women's Guild had charge of the programme and everything passed off successfully. Competitions took up most of the evening, and prizes were awarded to several lucky winners. Supper was served at 9.45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest were present and expressed themselves delighted at being able to attend the gathering.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

This year our Cup Day Picnic was held on Our "Property" and at Fitzroy Gardens. Tennis was the main attraction, but the races had their share of patronage during the day. The Ladies Race was won by Misses E. O'Gorman and E. Cossor (dead heat). The gent's race by J. O'Gorman sack race (ladies) Miss E. O'Gorman, for gents, O. Quinton, potato race W. Creber. Dames' race, Mrs. V. Tyzzer, siamese race, Miss E. O'Gorman and her brother (J. O'Gorman), children's race, W. Pierce. Dinner and Tea were served in the Lecture Hall. In the evening the attractions included various games, dancing and tricks. During the day the attendance was about 120 and in the evening it rose to 160 or more.

CAFETERIA.

Every saturday afternoon the Tennis Club is running a Cafeteria in the Centre where a good meal can be had for a small payment. It is open between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE.

A successful Euchre Party and Dance run by the Tennis Club was held on the evening of October 10th. The proceeds go toward the Tennis Court Fund. Mrs. D. Ashby won the Euchre Tournament and received a pretty Silver Sweets Tray. After the tournament, dancing was indulged in and supper at the termination. Over £5 wasrealised.

SPORTS.

Our Cricket Club entered the 1925 - 6 season with two teams and both are in competitive associations. So far they have not raised much dust; Indeed, so far they have not won a single match.

The Deaf Committee have made a grant of £10 to the Cricket Club out of the Billiard Fund. Our tennis court continues to be well patronised. To date this club has in hand the sum of £34 toward the cost of the making of the tennis court. Both clubs - cricket and tennis - are sending teams to sydney to the Interstate competitions this Xmas. South Australia and Queensland will also be represented by teams. Mr. J. M. Johnston will act as manager of the trip for the Victorians. Some 44 deaf friends have signified their desire to make the trip, half of them as barrackers to the teams.

ROSE DAY.

The Deaf of Victoria celebrate the opening of the first school for the Deaf in Australia by a gathering of the Deaf annually, depending upon immediate conditions as to the form it should take. Sometimes elaborate provisions are made, and at other times the Anniversary is quietly celebrated. This year it was held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, on the 12th of November, and the chief feature was an exhibition of photographs bearing upon the Education of the Deaf and occurrences pertaining to the Deaf generally. Mr. Abraham presided and there was a good attendance.

WOMEN'S GUILD. RE-OPENING.

On the 18th August, the Women's Guild re-opened after the two months' Winter vacation, with a business talk in the Ladies' Club Room which was recently given for the usage of the various Ladies' Clubs. On the 8th September, several papers were read. One on "Why should you love the Bible," by Mrs. Ashby, A Gossip on Queen Mary and odd bits about notables by Miss Hickey and a Maiden Paper by Miss E. O'Gorman on "How an Island was formed." All papers were much en joyed by those present.

CHINA DEAF SCHOOL.

Under the auspices of the Women's Guild, an appeal is being made on behalf of the China Deaf School. Collecting cards have been printed and distributed among the Deaf community, and the effort to raise funds for this most deserving cause has been taken up with enthusiasm.

PAINTING CLASS.

Through the courtesy of Miss Cooper, a resident of Jolimont, some members are receiving lessons in drawing and painting free of charge. The class is held ona Saturday afternoon at the Centre. Members of the Guild are invited to join.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER FUND.

We acknowledge with thanks subscriptions from the following friends toward the cost of the production of "Our Monthly Letter." Mrs. Logan (Warrnambool) 9/-, Mr. Phillips (Blackburn) 5/-, Rev. H.W.H. Adeney and Miss Edwards 3/- each, Mr., Mrs. A. Taylor (Sydney), Mr., Mrs. J. Brooks (Locksley) 2/6 each, Miss I. Miller (Brisbane), Mr., Mrs., G. Damman (Warburton) 1/6 each, Mr. W. O'Keeffee (Laverton) 1/-

BIRTHS.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt of Ouyen on the birth of a Daughter on 21st October. Same to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston on the arrival of a Son on Oct. 25th.

A Son was born to Mr. J. Paul late assistant missioner to Mr. Abraham now of Aberdeen Deaf and Dumb Mission, Scotland in September, Congratulations!

WEDDINGS.

Mr. J. Noonan was quietly married to Miss M. Tattersall of Bendigo on October 12th 1925.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

After many years' absence we were pleased to see Mr. Dunstan again. He attended an evening service one sunday and renewed old acquaintances.

Mrs. G. Damman and Mrs. J. E. Muir of Warburton were in town on business during last month. Mrs. J. E. Muir took the opportunity to join in a few games of tennis with us.

Messrs. Plunkett, Waggett and Fulton, all from New South Wales, were "Down for The Cup". Their stay here was very brief, but they enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. J. Gibson of Geelong was here for a few days, also Mr. C. Hennessey, from the same City.

Mrs. P. Cunningham, too, was here for a fortnight and joined us in our "Cup Day Picnic" and enjoyed very much.
our "Cup Day Picnic" and enjoyed herself very much.

Mrs. Hartley was over at the "Harbor City" in the Sister State for a fortnight and had a royal time there.

Mrs. M. Cross spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Allinson of Wonthaggi.

Mr. W. R. Rees of Wonthaggi was down for a week-end during October.

Mr. R. White is again active with farming and bush work- this time in Gippsland.

Mr. A. Heatly of Camperdown was in the 100 Mile Amateur Bike race held on 14th October. It being his first try, he, of course, did not come out a winner, but he has learnt what it feels like to keep up that gruelling contest and he hopes for better luck next year. The race was from Colac to Melbourne .

Mr. George Ashley was brought to the Melbourne Deaf Centre by Mr. C. Graham one saturday from Geelong and was glad to renew acquaintances again.

Mr. C. Graham is at present employed at building the New Ford Assembling factory at Corio.

Mr. Burgess of Yarram Park was in town but did not stay long. He reckone that Melbourne was too fast for him.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson of B owman's Forest were here also and they took the opportunity to join in our Amalgamated Guilds' Social on 27th October. Mrs. Ferguson was fortunate to win a prize for a guessing competition.

Mrs. M. Thomson is at present in employment at St. Gabriel's School for Deaf Boys, Castle Hill, New South Wales.

Mr. R. A. Gillett of Mildura who has been working for sometime at ourBlack burn FArm has now returned home again.

Messrs. C. Buck (Omee), N. Webb (Tasmania), send their remembrances to all their Deaf friends. Both are doing well.

Miss A. Graham has returned home after a month's flutter about Sydney. As usual, she was full of news of the good times spent there. While there she visited Mr. and Mrs. Alf Taylor (nee Iris Boortz), and found them doing well.

Surgical operations have been rather prevalent amongst the Deaf during the last two months and we are glad to report that they all came out of the ordeal successfully. Mr. F. E. Frewin, Mrs. J. Pierce, Mr. S. Buso, and Mr. J. McLaurin.

Tom Beanland of our Blackburn Farm was taken to Hospital, but after a week's treatment was allowed to go home without undergoing an operation.

Yet another Deaf Person is now in possession of a Motor Car. Mr. J. Leber is now experiencing the joys of motoring. He has an "Oakland"

Miss M. Cole is enjoying a month's spell at Chillingolla.

Word has come to hand that the splendid sum of over £9 was raised by Mrs. Mills of Waaia toward the Chinese School for the Deaf Appeal now being run by the Women's Guild.

The Winter saturday night Parlour Game Tournaments came to a finish on the last saturday of September. Special prizes to the winners of the aggregate points of different games will be presented at the Xmas Rally Dec. 17

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. Donnellan of Thornbury and Miss T. Reade of Yarra Junction.

A New Comer from Scotland Mr. W. Malone is making friends with us and found our Club House everything to his liking. He came out about eleven months ago and is reputed to be a crack soccer player.

CONDOLENCE.

It is with regret that we report the death of Mr. Cummins, father of F. Cummins, who passed away on the 29th October. We offer our deepest sympathy.

SYDNEY OH!

There is to be quite an exodus of the Deaf from Victoria this Christmastide. For years, Melbourne has been the Mecca of the Deaf at the Festive Season. This year Sydney is to be the rallying spot. The Deaf Sports Carnival is to be held there and as this annual event has attained extraordinary dimensions, at least, so far as our little world is concerned, it is attracting supporters and general holiday-makers as well as the actual players. Notwithstanding the fact that it is to be a jamboree pure and simple, the intellectual side (the conference) being omitted, we may take this big Victorian Deaf holiday crowd as significant as showing the general prosperity of the Deaf. Up-to-date the following Victorians have signified their intention of tripping to Sydney. The list includes the Cricket, Tennis and other teams that are to compete in the various tournaments. May they have a most happy time and return with the honors, is the wish of all who stay at home.
Messrs. D. & W. Ashby, G. Mortimer, W. O'Brien, F. Holmes, E. Martin, J. O'Gorman, R. H. Luff, R. Beattie, G. Damman, A. Stokes, J. Kenworthy, J. M. McLaurin, A. W. Sutherland, J. Cardwell, G. Edwards, J. M. Johnston, J. Carris, O. Quinton, J. Retallick, T. Collins, A. Collins, C. Robertson, W. A. Paterson, A. Marks. Mesdames T. Collins (and daughter) Crompton, E. Smith, J. Boortz, J. Cardwell, A. Stokes, Misses D. Hickey, Rose Dow, L. Saunders, R. Peters, M. Retallick, R. Griffiths, A. Fester, G. Hawkins, L. Cottom, M. Gibson, L. Darbyshire, V. Crawford, T. Stephens, T. Fletcher.

DEAF LADIES' PARLOR.

When allocating meeting places in the temporary "Centre" of our new estate, Jolimont Square, the Deaf Committee were up against a problem, for whilst there is ample room in which to carry on until the "full and complete" provision makes its appearance in the shape of bricks and mortar, the accommodation is insufficient for the men or the women, or this or that Club to shout from the house-tops "This is our room." Office, Library, Reading Room, Lecture Hall, Billiard Room had first preference, so individual clubs were nowhere; nevertheless there is always a vacant room for one and all when occasion requires. Until recently the ladies have had to take pot luck. Seeing the disadvantages under which the various Ladies'organisations were working, Our Chief, (Mr. Abraham) offered his bedroom, this was gleefully and gratefully accepted. And now with a new carpet down and the furniture from the old Centre in Flinders Street, it is looking in every way a Ladies' Parlor. It is a large room and the outlook is charming. Our Deaf ladies are immensely pleased with the room and already have held several very successful meetings there. There are Deaf ladies who would like to know who went with Mr. Vial (Member of the G. B.) to buy the sewing machine for the ladies' parlor, or did he go alone.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

There were special services in our Little Church on Hospital Sunday, October 21st, and good collections - though not quite so good as last year. The offertory was £8:15:0.

ANNIVERSARY and COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL.

Presentation to Mrs. Ernest J. D. Abraham.

The Twenty-fourth of September was made the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the arrival of our Principal, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham in Australia, also, advantage was taken of the occasion to present Mrs. Abraham with a token of the appreciation and affection of the Deaf congregation and in recognition of her many years of devoted and self-sacrificing service on behalf of that section of our community who so sorely need the care of a loving Mother. It was our 80th Rally and one of the most happy and successful of functions. The occasion being exceptional, the form of the Social was made exceptional, also being in the form of a Banquet at which many toasts were drunk. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. D. Abraham, Mrs. Jackson (Daughter) Mr. D. Abraham (Son), Little Pat (Grand-daughter), Mrs. and Miss McLeod and Mr. Edgar Peacock.

Mr. W. F. Muir (One of the oldest members of the Society) presided and delivered quite an oration. First he acknowledged the honor conferred upon himself and expressed his pleasure in finding himself in the position of welcoming the esteemed guests of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham.

It was only one year short of quarter of a century since Mr. Abraham commenced his work in Victoria and they had been wonderful years, and no more lasting memorial to the untiring energy and devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham could be desired than the two great properties, Lake Park, Blackburn and Jolimont Square, that they had been mainly instrumental in procuring for the Deaf. Of course, their course had not been an easy one, they had had many little hills to climb and many obstacles to encounter before success came their way. As he looked around he could see but two or three of those who had worked side by side with Mr. Abraham to bring his dreams to realisation , and in concluding, Mr. Muir asked the company to rise and drink the health of their Chief and his wife and this was done amidst great enthusiasm.

Mrs. F. E. Frewin, (President of the Deaf Women's Guild) said it gave her much pleasure to be present and testify to the long sustained work of Mrs. Abraham amongst them, and to give expression to the thanks they all felt. She was one of three ladies present when Mr. and Mrs. Abraham arrived at Port Melbourne in 1901 so could claim to know a good deal of the work Mrs. Abraham had done. Although she was a little shy at first, the hearty welcome she received soon made her feel at home. She remembered at the time, someone remarked "What a pretty wife Mr. Abraham has." It had been her pleasure to work side by side with her in many of the activities of the Society at the old Centre and until she took up the position of Matron of the Blackburn Home in 1908, she was much in evidence at all the social gatherings. At Blackburn, Mrs. Abraham had been a good helpmate to our Principal and a good foster-mother to the deaf inmates. No trouble was too much for her where their comfort was concerned. And it was no wonder she had been lovingly referred to as their Florence Nightingale, a title which she thought all Deaf would agree was particularly fitting. She has earned her rest but the deaf inmates would miss her terribly. Speaking especially on behalf of the Deaf Women's Guild, she assured Mrs. Abraham that they would all join in praying that God would spare her for a long continuance of health and happiness (Applause).

Mr. W. P. Muir in making a presentation of a cabinet-writing desk of Elizabethan style to Mrs. Abraham, said we cannot express how much we feel her leaving the Blackburn Home and her connections therewith. In all walks of life there must be a leader and Mrs. Abraham had proved herself to be an able one; he had no h esitation in saying that the Society would be the poorer for her retirement. (Applause).
Mr. Muir then made the presentation in the name of the Deaf of Victoria amidst much cheering. Mrs. Abraham made several attempts to reply, but finally had to call upon her husband to speak for her. He said that whilst Mrs. Abraham could express herself in the Social Circle, immediately she mounted the platform she was absolutely lost, but he could speak for her appreciation and her gratitude, he knew that was a most happy night to her and that she would treasure their gift and think of them and their kindness when ever she used it which would be often.
He, too, wished to add his thanks. It was encouraging to him to see his deaf people so loyal, so trueand so happy to show their appreciation after so many years of acquaintanceship.
There was a crowded attendance, so much so, that there was little room for games after the ceremony, nevertheless, the merry party continued until a late hour. The Worker's Club supervised the supper arrangements.

THE BIG EVENT. THURSDAY, DEC. 17th 7.30 p.m.

X M A S R A L L Y.

Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne, E.

Open to the Deaf of Victoria.

Note. The accommodation of Our Centre compels the Deaf Committee to limit the number of tickets issued. Therefore, deaf friends are advised to procure their tickets early. They may be obtained at the Centre any meeting night up to the 15th December. No ticket will be issued after that date.

It Will be a NIGHT of NOVELTIES.

Features NEW, PRETTY and STRANGE.

And by unanimous request the Deaf "Cricket Club Mimics" will repeat their very successful absurdity -

"WANTED A HUSBAND."

Prizes won during the Winter Session will be presented.

S U P P E R.

Be on the Safe Side and get your ticket at once.

October 1925.

Saturday	3rd	Opening of Cricket Season.
Sunday	4th	Holy Communion at 11. a.m.
Friday	9th	Cricket Committee Meeting
Saturday	10th	Tennis Club's Euchre Party.
Tuesday	13th	Mens Guild Meeting
Tuesday	20th	Deaf Committee Meeting
"	-	Womens Guild Meeting
Saturday	24th	Hospital Saturday Appeal
Sunday	25th	Hospital Sunday Appeal.
Tuesday	27th	Amalgamated Guild's Social
Every Sunday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Services Morning & Evening
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Every Saturday	3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st	Recreations.
Tuesday	Nov 3rd	Cup Day Picnic

November 1925.

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Tuesday	10th	Womens Guild Meeting
Tuesday	10th	Mens Guild Meeting.
Thursday	12th	"Rose Day" Social.
Tuesday	17th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday	24th	Mens Guild Meeting.
Thursday	26th	Cricket Club Social.
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Xmas		Rally Dec 17th 1925

December 1925

Tuesday	1st	
Tuesday	8th	Womens Guild Meeting.
Tuesday	15th	
Thursday	17th	Christmas RALLY.
Tuesday	22nd	
Thursday	24th	Closed Vic Athletic Club departs for Sydney
Friday	25th	Closed Christmas Day.
Saturday	26th	Closed Boxing Day from 7. P.m. & 10. P.m. Re-opens
Thursday	31st	Closed New Years Eve.
Friday Jan	1st	Closed New Years Day from 7. P.m. & 10. P.m. re opens
Every Sunday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Services Morning & Evening
Every Saturday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Recreation.
Sunday	Jan 10th	Holy Communion 11. a.m.

"Herald"
December 14th 1926

Played in Silence

I LOOKED in last night for a while at the headquarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at Jolimont, where I found Christmas decorations and, once again, the Christmas spirit, in jovial mood.

It struck me that probably the average John Citizen has very little conception of the amount of work which is done by some enthusiasts on behalf of this unfortunate section of the community—a section, incidentally, which looked remarkably happy and bright last night.

There was evidence of some of it at the society's buildings, when I witnessed a deaf and dumb playlet written specially for the little company by Mr E. J. Abraham. It was curious to watch the playlet performed in silence, and very easy to follow it, so graphically was it acted.

Adult Deaf Society
Xmas Rally
Dec 17 1925

Adult Deaf-Mute Centre
Jolimont Square. Nth.
Xmas Rally
Programme
Thursday. Dec. 17th at 7.30 pm
Chairman — — Mr. W. A. Paterson.
Welcome to Members of General Board:- The Principal
Living Statuary by Misses Hicky, O'Gorman
Stephens, Cassor and Culpitt.
Charades - Misses Cassor, Culpitt, O'Gorman & Hicken
"A Silly Old Man" — — Mr. W. O'Brien.
"Their First Words" Miss Cassor Mr. A. Sutherland
"Our Family" — — Miss E. O'Gorman.
"The Washerwoman" — — Miss Cassor.
Distribution of Prizes won at Competitions
Gifts to children of Deaf Parents from Deaf Workers Club.
Interval
Farcical Absurdity - Wanted a Husband.
Characters.
Susan Jane (Domestic Servant-) Mr. G. Turnley.
Mrs Mary Topsail ("Widow") Mr. Arthur Sutherland.
Mrs Topsail (mother-in-law) Mr. L. Owen
A. R. Seaman Mr. J. M. Johnston
W. Adolphus Fitzadventure. Mr. W. O'Brien
Mr. Tilby Sundowner. Mr. W. McMillan
Major Fitzbiewer. Mr Lucky
Mr. Topsail — — Mr. Lambert.
Humorous Charades.
Supper.
God Save the King.

To be retained by Payer.

942 SUNDAY ACCOUNT.

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Duplicate.

Melbourne, Oct 27th 1925

Paid to the Credit of THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY COMMITTEE, at the BANK OF VICTORIA LIMITED, MELBOURNE,

the sum of £ 8 : 15 : 0

Teller.

Hospital Sunday Fund

Office: TOWN HALL

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Melbourne, 27th Oct. 1925.

Received from Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, per J.M. Johnston, Jolimont Square Jolimont

the sum of Eight pounds fifteen shillings

£ 8 : 15 : -

per E. GLANVILLE HICKS, Secretary.

per

Adult Deaf-mute Centre
Jolimont Square. Melb. E.

Holiday Notice

The Centre will be Closed
On Christmas & New Years Day
and Thursday Dec 24th & 31st
OPEN from 7 to 10. pm
Saturdays. Dec 26th & Jan 2nd
SPECIAL ADDRESSES
by The Principal
Sunday. Dec. 20th. 11 am. 7. pm
" " 27th " "
" Jan 3rd " "
Sunday Jan. 10th. 11. am.
Communion Service
7. pm. Special Address.
Scripture Class Re. Opens
Thursday. Jan 7th
Deaf Members are Earnestly invited to attend as many of the Special Addresses as possible.

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE.
MELBOURNE EAST.
VICTORIA.

CIRCULAR

January, 1926

THE EDUCATION OF DEAF MUTE CHILDREN.

An Appeal to State School Teachers.

Dear Sir or Madam.

Your assistance is urgently needed on a matter which means Everything to the deaf-mute children of this State who are at present growing up without education.

Briefly put, deaf-mute children require Education even more than normal children and are equally amenable to such development. When properly educated they invariably become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens. Without education they generally become a burden to themselves, a sorrow to their parents and frequently a charge upon the Community.

At the present time there are about 200 deaf and dumb children of school age in Victoria; of this number 130 are at the Special Government School. We want you to help us find the other 70 - there may be many more - and to bring the weight of your influence to bear upon the parents to have their deaf offspring sent at once to the Special State School provided for their proper education. Even a few months' delay means much to the deaf and dumb child.

Will you please make this an immediate and personal matter? You will gain the life-long gratitude of every deaf-mute child you are able to send to the Special State School.

Deaf and Dumb children require special expert teaching, and this is provided for them by the Education Department at the Victorian Institution for Deaf and Dumb children, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Whilst under instruction at the Special State school, deaf children are boarded at the Institution, their maintenance being provided for, where possible, by fees from parents, or where this is not possible public subscriptions provide for their support, but the Education is free and compulsory, as is the case with hearing children. The School Proper is in every sense a State School, being maintained and the Special Skilled Staff paid by the Government of Victoria. The maintenance only is a matter of private arrangement.

The Institution is not an "Asylum" or "Home" in the popular understanding of the word, but a Residential School, the children being gathered into one school and boarded under one roof because small schools all over the State would be impracticable and not conducive to the best interests of the children.

The earlier deaf children go to school the better for them as their education takes longer than normal children, and they mostly leave the school between the age of 15 and 17 to find employment.

When the deaf-mute young people of either sex leave school another organisation steps in to help them - The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

This Society arranges for their apprenticeship and, where required, the country deaf are provided with board whilst learning a trade. At the Society's Headquarters in Jolimont Square, Melbourne, there is a Church, Secondary Educational Institute and Club House, with Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Rambling Clubs, Billiards and weekly Socials, Library and Reading Rooms, an employment Bureau and Relief Agency.

The Society fills the place of all the Religious, Social and Economic organisations enjoyed by ordinary citizens. The whole of the meetings are conducted in the language of the Deaf.

We would esteem it a favor if you would ascertain from the children attending your classes whether there are any deaf children in your locality, and if so, in addition to using your own influence with the parents in the interests of the children, write to me at once giving me their names and addresses and any other particulars you can.

And I may further suggest that you give an occasional lesson to your class upon the Conditions and Needs of the Deaf and Dumb and teach the Children the Manual Alphabet.

Hoping for your sympathetic interest in our effort,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

Principal

Issued by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Office Address - Jolimont Square, Melbourne, Victoria.

The Education of the Deaf

(Adapted from Annual Report N.S.W. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.)

A child born deaf, or becoming deaf in early infancy, has on entering school no knowledge of language. The only knowledge he has is purely sense knowledge; he has no knowledge of the significance of words—whether written, spelled on the fingers, or spoken.

The hearing child learns to speak by imitating the sounds and words he hears from the people around him, and develops a knowledge of language from his earliest years. When he arrives at school age, he is in possession of an extensive knowledge of the English language, and has received the mental development which is brought about by the acquisition and use of language.

The deaf child, because of his deafness, does not learn to speak, does not acquire any knowledge of language, and misses much of the MENTAL DEVELOPMENT that should be going on from babyhood to the age at which school life begins. He remains in intellectual infancy until he is placed under instruction, and it is desirable that his education should be begun AT AS EARLY AN AGE AS POSSIBLE, while there is some definite relationship between his mental and physical growth. The greater the gap between these, the more difficult is the work of education, and the highest results are secured in the cases of children who enter school AT AN EARLY AGE.

The acquisition of the English language is the basis of the education of the deaf. Instruction in the ordinary school subjects cannot be attempted

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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Greeting Cards to the Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria:

"With the Season's Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year, from the Governor of Victoria and the Countess of Stradbroke. Government House."

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Melbourne (Councillor and Mrs. W. Brunton) extend to you and yours their Best Wishes for a Happy Xmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

The General Board, The Deaf Committee and The Principal congratulate the Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria upon the steady and pleasing progress of the year 1925 and the steadfast determination of the Members to "Carry on" side by side with normal citizens and all sincerely pray that the year before us will be still more fruitful spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically. A Year of Blessings, Peace and Goodwill to All.

Mr. R. J. Oehr, the Secretary of our Society, with Mrs. Oehr, his daughter and Son left by the "Chitral" on an extended tour of Europe and England. How he can tear himself away from his beloved Philharmonic is beyond our comprehension, but then that is only one of many activities that will miss his courteous and ever-ready help when needed. Owing to the great demand upon his time, we were unable to show our appreciation of all he has done for us, but hope to be "All there" in welcoming him home. All join in wishing them the best of times while away.

Mr. J. Dudley, Hon. Treasurer of our Society has also deserted us, but not for so long as Mr. Oehr. He has been granted leave of absence by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and accompanied by Mrs. Dudley is to leave Sydney by the "Niagara" for New Zealand where we hope they will have a most enjoyable holiday and come back feeling very fit.

FARM SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mr. Vial (Chairman) and the Farm and Home Sub-Committee have paid several

visits to the Farm lately with result that the men are to have a hot-water system all to themselves and the kitchen range has been repaired. There was some talk of an electric stove, but the idea had to be abandoned for the present because of the high cost of power.

XMAS AT BLACKBURN HOME.

Our deaf friends at Blackburn participated as usual in the Christmas Festivities. Both dining-halls were gaily decorated and there was an abundance of good things on the tables - chicken, ham, plum pudding, sweets and every variety of fruit, also every employe and inmate was the recipient of a present from the Principal and friends of the Home, also from the Members of the Deaf Workers' Club. Mr. Abraham presided at the Dinner.

THE CENTRE AND THE HOLIDAYS.

With the exception of a few duty visits to Blackburn, Our Principal has been a Prisoner at the Centre, Jolimont Square throughout the holidays. Conducting morning and evening services on Sunday and taking charge of the Saturday night Socials. He was loyally assisted by Mr. Rees. There were quite a number of Country deaf callers. Messrs. J. Johnston and D. Ashby of the Centre joined the Sydney party, as also did Arthur Morgan (of Blackburn). We understand Miss Empson had a quiet holiday and Miss Keon spent hers on the hills.

WHAT IS MINE?

That which I understand how to enjoy - that is mine. Another man may own it, nevertheless it may not be so much his as mine because he does not understand its real value or beauty and I do.

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT CONDEMNS THE "TIME PAYMENT SYSTEM."

In a recent address to shareholders of the Bank of New Zealand, Sir Geo. Elliot said the good old-fashioned practice of buying an article only when one had money to pay for it seemed to have gone by the board. Almost any article could be, and was being, purchased on the payment of a few shillings "per week." "That the system is pernicious needs no argument," said Sir George Elliot. It seriously affects legitimate business, it is costly in the extreme to the purchaser and it tends to breed a habit of reckless extravagance.

Two men looked out from their prison bars.
One saw mud - the other saw stars.

WHY EDISON IS DEAF.

Edison, the great inventor, who is getting a very old man, was told by a great specialist that his deafness might be cured. He has been deaf since a man hit him on his head when he was still a boy. Mrs. Edison had tremendous difficulty in getting her husband to allow the doctor to examine him, but was full of joy when the surgeon said that a simple operation on the ear would make things right. The date was fixed for a week in advance. We are told that Mr. Edison appeared in his workroom that day looking more grave than usual, and that he said suddenly to his assistant:

"Please telephone that doctor and tell him I do not need him to-day. I am not going to have the operation." When Mrs. Edison heard it, full of surprise and consternation, and got him to explain, he said something like this to her:

"I have learned to think by being shut away from confusion and sound; and I have a lot of thinking I want to do before I die. If they fix up my ear I'll have to learn how to do it all over again. I haven't time."

Thus to clear the tracks for a brain continually working at high pressure over many inventions, this man sturdily chooses to remain cut off from the songs of birds and human voices, though he has made a stupendous contribution to the noise of the world by his invention of the phonograph, and though his telephone inventions help to carry sound everywhere.

Edison likes motoring, but he, the man who lighted Broadway, does not see that famous street twice a year. He works in his country home. For lunch he will take a cereal and a plate of grapes. He eats apparently only because it is necessary to continue his work; black coffee is liked by him. He may read till two o'clock, but he is always up by seven; he says he does not believe in drugging his system with too much sleep! One of his delights is his flower garden, and he discusses flowers with his friend, Mr. Ford.

WIFE of PRESIDENT COOLIDGE an EX-TEACHER of the DEAF.

Many years ago Miss Grace Goodhue was a sprightly and beautiful teacher of deaf and dumb children, in America.

She thought it would be nice to show her little people over White House, the residence of America's President, so she went with them on one of the show days, and led her charges through one beautiful room after another. The afflicted little fold, of course, found it difficult to follow all her explanations, and it took a long time for the trip. The guard on duty was annoyed at the delay, and told Miss Goodhue it was time to leave, and hurried the party out.

To-day Miss Goodhue is the wife of President Coolidge, and may take as long as she likes in wandering about White House.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

On Sunday Dec. 20. Messrs. Edwards, Cariss, Paterson and J. Johnston left Melbourne for Sydney by motor car. We learned later that they arrived safe.

Mr. Akster has paid several visits to the Jolimont Square to attend to various "works" that none of the staff there could do. You would not recognise some of the old furniture taken from the Centre and now at the Farm "renovated" and "transformed" as they are by the skilled hand of Mr. Akster.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Martin of the Adelaide Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission paid a visit to Jolimont Square and the Blackburn Home last November. They expressed themselves surprised and delighted with all they saw, unfortunately it was a very hurried visit.

We congratulate S. A. Deaf Notes upon its very handsome dress.

Flowers

There has not been such an abundance of flowers at our Flower Farm at Christmas time for many a year. Last year we were "scraping up" what we could to keep faith with our customers - this year we have blooms in abundance and not the customers. Hydrangea, Carnations, Dahlias, Gaillardia, Sweet pea, Calliopsis, Antirrhineum, Shasta and Scabious are still blooming in greater quantities than we can dispose of.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

During recent months everything seems to have gone wrong at the Farm, it has been one lengthy chapter of accidents and things. We have had Sam Buse and Tom Beanland in hospital, Tom Smith, Cedric Bell and Kate Lawrance visiting the Doctor, others visiting the dentist. Chapman is still at the Eye and Ear Hospital, he slipped near a tank striking his eye against a tap; finally, Dolly the pony, not to be left out of the list, decided to get a gash about a foot long and best part of an inch deep, so she too is out of harness and likely to be for some time.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAX?

A weekly paper has been asking its readers what they would like to tax. Some suggested the noisy motor-cycle, others, women who smoked cigarettes, street hooligans and people who keep rats were included in the list. We would like to tax people who refer to our school as an "Asylum" and ourselves as "Deaf and Dumb Mutes."

M. G. B. "Morty" IN CHARGE.

"M. G. B." felt his responsibility on the occasion of the Victorian Deaf Cricket team's visit to Sydney, for he was in charge. In addition to the majority of the Members of the team, a number of deaf ladies were on the train that left Spencer Street on Christmas Eve.
Mr. Mortimer ultimately got his family safely into the train, and although the Team's cricket "tools" went of in an earlier train "M. G. B." was all smiles as he joined in the "Good bye" hand-waving to the Principal who was left behind to "nurse the baby."

WATER SUPPLY.

The General Board of our Society asked the Blackburn and Mitcham Shire Council for an extension of water supply to the Home in Central Road, The Council submitted the matter to the Metropolitan Board of Works, but the Water Supply Committee was not prepared to recommend the Board to authorise the work at present.
We are experiencing a very dry season at the Blackburn Farm; once the tanks were almost empty, some actually so. For months, water has had to be carried into the administrative building.

PRESENTATION TO ARCHIE McLELLAN.

At the annual break-up of the Blackburn State School for the Christmas vacation, Mr. Archie McLellan, the overseer of the Blackburn Farm was a prominent personage, being the recipient of a present in recognition of his services, from the boys of the school with whom Mr. McLellan is very popular. Mr. McLellan had travelled with the boys to all their matches and had umpired for them in the football competition. The Captain of the football team, Leslie Caffin, made the presentation.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) hasreceived a number of handsomely illustrated New Zealand Xmas Numbers from Mr. J. Bourke who was for many years one of the most popular members of the Society.

Miss D. Edwards has returned home after an absence of two years touring through Europe and America. She speaks in glowing terms of the rush and bustle of the Americans and the scenery there.
Miss Edwards is now a regular attander at our tennis court and is a player of a higher standard than any other deaf players. The Tennis Club regrets that she is not available for the Sydney Tournaments.

An unfortunate accident befel Mr. W. Chapman of Blackburn the other day. He slipped near the water tank and struck his eye against the tap. He is now an inmate of the Eye and Ear Hospital.

Mr. W. P. Muir was incapacitated from work for a week through an accident. His fingers got jammed in a boxing machine.

Messrs. Waggett and Foulton were again here for the week-end, after a visit to the western district, shearing. They are now working their way to Sydney where Mr. Waggett intends to join the N.S.W. Deaf Cricket team to play in the Interstate matches.

Mr. Unworth, late of Sydney, now residing with his parents in Footscray, made his first visit to our Centre a week before Xmas and gives promise of being a popular member.

Mr. Taylor of Adelaide was the first interstate visitor to call at our Centre. He was on his way to Sydney to join in the Celebrations there.

Amongst the country visitors to our Xmas Rally we noticed Mrs. F. Johnson, Miss G. Salmon, Mr. & Mrs. A. Stokes.

COMING EVENTS: Men's Guild Pound Night, January 12th. All welcome and don't forget to bring along a pound of something nice to eat, and Holiday Reminicenses.

Annual Foundation Day Picnic run by the Men's Guild will be held at Sandringham. Keep that date open and join in the fun.

Our Billiard Room is now minus the familiar decoration (E. J. D. Abraham Challenge Shield) from its walls. It is on its way to Sydney. Will it stay there or come back?

Mr. W. Crush is holidaying in Adelaide this Christmas.

Mr. C. Hennessey of Geelong was here the day after the Xmas Rally and was sorry to have missed it.

Mrs. J. Boortz and Miss T. Fletcher left for Sydney by the S.S."Wyreema" on Wednesday December 16th. Word received to say that Miss T. Fletcher (her first sea trip) was a good sailor.

Others followed on various dates - the last to go left on December 24th.

DEAF CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL.

The Social held at Our Centre on the 26th November in aid of the Deaf Cricket Club was without doubt a gigantic success from the entertainment point of view. Though the financial returns were not large they too were satisfactory. The entertainment was in the form of a variety show consisting of humorous Charades and a farcial absurdity entitled "Wanted a Husband" written for the occasion by our Principal. The characters were Susan Jane (Domestic Servant) Mr. C. Turnley, Mrs. Mary Topsail ("Widow") Mr. Arthur Sutherland, Mrs.Topsail (Mother-in-law) Mr. L. Owen, (A.B. Seaman) Mr. J. M. Johnston, Mr. Adolphus Fitzadventure, W. O'Brien, Mr. Trilby Sundowner, Mr. W. McMillan, Major Fitzblowout, Mr. Derby, Mr. Topsail, Mr. Lambert.
The whole of the characters were well sustained and during the whole of the performance the audience were in a continual roar; they laughed until they cried. As a domestic servant, Gerald Turnley was just wonderful, he looked and acted the part of a girl - and a pretty one at that. Mr. Arthur Sutherland as the "Widow" was quaintly comical, his make-up was fine and from beginning to end was the character he represented. The "Widow" held the stage throughout the performance, and the audience too, for that matter. Never once did "she" let the audience rest from laughter. O'Brien gave all a pleasant surprise, he has a humour all his own and he gave us the benefit of it; as a dude he was immense - in fact every character added to the laughter and praise is due to all.

A report of the Christmas Rally and the Sydney functions will appear in our next issue.

Mr. R. Tannahill (deaf) is on a visit to Victoria from New Zealand.

MARRIAGES.

Four of our members chose the month of December to begin their married lives. Mr. George Quantock and Miss Ethel Brown were married on the 17th at St. Mark's Church, the reception being held afterwards at a hall.

Mr. J. Marks and Miss Reta Griffiths were married on the 19th at Saint Saviour's Church of England and the reception held at the Memorial Hall, Collingwood. Our Principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) interpreted at both weddings. Hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to the happy couples.

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

South Australia won from N.S.W. and Victoria beat both N.S.W. and South Australia, winning the Shield by 50 runs.

TENNIS.

New South Wales won.

January 1926.

Friday	1st	New Year's Day. Closed
Saturday	2nd	Closed all Day re opens at 7.15
Tuesday	5th	
Thursday	7th	Scripture Class Re opens.
Sunday	10th	HOLY COMMUNION.
Tuesday	12th	Men's Guild Pound Night.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee
Monday	Feb 1st	Foundation Day Mens Guild's PICNIC to SANDRINGHAM
Every Sunday	3rd. 10th. 17th. 24th.	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday	7th. 14th. 21st. 28th.	Scripture Class & Lectures
Every Saturday	2nd. 9th. 16th. 23rd.	Recreation.



N° 1 BLACKBURN LAKE NICHOLAS PHOTO



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N° 2 BLACKBURN LAKE NICHOLAS PHOTO



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Sun News Pictorial
January 1926

Fills the Phil's Coffers

As soon as he has seen Melbourne's Philharmonic Society safely through the celebration of its century of Messiah performances, R. J. Oehr will lay down his secretarial pen and make his first holiday flit to Europe. The occasion of those performances also marks the completion by this busy musical enthusiast of his own majority as the Philharmonic's secretary. It didn't seem much as though anyone would be able to spend twenty-one years as an officer of the harmonious host when he came in to fill that post. Honestly, the organisation was very shaky, and a good deal of the trouble is said to have been due to a celebrated Australian contralto's big fees for a couple of performances.



J. Oehr

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Britain came to the rescue, in the person of that fine baritone, Andrew Black. He didn't put the financial screw on the Philharmonic, and the performances in which he sang paid handsomely. I hear that the Christmas night rendering of The Messiah will be the thirty-seventh that Mr. Oehr has looked after in the interests of the "gate." The gate is also his responsibility in connection with the Orchestral League, but he has his say as a musician also by conducting the choir of Cairns Memorial Church, at East Melbourne. This he has done for a quarter of a century.



Herald
January 18th 1925

DEAF AND DUMB

Sir,—May I plead for more public interest in the afflicted deaf and dumb at the Blackburn Home? There is need for a new policy and a new spirit in the management of this home.

One of the blind deaf men there met with an accident, and has been in the Eye and Ear Hospital nearly a month, and he told me bitterly that not a soul had been to see him for a week. The deaf of Victoria need a new leader.—Yours, etc.,

J. P. BOURKE (deaf).

Malvern, Jan. 17.

Herald
January 19th 1925

CARE OF DEAF MUTES

Sir,—With reference to the conplaint that a blind, deaf inmate of the Blackburn Home, when a patient a the Eye and Ear Hospital, was not visited for a week by a representative of the Home, permit me to say that one of my duties is to visit the deaf and dumb when sick, and I frequently visited the patient referred to. A large number of deaf mutes have also visited him, and he has had every kindness and attention, and would be the last to complain.

He became so ill that, on the advice of the hospital staff, we warned friends to refrain from visits for a few days. He is now in the Alfred Hospital.—Yours, etc.,

J. M. JOHNSTON,
Missioner to Adult Deaf and Mute Society.

Jolimont Square, Jan. 19.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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MR. R. J. OEHR, Hon. Secretary to the Society, says in a letter to our Principal, (Mr. Abraham) written just as he was nearing Colombo that so far they have had a very good time when they were not sea-sick. But it was very rough at first and they quite enjoyed a day ashore at Adelaide and again at Freemantle, when his Aunt met and motored them to Perth, and were looking forward to a day on shore at Colombo.
Mrs. Oehr had won one of the Competitions and all were enjoying the round of gaiety on board. He says the "Chitral" is a very fine ship with every comfort - but "give me the land!"

THE DEAF OF CHINA.

The Deaf Workers Club has just put forward an energetic effort on behalf of the Mills Memorial School for the Deaf, Chefoo, China, and Mrs. F. E. Frewin, the President, has already forwarded through the Chinese Consulate at Melbourne, £15:15:0 to Miss Carter, the Principal.

At the invitation of Our Principal, Mr. R. Tannerhill of New Zealand and a native of Glasgow, Scotland spoke a few words at the close of the Scripture Study Class on Thursday, Jan. 7th, also at Close of Evening Service, Jan. 10th. Mr. Tannerhill, as a boy remembers Mr. Abraham preaching in the Glasgow Church for the Deaf.

Mrs. F. E. Frewin, President of the Women's Guild and Deaf Workers Club is doing magnificent work in keeping our young women together. Mrs. Gladman notwithstanding her big home responsibilities kept the Women's organisations very much alive and did good work during her term of office, and Mrs. Pierce is a leader that can be relied upon at all times, and what's more, she is one of the most regular in attendance at Divine Worship. She not only teaches, she sets an example.

Eleven Pupils left the State Deaf School (St. Kilda Rd.) at Christmas, seven boys and four girls. George McGuiness was Dux of the school. Congratulations from old pupils - may he be "Dux" wherever he goes and in whatever he does.

THE CARE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The following letter is from the "Herald," Sir - May I plead for more public interest in the afflicted deaf and dumb at the Blackburn Home? There is need for a new policy and a new spirit in the management of this home. One of the blind deaf men there met with an accident, and has been in the Eye and Ear Hospital nearly a month, and he told me bitterly that not a soul had been to see him for a week. The Deaf of Victoria need a new leader. Yours etc., J.P.BOURKE (deaf).
Malvern, Jan. 17.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, Missioner to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society sent the following reply:-

"One of my duties is to visit the Deaf and Dumb when sick and I have frequently visited the patient in hospital referred to by your correspondent - also, quite a large number of Deaf-Mutes visited him and have been overwhelming in their kindness and gifts to this patient, and I may add he would be the last man to sanction such a letter as appeared in your yesterday's issue.

Recently there was a change in his condition; he became more or less delirious and we were told he was a very sick man and advice given that caused us to tell deaf friends to refrain from visits for a few days.

On the 12th the Eye and Ear Hospital rang our office asking for a responsible officer to call. Our Principal went - he also went the following morning. On the 14th we were asked to remove the patient to the Alfred Hospital. Our office arranged for an ambulance and I accompanied the deaf patient to the Alfred Hospital and stayed with him for some time. On the evening of the 15th the Principal's daughter visited him. On the 16th the Alfred Hospital rang asking for a deaf person to stay all night with the patient. At 9.p.m. our Principal took a deaf lady member who undertook to stay with him, which she did; our Principal stayed with him until 11p.m. and called for her at daybreak. On the 17th the wife of our Principal went at 7 p.m. with intention of staying all night, as however, the nurses thought they could manage, she stayed but an hour or so. In addition, the assistant secretary has been twice, the matron of the Home twice, and the assistant at the Farm once ."

NOW - LEST WE FORGET.

The Home for the Deaf at Blackburn is wholly the result of the love and labour of our leader, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham. It was entirely his idea, he wanted so to help those of us who could not help themselves and whose relatives were not able to care for them. At first his idea was not popular and it took some hard pushing to make the right ones agree with him. At last he succeeded, and secured £2,000 from the Government towards his scheme; for the rest of the money needed he worked day and night never sparing himself and it was due to his own personality and sheer determination to win through that he succeeded in raising it. After that part was accomplished, he began the search for the most beautiful site on which to erect the Home and was again successful for the one it now occupies cannot be beaten either in beauty or suitability for its purpose. The buildings were planned by Mr. Abraham and the income to maintain it was another of his efforts, including thebuilding-up of the flower trade. Then came the training of the inmates(which course has been most successful), and all the while the Spiritual and Educational

work at the Centre was being carried on by Mr. Abraham whose affection for the Blackburn Home and Inmates is so strong that it is his earnest wish to end his days there and to make it his last resting place.

Mr. J. P. Bourke was employed at, and enjoyed the advantages of, the Farm and Home and later at the Centre, but has not been an employe of the Society for some time. Now there is a younger generation growing up who have found all their ways made smooth for them and perhaps it would be well if only in thought they should be taken back over the stony road of the older generation when the only clubs for the Deaf were convenient lamp-posts and public house bar-parlours. Also, at that period the Blind-Deaf, Mentals and Poor Deaf had no one to care for them, therefore, it is up to us in every way to honor and respect men like F. J. Rose and E. J. D. Abraham who have blazed the trail for practically everything the Deaf of Victoria now enjoy and are ever likely to enjoy. So stand firm, boys and girls, don't let their work and the work of our pioneer deaf men and women be lightly thought of or damaged by outsiders. Keep the flag flying for Our Colours must never be lowered!

A RETROSPECT - by Country Visiting Missioner.

Of the number of Deaf Friends we have scattered all over Victoria, Mr. R. Stewart of Bolinda was the first to be visited. It was a great pleasure to meet an old acquaintance and to find him in a very good way. He wishes to be remembered to all old friends. The next one to receive a visit was Mr. W. Cross of Castlemaine who is living alone and is doing well. His profession is that of gardener and his services are always in demand. He sends his kind regards to all who remember him.

In the same town I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Syd. Holt who arrived from Scotland a few years ago and is well employed as a draughtsman at Thompson's Iron Foundry - hope to see him at our Centre some day, we want more bright and intelligent members. Since I left him regret to learn that he has lost his wife - he has our deepest sympathy.

Another arrival from the Old Country was found at Kangaroo Flat (near Bendigo) in the person of Mrs. Roper - who hailed from Reading and was educated at Margate Institution. Living with husband and child, they are well advanced in years and comfortably settled. We are pleased to knwo her and extend to her a welcome to our Circle.

At Bendigo I ran across Messrs. Tonkins, Hart and J. Cross; they are old acquaintances and well known to us. Mr. Tonkins pointed out to me a deaf boy (9) who had not been to school yet. I interviewed parents and they are sending him to the deaf school this year. I also visited an elderly deaf person (by name of Mr. Stirling) who unfortunately has his sight failing too. Hope he will learn the finger alphabet which will prove useful. In same town I made the acquaintance of Miss Jones who is almost totally deaf. I went out to Kurraco to see the Misses Bretts - found them well and very busy on a big farm. Send kind remembrances to all deaf friends.

Went to Clunes to see Miss Annie May - was sorry to find she had passed on. Then to Creswick (via Daylesford) to see the Tyzzers, disappointed to find them out, but was pleased to see their mother who said they were contented and happy at home. After leaving Bendigo, further north I met Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson at Tresco, who are comfortable in their cottage surrounded by orange and lemon trees. Send greetings to all.

I had a step over the Murray River to see Mr. Hugh Smith at Barmah. He was surprised to see me. At the time of my visit he was

working on a big farm supervising the harvest operations. He sends kind regards to all. At Shepparton I endeavored to call upon Miss Pink but failed to see her, however, I had a chat with her sister. At Numurkah I had the pleasure of seeing Miss L. Williams who wishes to be remembered to all deaf friends. Also called on James Smith who recently left school and was for a time employed at a tannery in Richmond. Met Mrs. P. Taggart who was holidaying at Numurkah - sends kind regards to all. Had a good time at Daylesford with Mr. Meredith. He is a great help to his mother and doing well at his trade as a painter. At Waaia I was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mills for a few days. Both well and wish to be remembered to all. I was introduced to a Mr. Patten who has two deaf children seven and nine respectively. They are going to the school this year.

At Picola I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Mabel Ball who had recently left school and is anxious to get a position in Melbourne so as to be amongst her deaf friends. She misses the companionship of Miss Eileen O'Gorman who was her neighbour for many years. We shall be glad to have her amongst us. Had the pleasure of meeting a brother of our late esteemed friend, Mr. E. Salas of Adelaide, at Murchison.

Called upon Mr. and Mrs. B. Hall of Gooronbat, both well and doing well. The last but not the least to be seen were Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks of Longwood who said it was a pleasant surprise to them when I dropped on them from somewhere. They have a snug little farm with sheep and rabbits. Stayed over night with them and on the morrow pursued my way looking for more. R. H. L.

OUR CHRISTMAS RALLY

The 81st Congregational Rally was held on the 17th December, 1925, at Our Centre. Attendance about 200 of our members and friends. Messrs. H. Bickford, Chairman ofthe General Board, E. R. Peacock, Vice President, J. Dudley, Hon. Treasurer, and G. Vial and S. L. Massina members of our General Board were present. Mr. W. A. Paterson acted as chairman for the evening and our Principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) on behalf of Mr. Paterson and the Deaf extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Board, and Mr. Bickford responded. The programme for the evening consisted of a Living Statuary display, recitations, charades, etc., by our deaf members and proved very interesting and most enjoyable. During the interval Mr. Vial on behalf of the Deaf Committee presented the prizes to the winners of the Billiard Tournament and Winter Games Competitions. The following is a list of games winners and prizes:- Billiard Tournament, 1st prize W. McMillen, Suit case; 2nd prize W. Burge, Watch; Record Break W. Burge, Cigarette Case.
Winter Games Competitions: Cards, D. Ashby, Silver butter dish; Draughts, F. Holmes, Handkerchiefs. Dominoes, Mrs. J. Pierce, Handkerchiefs. Billiards, G. Oakley, Silver Butter dish. Ping Pong, I. Guthrie, Jam Spoon, and W. Ashby, Handkerchiefs.
Mr. J. Dudley acted as Father Xmas; distributed toys to the children of Deaf parents on behalf of the Workers' Club. Later, supper and soft drinks were handed round, and thus ended another very happy Xmas party.

MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild had their usual vacation during the month of December and on the 13th of January, to celebrate the opening, a Pound Night was held when every member came armed with his contribution to the supper. On that night Mr. Tannerhill of New Zealand told some humorous stories and legends, also gave an account of his travels. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

GARDEN PARTY AT BLACKBURN.

Soon after his arrival in Australia our Principal instituted a very pleasant function - an Annual Garden Party for the Deaf at his residence. It was first held at Gardiner, afterwards at Auburn, then at Brighton and finally, when the Home for Deaf Mutes was opened,at Blackburn. This was carried on without a break until the Jolimont Square property was purchased nearly two years ago. Last year the Garden Party was held at Jolimont Square in connection with the opening of the New Tennis Court. The Garden Party is to be kept up as an annual event and the General Board of our Society will be our hosts. It will still be held on the nearest Saturday to the 12th of March (our Principal's birthday), and this year Messrs. W. A. Paterson, Arthur Sutherland and Gerald Edwards are to be the special guests to bid them Bon Voyage on their trip to England.

DOWN THE BAY.

Ninety-six of us this time, and if we counted the babes in arms, one-hundred easily. We boarded the Hygeia in happy mood and the weather had just that little "kick" that gave promise of a pleasant and real sea trip. It's nice when it's very, very calm,but it'scertainly much nicer when the waters talk to you, just move sufficient, as it were, to let you know you are moving and that it is a boat and not a train. Verily, our numbers do grow, we began with inmates and employees of Blackburn Home only but that was years ago, this year in addition to the Home folk, it was in every way a Mothers' and Children's day. And a great day it was too.

But all missed the Mother, no gathering of the Home folk will ever be complete without the Mother until the present generation gives place to a new one. As usual, from Captain down everybody was kind to us. As forthe chief-steward we verily believe he would, if he could, have turned the boat inside out if it would have added to our pleasure. We are very grateful to Mr. Evans and the Bay Steamers Co. for the trip, to the following ladies and gentlemen for the dinner on board; Mrs. Theo. Kitchen 10/-, Mrs. V.M. Christian £1:0:0, Mrs. F.J.Payne £2:0:0, Sir G. Syme 10/-, A. Whybrow, Esq. £2:2:0, J. Dyer, Esq. £1:0:0, H. V. McKay, Esq. £2:2:0, Sir Wm. MacPherson, £1:1:0, to the General Board for tea, fruit and lollies and to all who helped to make the outing a happy one and most sincerely thank them for same.

LUNCH HOUR TOURS - JOLIMONT.

Yesterday I walked in a quaint old square. Old English houses were standing round it. It was full of flowers and trees, and it was full of peace. An Englishman had brought a corner of his country away in his heart and had fashioned it again in the bush by Port Phillip Bay.
It was Jolimont Square. Jolimont had grown round it, and had finished growing, and was content to sit nodding in the sun.
Charles Joseph Latrobe bought Jolimont at an auction sale in 1840 for £500. It was before he was appointed first Governor. Because his wife wasSwiss he built a Swiss chalet there, and it was the first Government House. Now the Chalet hides behind Bedggood's boot factory.
It is a strange little place, the home of a strange man. He governed the Colony which he saw develop a hundredfold. He establisned schools andthe University, and churches and the Public Library. He stayed for 14 years and was never understood. His work was seen when he had gone. Here his house falls down. Few know that it still stands. But the things that he began grow on.
The Square has been bought for the Deaf and Dumb. The name of the pioneer

links itself with every house. Jolimont looks back on them content. It is close by Jolimont station, and it is only a few minutes out on the Richmond tram. MAX MURRAY.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild re-opened after the Christmas Vacation on the 19th of January, when the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Gibson, read her diary on her trip to Sydney. The next meeting falls on the 9th February.

PAINTING CLASS.

Miss Bessie Cooper, the lady who so kindly gives up her Saturday afternoons to teach the members of the Women's Guild painting, in a letter to Mrs. Frewin (President) says she fears her spelling on her fingers is not good enough to show how very much she appreciates the kindness of the members of the class in giving her a Christmas Gift. It was a surprise and pleasure for her to receive it and sends her best wishes and thanks to all who contributed.

The members of the painting class have had a few saturdays off for the holidays, so Miss M. Gibson (incharge of the class) wishes to notify the students of the re-opening of the painting class on the 13th of February. Members of the Guild are heartily welcomed to join the class.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

H. R. Gillett (Irymple) writes "I was very pleased to get the "Monthly Letter" ... Sorry Chapman came to grief, I hope his luck has turned by now ...Glad to know there was a good crop of flowers, but it was hard luck having no market for them. Archie McLellan must have been wild ... You are having a dry time! I have only had five minutes rain since I left the farm in October, but that kind of weather is the best that could happen to vine growers - it means no disease in the vines... Yes, you are right, Archie is very well liked by the Blackburn kiddies ...Glad to know Tom Beanland is getting on all right, also Sammy, my word, Sammy is a joker, he is about the best tempered man I ever met. Things are getting a bit better with me...I will very likely be along your way when the harvest finishes about end of April."

Taylor of Adelaide paid us a call while here for a couple of days en route to Sydney to attend the Interstate Deaf gathering there during the Xmas Holidays.

H. Puddy came of age on the 9th of January and a small birthday party was held at his home to celebrate the event. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Lawson of Adelaide spent her Xmas Holidays amongst her relations in Victoria and her daughter decided to join the Deaf Party at Sydney. We have since heard that both enjoyed themselves to the full.

Percy Farraher of Sydney who recently paid a lengthy visit to Melbourne hoped to find employment here and remain. He, however, was not successful. We aresorry.

Miss E. Anderson of Geelong was down for Xmas Holidays. She attended the evening Service on the 27th December, but of course, did not meet so many of the Deaf as she hoped, for there was an exodus of fifty to Sydney alone.

Messrs. C. and J. Hennessey of Geelong were in Melbourne for a day or so during the holidays and then continued their journey to Warburton where they spent two weeks holiday.

Holt of Castlemaine visited our Centre during the holidays.

A. G. J. Hamson of Conargo N. S. Wales spent two weeks in Melbourne and was well pleased with out new property.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson of Tresco, Messrs. C. Hunt (Ouyen) and A. Maloney (Culgoa) also visited us during the holidays.

H. Emerson of Adelaide called in during the Morning Service of 20th Dec. and later in the afternoon continued his journey to Sydney where he represented South Australian Deaf in the interstate cricket matches.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce and Mr. J. Kenworthy, all Gippslanders frequented our Centre during Xmas and the New Year.

Miss D. Edwards, after five months at home, has once more taken her leave of Melbourne for the "Old Country". She left on Tuesday 2nd February with her father and sister by the P. & O. Liner "Mongolia". They have no idea when they will return again. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, beside their relatives, saw them off.

Our Principal was one of the guests at the Inaugural Dinner given by the Lord Mayor, of Melbourne, Sir William Brunton, in the Exhibition Buildings on 21st January.

Messrs. R. Edwards and Northey of Adelaide were here during the later part of January on their way home from a tour of Tasmania. They met W. Crush of Victoria while in Hobart. R. Edwards extended his stay here for a week or two in an effort to secure work. Unfortunately, he found his trade just as bad her as in Adelaide.

Messrs. W. A. Paterson, A. W. Sutherland and G. D. Edwards have booked their passage for England to leave on the 14th April by the Commonwealth Liner "Moreton Bay". They intend to spend six months in touring the Principal places of Europe and the British Isles. They also intend to visit as many Adult Deaf Societies as time and circumstances permit.

It is regretted that the trip to England has been robbed, to a large extent, of its interest to W. A. Paterson, by the receipt of the sad news that his beloved sister in Scotland has passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to W. A. Paterson in his bereavement.

Miss L. Sanderstook a week-end holiday (Foundation Day) to her parents' home in Bendigo and she had Miss M. Dow as her companion for the trip. Both reported jolly times.

W. A. PAterson is evidently possessed with the lust for travel and sight seeing. His latest was a Foundation Day week-end holiday at one of Victoria's beauty spots - Lorne, with J. M. McLaurin. They both spoke highly of its beauty and deplored that they could not extend their stay longer.

Roads of Adelaide paid a call one evening while en route from Sydney to Adelaide, where he had joined the Deaf Party during the holidays.

Cheery Friend Chapman of the Blackburn Farm has been having a bad time. Since the accident to his eye he spent weeks in the Eye and Ear Hospital and then in the Alfred. He, we are glad to say, is now back at the Far He joined the party that went down the bay on the 28th Jan. and had a good time

There is still quite an abundance of bloom at the Blackburn Farm, but customers are very shy. All retailer's are complaining that nobody seem to want flowers, someone asked if Sentiment were dead and Beauty no longer wanted.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER FUND.

We acknowledge with thanks subscriptions from the following friends towards the cost of "Our Monthly Letter." Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Nicholls, Sydney, Miss G. Caldwell, Ballarat, Mr. A. C. Muir, Malvern Mr. W. Crush 1/6d. each; Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, Tresco, 2/- Each; Mr. Hamson, Conargo N.S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, Neerim Junction, Mrs. D. Lawson, Adelaide, 2/6d. each; Mr. and Mrs. A. O'Callaghan, Sydney, Mr. C. Hennessey, Geelong 3/- each; Mr. Tannerhill, N.Z.4/-; Mr. and Mrs. Doran, Sydney, Mr. T. Collins Neerim Junction 5/- each; Miss Edwards, Canterbury, 1/- .

The Report of the Interstate Cricket and Tennis Matches came to hand just as we were sending to Publisher. A full account of same will appear in the next issue of "Our Monthly." Also extracts from a Girl's Diary, by Margaret Gibson and several other Pars will appear in our next issue, that we could not find room for in this issue.

ADULT DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA

The GENERAL BOARD and PRINCIPAL have pleasure in inviting the

CHURCH CONGREGATION and MEMBERS of the above Society

to a

GARDEN PARTY

to be held at the

DEAF MUTES' HOME, LAKE PARK, BLACKBURN.

On the Afternoon of Saturday, March 13th 1926.

Tickets can be obtained after Divine Worship on Sundays. After Class Meeting on Thursdays, and at the Society's Head Office - Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne E.

GET YOUR TICKET EARLY.

Febuary 1926.

Monday	1st	Mens Guild's Picnic to Sandringham
Tuesday	9th	Womens Guild Meeting
	9th	Men's Guild Meeting
Monday	15th	"Social" to Mrs J. Dudley
Tuesday	16th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday	23rd	Mens Guild Annual Meeting.
Every Thursday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Every Sunday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Services Morning & Evening
Every Saturday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Recreation.

Look Out for Easter Rally.

Adult Deaf Mute Centre.

Johnson Square Melbourne East.

Monday February 15th 1926 at 8. P.M.

A "Get to Know us" Social.

To the General Board of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria.

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All Deaf Welcome.

"Truth"
13th February 1926

DIVORCE FOR DEAF MUTE

Young Woman, Unable to Hear or Speak, Sues for Desertion — Sorrowful Tale of Domestic Unhappiness

PROVIDENCE played Gladys Emilie Fawcett a mean trick in the first place when she was rendered a deaf mute, but the old man with the box and dice made her the butt of another dismal ruse when she was matched in matrimony with a husband who gave her a "very rough passage" as to things domestic.

GLADYS, a calm little lady of strong stature, treated the Divorce Court on Wednesday to some windmill evolutions comprising the deaf and dumb language which, when translated into vocal English, constituted a woeful tale of married mischief. She petitioned Mr. Justice Macfarlane for a dissolution of her marriage with Stewart Gordon Fawcett, and she succeeded in her suit.

Quite deaf and quite dumb, the girl told her sorrowful story to the Court through an interpreter. She was an inmate of the Home for Deaf Mutes at Central-road, Blackburn, she said, but prior to her marriage was living with her father in Brighton-road, St. Kilda. Fawcett at the time was a bachelor living with his brother at Northcote.

THREE SHORT MONTHS

She married him on July 15, 1918, at Holy Trinity Church, Balaclava, the Rev. Fred Masters performing the ceremony.

Within three months, she stated briefly, her husband had quarreled with, attempted to strike and left her. Also, she had on October 27, 1918, given birth to a baby which was lifeless.

In the light of the age-old adage, the unfortunate girl should have been an ideal wife.

Their first real quarrel took place when Fawcett found out that she had been telling her sister all that had taken place between them, and he picked up the book in which they were wont to write to each other and threw it at her head.

This was a nasty trick and one considered to be a futile expedient, for Fawcett might have sworn at her and she would not have heard. He could have called her what he liked and she would not have been able to answer.

But he was not one to stoop to such simple things. Hence the precipitate flight of the "Conversation Book."

During the seven years he had been away from her, she went on, she had received no sustenance from him, and she had to fall back on the generosity of her father and of the Deaf Mutes Home for what happiness there was for her in life.

His Honor granted a decree nisi on the ground of desertion, and ordered Fawcett to pay to the Institute what money was owing to it for the upkeep of his wife.

"Age"
4th February 1926

On the ground of desertion Gladys [redacted]ie Fawcett, 27 years, of the Hom[redacted]r Deaf Mutes, Central-road, Blackburn, sought divorce from Stewart Gordon Powell Fawcett, 25 years, of North-road, Newport, maltster's laborer. Petitioner in her affidavit stated that the marriage took place in July, 1918, and in October of the same year they quarrelled about something she had told her sister. He threw the block they used to communicate with each other at her. Later respondent left the house and refused to return to her. A decree nisi was granted with costs.

Argus
12th February 1926.

The secretary of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board (Mr. J. Dudley), who recently visited New Zealand for health reasons, was welcomed back by the Fire Brigades Board at its monthly meeting yesterday.

Dudley's Social
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On the afternoon of Saturday March 13th 1926.

No .... ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM (Principal)

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN

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MR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Samuel Johnson, M.A., Principal of the South Australian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, which occurred at the Institution on Friday 26th February last at the age of Seventy. Mr. Johnson passed on, as he wished, whilst in harness. His Committee again and again brought pressure to bear upon him in the hope that he would take things easier, but with a man of Mr. Johnson's calibre this was an almost impossible task. It was only quite recently, and with great difficulty that the Committee persuaded him to take a few weeks rest from the work that was almost everything to him. Mr. Johnson gave forty years of his life to the Service of the Deaf as Superintendent and Headmaster of the Adelaide School.

The late Mr. Samuel Johnson was born at Toormore, County Cork, Ireland, July 8th 1855 and became "One of Us" on the 15th November, 1876 when he was appointed assistant Master of the Claremont Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Dublin, Ireland. His interest in the Adult Deaf & Dumb was first awakened by that loving and enthusiastic worker the late Miss T. Fredennick, and he had at this time serious thoughts of becoming a Missionary to the Deaf, when a vacancy occurred at the Melbourne Institution for the Deaf. Mr. Johnson arrived in Australia in 1882 and filled the position of Head Master of the Melbourne Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for some years. Whilst in this City he took a fatherly interest in the Adult Deaf, Conducting Services, giving Lectures and in other ways befriending them. The year after his arrival he founded the Deaf and Dumb Young Men's Improvement Society. He accepted the position of Superintendent and Head Master of the S.A.Institution early in 1885. Succeeding the late Mr. Hogg the school had only been established 13 years prior to Mr. Johnson's appointment. He was the founder of the S.A.Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission and it was almost wholly due to his influence and energy that the Parafield Home and Farm for Aged and Infirm Deaf and Dumb came into existence - the first of such Institutions in the British Empire.

Some years ago the Faculty of the Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, U.S. conferred upon him the honorary degree of M.A. in recognition of his eminent services in promoting the Education of the Deaf.

Mr. Johnson was esteemed and loved by the whole of the deaf of Australia who knew him; all Australia feels that the deaf have lost a friend that can never be replaced. South Australia's loss is Australia's loss also.

And what did Mr. Johnson think of the Deaf? In a biographical sketch of Mr. Samuel Johnson written by our Principal in the British Deaf Mute (Nov. 1893)

when he was Editor of that Paper. Mr. Abraham thus quoted from a letter he had just received from Mr. Johnson "I can look back with pleasure and thankfulness on my work amongst the Deaf and Dumb of Australia. There are very few Deaf Mutes in Victoria and South Australia who are not personally known to me, and I look on them all as my Dearest Friends."

RESIGNATION of MR. S. W. SHOWELL (Queensland)

Whilst Mr. Showell did not establish the first Services for the Deaf & Dumb in Queensland, he certainly was the founder of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, and from nothing he has built up a wealthy organisation with an Adult Institution and Farm of its own, devoting the best twenty years of a man's life in the doing of it and now he has resigned. Not that he wanted to give up his work, not that his work is done, not that Queensland has lost its pull on him, but because the strain of such a task must eventually tell upon every man. A man cannot occupy in building up and carrying on, practically working alone, as of necessity in work amongst the Adult Deaf, without something giving way. After a well-earned rest we shall see Mr. Showell back again if not in Brisbane, certainly somewhere else.
Mr. Showell leaves Brisbane on the 2nd of March by the S.S. "ESPERANCE BAY" calling at Sydney and Hobart and due in Melbourne on the 15th.

DEAF of CHINA.

We wrongly credited the Workers Club in our last issue with a good deed actually performed by the Deaf Women's Guild. The Chinese School appeal was under the auspices of the Women's Guild and it is largely due to the enthusiasm of the president (Mrs. F. E. Frewin) and the Hon. Secretary (Miss Maggie Gibson) that so handsome a response resulted. The sum sent, by the way, was £15 not Fifteen Guineas. This is only one of the Guild's many activities.

TASMANIA.

Mr. Ernest H. Searle, Headmaster of the Tasmanian School for the Deaf (Hobart) has a good word for "Our Monthly Letter." He has formed a Deaf Cricket team and hopes to take the team to Adelaide next Christmas to take part in the contests. This is good news to our cricketers - we only want a team from the West now (are you reading this Mr. Witchell - say, what are you going to do?) Mr. Searle concludes - "Accept from all Tasmanians our very best wishes."

A "GET TO KNOW US" SOCIAL.

The Deaf Committee have hit upon a really good idea for bringing the hearing members of the General Board into personal contact with the deaf members of the Society, and the first of what it is hoped will prove to be a series of happy gatherings was held on the evening of the 15th Feb. at Our Centre. Members of the General Board are to be singled out in rotation as "Guest of the Evening" and every effort will be made by the deaf guests to get to know him and be known. Mr. Oehr (Hon. Sec,) was singled out for the first punishment, but he got away to Europe; we had, unfortunately, left the arrangements so late that it was not possible for him to fix in a date, but we were determined not to be disappointed a second time, so immediately upon his return from N.Z. we pounced upon our Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Dudley). The Farm & Finance Committee met in the afternoon, and then dined, the General Board met at 7 p.m. and it was funny to see the faces of the deaf members as they used every possible method to get the business through quickly, so that it was not long after 8 p.m. when the Committee joined the

Social. Mr. Abraham gave the address of Welcome and the applause of the Deaf was so spontaneous and prolonged that our Hon. Treasurer began to suspect our Principal of having something up his sleeve, some extra big task for him to undertake on behalf of the Deaf, but our Principal assured him he had nothing up his sleeve nor at the back of his head, that he was merely the spokesman of the Deaf & Dumb Members who wished Mr. Dudley to know that they appreciated all that he was doing for them and that they wanted to know him personally, to shake him by the hand and get a smile of his wholly and solely to each individual self. Mr. Dudley and Mr. Vial joined in most of the games and with evident amusement, whilst Mr. Bickford (Chairman) and our Principal sat back and enjoyed the fun with ease.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Skill is always in demand no matter what the profession or trade. There is always room on top, and this we imagine is the opinion of Sid Holt. Sid is an engineers draughtsman at present employed by a big firm at Castlemaine. He is leaving for England in June next, and expects to leave London on the return journey the following September, when he is to enter into a three years agreement with an Adelaide firm. Sid Holt thinks "The Monthly" very interesting reading and wants her to follow him. She shall.

12th MARCH - Congratulations to Our Principal.

Mr. G. G. Mercy, once upon a time - and a strenuous time, too - Chairman of Our Society, is still interested in "Our Monthly Letter"; his subscription with "Good Wishes" comes along regularly.

Mr. R. H. Luff our Missioner -Collector is keeping his peepers open for the Deaf in the line of his travels and is meeting with some interesting experiences. To find Mr. Chisholm of Yea he says he had to travel fourteen miles over the mountain which took him seven hours, having to walk most of the way up a winding road round the mountain. "There are 15 Chisholms" he continued "and I got the right one, William F. Chisholm." He has been deaf eleven years and medical men, all this time have been giving the usual ruinous advice not to use "slate or fingers - as his hearing would come back." Mr. Luff wants to know why medical men do not warn lame men not to use crutches.

Friend A. M. has not been getting his "Monthly" of late and wanted to know why. We didn't know - they were sent. Now comes his own acknowledgement that he sent us the wrong address. Thanks, A. M. for this relief, we had been worrying, but we insert this par not really for you but some others of our readers who may be at fault and not us.

Norman Webb writes that he has returned to Tasmania and is back at his old job at Shannon River.

S. Ferguson was in town about middle of February. Brought his children up to start school again. Could not stay long as he desired to be on his farm in case of bush fires as they were very prevalent in the north.

G. B. Mortimer's uncle, Mr. Dunkinson of Narre Warren who is well known amongst our Cricketing fans celebrated his 90th Birthday on February 13. He still takes great interest in our sporting events and as well as his old Club (Richmond). G. B. Mortimer paid him a visit on that day conveying greetings from our sporting members. He thanked all for kind remembrances.

Messrs. W. O'Bryan, W. McMillen and A. Hately all celebrated their birthdays on the same date - February 5th and they had the unique pleasure of greeting each other on that date while meeting at our Centre.

J. Kenworthy is at present in Melbourne in connection with the Country Week Cricket for which he was picked to represent Bairnsdale.

Collins Bros. and C. Robertson are not accompanying their West Gippsland Team this season on account of Bush Fire troubles that occurred there a while back.

Miss G. Mortimer of Toora, sister of G. B. Mortimer is at present in Melbourne for a couple of weeks holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce of Neerim Junction were at the Sunday Services of 28th February and on the following day they had to go back to start work again. They mentioned that Collins Bros. Saw Mills were burnt down in the recent awful bush fires. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce lost their stables and out houses in the same fire. They said the country looked awfully desolate.

R. Edwards of Adelaide has returned to his own City after a week or twos' stay here.

Miss E. Reade who left school about 15 months ago and who has been her mother's helpmate up to last month has decided to strike out for herself. Our Society was able to place her with the London Tie Company and we heard she is doing well.

W. Grant of Myrtleford suggests that if there are any unemployed deaf in Melbourne they might secure work in the Hop Fields in the North Eastern district which started in the middle of February. Fortunately, we have no unemployed deaf men at present, but enquiries were made and we were informed that there is sufficient labor on the fields. W. Grant is doing well and wishes to be remembered to all.

"The Bloke" in sending 2/- toward "The Monthly Letter" Fund, says we are giving too much space to stale news. Maybe, and we will try to mend the error of our ways, but, well what can we do? If we leave a thing out "The Boss" says that's just what he would have put in. If we get to over four pages the Deaf Committee growl at the expense; if we leave it out, we get a sharp letter from a correspondent to know why his paragraph was not printed; if we hold it over and insert next month, it is stale news. So there you are, Good Masters.

Miss Ivy Cole has returned to Melbourne after close upon six months' absence at Ingleston. She has been offered work by her old employer at an increased wage and has accepted. We are all glad to see her amongst us again; she has benefited by the change of air.

Miss E. Cosser has moved from Victoria Park and is now living at Clifton Hill.

Mr. W. Nancarrow is at present occupied with a fencing and netting contract at Goroke way. He stated that he is feeling awfully lonely and has to batch for himself. He is looking forward to a visit to Melbourne, which he hopes will be very soon. He says best wishes to all readers of C.M.L.

Mr. Cornish late of Sydney who has been working on S.S. Levuka for sometime as fireman and greaser left the boat with the object of seeking congenial

work on shore, but failing to find anything to his trade was forced to take to sea again.

Mr. Cayzer of Camberwell was at our "Get To Know Us" Social on 15th Feb. last and enjoyed himself immensely. He, like a good many hearing persons is gradually losing his hearing, hence his presence amongst us.

Miss Doran of Sydney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doran (Deaf parents) paid us calls while she was travelling between Sydney and Adelaide. The first call was made on 11th January while she was on her way to Adelaide. She was much charmed with our Property. On her second call in February, she made a couple of days stay in Melbourne and was guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boorts of Elsternwick. Before returning she paid a visit to our Blackburn Farm, the show place of the Deaf Mutes of Australia.

News is to hand that J. Hunt of Ouyen has sold his farm at a satisfactory price, and that the goodwill is to be handed over by 10th March. He and his wife and child are coming to Melbourne for a spell and will be coming in their Dodge Motor.

On the occasion of the distribution of prizes at the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution St. Kilda Road at the Xmas Holidays, the Lord Mayor (Sir Wm. Brunton) in the course of his remarks said "He had never seen better work done than that turned out by the Adult Society." We appreciate the Lord Mayor for his kind interest and thank him for the compliment paid to our Society.

Miss Marjorie Box of Drouin was in town for a week or so during the early part of February.

J. A. Love of Sydney N.S.W. paid us a flying visit on Saturday 6th Feb. and he was much charmed with the beauty of Jolimont Square. He thought there was not to be seen a finer place owned by the Adult Deaf anywhere in the world. At present he is a sportsmaster at the school for the Deaf & Dumb in Newtown, Sydney. Last winter season he was successful in leading his Deaf School Boys to victory in the 1st Grade Commercial and Junior Technical Schools Soccer Competition. They won every competition match throughout the season and for this the boys were treated to a week-end camp down the beautiful south coast of New South Wales where they had a most glorious time. He went to West Australia for his Xmas Holidays and was returning to Sydney hence his call to Our Centre while his boat berthed. He regretted he could not find time to run up to our beautiful Farm and Home at Blackburn which he has heard of so often, but hoped to find time on his next visit.

Miss W. Henry is back again after a three weeks' holiday at Bowmans Forest as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. She said she was sorry to have to terminate her holidays so soon.

Mr. F. Lynas is again with us for an extended stay. The Harvest work is over now and he is taking a good spell. He came to Melbourne in his nippy single-seater Studebaker. The distance between Melbourne and his farm in Wooroonooke is somewhere about 180 miles and he covered the distance in good style.

J. M. Paul of Aberdeen, Scotland and ex-Assistant Missioner to the Deaf of Melbourne in a recent letter, referring to the retirement of Mrs. Abraham says: "I do not forget her kindness when I set foot on a far off shore, and

that is but one of many reasons for sincerely wishing her every contentment, joy and prosperity in her days of leisure."

Messrs. A. Hart and T. Tonkins both of Bendigo are at present holidaying in Melbourne. They were at the "Get to Know Us" Social and are hanging on for the Garden Party.

Mrs. Winn of Sydney was in Melbourne for a week. She would have stayed longer but for sickness at home which necessitated her early return.

Miss Lawrance of Perth, West Australia was present at the Social on 15th Feb. She intends to make a long stay here and if possible will stay in Melbourne for good if work is forthcoming. She is a dressmaker and was introduced to the Melbourne Deaf by Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Lacrosse Annual meeting will be held at our Centre on Friday night at 8 p.m. 12th March. Nominations close at 7.30 p.m. same night. Roll up Boys!

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. W. Elwin came of age on Saturday Feb. 13th. and it was celebrated by a party arranged by her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby, at their residence in Brunswick. It turned out a most enjoyable evening. Invitations were issued and the 21 guests accepted - each guest representing a year in the age of Mrs. Elwin.

Miss E. O'Gorman who is a boarder at Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby's took up the role of hostess for the evening and many novel games were introduced by her, and greatly enjoyed. During the evening each guest was handed a piece of Birthday cake with a small kewpie attached and paper caps were worn by all which made the scene quite animated. A most merry time was spent.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We acknowledge with thanks subscriptions from the following friends towards the cost of "Our Monthly Letter." Mr. G. Mercy J. P. Camberwell 5/- Messrs. G. Oakley, Prahran, N. Webb, Tasmania, A. Mason, Sydney, "The Blokes" 2/- each; Mrs. Crompton and Mr. A. Israel 1/- each.

OUR FLOWER FARM.

Notwithstanding the continued absence of rain we are still growing flowers and in fairly good quantities too. Likewise, we have had quite an abundance of vegetables of almost all kinds during the past six months and there are plenty to go on with, so the newspaper announcements about the scarcity and dearness of the latter is not likely to scare us yet awhile. But artificial watering in this kindof weather is anything but encouraging and is the exact job that Mr. Nobody always wants to do, and if Everybody had his way Nobody would always be left to do it. Someday when the Editor of the Monthly has space to spare we will tell you some funny stories about watering.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

At the meeting of the Women's Guild held on Feb. 9th Miss Hickey read, before a large attendance an interesting paper on "Fortunes in Moles". Several members rendered stories. The Annual Picnic of the Guild was held on Sat.___

February 20th at Altona and proved to be an enjoyable outing. A fair muster of members were present, and several enjoyed dips in the briny while the rest either strolled on the pier or spent their time in conversation. Owing to the Limited train service from Altona to the city an early start was made for the return journey. M. Gibson.

EXTRACTS from a GIRL'S DIARY.

Two of our popular members, Margaret Gibson and Gwen Hawkins were among the deaf who visited Sydney for the Christmas Festivities.
Leaving Melbourne on the 24th Dec. by the S.S.Levuka. They were a merry party for Arthur Sutherland and Jack McLaurin were on the same boat. All were good sailors, and able to enjoy an excellent Christmas dinner and take part in a plain and fancy dress ball on deck. On arrival at Sydney the girls were met by friends and motored home. The evening was spent at an At Home at Mrs. Winn's (Neutral Bay). Next day a trip was made to Taronga Park Zoo, tea in city and church in the evening. Monday, guided by Mrs. Doran the Botanical Gardens, Art Gallery and Domain were visited. Tuesday, morning at the University Oval watching the match, afternoon at Mrs. Richards house at Summer Hill, evening - fancy dress ball at Y.M.C.A. rooms. Wednesday, to Rose Bay and Watsons Bay, saw the Gap later to tea with Mrs. Winn at her lovely home. Thursday, an all day trip on the harbour, lunch at Clifton Gardens Kiosk where two Brisbane boys were met, evening, banquet at York Cafe. New Year's Day - accompanied by Mr. R. Fairhall they visited Manly, the Spit Milson's Point, Crows Nest, Lane Cove River and Fig Tree. Saturday, to Deaf folks picnic at National Park, from there for a long row up the river. Sunday, to Cronulla. Monday, met friends in city, had lunch then to Coogee. Tuesday, to Deaf & Dumb Institution but not having obtained permission were unable to go inside; evening, pictures. Wednesday, by motor to Bulli Look-out and Lodden Waterfalls where lovely Christmas bells were gathered. Thursday, to Bondi, but owing to being caught in a terrific hailstorm, the trip was curtailed. Friday, shopping, and Saturday accompanied by Lydia Saunders, Thelma Stephens, Arthur Sutherland and M. G. B. Mortimer the girls left for Melbourne by the S.S.WYreema which had a very rough trip at first, many of the passengers being sick. Later all were able to enjoy and make the most of their last day on holiday. This does not include all the places visited nor half the fun the girls had. We think it must have been a most enjoyable trip. Don't You?

INTERSTATE CRICKET at SYDNEY.

After an interval of 25 years the Victorian Deaf Cricketers visited Sydney to compete in interstate cricket. Since the last trip to N.S.W. (1900) all the succeeding matches against N.S.Wales have been played in Melbourne so there is no wonder that the trip was taken up with enthusiasm by the Victorians. Together with the trip, went the fate of the "E.J.D.Abraham Shield" which the Victorians have held since 1923. The officials as well as the players considered their chances of retaining the shield were very slender, consequently they looked upon it as good as lost, but to the great surprise of everyone the Victorians did actually bring it back, having won the triangular matches outright. The treatment accorded to our trippers by the "Home" (N.S.W.) Deaf was most generous. The majority of the Victorians put up at Glen Osmond and Clarence House in Forest Lodge which was only about 5 minutes walk to the University Cricket Ground where the triangular Cricket Matches were played.
The Draw and results of the matches were as follows: 1st. match Dec. 26 and morning of 28th Dec. S.A. v N.S.W., won by S. A. by 101 runs.
Second match, afternoon of 28th and all day of 29th Dec. Vic. v. N.S.W.

won by Victoria by an inning and 22 runs. Third match, on 30th and 31st Dec., S.A.v Vic. won by Victoria by 50 runs. The Victorian team was composed of T. Collins (Captain) G. Edwards (Vice Captain) C. Robertson A. Collins, G. Damman, D. Ashby, J. Kenworthy, E. Martin, W. O'Bryan, J. Retallick, W. Ashby and I. Guthrie (Emergency). Our win over N.S.W. was due to the splendid stand by C. Robertson and G. Edwards who scored 103 and 87 runs respectively. At this match they created the first wicket partnership record, scoring 212 runs before being separated. The bowlers, that did the most damage were J. Kenworthy, E. Martin, T. Collins and A. Collins. The win over the South Australians in the final match was the most surprising one for everyone. It was believed that the match was a "gift" to S. Aus. Unfortunately for them but fortunately for us they failed at the critical moment through nervousness. It was the lowest score ever put up in an interstate match. E. Martin 16 not out in first innings, A. Collins 21 not out, D. Ashby 18 in 2nd innings were the only batsmen who could stand the sticky wicket. T. Collins was the outstanding bowler of the match, he took 12 wickets for 54 runs; J. Kenworthy helped him nobly with 8 for 52 runs. The whole of the visiting Victorians were invited to the Banquet at the termination of the matches. The usual speeches were made by prominent persons. The final wind-up of an enjoyable stay was a grand Picnic at National Park which was well enjoyed by all. There were various races but the Victorians fared very badly in every event.

INTERSTATE TENNIS AT SYDNEY:

Included among the Sydney trippers were a number of Tennis players of both sexes. The Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Team and they played a series of matches on Mr. Richard's Court at Summer Hill and Mrs. Winn's court at Neutral Bay. Our players were "at sea" on these courts as they are composed of hardened sand and shingles. They break up under the strain of a few games. As in the case of cricket our players received a splendid welcome and most generous hospitality was extended to us. At the games we all fared badly except Mr. G. Edwards who showed himself a real Deaf Champion. Here are the results of the games:
Mixed Doubles. Vic. Versus N.S.W. N.S.W. won 9 sets 79 games Victoria won 5 sets 60 Games. Men's Doubles. N.S.W. won 3 sets 31 games, Vic. won 3 sets 31 games. Ladies Doubles. N.S.W. won 6 sets 36 games, Victoria won 0 sets 10 games. Grand Total:- N.S.W. won 18 sets 146 games, Victoria won 8 sets 101 games.

AGAINST QUEENSLAND. Men's Doubles: Q'Land won 3 sets 26 games, Vic. won 1 set 20 games. Mixed Doubles: Q'land won 2 sets 16 games, Vic. won 2 sets 19 games. Ladies Doubles: Q'land won 2 sets 12 games, Vic won 0 sets 4 games. Grand Total:- Queensland won 7 sets 54 games, Victoria won 3 sets 43 games.

MEN'S GUILD

The Annual Picnic of the Men's Guild was as usual held on A.N.A.Day 1st February, this year at Sandringham and proved a success. The weather was all that was desired and a party of 31 deaf persons availed themselves of the day. In the morning the majority went in for mixed bathing. Lunch was partaken of under the ti-tree - a few adjourning to a cafe for theirs. During the afternoon there was more bathing. Swimming was out of the question as the water was very rough, nevertheless everyone enjoyed the outing. The Principal was amongst us for a while during the afternoon. After tea, games of skill in rounders and throwing were en-

thusiastically enjoyed and at about 8.30 the party broke up and made for home.

On Feb. 9th a very interesting and instructive paper on "Air" was given by Mr. W. McMillen to a fair gathering. He was highly complimented by members on his improvement in his delivery.

On 23rd. Feb. the 42nd Annual Meeting was held before an improved attendance when the Hon. Sec. Mr. J. Cariss read the report and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. McMillen the Balance Sheet which were confirmed.. The election of Office Bearers resulted as follows:- President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, Vice President, Mr. G. B. Mortimer, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. McMillen, Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Cariss, Committee, Messrs. F. Holmes, A. W. Sutherland, J. O'Gorman, J. McLaurin. At its termination the members were entertained to a light supper provided by the Committee.

TENNIS NOTES.

The members of the Adult Deaf Tennis Club are reminded that the financial year of the club ends on 31st March, 1926, and all monies owing to the Club are to be paid in before then. Members wishing to be enrolled for the coming year are requested to pay in their subs before 1st April. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by that date will be charged the ordinary rates for use of the courts. The annual meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday 30th March when the report and Balance Sheet will be read, and officers elected. Make it a point of attending this meeting and bring with you your fair share of enthusiasm and new members.

THE LATE MR. S. JOHNSON.

The Principal and Deaf Members of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria sympathise very deeply with Mrs. Johnson of the South Australian Deaf & Dumb Institution in the loss she has sustained by the death of her beloved husband and their esteemed benefactor and friend.

A Party of eight Deaf Boys namely, Messrs. L. Owen, L. Smith, G. Turnley W. McMillen, V. Wilson, H. Lambert, B. Davis and T. Derby went camping at Kernot, South Gippsland, on the bank of Bass River during the Xmas Holidays and they all reported great times there, and we believe them, too, according to the snaps they produced of the camp life and various incidents of their visit.

Word to hand from C. Buck, who is at present "Somewhere in the Australian Alps" at work, is doing fairly well. He stated that he has killed 36 snakes in one month and one of them measured 10 feet in length. At present he is trying his skill at the game of tennis with a hearing club. We would be glad to hear further news from him soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Marks spent their honeymoon in Sydney for two weeks and now have settled in Ivanhoe.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Quantock went to Daylesford and the surrounding district and are now back in town again.

R. Jose is at present in Bendigo on a tomato plantation for three months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th. 7 p.m. at the Church for the Deaf.
THE LATE MR. SAMUEL JOHNSON - MEMORIAL SERVICE.
Preacher:- Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th.
The General Board and the Principal invite the Deaf
A GARDEN PARTY to be held at Lake Park, Blackburn.
Get your Tickets early. Can be obtained at all meetings at Centre.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21st.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

At the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square.
Send your gifts as early as possible on the 20th.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8th.
EASTER RALLY at OUR CENTRE, Jolimont Square.
M.C. for the Evening - Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11th.
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE. 11 a.m.
At the Church for the Deaf.
Preacher - The Principal.

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE - Jolimont Square.

SYLLABUS for MARCH

Tues.	2nd	Women's Guild Lacrosse Club Committee
Thurs.	4th	Bible Study and Lecturette - Mr. Johnston
Sun.	7th	Divine Services. 11 a.m. Mr. Johnston 7 p.m. Mr. Abraham. Memorial Service
Tues.	9th	Men's Guild Meeting
Thurs.	11th	Bible Study and Lecturette - Mr. Abraham
Fri.	12th	Lacrosse Club Annual Meeting
Sat.	13th	Garden Party at Blackburn
Sun.	14th	Divine Services. 11 a.m. Mr. Johnston 7 p.m. Mr. Abraham
Tues.	16th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thurs.	18th	Bible Study and Lecturette - Mr. Abraham
Sun.	21st	HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES
Tues.	23rd	Women's Guild - Men's Guild
Thurs.	25th	Bible Study and Lecturette
Sun.	28th	Divine) 11 a.m. Mr. Johnston Worship) 7 p.m. Mr. Abraham
Tues.	30th	Annual Meeting of Tennis Club.

APRIL 8th. EASTER RALLY

11th HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAYS:- MEN'S NIGHTS. SATURDAYS:- SOCIALS.

Tennis Court open Daily.

March 1926.

Tuesday	2nd	Women's Guild Meeting.
		Lacrosse Club Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Friday	12th	Lacrosse Annual Meeting.
Saturday	13th	Garden Party. Blackburn.
Tuesday	16th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Sunday	21st	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday	23rd	Women's Guild Meeting
		Men's Guild Meeting.
Tuesday	30th	Tennis Annual Meeting.
Every Sunday	4, 11, 21, 28.	Services Morning & Evening
Every Thursday	4, 11, 18, 25,	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every Saturday	6, 13, 20, 27,	Recreation.
Thursday	8th April	Easter Rally.
Sunday	11th April	Holy Communion Service.

"The Sun Pictorial"
March 6th 1926.



BAIRNSDALE PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS watch the batsmen in the match against West Gippsland at South Melbourne yesterday.

J. Hentworthy

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA.

PROGRAMME of

GARDEN PARTY

at

Deaf Mutes Home

LAKE PARK, BLACKBURN.

Mr. Geo. Vial Chairman of Farm and Home Sub Committee will receive guests on behalf of the General Board.

Mr. Harold Bickford Chairman of the General Board and the Farm & Finance Committee will bid Bon Voyage to Messrs. W. A. Paterson, Arthur Sutherland and Gerald Edwards, in the name of the General Board and the Deaf Mutes Guests.

P.M.

2.30 to 3.30 Rambles.

3.30 Assemble in Front of Home. Welcome and Photographs.

4. to 5.45 Games on Lawns and Sports in Grounds.

6. Tea.

6.45 Games on Lawns.

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

(Principal).

"Herald"
March 13th 1926

DEAF MUTES' HOLIDAY

Silent Speeches on Deft Fingers

Today is the deaf men's holiday. Today at the Deaf Mutes' Home at Blackburn, they are holding a garden party. It is the birthday of Mr E. J. D. Abrahams, principal of the Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

The guests of honor will be Messrs W. A. Patterson, Arthur Sutherland, and Gerald Edwards, who are going next month on a trip to Europe.

Today there were 250 guests. All but a few were deaf and dumb.

There were speeches, silent speeches on fingers and hands that could not be heard. There was clapping that could not be heard, but it could be seen very "loudly."

They played village games on the lawn. It was the great re-union of the year.

Some years ago the Deaf and Dumb Society gave Mr Abrahams a birthday party. It was so successful that it has become an annual day. Mr Abrahams is always there, and remembered and thanked. Only these people know what good work he has done.

The three guests of honor today were deaf and dumb. They are going to Europe by themselves, and foreign languages have no fear for them. They will be away about nine months.

The Sun News Pictorial
March 15th 1926.



NO WORDS SPOKEN, still an interesting exchange of views goes on. The conversation in the sign language occurred at the Deaf and Dumb garden party at Blackburn.

Mrs Downes conversing with Mr W Shiva.

The Sun News Pictorial
April 6th 1926.

The Sun News Pictorial
March 15th 1926



TOO MUCH FUN for the best efforts. The tug-of-war was contested at the garden party given to deaf and dumb people of Melbourne and districts, on Saturday, at the Deaf and Dumb Society's Blackburn Home.

BLIND-DEAF-DUMB

Four Melbourne Sufferers

WHAT SOCIETY DOES

FOUR persons in Melbourne cannot see, hear or speak. There are others who are semi-blind deaf mutes.

There are between 700 and 1000 deaf mutes in Victoria. Some are mentally defective. Others are aged or infirm. The majority are quite normal, except that they are deaf and dumb.

These normal deaf mutes are quite capable, if trained, of earning their own living and taking their place as busy citizens.

But, who undertakes the work of training them? Who puts forward a helping hand to assist the blind, mentally defective, aged, or infirm deaf mute in his lonely battle along life's way.

The work is done at Jolimont-square, Melbourne. The leader is Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, chaplain and principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. He has made the welfare of the deaf and dumb his life's study, and has been in charge of the society since 1901.

Growth of Work

In 1906 Mr. Abraham enlisted public sympathy in the cause he was fighting. The Government became interested, and, in addition to giving £2000 towards the establishment of a home for aged and infirm deaf mutes, initiated free and compulsory education for deaf children, and provided a pension for the founder of the deaf school.

Later, £3000 was raised by public appeal and, in 1907, Lake Park, Blackburn, was purchased. It is here that mentally defective, blind, aged and infirm deaf mutes are treated and trained.

The society has done much to make the lot of the deaf mute happier. It feels that it can do more, and an appeal is made to the people of Victoria to assist the society to find afflicted persons who do not, at present, receive the benefits they have a right to expect.

"Age"
March 29th 1926

"SUFFERING FROM NERVES!"

Father Attacks Son with Hammer.

PERTH, Sunday.—Henry Hinds Witchell, superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb institution at Cottesloe, attacked his son with a hammer on Saturday, severely injuring him. Witchell was overpowered and taken to the hospital for observation. He has been suffering recently from nervous trouble.

"The Sun News Pictorial"
March 24th 1926

ROTARIANS ASSEMBLED IN FORCE AT THE SECOND SESSION of their first Australian Conference in the Assembly Hall yesterday:



2. Mr. E. J. D. Abrahams.

"The Morning Post."
March 24th 1926.



Rotarians at the farewell garden party in the Burnley Horticultural Gardens yesterday. On the left are Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams, and Mrs. Jackson.

"The Sun News Pictorial"
March 27th 1926



DELEGATES TO THE ROTARY CONFERENCE ATTENDED A FAREWELL GARDEN PARTY.
Enjoying a chat in the sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams and Mrs. Jackson.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.

THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

"Do this in remembrance of Me" were the words of the text of Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) on the occasion of the Memorial Service, Sunday, March 7th to the Late Samuel Johnson, for forty years Principal of the South Australian Institution for the Deaf. In the course of a loving tribute to his old friend, Mr. Abraham said the deaf did not realise their good fortune; no section of the community had had so many sincere and self-sacrificing benefactors as had the deaf - men who forgot themselves entirely and frequently their families for the cause of the deaf, the world outside had no attractions for them. He named many who had given their lives, their everything for the deaf. Mr. Johnson, notwithstanding many occurrences that would estrange most men from a work, had never for one instant lost confidence he loved and labored for the deaf continuously and he had left monuments behind that should keep his name in remembrance.

At the close of the Service, Mr. F. E. Frewin spoke a few words. He told us how, on the arrival of Mr. S. Johnson in Melbourne a number of adult Deaf citizens - Messrs. M. L. Miller, R. H. Luff, W. P. Muir, J. E. Muir and himself went to see him. At the Deaf School, St. Kilda Road - the only organisation the Deaf had at that time was a Cricket Club; Mr. Johnson asked "Where do you meet for worship?" It had to be admitted there was no such provision for the deaf in Melbourne. It was then that Mr. Johnson started, securing the free use of a room at the Baptist Church Collins Street for his Sunday services, and although himself a churchman he conducted these services. Afterwards the Deaf Young Men's Mutual Improvment Society was formed by Mr. Johnson, the Committee of this Society were in charge of the affairs of Sunday services and collections, etc., for about three years then the Deaf Sub-committee was appointed and took over the Church affairs. Rev. Moss and Mr. F. J. Rose joined up and the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission was founded. Mr. Frewin concluded by expressing deep sympathy with Mrs. Johnson and Family at their loss.

Mr. Luff also addressed the congregation. He was one of the little band to welcome Mr. Johnson amongst the Adult Deaf and his recollections of Mr. Johnson were of the happiest. He remembered his first text which was "A man's riches consisteth not in the abundance of his possessions."

GARDEN PARTY.

About Two hundred attended the Garden Party at Our Home for the Deaf, Lake Park, Blackburn on the 13th March. Originally instituted by Our Principal as an outdoor re-union of his deaf family upon the nearest Saturday to his birthday, it has now been taken over by the General Board of the Society and will continue to be held on the Saturday following the 12th of March. This year's function lacked the enthusiasm of former years but was nevertheless a pleasing success. Most of the members of the General Board were present - Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Vial, Mr. T. Purves, Mr. G. Brown and Mr.S.Massina, Mrs. E. Spiers Jackson and Mr. Douglas Abraham, daughter and son of Mr. Abraham, were also present. Speeches were delivered from the front porch by Messrs. H. Bickford, E. R. Peacock and G. Vial. All referred to Mr. Abraham and his work amongst us and congratulated him upon his birthday and all that he had accomplished. Mr. Vial's address of Welcome was appreciated by all of us and we shall look upon the Garden Party as a strong link in friendship and unity between ourselves, Our Principal and our Committee. Mr. Peacock on behalf of the Committee and all of us bid bon voyage to Messrs. W. A. Paterson, A. W. Sutherland and G. Edwards. The kind wishes were acknowledged by Messrs. Paterson and Sutherland.

Dinner was served in the three dining halls at 6 p.m. and enjoyed. Rambles occupied the time of some, a Cricket match others, but the majority wanted merriment and found it in the village games. Amongst the party we noticed quite a number of interstate and country visitors. Mrs. A. Williamson (Queensland), Miss Lawrance (West Australia), Miss G. Mahoney (N.S.W.) F. Lynas (Charlton), A. Holt and T. Tonkin (Bendigo), Miss C. Mortimer (Toora). Also quite a number of motor cars and motor cycles owned and driven by the deaf lined the drive. The party broke up at 8.30 p.m. after expressing thanks to the General Board and the Principal for the happy day.

MEN'S GUILD.

The first Ordinary Meeting of the Men's Guild (9th March) was well attended. C. Graham the retiring president, presided, and in his farewell speech complimented the New President J. M. Johnston, on his appointment and trusted that the Guild would have a most successful year under his charge. J. M. Johnston then took the chair amidst applause. The new President thanked the ex-president for his kindly and encouraging words and trusted that members would co-operate with greater enthusiasm so as to improve the standard of the Guild and make it the "Mecca" of the young deaf manhood, where they could cultivate their minds and manners to good advantage. He then gave a short address on "Cultivating Good Manners". Afterwards entertaining the members to a light supper for which he was heartily thanked. Intending members are instructed to pay in their subscription (1/- per annum) as soon as possible as any socials held under its auspices, admission fees will be charged against non-paying members irrespective of their intention of joining or not.

On March 23rd. a Social Evening was given to F. Holmes. The Chairman, J. M. Johnston presented him on behalf of the Guild, a small wedding gift, (silver Jam Dish) which he hoped would be a pleasant daily reminder of the Guild's good wishes for his future happiness. F. Holmes suitable responded. A very pleasant evening was passed.

LACROSSE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club held its 16th Annual Meeting on the evening of 12th March in the Lecture Hall of "Our Centre". There was a large

and enthusiastic gathering of players, members and supporters numbering 45. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet which showed the balance as nil were read and confirmed. The chairman complimented the teams, though beaten, on their successful endeavors for the premiership honors and trusted they would have better luck this season. The election of office bearers was as follows:- President W. A. Paterson, vice-president Messrs. G. Edwards, A. W. Sutherland and J. M. Johnston, Hon. Secretary A. Stephens, Hon. Treasurer J. Cariss, Committee W. O'Bryan, J. O'Gorman, W. McMillen and G. B. Mortimer. A. Kidd, our delegate was present at the meeting. The meeting terminated with a light supper. Two teams will again enter for the competition and are to be allotted in same sections as previously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We acknowledge with thanks subscriptions from the following friends towards the cost of "Our Monthly Letter":- Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeanes, Drouin, Mr. J. Moran, Cairns North Queensland, 5/- each; Messrs. L. Downes, A. Sutherland, 2/6d. each; Mrs. A. Williamson, Brisbane Queensland, Mr. Norman Webb, Tasmania, 2/- each; Mr. V. Tyzzer 1/6d. F. G. Faram, Orbost, 1/6d. Miss E. Anderson, Geelong, Mr. L. H. Nicholson, Sydney, 2/- each.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Stanley E. Holle (Victorian) for ten years teacher at the New South Wales School for the Deaf, Sydney, has been appointed Headmaster of the Queensland School for the Deaf at Brisbane and is to commence duty this month.

It is with much regret we learn of the breakdown of H. H. Witchell, headmaster of the West Australian School for the Deaf. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Mr. S. Showell, late Superintendent of the Queensland Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, who is on a coastal trip paid us a call whilst his boat (S.S. Esperance Bay) was in port. He was the guest of Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) whilst here , dining with Mr. and Mrs. Abraham at their home at Canterbury one evening. He also attended the General Board Meeting the night of his arrival, dining with them and the Deaf Committee meeting the following evening. Mr. Showell, like all visitors, gasped with astonishment at the beauty and extent of our Jolimont Square property. He thinks us exceedingly fortunate.

A newsy letter is to hand from James Moran of Cairns, North Queensland. He speaks in glowing terms of his position in his trade and amongst the public generally. He has now a deaf companion to chum up with in his rambles and sports and a work mate as well. He is Mr. Dunwoody, formerly a greaser and fireman on a British ship and who has now gone back to his trade as a first-class upholsterer. Moran and Dunwoody send greetings to Victorian Deaf. We hope both will write to us often.

Mr. Ashby was the first to wish Our Principal "Many Happy Returns" on Friday March 12th as he entered Jolimont Square Gates at 8.30 a.m., and Mrs. Gladman second, by letter.

Mrs. Palmer, nee Violet Elwin, who has been residing at Altona Bay for some time has moved to Westburn near Warburton. Her home was saved from the bush fires, but their little orchard was ruined.

How Much do You subscribe to the MONTHLY? Postage costs 1/- A Year.

Congratulations to S. Moss (15th March). He has reached the ripe age of three score years and fifteen. He is still hale and hearty and doing useful work for our Society. For Just over a month he has been a grass widower. His wife had a most enjoyable time in the "Harbour City." Being well up in years and knowing that the train journey would be most tiring for her, she took the sea-route going and coming. The trip has been most beneficial to her. Mr. Moss is looking forward to a similar trip for himself sometime next year.

CROWDED OUT.

Being limited to four pages this month we are compelled to hold over a very interesting article on the Bush Fires by Mrs. J. E. Muir, and "Country Visitation" by R. H. Luff, together with many news items.

ASSOCIATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE
ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA.

Deaf Men's Guild. Pres. Mr. J. M. Johnston, Hon. Treas. W. McMillen, Hon. Sec. J. Cariss.

Deaf Women's Guild. Pres. Mrs. F. E. Frewin, Hon. Treas. Miss L. Sanders Hon. Sec. Miss M. Gibson.

Deaf Workers Club. Pres. Mrs. F. E. Frewin, Hon. Treas. Mrs. F. Holmes, Hon. Sec. Miss D. Hickey.

Bank and Outing Club. Manager, Mr. R. H. Luff, Sub-Manager, Mr. J.M.Johnston

Deaf Cricket Club. Pres. Mr. W. A. Paterson, Hon. Treas. Mr. G. Edwards, Hon. Sec. Mr. W. McMillen.

Deaf Lacrosse Club. Pres. Mr. W. A. Paterson, Hon. Treas. Mr. G. Newnham Hon. Sec. Mr. J. McLaurin.

Deaf Ramblers Club. Pres. Miss D. Hickey, Hon. Sec. Miss L. Sanders.

Addresses of all Honorary Secretaries - Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

SUNDAY, April 11th HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE. Preacher - Morning and Evenin (7 p.m.) The Principal.

THURSDAY, April 8th Easter Rally. Free to All.

MONDAY, April 26th Deaf Workers Picnic to Frankston.

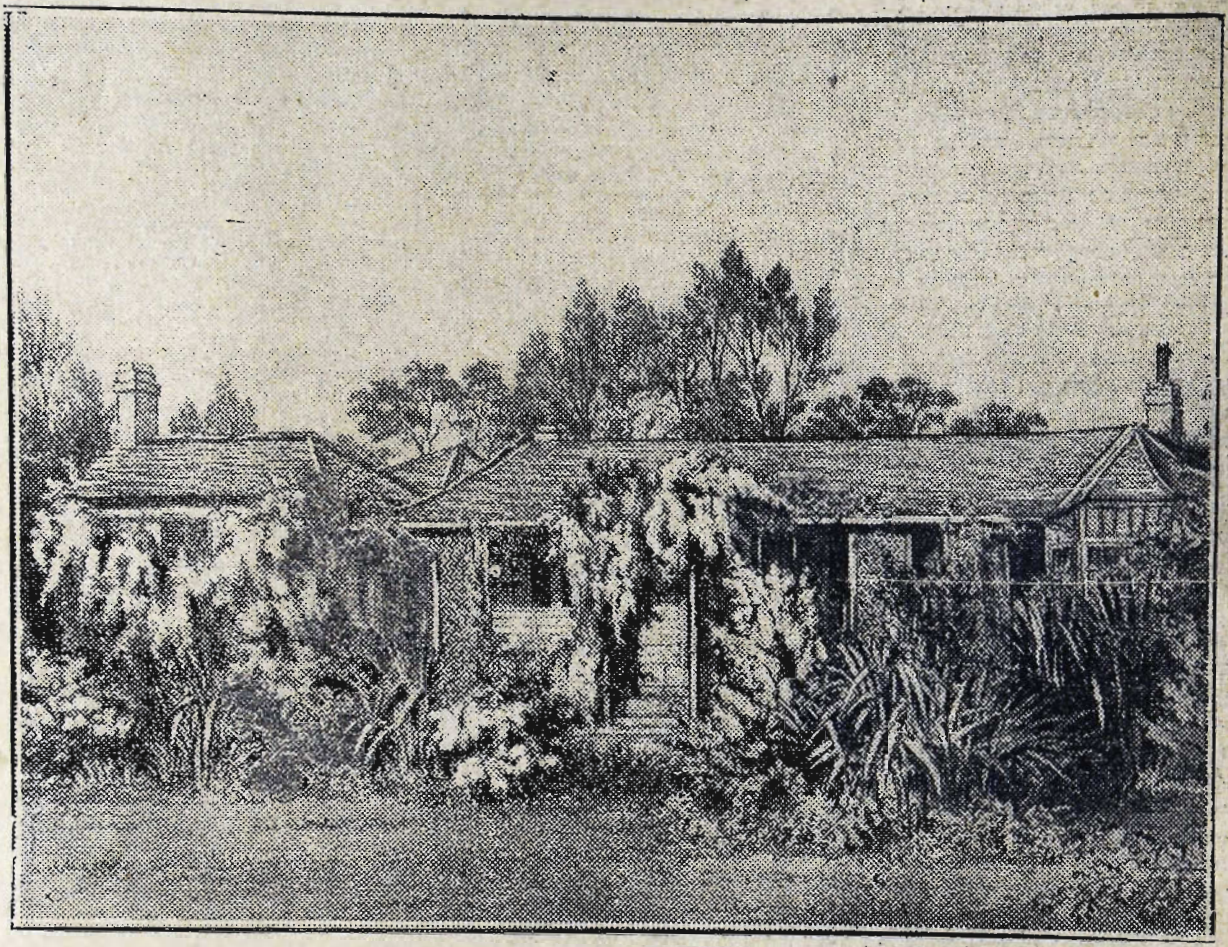
THURSDAY, April 29th Congregational Annual Meeting.

April 1926

Friday	2nd	Good Friday.
Saturday	3rd	Holmes - Fletcher Wedding.
Tuesday	6th	
Thursday	8th	Easter Rally.
Sunday	11th	Holy Communion Services.
Monday	12th	Men's Guild Farewell Evening to W. Sutherland
Tuesday	13th	Women's Guild Meeting
Tuesday	20th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Monday	26th	Deaf Worker's Picnic to Frankston.
Tuesday	27th	Men's Guild Meeting. "Sports Evening"
Thursday	29th	Congregational Annual Meeting.
Every Sunday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Services Morn & Night.
Thursday	15th & 22nd	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Every Saturday	3rd 10th 17th 24th	Sports & Recreation.

Look Out for Society's Annual Meeting.

VICTORIA'S FIRST GOVERNMENT HOUSE.



On view in the showcase at the Public Library reading-room is an interesting collection of drawings of the first Government House of Victoria, from which this reproduction has been made. Mr. Charles Joseph La Trobe purchased in Europe this quaint Swiss chalet, and erected it on the Jolimont estate, so named by his Swiss wife. Here he resided until 1854. Until recently the remains of the old chalet were still standing at the rear of the factory of Bedggood and Co. Pty. Ltd., in Agnes street.

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"Age"
May 1st 1926

MEETINGS AND LECTURES.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.—Subscribers and general public are invited to Annual MEETING, Thursday, 6th May, 3 p.m., at Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont-square, Melbourne. The Lord Mayor (Sir William Brunton) will preside.



"Herald"
May 6th 1926

HELPING DEAF AND DUMB

Society Awaits Turn for Public Appeal

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was held at Jolimont Square this afternoon. The report of the board of management stated that, while regretting that it was still compelled to carry on the society's activities in a temporary building at Jolimont Square, made adaptable for the purpose last year, it could look back with pleasure upon the society's 42 years of steady, uninterrupted progress.

The society was awaiting its turn to make a public appeal for a church, hostels for men and women, an educational institute, and club-house and offices.

The estimated cost of these buildings was £15,000. There was also a debt of £11,000 upon the Jolimont property.

"Argus"
May 7th 1926

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Annual Meeting of Society.

The 42nd annual metting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society took place yesterday at the centre, Jolimont-square; the Lord Mayor (Sir William Brunton) presided, and Archbishop Lees was also present.

In the annual report the board of management said they were compelled to carry on in the temporary buildings at Jolimont-square, which were last year made adaptable for the purpose, pending permission of the Charities Board to make a public appeal for the much-needed church, hostels for men and women, educational institute, club house and offices. The estimated cost of these buildings was £15,000, and in addition there was a debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont property. It was not until 1860 that the first school for the deaf and dumb was founded in Australia. At first services and meetings were held in rented premises, but 22 years ago an adult deaf centre was built in Flinders-street. The hall at Jolimont-square was used for numerous purposes—Sunday mornings and evenings for divine worship, and upon week days for lectures, classes, entertainments, socials, and the meetings of the men's and women's guilds, workers' club, lacrosse, cricket and tennis clubs, also for weddings, birthdays and other social functions of the deaf.

The balance sheet showed the receipts to have been £7868, including a bank balance at 31st March, 1925, of £344. The expenditure totalled £7546, leaving a credit balance of £320.

The Lord Mayor moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, which was seconded by Archbishop Lees and supported by Dr. Mackeddie and carried.

The following office bearers were elected:—President, Dr. J. F. Mackeddie; vice-president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; treasurer, Mr. J. Dudley; secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; physicians, Drs. W. J. Craigg and F. May; board of management, Messrs. J. Dudley, F. E. Frewin, T. Purves, R. J. Oehr, E. R. Peacock, W. A. Paterson, G. Vial, S. L. Massina, E. L. Morton, W. P. Muir, E. J. D. Abraham (principal), J. M. Johnston (missioner); principal and chaplain, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham; assistant secretary, Miss E. Empson.

"Age"
May 7th 1926

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

Church and Hostels Wanted.

Satisfaction was expressed by the Lord Mayor (Sir William Brunton) at the report and balance-sheet of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society which was read at the forty-second annual meeting yesterday. The meeting was held in the society hall at Jolimont square. The Lord Mayor said that he considered that the committee had handled the financial side of the institution very creditably. A large amount had been spent on improvements. With the permission of the Charities Board it was proposed to make a public appeal for a church, hostels for men and women, an educational institute, a clubhouse, and offices, which would be erected at an estimated cost of £15,000.

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Harrington Lees) and Dr. J. F. Mackeddie spoke in support of the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The Rev. R. G. Nichols, of St. Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy, said that it would give considerable pleasure if moving pictures were shown frequently in the hall at the institute.

The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. J. F. Mackeddie; vice-president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Dudley; hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; assistant secretary, Miss E. Empson; board of management, Messrs. H. Bickford (chairman), J. Dudley, F. E. Frewin, T. Purves, W. A. Paterson, G. Vial, S. L. Massina, W. P. Muir, Councillor E. L. Morton, and Mr. J. M. Johnston (missioner).

The General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
request the honor of the presence of
yourself and friends at the

ANNUAL MEETING of the Society

to be held at the

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South, Melbourne East

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, 1926, at 3 P.M.
The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor
SIR WILLIAM BRUNTON will preside.

There will be

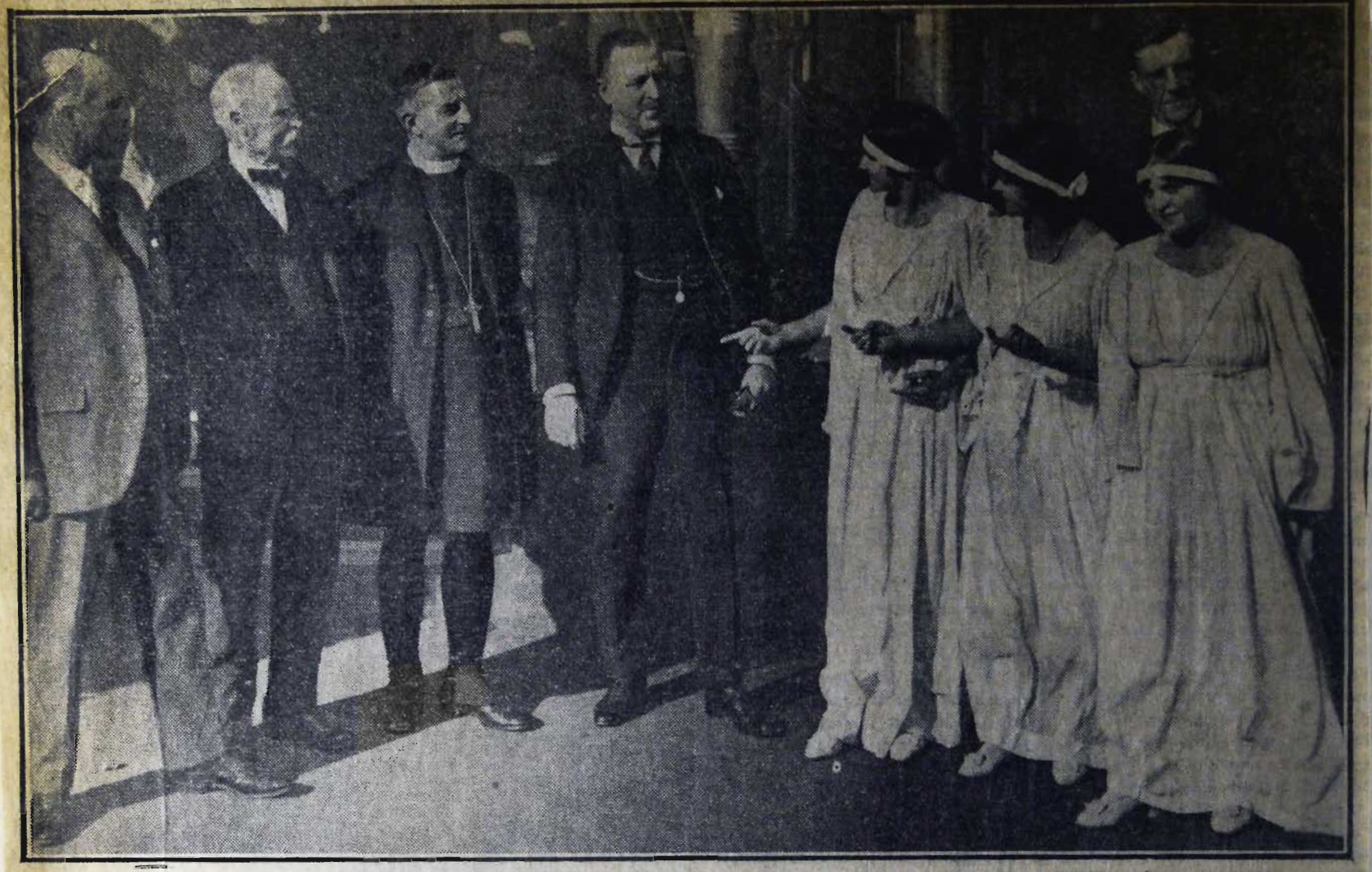
A Demonstration of the Language of Gesture

Kindly come early and be seated by time of opening.

AFTERNOON TEA

"Argus" May 4th 1926.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.



Inmates of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Institute, at Jolimont, making a sign of welcome on the arrival of the Lord Mayor (Sir William Brunton), who presided at the annual meeting of the society held yesterday. From left to right: The secretary (Mr. E. J. D. Abrahams), the chairman of the society (Mr. Bickford), Archbishop Lees, and Sir William Brunton.

"Age" May 20th 1926

APPEAL FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—There are other blind and deaf people in Victoria besides the founder of the Mission to Blind in Heathen Lands. True, their lot is not so sad and hard as the founder of the above. May I crave space to plead their cause in your columns? There are three blind, deaf men at the Deaf Mutes' Farm, at Blackburn—two elderly men and one young man. One of these elderly men was blind from birth, and was educated at the blind school. He has his books and his work, and, except that he complains that the food at the home is monotonous and unpalatable, he is contented enough. He gets a pension. This is taken away from him, and he is allowed five shillings per week.

The other elderly man lost his sight late in life, and can do nothing. He also gets the pension. This is taken away and he is allowed three shillings per week. The younger man was deaf from birth, and lost his sight eight years ago. He comes from England, and cannot get a pension. He is allowed two shillings per week. These sums are not even enough to pay for tobacco and matches for one week. If they run out of cigarettes, which they often do, they have to go cadging from the other inmates, or do without them till their next allowance is due. This only applies to the two latter cases.

These two blind, deaf men have nothing at all to occupy themselves with. No one seems to take any interest in them. They sit about the place day after day, year in, year out, with only their own black and hopeless thoughts for company, or wander, ghostlike, day and night, from one room to another, to try and break the deadliness and monotony of it all, till they grow frantic and desperate. For men so afflicted nothing should be too good, and no service too difficult. For some reason, only known to the management, these men are not allowed butter even. They should have a special attendant to see to their wants, to take them for walks—they suffer very much for want of exercise, and to cheer and try to break the monotony of their lives.—Yours, &c., J. P. BOURKE (deaf).

Malvern, 19th May.

"Age" May 21st 1926

APPEAL FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—In response to Mr. Bourke's appeal on behalf of two unfortunate deaf men I enclose postal note for 5/ with great pleasure. I am a working woman, and have the misfortune to be the mother of a little deaf son with very poor sight, which he will eventually lose altogether. There are other sad mothers, who no doubt have suffered as I have done when seeing the eyesight of their loved ones gradually going from them. I am always grateful for any little attention afforded my son. Strange to say, although my boy is deaf he can hear a gramophone. On another page of "The Age" to-day I read of a presentation to Mr. Ben Chaffey, who was instrumental in raising some £13,000 for the afflicted and suffering. It is not possible for any man or any organisation to effectually cover the whole field of needy human suffering, but whilst there is such continual waste of money on things that don't matter it seems hard that something can't be done to relieve the monotony of the unfortunate deaf and blind. I hope I have not made my letter too long, but once stirred on this subject I cannot say enough.—Yours, &c., A MOTHER.

20th May.

[Postal note of 5/ received.—Ed. "The Age."]

Age May 24th 1926

APPEAL FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF.

We have received the following:—Working Woman, 5/.

"Age" May 22nd 1926

BLIND DEAF MUTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—Will you allow me space to reply to letter published in "The Age," 20th May, and submit the following facts:—One of the three deaf blind men is allowed 5/ per week out of his pension money; he has a workshop to himself, makes baskets for sale, and is allowed to retain the whole of his earnings from this source. He has a free railway pass and a deaf companion (a fellow inmate) to take him about. To his credit, he possesses a snug little sum in the bank. The second is a man of 65 years, who lost his hearing and sight after passing middle age. He is too old to learn a trade, and is not disposed to learn braille. He receives 3/ per week for little requirements. The third is a blind deaf man, whose affliction, coming gradually, so told upon him that at first he had no heart for anything.

The first man tried to teach him repairing of chairs, but gave up; he, too, up to the present has shown himself disinclined to learn braille. He is allowed 2/ per week pocket money, as well as all the other advantages of the home. No pension is received for him. They have only to express a desire, and everything within reason is complied with. The future of the last case is much concerning the board, and whatever is best will be done for him. At present he is receiving medical treatment, and when better something in the way of training will be attempted. The home is open for inspection any day being visiting day.—Yours, &c.,

EILEEN EMPSON, Assistant Secretary Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

21st May.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE. JOLIMONT SQUARE



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OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

Our Centre Hall was well filled on the occasion of our Annual meeting, Thursday, May 6th at 3 p.m. The Right Honorable, the Lord Mayor, Sir William Brunton presided, and the speakers were the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Harrington Lees) Dr. J. F. MacKeddie (President), Mr. Harold Bickford (Chairman of Committees) and the Rev. G. B. Nichols. The Archbishop opened the meeting prayer and the Lord Mayor read the report and balance sheet, moving their adoption the same being unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL POSITION of OUR SOCIETY

According to the Statement of Assets the Society's Jolimont property, including recent expenditure on improvements and furnishing, is valued at £27,088 and the Blackburn Farm and Home Estate at £11,463, Commonwealth Stock and Bank Balance, £2,397 and Peace Loan Bonds £390, as against these amounts there is a debt of £11,000 upon the Jolimont Square Property. The total expenditure for the year (including interest upon the £11,000 Jolimont debt) was £7,547 and the receipts £7867, leaving a bank balance of £320.
Farm and Home receipts, sale of flowers, maintenance, etc. £2,046 and as the total expenditure was £2,850 only £804 had to be paid out of the General Fund.

MR. E. R. PEACOCK.

The Chairman of Committees (Mr. H. Bickford) read a letter from Mr. E.R.Peacock (Vice-President) in which he made a promise of £100 - toward the proposed buildings at Jolimont Square so soon as activities commenced. His letter began with the following pleasing reference to our Principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham): "To our valued Superintendent, to whose monument and glory this Institution will ever stand, I wish many years of continued useful work, and may I say that now the Committee have decided to take upon themselves definite work to relieve him of distracting details, I hope he will be able to devote himself to the carrying out of his plans for making Jolimont the complete Religious, Educational and Social Centre we all wish it to be, with its Church, Buildings and Hostels, etc.

THE LORD MAYOR - having read the report and balance sheets spoke at some length upon the work of the Society emphasising the important points; such as the time when there was no provision for the Adult Deaf, not so very many years ago, and the remarkable provisions and progress of today, complimenting the Committee upon the soundness of their financial position and the Principal upon his successful work.

Dr. MACKEDDIE (President) - eulogised the work of our Principal. He spoke understandingly of his work, no man has spoken more so. He gave us the scheme of things as he believed they came to the mind of "The Unit". Perhaps being a mental expert himself he has a key that we have not, anyway he showed us that "The Unit" was working scientifically; his was a pre-arranged and carefully prepared scheme. He said that the Society, its work, its funds, was the work of "A Unit" and that that unit had worked with great forethought, seeing ahead not as a visionary but as a keen business man.

MR. HAROLD BICKFORD - referred to the work at the Blackburn Farm and Home and drew special attention to the fact that more than two parts of the cost of the upkeep of the Home and Farm came from the sale of produce and fees for maintenance. Out of a total cost of £2,850 for maintenance the sum of only £804 was needed from public subscription.

THE ARCHBISHOP (Dr. Harrington Lees) - gave an eloquent address on Christian work and character, concluding that in his belief the remarkable success of Mr. Abraham's work amongst the Deaf and Dumb was due to the fact that "Abraham believed God."

REV. G. R. NICHOLS - said that he came into contact with Mr. Abraham in connection with a mutual interest - pictures. They were both doing special work in special ways and all that counted was the good that one could do.

SIGN LANGUAGE.

Our Principal (Mr. Abraham), The Missioner (Mr. Johnston), The Misses T. and E. Stephens, E. O'Gorman, gave a demonstration of the language of Gesture and afternoon tea brought a pleasant afternoon to an end.

For the Ladies who were responsible for afternoon tea many were the expressions of thanks from the participants.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

N. Webb (Tasmania) values "Our Monthly Letter" and sends another 2/- toward its fund. He stated that the Tasmanian Deaf are very bush with their appeal for funds for their Interstate Cricket Team. They already have £25 in hand and are aiming for £100. Good luck to them. Webb sands best wishes to Melbourne Deaf.

David Cornish (Sydney) who was in Melbourne for some time trying to find work on the land was forced to take to sea again. He was very disappointed that he could not join the Deaf at the Garden Party as he would be at Sea then. He signed on S.S."Warspray" at Geelong and then sailed to Newcastle, N.S.W.. He is looking forward to his return.

Mrs. A. Williamson (Brisbane) is now in Melbourne as a guest of her sister Mrs. F. E. Erewin of CAmberwell. She was present at the Women's Guild Annual Picnic at Altona Bay and also present at the Memorial Service to the late Mr. S. Johnson at our Church on March 7th, 1926. She intends to stay till about May when she will go to Sydneyand afterwards back to Brisbane. She is most enthusiastic in her praise of everything connected with our Centre and the provision for the Melbournedeaf.

Mrs. T. Ashby of Trafalgar has been in town with her children for a month. Mrs. A. Stokes came up with her but she could only spare a week end. Mrs. T. Ashby was at our Garden Party and enjoyed herself immensely.

Elsie Stephens, sister to Arthur and Thelma Stephens, who left school last Christmas has secured employment with the London Stores as a tailoress. She made her first appearance at the Centre by attending the Morning Service on the 7th March. Her merry nature and sweet disposition is winning her many friends.

J. Kenworthy of Bairnsdale who was in Melbourne during the Country Cricket week, returned home. The Bairnsdale Cricket team was beaten in the semi-final by the West Gippsland. Mr. Kenworthy was good with the ball throughout the matches.

West Gippsland won the final match against Seymour. It is the team in which Collins Brothers and C. Robertson play, but this year they were unable to come with the team.

Gerald McCaffrey, a young deaf lad of 18 years, has secured a motor driver's license and is now driving his mother's car. Gerald has bought a new A.J.S. motor cycle for his own use.

The deaf girls who live Camberwell way are fortunate to be able to come out to "Our Centre" every now and then, especially to the sunday morning services in motor cars owned or driven by deaf friends. If this continues we suppose Comberwell district will become very popular amongst our deaf lady members.

Condolences to J. Moran on loss of his father who passed away in Perth, W.A.

W. Smith (England) a greaser on board S.S. Port Darwin paid us yet another call on Sunday March 14th, 1926, attending the evening service. At the time of the Seamen's strike in Australian waters, he was stranded in Wellington New Zealand, but after a few weeks idleness managed to secure

work on another boat.

Miss G. Mahoney (Sydney) late of Tasmania, paid a surprise visit to Melbourne during the middle of March. She made her first acquaintance to the Deaf at the Garden Party at Lake Park Blackburn on 18th March. After a week's stay she secured a situation. She proposes to stay in Melbourne and intends to join the Deaf Party for Adelaide next Christmas.

Mrs. Hartley who has been on the sick list, we are glad to know, is on the way to renewed health.

Miss W. Burke has also been very ill and is slowly recovering. She is looking forward to an extended holiday in the country.

Mrs. Stewart and her son (Adelaide) were here during the last week of March. She was travelling from Sydney to her home and gave us a "look in".

Mrs. G. Newnham took the opportunity of showing her our property while she had her few hours stay in Melbourne. She was much struck with the beauty of Jolimont Square.

Miss Isabel Hunter (Adelaide) has had two weeks holiday in Melbourne with her sister. Miss K. Dow brought her to our Centre where she met many of her old acquaintances.

Harold Lambert whilst riding along King street, West Melbourne on his A.J.S. motor cycle received a full broadside impact from a big Buick car as it dashed from out of a side street with the result that he received severe face and leg abrasions and a sprained ankle which necessitates his going about on crutches for some time. His machine was so severely damaged as to be quite useless. Fortunately, the machine was insured against damage. The latest news is that he is doing fairly well and expects to be about in about a week's time.

A very pleasant week's trip was enjoyed by Claude Graham to Stanhope, Echuca, Kyabram, Shepparton and Seymour with F. Lynas in the latter's StudeBaker.

Mrs. G. Damman of Warburton took a flying visit to her parents' home in Willung during the later fortnight of February and found them O.K. Her three children accompanied her.

Charlie Hunt of Ouyen sends his kind remembrances to all at the Centre. He is still doing well on his father's farm.

Walter Grant of Myrtleford is now the proud owner of a motor cycle and expects to come to Melbourne on it for the Easter Holidays. G. Henry who is working for Sam Ferguson is accompanying him.

We regret to hear that Mrs. S. Ferguson met with a mishap whilst gathering grapes from an overhead trellis. The step-ladder overbalanced with the result that her wrist was fractured in two places.

W. Nancarrow out Goroke way is still doing well and sends kind remembrances to all Melbourne deaf. Expects to go to Ballarat during the early part of April.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeanes of Dreuin West send best wishes to all at the Centre.

In their letter they enclose 5/- towards the Monthly Letter Fund.

Mr. Donald Ross of Auckland, New Zealand popped in one morning and renewed acquaintances with the staff at our Centre. He has been working for some months in Brisbane, Queensland and he was on his way to Adelaide where he expects to stay for good. He anticipates obtaining a position there as cabinet maker. He travelled by the Commonwealth Liner S.S.Jervis Bay. The boat called at Hobart; he was fortunate to meet some of the local dear and found them all looking forward to the S. Australian trip next christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, Ouyen, have pitched their camp in Melbourne for the present. Mr. Hunt has sold his Mallee farm and is making an effort to find employment here which we all hope he will be fortunate to secure. The Lacrossers hailed his presence with delight and he was given a place in the No.1 Team and has shown himself adapted to be an acquisition to the team.

We have received further news from Mr. J. Moran and Mr. W. Dunwoody of Cairns, Queensland thanking us for our good wishes and remembrances. He sent a Post Card photo of himself and Mr. Dunwoody on Board S.S. Port Curtis while the boat was at the wharf. Mr. Moran, although away from us so long, has not altered in appearance if we may judge by the photo.

Messrs. W. A. Paterson, G. Edwards and A. W. Sutherland sailed from Prince's Pier Port Melbourne on the 14th of April by the Commonwealth Bay liner S.S. "Moreton Bay". Our Principal, the Missioner and about 25 Deaf saw them off, but they were not the only ones - for many relations were there also. It was a happy send-off. Through the extra long wait on the pier, practically all of us caught colds or chills. We received word from them from Adelaide and Freemantle. The passage was rough but they were good sailors. They are due in England on May 21st.

Visitors to our Easter Rally on 8th April: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt (Ouyen), Mr. and Mrs. C. Robertson (Nerrim Junction), Mrs. Allinson (Wonthaggi), Mr. Curtin (Millgrove), Miss E. Anderson (Geelong), Messrs. Simmonds, R. White (Nerrim Junction), Mr. Grant (Myrtleford), Miss E. Mitchell (Goorambat), and Mr. Nicholson of Sydney.

News came to hand of Mrs. Thomas of Launceston notifying us that Mr. George Bale of Bothwell, Tasmania passed away on 30th November last. Mr. G. Bale was an old pupil of St. Kilda rd., Institution, and he has carried on business in Tasmania since his school days. Sympathy is extended to his relations.

Mrs. J. W. Harris of Moreland is now on holiday at Tresco as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson. She intends to stay for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Moss celebrated their Ruby wedding (30 years) on 8th April. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hull on 5th April. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Vivian on 4th May. Congratulations.

There were few Easter trippers this year. Mr. Mortimer went to see his brother at Shepparton, Miss L. Sanders to her parents at Bendigo, Mr. W. O'Bryan to see his parents at Yarrawonga, Mr. J. Cariss as guest of Mr. F. Lynas at Charlton.

Mr. F. Lynas had Mr. J. Cariss and Miss L. Sanders as passengers in his Studebaker to Bendigo and Charlton for Easter Holidays.

Mr. C. Buck is still keeping in touch with us and he has noted the doings of our Lacrosse teams. By his letter we note that he has joined the Tennis and Football clubs in his district.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stokes are again in Melbourne and they have opened a boot-repairing business in Toorak road, Toorak. Mr. Stokes got word that his step father Mr. J. Herrick of Fiji has been advised by His Excellency the Governor of Fiji that His Majesty the King has bestowed on him the honor of the most distinguished Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services to the colony in connection with the British Empire Exhibition. Mr. Herrick and our Principal are old friends, but have not seen each other for many years. We extend to him our congratulations. He is always a strenuous booster for Fiji and is never tired of singing its praises.

It is with sincere regret that we hear of the demise of Mr. Lawson of Adelaide. He was an old pupil of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution and used to carry on a boot repairing business in Ballarat. He has been a collector for the Adelaide Mission for some years. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Lawson and her children in their bereavement.

Mr. F. Lynas lost his mother during last month. Miss G. Peters' mother also passed away - they have our sympathy.

A HOLIDAY in TASMANIA.

Gladys Salmon of Tongala thus write about her holidays in Tasmania:
I left Melbourne for Burnie by the Loongana steamer. I am a good sailor. The boat arrived at Burnie about half past four in the morning. My cousin Joyce came and met me there. I stayed with my aunt and uncle for my three months' holiday. I had a good time and enjoyed myself. My cousin Joyce and I went to the beach for a dip several times. We had great fun in the sea. I can swim well. My aunt lives near the beach, uncle works at the freezing works which are very cold, like ice. Burnie is a pretty place. My aunt, Joyce and I went to Ulverstone for a picnic by train. Ulverstone has beautiful scenery. I had a lovely swim there. It is about twenty miles from Burnie. My brother Alan was born there. I left Burnie for Launceston on the 29th of March in the train by myself. I stayed with my uncle and aunt in Launceston for three weeks only instead of five weeks because of my uncle's illness.
I met seventeen deaf and dumb people in Launceston. I was very pleased to see them. They are very nice people, their names are, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Frank Williams from the Melbourne school, Keith Best and his sister Jessie, Cliff Reid and Walter Boyd - from the Hobart School. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are nice people, they stay with Holly Bass and live next street from my Aunt's place. Frank Williams looked very well, he is a big strong young man. He works with a contractor and builder . I took snaps of the deaf friends at the Gorge. The Launceston Gorge has very pretty scenery.
I returned to Melbourne from Launceston by the "Nairana." I had a lovely trip. I had a great time and enjoyed myself very much in Launceston.
I stayed in Melbourne a couple of days before I went home for good. My brother Alan is still in Hobart for six weeks' holiday.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the meeting of the Women's Guild held on March 2nd, Miss E. Leber read her Maiden paper on "A Soldier's Prayer" which proved a very interesting

subject. A paper on "Should Girls Smoke?" was the subject read by Miss G. Hawkins on the 23rd of March. At the same meeting, Miss E. German read a beautiful, but otherwise, sad story on "The Lord is my Shepherd." On the 13th of April, Miss M. Gibson gave a talk on Sir William McPherson's Gift of £25,000 for a domestic college. Miss Fletcher was presented with a wedding gift of stainless knives by the Members of the Guild on the 23rd of March.

BUSH FIRES. by Mrs. J. E. MUIR.

I think I shall not say much about bush fires in our district which have been vividly described in the papers. The great fire which occurred on Black Sunday was the worst in the history of the Upper Yarra Shire when 22 people lost their lives, and about 20 Mills and 40 houses were destroyed. Great destruction was also wrought in the forest country, chiefly in the ranges, but up to this day the vicinity of Warburton itself is practically unharmed and still charmingly surrounded by green forests. Most of the beauty spots are safe and also the famous scenic road between Ben Cairn and Warburton which was recently opened. It was most unfortunate that all the metropolitan papers put Warburton in bold letters when the events had happened many miles away; the startling news was despatched by special reporters from Warburton which is the only post office in the shire where there is a full time telephone service. The result has been tremendous business loss to the shops and guest houses. Visitors have been scared away.

We often had a very anxious time especially when the district was enveloped in smoke and we could not see where the fires were travelling, but we were always warned of their whereabouts. We kept a careful watch for flying sparks when burnt leaves and embers floated about.

A fire swept rapidly towards our place. We filled the bath, troughs and buckets with water and laid two hoses out in readiness. As the fire neared our private fern gully of which we are justly proud, the men beat it out. A spark alighted in a hidden spot and quickly spread out. My brother put it out with considerable difficulty and saved the gully from destruction. The rain came and checked the fire before the evening. Whenever the smoke cleared up fresh fires would be discovered which had been ignited by sparks carried over the hills.

It was very fascinating and yet awful to watch the fire surging through the trees, the flames often rising to the height of 100 feet with great columns of brown smoke rolling up into the sky. With a fierce gale the flames would sweep with terrific spped, first across the range, now down the valley leap over the O'Shannassy Aqueduct or the river, then with a change of the wind, veer up the mountain and finally disappear over the summit. At night the mountains and valleys presented a splendid but deplorable spectacle. The sky line was illuminated by a bright red glow. The summits of the mountains loomed weird out of the shifting red smoke. The flames danced wildly and leaped from tree to tree in mighty sheets. Burning lofty trees fell every few minutes with a loud crash, sending up showers of black dust and sparks. A burst of flame illuminated the surrounding hills and then died away. It was an awe inspiring sight.

Mr. Rowell, our vicar, took a lady friend and me in his car to Old Warburton which is about five miles by the road, but is only 2 miles via the walking track from Warburton. It was disheartening to see Old Warburton which was famed for its beautiful forests and fern gullies, now a place of utmost desolation and waste. We left the car on the road and tramped for a mile through the blackened forest to Mr. Palmer's place. His wife is deaf and best remembered as Miss Violet Elwin. They have just settled with their family. The fires surrounded their house and destroyed the garden, stable, sheds, fences and the whole orchard and also the fern gully. About 400

fruit trees were burnt, one of which yielded 70 cases of apples last season. Only three out of the twenty fowls were saved. The house caught fire more than once or twice, and the ceiling had to be torn away before the fire could be extinguished. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer bore their losses quite cheerfully. Mrs. Palmer loves the place and is happy, notwithstanding the isolation. We returned to the road and boiled the billy tea. Afterwards we continued our way and called on other settlers who had lost their homes or outbuildings. They told us thrilling experiences with the fires. Seven out of nine houses there were burnt to the ground. We could only admire these settlers for their pluck and readiness to re-establish themselves on their premises. We left for home late in the afternoon, feeling sad after what we had seen. But Nature will reclaim the devastated land and make it beautiful again. By next Spring it will be green and fresh.

A RETROSPECT. By Country Visiting Missioner.

I had the pleasure of finding Mr. and Mrs. J. Allinson well and doing well at Wonthaggi. They wished to be remembered to all deaf friends. Crossing over to Cowes, the renowned pleasure resort, I met a Mr. Gredson who has a son, deaf and dumb, at present at the school, says he is getting along nicely. Crossing over to French Island to see an old schoolmate, Caleb Thompson, Whom I have not seen for about 30 years, I was sorry to find that he had become blind and had been so for 20 years, and none of us knew, it's a wonder how he gets about the place in spite of his affliction. I think he ought to be in the Home at Blackburn, but he seems quite contented where he is. Old pals will sympathise with him. Met Mr. E. Pallot at Yarram, left school 2 years ago, learning a trade, boot-making and seems to be getting along alright. His father is in the leather trade - saddlery - and brothers keep him company. Would like "Our Monthly Letter" sent to him. Had the pleasure of meeting Miss G. Mortimer, sister of our well known collector. She wishes to be remembered to old friends. Met two persons in Cowes and Leongatha who are gradually losing hearing and left cards with them. R. H. LUFF.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation was held on the 29th April in the Lecture Hall. Mr. Abraham presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. All Office bearers were returned unopposed. Mr. W. P. Muir was elected as one of the Deaf Representatives on the General Board in place of Mr. R.H.Luff.

MEN'S GUILD

An enthusiastic gathering of a large number came to bid farewell to Mr. A. W. Sutherland at the Guild's farewell evening on 12th April. Complimentary farewell speeches were made by many members and Mr. Mortimer on behalf of the Guild and himself presented Mr. Sutherland with a small memento in the shape of a boomerang, and in handing over the gift, Mr. Mortimer said he hoped Mr. Sutherland would be like the boomerang - return home safe and sound. Mr. A. W. Sutherland, in responding, thanked one and all for their kind wishes. He stated that his life's desire was about to be fulfilled and he hoped that the lessen he gains on his trip would be beneficial to himself and to the Deaf generally.

On the 27th April a Sports evening was held - shooting, floor quoits, darts, nine pins and ringing the pipe were the games indulged, and much enthusiasm

and rivalry were shown. The results of the competitions were as follows: Shooting, G. Turnley, prize, Gillet Razor outfit; Dart Throwing, W. Crush, prize, Wallet; Nine Pins, I. Guthrie, prize, Gent's Brush and Comb; Floor Quoits, W. Ashby, prize, Fountain Pen; Ringing the Pipe, W. Malone, prize, Square WAllet.

On the 11th of May Mr. E. J. D. Abraham gave a lecture on the "Best of All Possible Worlds," touching on the wonderful creation of our lives and the way we use it. It was most interesting and instructive.

TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Tennis Club was held on 30th March when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The result of the election of Office Bearers was as follows; President, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, Vice-President, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. J. M. Johnston and Mr. G. Mortimer. Hon. Sec. Mr. J. McLaurin, Hon. Treasurer, Mr.G. Newnham, Committee, Misses D. Hickey, M. Dow, L. Sanders, Messrs. A. Stephens, G. Edwards and A. W. Sutherland.

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse season is in again and the excitement as usual is running high. Both of our teams were graded lower than last year owing to numerous retirements and replacements, nevertheless, the "new boys" are showing exceptional form and both teams bid fair to be amongst the first four for the Premiership Honors. The opening match was on 1st May when our No. 1 team was pitted against Malvern on our Blackburn ground and won on the narrowest margin of 1 goal. Final score 8 to 7 in our favor. The goals were secured by H. Puddy 5, F. Rees, L. Owens, W. Ashby 1 each. No. 2 team met another Malvern team at Central Park and won easily scoring 17 goals to 2. I. Guthrie was the star performer, he netted 7 goals, V. Tyzzer 5, A.Stephen 2, W. Manton 2, A. Hately 1. The 8th May saw our team (No.1) overwhelming Hawthorn by 21 goals to 1. J. O'Gorman 7, H. Puddy 6, W. Ashby 4, L. Owens 2 and L. Smith 1. The No. 2 team also ran out an easy winner against Y.M.C.A. at Blackburn 22 to 8. Names of the goal throwers were not available.

TENNIS

On 24th April our Club was invited to send some members to try conclusion with the South Yarra Presbyterian Church Club on their courts and five members, 2 gents. and three ladies availed themselves of the invitation. The result of the matches showed that our members are still far below the form shown by opposing players - South Yarra club winning 6 sets out of 7 played. One win credited to us was due to the help of an opposing player who sided with our member in the doubles. The Club returned the invitation and a game was played on our court on 15th May when we staged a better team, yet failed to show ourselves the better of the opponents. The final result was S. Yarra 8 sets 52 games, Adult Deaf 1 set 23 games. The visitors were entertained to afternoon tea.

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We acknowledge with thanks subscriptions from the following friends towards the cost of the production of "Our Monthly Letter": Mr.W.Parks, Elsternwick 5/-; Mrs.E.Moore, Moe, Mr.W.H.Rees, Wonthaggi, Miss M.Box, Drouin, Rev. H.W.H. Adeney, St. Kilda, 2/6 each. Mrs. G.Thomas, Launceston, Mrs. Firman, Yinnar, Mr. and Mrs.G.Newnham, Mont Albert, Miss G. Salmon, Tongala 2/- each, Mrs. Jackson, Brisbane, Miss M. Gibson, Northcote, 1/6 each.

"THE BEST of ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS."

Mr. Abraham gave a Lecture to the Men's Guild on the 11th of May. His subject was "The Best of All Possible Worlds." The following few extracts may give some idea of Mr. Abraham's line of thought. He opened by saying "I understand the Men's Guild to be a Society the aim of which is to make its members think, reason, debate, to read, mark and learn and inwardly digest, to find out things and having found them, to make good use of their knowledge."

Did you ever try to think what you would do if you had to make "The Best All-Possible-World Possible World?" What would you do first?

What are the first six things to your mind that would help in the construction of the best possible world? Do away with Temptation, the possibilities for Sin, for Selfishness, etc? In doing so you become as Machines - Trees - Animals. It is your very Power to do Good or Evil that makes you as gods. Try and think over this. You can make yourself (character) anything. All else is dross; gold, possessions, earthly honors, etc. are tools, daily meals, rests, recreations, amusements, vexation of spirit, vanity of vanities, etc. just temporary things in the Eternity of things - of no more importance ultimately, than the fly that settles on your nose; they are a means to an end. You are the only important thing to you and you can only realise yourself, happiness, and all things worth while by Service to your fellow men, by the concentration of all the good that is within you in the effort to assist in making this the Best Possible World.

It can only be done by forgetting self and however silly it may seem or look, it is by forgetting self you find yourself.

..... We grumble at this, we grumble at that, we grumble at the other. But do we ever ask ourselves the question, Could we do better - and if we could, why don't we?

Supposing the other fellow had not done what he has done what would have been done? So far as we are concerned, in all liklihood nothing.

Then why grumble at bread, butter and plum jam, when we did not grow any strawberries? And could not grow the wheat for the bread, nor milk the cows and make the butter, if we tried. And even if we could, are frequently too indifferent to do so. .....

Unfortunately the stronger pull upon us is almost invariably in favor of the near and the temporary things, the things that give the immediate pleasure or comfort or are the easiest attainable and with the least effort. .....

It is good, it is well, it is right, it is just that we should struggle and fight to attain things that count, only by so doing can we possibly value our possessions and, finally the Companionship of the gods.

It is with deep regret we hear of the serious illness of Mrs. E.R.Peacock, wife of the Vice-President of the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock, accompanied by their daughter, left Melbourne on a trip to California and America, but Mrs. Peacock became so ill that they were compelled to leave the boat at Auckland, when she was taken to a private hospital and is still very ill. Our sincere wishes are for her recovery.

LOOK OUT FOR BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS. Something New and Interestingly Welcome is coming - Look out for it. KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY - JUNE 7th.

Keep this fact in Mind.

May 1926.

Saturday	1st	Opening of Lacrosse Season
Tuesday	4th	Womens Guild Meeting.
Thursday	6th	Society's Annual Meeting.
Tuesday	11th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Tuesday	18th	Deaf Committee's Meeting
Tuesday	25th	Wms Guild Annual Meeting.
Wednesday	26th	Mens Guild Meeting. Visit to "Herald" Offices.
Every Sunday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Every Saturday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Recreation.

Monday 4th June King's Birthday Rally.

June 1926.

Tuesday	1st	Workers Club Committee Meeting
Monday	4th	Tennis Tournament.
"	4th	King's Birthday Rally.
Tuesday	8th	
Tuesday	15th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting
Tuesday	22nd	Deaf Committee Meeting
Tuesday	29th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Services Morn & Evening
Every Thursday	3rd 10th 17th 24th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every Saturday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Recreations.
July	4th	Holy Communion.

The Sun News Pictorial Monday May 10th 1926

MRS. PEACOCK DEAD

Collapsed at Banquet

AUCKLAND, Sunday.—Mrs. E. R. Peacock, wife of the principal founder of Peacock Bros., printers, Melbourne, died here this afternoon.

Mr. Peacock, who is vice-president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, vice-president of the Philharmonic Society, and Consul for Czecho-Slovakia, was on his way to Honolulu to attend the Rotary Conference as Melbourne delegate.

On May 10, while attending a rotary banquet in Auckland, Mrs. Peacock was taken seriously ill, and was attended by two doctors present, and taken to a private hospital. Mr. Peacock has cancelled all his arrangements.

He Dashed Right In



E. R. Peacock

Zest for being in the throb of affairs grows with some men the longer they go on. This certainly is so with E. R. Peacock, the death of whose wife at Auckland has frustrated his plan for participating in the big gathering of Rotarians at Honolulu. This tremendously eager Melbourne man was not content until he found a place among the select few brought together by the Ministry of Information in London to hear the last shot fired in the war. Every few weeks after that I would find him in London again brimming with breathless experiences received through having been the first civilian from an Allied country to penetrate ex-enemy land

The Sun News Pictorial Tuesday May 25th 1926

Deaf-Mutes Club House
Jolimont Square. Melb. East.
INVITATION
to Young Men & Young Women
Members. —
What Shall we do at the
Club on
WINTER SATURDAY NIGHTS?
Shall we have:- Cinema Pictures,
- Dancing - Table Games -
Parlour Games - Suppers?
Which, or all?
Come and give your opinion.
If you have a new idea Come & tell it.
Come and Vote for your Choice.
all Come! — 8. p.m.
Saturday Night next. 29th May

Memo for Deaf Young Ladies

A Group photo of Young Deaf lady
members of the Adult Deaf-Mute Centre
will be taken at 3. pm at Jolimont
Square - Saturday next. May 29th.
We want you to be in this picture.
Please Come. — After-photo
tea with Our Principal.

ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE. JOLIMONT SQ.
Wellington Parade. Melbourne East.
Tues. July 27th 8. pm
"NOVELTY NIGHT." A REAL FUN FACTORY
"Under Direction - Deaf. Mens Guild.
All members entitled to bring a deaf friend.
See Club House Notice Board for Particulars.

Adult Deaf-Mute Centre.
Solimont Square. Melbourne E.

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— Keep this in your pocket. —

Tues. July. 27th. "Novelty Night"
Direction of Deaf Mens' Guild
See Notice Board.

Thurs. July. 29th Scripture Study
and Lecturette - Mr. Abraham

Sat. July. 31st aft. Lacrosse. Tennis
Evening - "Games Night"

Sunday. Aug. 1st. 8.pm. Cinema
Picture Service. "The Shepherd King"

Tues. Aug. 3rd. 8.pm Workers Club. Meeting

Thurs. 5th - 8.pm. Scripture Study and
Lecturette - Mr Abraham

Sat. 7th. 8.pm. Illustrated Lecture.
"The Story of the Deaf & Dumb"

Sunday. 8th 11. am. 7.pm. Divine Worship

Tues. 10th. 8.pm. Deaf Womens Guild. Opening

Thurs. 12th Scripture Study Lecturette

Sat. 14th. Afternoon Final Lacrosse. No 1 team
Dinner to both Teams. Public Social

Sunday. 15th Divine Worship. 11 am 7.pm

Tues. 17th Deaf Mens Guild. 8 pm

Thurs. 19th Tennis Clubs
"Back to Childhood" Night

Sat. 21st Picture Play Night.

Sun. 22nd. 7.pm. Cinema
Picture Service

Tues. 24th Deaf Committee meeting

Thurs. 26th. Special Scripture Study
and Lecturette

Sat. 28th Tennis Matches. Dancing Social

Sunday 29th. Divine Worship. 11 am. 7.pm

Tues. 31st Deaf mens Guild Meeting
Annual Meeting of Cricket Club
— night to be fixed —

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF
Solimont Square. Melbourne. E.
SUNDAY. AUGUST. 1ST 1926
11. am. Divine Worship
7. p.m. CINEMA PICTURE
SERVICE
"THE SHEPHERD KING"
The church doors will be closed at. 7. pm.
Come early and be seated at Opening.

DEAF WORKERS CLUB —
Annual Meeting. Tues. Aug. 3rd 8. P.M.
Very Important. Do not miss this.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE
"THE STORY of the DEAF and DUMB"
SAT. AUG. 7th. 8.pm. Film Pictures
of Late T. J. Rose etc etc. Doors close. 8.pm.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise regard them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of thy Holy Spirit we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Oh Lord who sighing turned and said
To the deaf ear "Be opened"
Be present and Thy blessing give
In the both deaf and hearing live
Although our speech is dead to Earth
Our thoughts are known above
Where spirit kindred spirits meet
And Love is met by Love.

A SILENT WORLD. Memorable Week for the Deaf. Mr.Abraham's Visit.

An event of the Deaf World in Queensland was the arrival of Mr.E.J.D. Abraham, the principal of the Adult Deaf Society of Victoria. This gentleman is acknowledged by all to be the chief expert in Australia in matters pertaining to the Deaf and Dumb, and he has also a reputation in England and America, a man of unbounded sympathies in the interest of the deaf and dumb, and a very interesting and original personality. Over twenty years ago Mr.Abraham came to Brisbane and helped to give the young sister mission of Queensland a start on the way she should go, and when, in 1918, her dreams became realities in the shape of the present building and mission hall, with offices etc. he came to Brisbane once more to attend the opening and help with advice and encouragement. This is his third visit to Brisbane, and he only came for a sea change and rest, after a hard year, but, true to his ruling passion and helpful nature, he is not getting much rest. Work, and lots of it is his panacea for almost every ill in life, and he takes this prescription himself, in contradiction to the popular idea that a

doctor does not take his own medicine

A social gathering took place at the mission to welcome him and to give the deaf and dumb of Brisbane an opportunity of renewing acquaintance. It was a wet night, but all the deaf who were not sick, turned out in the rain to see their old friend, several members of the committee were also present, including Hon. D. F. Denham, M.L.C, Mr.Holle(Head Master of the Queensland State School for the Deaf) and Mr.Dickson (Superintendent of the Institution for the Blind)

On Sunday Mr.Abraham dined with the Hon. D. F. Denham, and preached at the mission in the evening to a full church. The lesson was the 23rd Psalm, and after reading it he explained in a few beautiful gestures and simple words the love of the Eastern shepherds for their sheep and the reason why that attribute is used so often in the Bible to illustrate the love of God, the Father, and of our Saviour. His sermon dealt with the winning of a race, and in flowing and emphatic gesture he told how hard men will work for the small and fleeting prizes of the world which so soon will pass away, but neglect the greatest prize of all. He made a strong plea for more regular church going, and for greater helpfulness among church workers.

Mr. Abraham praised the work done in the mission, and he criticised too, but criticism from a man with such intimate knowledge of every wide avenue and every blind alley of deaf mission work, and every twist and turn of deaf mute character, could not fail to be well received and to carry weight.

Mr. Abraham departed for Sydney on Tuesday, June 29, where he will be entertained by the deaf of New South Wales.

Extract from Brisbane Telegraph.

OUR PRINCIPAL "RESTING".

Mr. Abraham has been, as he would say "out of tune" or out of harmony with himself for many moons. At last, after many attempts to get him away for a rest, united persuasiveness succeeded and he left Melbourne for Queensland on Wednesday the 16th of June, a passenger on the "Kanowna". The day of his departure was not made known generally, so only a few friends saw him off. Mrs Abraham, Mrs. Jackson, Mr.Doug Abraham, Miss MacLeod, "Pat", Miss Empson and Misses Hickey, Rose Dow and N. Gibson. The "Sun" honoured the occasion by giving pictures of Mrs. Abraham, Miss MacLeod and Miss M. Gibson, and Mrs. Jackson and Pat waving farewell.

Letters to hand tell of a very pleasant voyage, the sea being as calm as a mill pond all the way to Brisbane, and our Principal is already feeling much better in health, notwithstanding his little adventure of getting into an upper berth at night and having to be lifted down in the morning. The "Kanowna" did not reach Sydney until 6.30 p.m. on Friday. Mr. Sam Phillips met our Chief at the boat and conducted him straight to the Y. M. C. A. hall where there was a large gathering of the Deaf waiting to greet him. He received an "open arm" welcome especially from ex-Melbourne deaf. After a talk Mr.Abraham gave an address and promised to conduct a Service on his way back to Melbourne. He proceeded to Brisbane Saturday morning, arriving there at noon on Monday and was met by Miss Overend Wilson and Mr.Tunley with whom he lunched visiting the Adult Institute, the School, the "shop" and the Deaf trainees. He spent some part of the morning at the Adult Deaf Institute with Mr. Hamilton Shaw (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. Edmiston (book-keeper) Miss Wilson (Supt.) and Mr.Showell(ex-Missioner) exchanging ideas. For lunch his host was Mr. Showell. In the afternoon he paid

a visit to the State School for the Deaf and met the new Headmaster, Mr. S. Holle and his old friends Mr. Isaac Dickson Supt. of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Institution and Mrs. Bryan head teacher of the Deaf School. He was delighted with the new school designed by Mr.Barlam of the N.S.W.Institution for the Deaf and the recent improvements made possible by the gigantic efforts of Mr.R.F.Tunley. (Mr.Abraham will tell us all about these matters on his return). On Wednesday morning Mr.Hamilton Shaw (Treasurer) drove him in his car to see Mr.Kingwell, Principal of the Brisbane Polytechnic, and his committee who have 12 trainees in the cabinet department of the college. The work of the deaf was inspected and surprise expressed at the rapid advancement made by those under training. Messrs Tunley and Showell were also members of the party. In the evening Mr.Abraham attended a "Welcome Social" at the Adult Deaf Mute Institute; amongst those present were the Hon. D.F.Derham (President) Mesdames Bryan and Clark, Messrs Isaac Dickson, R.F.Tunley, S.H.Holle and Alex Clark, members of the Committee, Miss Wilson (Supt) and Mr.Showell (ex-Missioner). On the afternoon ix of Thursday, Mr.Abraham attended the opening of the new school room of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institution. On Friday morning he had a further lengthy talk with Mr.Kingswell and lunched with Mr.Barton, Hon Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, spending an hour in talk on Deaf affairs.

On Saturday June 26th, Miss M.O.Wilson and Miss B.Miller entertained Mr.Abraham to luncheon at Brisbane's most fashionable cafe "Rowes"; afterwards he was taken by Miss Miller and Mr.Davies, with Miss Wilson and Miss Baker, for a motor run to Redland Bay, and home by way of Beenleigh, a round of nearly seventy miles. He was keenly interested in the cultivation along the route and it was a beautiful sight to see the orchards of citrus fruits glowing like fire in the Western sun, the graceful custard apple trees, passion vines, bananas on the slopes, pineapples, whole fields of flowering arrowroot and patches of sugar cane.

On Sunday morning he attended Divine Worship at the Baptist Tabernacle with the Hon. D. F. Derham, accompanying the President of the Society home to dinner and staying the afternoon. In the evening he conducted the service for the Deaf, every seat in the little Church being occupied.

On Monday he attended the Rotary luncheon and was the guest of Mr. W. R. Smith (of W.R.Smith & Paterson Ltd.Printers). The speaker for the day being on the right side of the President and Mr.Abraham on the left.

In the afternoon, he was the guest of Mrs. Clark who took him for a charming motor trip to Mount Coot-tha and out to the Deaf Mutes Farm and Home for afternoon tea. The farm is about five miles from Brisbane. Mr. Herbert Clark (son) took charge of the car and Miss Wilson and Mr.Kingwell were members of the party. Miss Wilson, Miss Miller and Mr. Smith (all deaf) saw Mr.Abraham off on Tuesday.

Our Chief arrived back in Sydney on Thursday July 1st at 11 a.m. and was entertained to lunch at Farmers by Mr.Lonsdale (acting Hon. Supt and member of the Executive of the N.S.W.Adult Deaf and Dumb Society) and then Mr.Phillips took Mr.Abrahams in hand.

On Friday the whole of the members of the Executive entertained our Chief at lunch at Farmers. The Hon. William Brooks M.L.C.(President)Messrs A.L.Lonsdale, C.P.Mortlock, David D.Dey (Hon. Treasurer) and H.W. Galdwin. Mr.S.Holle (Headmaster of the Queensland School for the deaf and Mr.Tunley member of the Committee of the Queensland Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, were also present.

The Hon.William Brooks spoke for the Executive and in welcoming Mr. Abraham and thanking him for his words of advice , said he was convinced that the lines of procedure as advocated by Mr.Abraham were the right lines and would be followed.

Mr. Abraham spent the afternoon with Mrs.Charles, the Society's Organiser. Our Chief is enthusiastic in his praise of the work accomplished by Mrs Charles against many obstacles not to be encountered in any other City, he says what she has done is simply wonderful. Mr. Abraham dined with Mr.Lonsdale and then attended a Social at the Y.M.C.A., convened by the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Sydney in his honour. There was a large muster and it was a very happy evening. Before closing Mr.Lonsdale welcomed our Principal in the name of the Deaf referring to him as the Father of the Deaf and Dumb of Australia. Mr.Lonsdale said Mr.Abraham was not just interested in the Deaf of one State but in the welfare of the deaf of the whole of Australia and had always shown himself willing to help whenever called upon.

They were all glad to have him with them once again and he was sure they loved him as much as the deaf of his own State and that Mr. Abraham had shown that he loved them. Mr.Lonsdale concluded by stating that an effort was to be made to "borrow" Mr.Abraham for six months so that he could come and organise the N.S.Wales Society and supervise the planning of the new building. He was glad that Mr.Abraham favoured the site chosen by the Executive. It had been visitied twice by Mr. Abraham and himself that day, the second time Mr.Abraham became more enthusiastic over the possibilities.

Mr. S. Phillips (deaf) said he was glad to see his friend Mr. Abraham in Sydney. Years ago in their time of trouble they appealed to Mr. Abraham and he immediately responded coming over to Sydney, not only giving his time but his money to fight their Cause, it was then with a few helpers he founded the N.S.W.Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and since that day they had never looked back. They now owned land and would soon have sufficient money to erect their building.

Mr. Abraham was received with a very hearty burst of handclapping. He said he felt he belonged as much to N.S.W. as to any other State. It had been his pleasure to assist at the birth of the N.S.Wales Society in circumstances that were not very promising and they all had reason to be proud of the progress made since those early days of worry and strenuous effort. They were fortunate in having a gentleman like Mr.Lonsdale devoting so much of his time to their welfare. Almost all Committee men were business men with many calls upon them and little time to spare, yet he found Mr.Lonsdale conducting their services and attending to their every need, he knew of no other committee man devoting so much valuable time to the cause of the deaf. He thought the site chosen by the committee an ideal one. It could not possibly be more central, there was good light and the size and shape (100 ft x 100 ft) was as much as could be hoped for in a city like Sydney. Three minutes from the G.P.O. and five from the Quay. It was wonderful.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was founded in 1913 by Mr.Abraham in association with Messrs P.Forbes (hearing) Sam Phillips (deaf) and F.S.Booth (deaf).

Mr. Abraham is staying at the Hotel Sydney and the whole of Saturday was given over by him to correspondence and the receiving of visitors. Quite a number of Melbourne people came and claimed his acquaintance or knew of him and his work in Melbourne.

Sunday afternoon he spent at Chatswood, the residence of the Hon. Supt.Mr.Lonsdale and we supposed they talked "shop". He conducted the Service for the Deaf at the Y.M.C.A.rooms in the evening. There was a

large congregation. Mr. Lonsdale, Mr.Love (N.S.W.School for the Deaf) and Mr.Tunley (Queensland) were present.

On Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the drawing room of the Hotel Australia, Mr.Abraham addressed a special meeting of ladies interested in the Sydney movement. The Hon.William Brooks M.L.C. presided. Mr. Abraham spoke for about thirty minutes, being bombarded with questions by Mrs. Street, wife of Chief Justice Street. (Mrs.Street is an enthusiastic worker for all and every good cause) Our Chief was able to convince her. After morning tea, Mr.Abraham resumed his address for another ten minutes. Then Mr.Holle (Queensland) spoke supporting the contentions of Mr.Abraham. The Hon.W.Brooks proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Abraham and Mr.Holle and Mr.Lonsdale. also spoke.

Mr. Abraham put on exhibit photos of Jolimont Square. The ladies present could not believe it possible that so beautiful a property had been secured for the Deaf of Melbourne.

On arrival at Spencer Street Station he was met by Mrs. E.J.D. Abraham, Mr.Doug Abraham, Mrs. Jackson, Pat, Miss Empson, Mr.Johnston, Miss Rose Dow and Miss D. Hickey.

At Jolimont Square he found that kindly angels had been at work during his absence and given his study and bedroom a thorough overhauling, everything was spotless and reflected the rays of the sun, with flowers everywhere. He was immensely pleased.

On Saturday morning the Society's collectors welcomed him home with broad smiles and hearty handshakes. In the evening he was excitedly welcomed by the young people and on Sunday night after Service, Mr.F. Frewin addressed a few words of welcome home, on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Frewin said Mr.Abraham was greatly missed, the Centre seemed dull and lonely without him and all were glad to have him back and to know that he had had a good time with the Deaf of Sydney and Brisbane.

Mr. Abraham speaks highly of the work of Miss Wilson, Mr.Tunley (Qld) Mrs. Charlesi, Mr.Lonsdale, and Mr.Phillips of N.S.Wales.
He says the possibilities are astonishingly great in both States.

Mrs. A. Taylor (nee Iris Boortz) was one of the first to welcome Our Chief. She was glad to see him. He was beseiged by boys wanting to know about Melbourne Deaf girls who were in Sydney last Xmas.

Sydney gave £10,000 for the Site for their building. They have £5,000 in hand toward the building and the Government has promised a further £5,000. They need about £10,000 more and we are going to be asked to spare our Chief for six months to organise the welfare work of the Society and assist in planning the building.

The room that the Sydney Deaf now have at the Y.M.C.A. is a great improvement upon their former meeting place. It is large and suitable for their gatherings.

Mr. Smith (a young edition of "Solomon Moses") one of the Queensland Collectors,looked after Mr.Abraham's luggage seeing that it got safely to the "Levuka".
Mr. Tunley took charge of it on Mr.Abraham's arrival in the "Kanowna".

THE LATE MRS E. R. PEACOCK.

Last issue we regretted to have to report that Mrs. E. R. Peacock, wife of the Vice-President of our Society, was seriously ill at New Zealand. It is with sorrow we inform our readers of her death at New Zealand on Sunday evening May the 23rd. Her body was brought to Melbourne and privately interred, only her immediate relatives being present. We shall miss Mrs. Peacock at our gatherings at the Centre, for her ready smile and kindly sympathy was always to be counted on. We ask Mr. E. R. Peacock and his family to accept out most sincere sympathy in their big loss of wife and mother.
Cablegrams expressing sympathy were sent to Mr.Peacock in New Zealand from the General Board and Principal of the Society, the members and staff, and the Blackburn Home Inmates and staff.
In acknowledging these expressions of sympathy Mr.Peacock wrote -

> "To the large number of friends, some of whom we have never met, who sent cables, telegrams, letters and verbal messages of sympathy, and who in other ways have shown such great kindness.
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> Mr. Peacock and the Members of his Family
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> desire to express their acknowledgment and full appreciation of sentiments so lavishly bestowed on them in this time of great sorrow".

"W. A. P. "

We learn from a letter just to hand, that when writing, June 6th, "W.A. P." is in Glasgow, after a short stay in London. Has already attended the Church for the Deaf twice, where he met several old friends,including the Chaplain, Rev. J. Henderson, and the new junior Missioner, Mr. Nicholson; he has also met Mr.John Kirker, Missioner of Kilmarnock (Deaf & a nephew of W.A.P.). The suburbs of Glasgow are greatly changed and the field where in his boyhood days he used to play "Soccer" is now beautiful lawns with bowling greens and tennis courts. Mr.Henderson is 79 years old and still actively engaged in Deaf work.

GIFT OF BOOKS.

The Deaf Committee acknowledge with thanks a gift of 40 volumes, mostly up to date novels from Miss Emily Smith, a very acceptable gift indeed. Also, from Mr.Geo.Vial (member of our General Board) the following books were received. "A young man and a Nail Can" (MacRobertson) Three volumes of the "Cyclopedia of Victoria" and three volumes of "Picturesque Atlas of Australia". The latter are well worth studying especially by members who are interested in the history of Australia.
Our Library has also received 52 new books (to end of June) from the late M.L.Miller bequest to Mr.E.J.D.Abraham. Any reader having suitable books that they have no further use for are invited to add same to the shelves of our Library.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR FLOWERS .

This has been a most successful year for flowers at our Flower Farm, Blackburn. We have had a mass of bloom during June, the first time for several years. During recent years when June came along we have been almost totally without bloom. This June our plantations were a picture Chrysantheums and Marigolds in abundance, and more than a moderate supply of Poppy, Antirrhineum and violets with cuttings of other saleable flowers. Our Principal and Mr.McLellan are to be congratulated.

BIG THINGS .

Our Principal has plans for several new and important attractions that he proposes to introduce during the winter months. It is to be hoped that the little rest he is now having will enable him to return well and ready to carry out his plans.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Our Tasmanian Deaf Friends are looking forward to their Christmas trip to Adelaide to take part in Cricket Matches. They have already a tidy sum towards the expense of the trip.
Mr.R.H.Luff on his Missionary round, found on visiting Warrangyte that Mr. George Parker of Pound Bend had passed away sometime during December. He dropped dead through heart failure after a bus ride.

Miss Minnie Aram is spending five weeks in the "Harbour" city, with her friends; we all sincerely hope she will enjoy herself.

Mrs. A. Williamson has taken her leave of Melbourne and is now staying in Sydney with her relatives. Her stay in Melbourne was full of enjoyment and she went back well satisfied with her stay.

Mr. J. Harriss of West Moreland has been admitted to the Alfred Hospital suffering from Bronchial Pneumonia. He is now out of danger and is regaining strength rapidly. Mrs. Harris of Tresco had to hurry home, cancelling her visit to Bendigo.

Look out for interesting announcements.

Miss Daisy Lindsay, daughter of Mr. & Mrs J. Lindsay of West Footscray has been operated on for appendicitis at the Melbourne Hospital. She is progressing well.

Miss Jane Young of West Footscray whom we have not seen for some time was visited by her Missioner the other day who found her O K. She sends her kind remembrances to her old Friends

Watch the notice-boards at the Centre

Mr. Norman Hughes has had the misfortune to have one of his fingers crushed while at work and was forced into idleness for about three weeks.

Mr. W. Nancarrow, who has been working out Goroke way, came to see us during June, returning to the country to take up another job.

Have you heard about it ?

Mr. S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest was in town the other day, bringing his daughter back to school.

Miss Rose Dow spent the King's Birthday week end at her sister's place at Maryborough and enjoyed herself.

Mrs. G. Damman, Miss Mona Stevens, John E. Muir, all of Warburton were down for the King's Birthday Rally. So was A. Collins of Neerim Junction All enjoyed themselves immensely. They all spent about a week in Melbourne.

On 5th June 1926 at Oakleigh to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Anderson, daughter - "Gladys Lillian".

Mr. & Mrs. A. Stokes have taken up their residence in Melbourne again and Mr. Stokes has opened a boot repairing shop in Toorak Road, close to Chapel Street. We wish him prosperity in his business.

Influenza has made its usual ravages amongst the deaf during the past two months and many have fallen victim to it; we are glad to report that no serious cases have occurred.

Miss Amy Webb of Sydney sends greeting to the Melbourne Deaf. She has not forgotten Our MonthlyLetter, sending her share of support (1/6d)

M.A. Ching of Ophir Hill, Linton, sends 7/6d to Our Monthly Letter fund. We appreciate his encouraging words and liberal support.

Look out for interesting announcements.
Robert I. Hamilton of North Ensay, Gippsland send congratulations to our Lacrosse Boys for their successive wins in the games - he still takes a live interest in the affairs of the Deaf.

Bert Jennings has opened a boot repairing shop at Freemantle, W.A. He is very busy at present. He was last seen in Melbourne about eighteen months ago.

Watch the Notice-boards at the Centre.

Mr. S. Derby is the latest of the Deaf to own a Motor Car. He gave us a surprise the other night by calling at Jolimont Square in his "Chevrolet".

Have you heard about it ?

Mr. J. Goddard lost his brother very suddenly in May.
Mr. D. Ashby also lost his brother on the last day of May.
They have our sympathy.

On May 27th, 1926 at out Blackburn Farm and Home, Mr.Frederick Phillips, passed away at the age of 64 years. The cause of death was heart failure. He was buried at Box Hill on the following day. Our Principal, Mr.E.J. D.Abraham officiated at the grave side.

It was with regret that we heard of the passing away of Mrs. D. Piper of East Kew, on Friday June 11th. She was buried at Box Hill Cemetry on the following day.

MORE WEDDING BELLS.

Saturday, April 3rd. the air at our Centre, Jolimont Square, was full of excitement for one of our most popular girls was married. Her name was Tottie Fletcher, daughter of Mr. Fletcher of Clifton Hill and the fortunate man who became her husband was Frank Holmes, late of Rockhampton, Queensland, and Sydney, N.S.Wales.
Because the bride was one of a band of girls known as "The Campers", who in the care of Miss Empson frequently enjoyed happy holidays together at the seaside, and the first of them to be married, the rest, namely - Rose and Mab Dow, Doris Hickey, Emily Smith, Margaret Gibson and Ivy Cole with Miss Empson undertook the wedding arrangements from the decorating of the whole building to the catering, and did everything they could to make their cobber's wedding one of the best.
Tottie looked charming in her bridal frock and veil as she entered our Church on her Father's arm. Ivy Cole and her sister Miss Fletcher were the bridesmaids and looked very sweet in their view rose and powder blue silk frocks, respectively. The bride and her maids all carried lovely shower bouquets from Ronalds. Mr.Abraham's wedding gift.
Ted Martin and Mr.Unsworth supported the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr.Cain. Mr.Abraham interpreted. The church looked very nice with its bamboo arches, paper roses and wedding bells, while horse shoes, decorated with roses and asparagus fern hanging on the end of the seats marked where the guests were to sit.
When the bridal party returned from a visit to a city photographer, the wedding tea in the upper hall which with the decorations, arrangement and contents of the tables made a pleasing scene. An exceptionally nice wedding cake adorned the bride's table.
It was a merry party and many were the nice things said about the happy couple and all agreed they deserved them. For we know Mr.Holmes well too, now.
The following toasts were honoured ;-
"The King", Mr.Fletcher, father of the Bride. "The Bride & Bridegroom" Mr. Abraham, The Bridegroom. "The Parent of the Bride" An old friend of the family. "The Bridesmaids" Mr. F. Rees, Mr.Nathan responded. "Parents of the Bridegroom", Mr. J.M.Johnston - A relation responded. "Mr. Abraham the Principal"- one of the guests. Mr.Abraham responded. "The Campers", Mr.Fletcher - Miss Empson responded.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games etc. Mr. Johnston acted as M.C. and gave a programme which proved most entertaining and enjoyable Mr. & Mrs Holmes succeeded in getting away without the usual deluge of confetti much to the disappointment of some of the guests. But then it must be remembered her fellow campers saw to that, for it was her wish. Refreshments were handed round during the evening and it was open house to all who would join in.
And so ended the day that Mr. & Mrs Holmes began their life together, a life that we hope will bring much happiness to both.

SPIRITUAL INTUITION will help us, like Jacob's Ladder to mount from Earth to Heaven; there is nothing like prayers and solitude to help this.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

THE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING and the Deaf Women's Guild was held in the Women's room of the Centre on Tuesday, May 25th, at 8 p.m. Before a large muster of members and friends the Hon.Secretary, Miss M.Gibson,

read a most interesting report of the year's work and accomplishments. The Honorary Treasurer, Miss L. Sanders submitted a splendid balance sheet which showed the funds in a sound condition. The President, Mrs Frewin gave a short address. Much credit is due to her and Miss Gibson for the great progress the Guild made under their leadership. Every meeting showed a large and most appreciate gathering, testifying to the success of their efforts.
The election of office bearers resulted as follows ;-
President, Miss D. Hickey. Vice-President, Mrs J. Pierce.
Hon. Secretary Miss M.Gibson, re-elected for the fourth year in succession. Hon.Treasurer, Miss M.Dow.
Committees ;- Mesdames Frewin and Gladman, Misses E. Empson, R.Dow and W. Gladman.
Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Mr. Alex Wilson (one of our oldest members) who was connected first with the Deaf Women's Friendly Society, late the Guild for the last 44 years, resigned and was made the recipient of a two tier silver cake stand in recognition of her good work in the interest of the Guild. Mrs. Wilson although a little overcome expressed her pleasure at the gift and heartily thanked all who had thought so kindly of her.
The Guild is in recess for the winter months. - June and July - and will re-open the first Tuesday in August.

MEN'S GUILD.

At the invitation of the Manager of the "Herald" and Weekly Times" offices, the members of the Men's Guild paid a visit of inspection to their wonderful printing department on the evening of 26th May. Mr.E. J.D.Abraham was present with the party and interpreted for them. Owing to the rush to get out a special edition of "The Herald" in connection with the Caulfield Railway Smash we were shown over the works as quickly as possible and only about half of the building was gone through. We were promised another visit when more time will be allowed us. This short visit was, nevertheless, very interesting and an eye opener. The working of the newest machines astonished all of us and we came away saying - "marvellous".
We saw the process of the printing of the "Weekly Times" and the "Listner In".
"Water"was the subject of a paper at the Guild meeting on 15th June by Mr. W. McMillen. He gave us many surprising insights into the value x and dangers of this wonderful liquid, and was warmly congratulated for bringing this subject before the meeting.

An invitation has been entended to our members to visit the Telephone Exchange, Lonsdale Street, City, on the 30th June. As the number in the party is limited the Hon.Secretary would be glad to know how many would like to attend so that he can arrange for an extra party, if necessary.

THE TENNIS CLUB held its first Tournament among the Deaf for trophies offered by the Club on King's Birthday, Monday June 7th, 1926. Thirteen Entrants were received and the games played were Gent's Doubles and Ladies Doubles on point system. A good series of matches were played which took a whole day to finish. Messrs J.McLaurin and H. Puddy on the Gent's side came out on top both obtaining the highest points. The Final Single Match between them will be played at a later date. MISS DORIS WOOD on the Ladies side was undefeated and will

receive the prize.

BILLIARD TOURNEY

The Billiard Tourney for 1926 amongst the Deaf Boys is now in full swing and many exciting contests are witnessed. It is early to forecast the likely winners. The last year's winner, Mr.W.McMillen was defeated and is now out of the running.

WORKERS' CLUB.

An enjoyable Annual Picnic held under the Auspices of Deaf Workers' Club was held at Frankston on "Eight Hours Day", Monday 26th April'26. About 30 members availed themselves of the trip. The journey was made by road in a big Motor van. It was quite a happy party that went and on arrival, lunch was partaken of and then followed rambles to various parts of Frankston and along the beach. Two hours before tea time games such as Blind Man's Buff and Rounders were played. Rounders was the most popular game as everyone entered into it with a will, in the hope of getting warm, for the day was rather on the cold side. Soon after tea at 6 p.m. we broke "camp" and made for home. Some went to the pictures and others to the "Square".

MONTHLY LETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Secretary to the Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks, the following subscriptions to "Our Monthly Letter Fund". The South Australian Deaf Subscribes £2.1.6. Mr & Miss Ching (Linton) 7/6d, Miss L. Brett, Wedderburn 5/-; Mr A.Jennings, Fremantle, W.A., and Mr.A. Kidd, Glenferrie - 2/6 each. Mr. E. Martin, 2/-. Miss A.Webb Sydney, N.S.W., Miss L.Cole, Mentone, Miss E.Leber, Richmond 1/6d each; Miss Edwards, Canterbury, 1/-; N.Hughes, 1/6d.

LACROSSE NOTES.

May 15th; No.1 team met Williamstown on the Williamstown Garden Reserve, when we inflicted upon them a good drubbing - 14 goals to their 5. W. Ashby topped the scores with 6 goals, H.Puddy and V.Tyzzer shared the remaining 8. No. 2 team played the Newly formed team, Presbyterian Mission, on our ground and we had a comfortable win, scoring 12 to 2. I. Guthrie snapped up 5 goals, H.Wilson 4, A.Stephens 2, V.Wilson 1.

May 22nd; No.1 team beat Coburg on our ground at Blackburn 11 to 8, H.Puddy 5, F.Rees 3, O.Gorman 2, W.Ashby 1, The No.2 team received its first defeat of the season. Middle Park just got off 7 goals to ours 6. V.Tyzzer 2, H.Wilson 2, I.Guthrie 1, V.Wilson 1.

May 29th. Another win was credited to the No.1 team over Kooyong, played on the Trinity Grammar School Grounds, Kew by 12 goals to 4. H.Puddy scored 7, F.Rees, 2, O'Gorman 1, W.Ashby 1, Marx

No. 2 team received another defeat, this time at the hands of the Caulfieldians, who scored 6 goals to our 5. V.Tyzzer 2, H.Wilson 2, I.Guthrie 1.

June 5th. No.1 team scored a runaway victory from Box Hill on our ground scoring 23 to 1. H.Puddy notched up 8 goals, W.Ashby 7, O'Gorman 4, L.Smith 3, L.Walsh 1. No.2 team again received a set back from Brighton, who scored 9 to our 3, H. Wilson 2, I.Guthrie 1.

June 12th. Yet another runaway victory to No.1 team against H.S.O.B. 21 to 1. W. Donnellan 5, H.Puddy 4, W.Ashby 4, O'Gorman 4, L.Smith 2, A.Tyzzer ". No.2 team took a turn for the better and registered a handsome win against Y.M.C.A. on our Blackburn Ground, scoring 19 goals to 4. I.Guthrie 7 goals, whilst V.Tyzzer did better with 8 goals. A.Hately 2, A.Stephens 1, H.Wilson 1 scored the rest. W.Donnellan, who

has not played for 7 saturdays began to play on the 12th June and we found that he has not lost the art of the game for he played magnificently and scored 5 goals himself. He will play a game that will bring credit to the team. The Supporters of the Deaf teams are reminded that they should not forget to patronise their No.2 team in all their matches so as to give encouragement to the players. If they do, they will not be disappointed, for many exciting results are to be witnessed there, we are told. So, friends, follow your No.2 team as you do the No.1. The younger team needs encouragement.

RALLIES.

On the evening of the 8th of April'26, "The Extra Rally", being the 82nd Congregational Social, was held at our Centre, Jolimont Square. Opportunity was taken by the Congregation to bid farewell to Messrs W.A.Paterson, G.Edwards and A.W.Sutherland, who are now on a 6 month's tour of the Mother Country. Mr.G.B.Mortimer was the Chairman of the evening, and opened the meeting with a short address on the History of The Rallies. Mr.E.J.D.Abraham at the request of Mr.Mortimer spoke on behald of the Deaf Congregation, bidding farewell and safe journey and Mrs.J.M. Johnston was given the honour to present the travellers with a travelling rug each, subscribed for, by the Congregation. Mr.W.A.Paterson, on behalf of Messrs Sutherland, Edwards and himself thanked the members of the Congregation for their kindness and promised that they would keep the Deaf acquainted with their doings abroad. During the evening another presentation took place. This time Mrs F.E.Frewin in the name of the Congregation presented Mr. & Mrs F.Holmes with a beautiful wedding present - a silver cake dish which was suitable acknowledged by the bridegroom. Games were then played, one being a hunt for a hidden article, which was found by Mrs. E. Leber who was awarded a prize, donated by Mr.Mortimer. A goodly number of country Deaf were present. Supper, under the supervision of Deaf Workers' Club, brought a pleasant evening to an end.

THE 83RD CONGREGATIONAL RALLY was held on the evening of King's Birthday, Monday June 7th, 1926 at our Centre. It was carried out under the chairmanship of Mr.F.E.Frewin and turned out very successfully. The day being a public holiday, tea was served at 6 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at a nominal charge of 1/- each. Forty-six availed themselves of the repast. At 7.45 p.m. the evening programme opened with the National Anthem in sign language by Mr.R.H.Luff. Then the Chairman gave an excellent address stressing the need of an awakening upon the part of the younger members, encouraging them to devote more time to the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Society and to be more regular at the Sunday Services. Finally he welcomed our old friend, Mr.J.E.Muir of Warburton to the gathering, Mr. Abraham gave a short address, supporting the remarks of the Chairman. Mr. J.E.Muir thanked the congregation for their welcome and said there had been tremendous changes wrought since he left the activities of the Society, about 9 years ago. All his old friends are fast disappearing and new faces appeared in their places. He trusted that they, the young folk, would follow the good examples set by older members. Games were then proceded with under supervision of the chairman and Mr.P. Rees. The attendance was 145 which included some country visitors. Mrs.G.Dammon, Misses Stevens, Mr.J.E.Muir, all of Warburton, Mr.A.Collins of Neerim Junction.

MR. S. SHOWELL of Brisbane, Queensland, who went to Adelaide and Renmark sometime ago, returned home by the Commonwealth liner "Larg's Bay", which left here on 29th May. The boat was in port for two and a half days and Mr.Showell made good use of the Centre. On the day of sailing Mr.J.M. Johnston was on the wharf but failed to pick out Mr.Showell from amongst the crowd on the boat.

TENNIS CLUBS.
Back to Childhood
Rally
Admit Bearer
AUG 19th 1926.

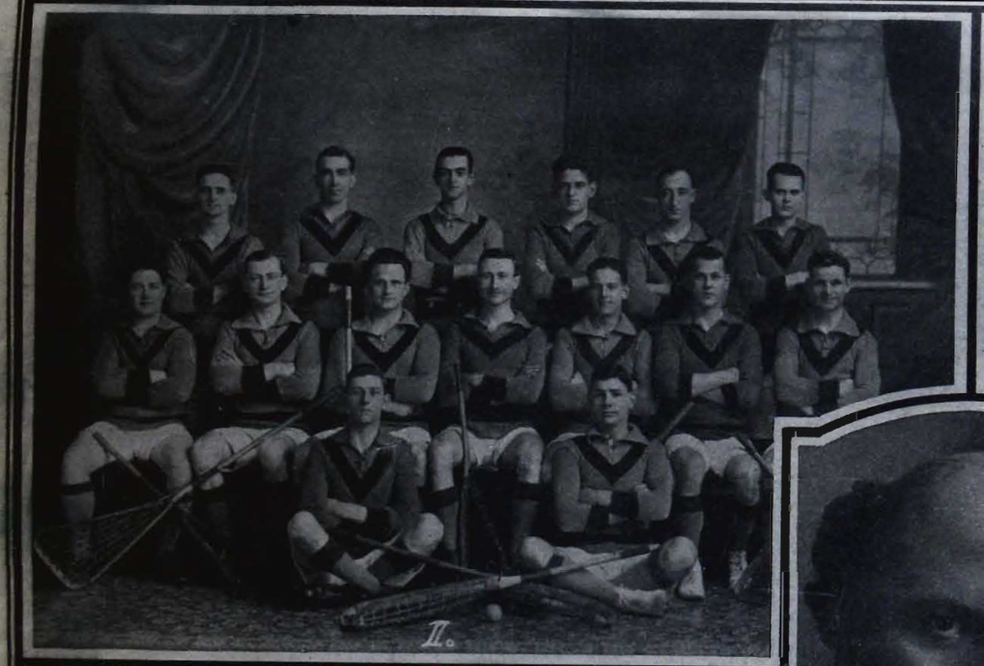
July 1926.

Sunday	4th	Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
Tuesday	6th	Worker's Clubs' Special Meeting
Tuesday	13th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting
Tuesday	20th	Deaf Committee.
Tuesday	27th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every Saturday	3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st	Recreations.

August 1926.

Sunday	1st	Y.P.M. Cinema Service.
Tuesday	3rd	Deaf Worker's Club Annual Meeting
Saturday	7th	Lacrosse Semi finals, Pictures in Evening
Tuesday	10th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting
Saturday	14th	Final Lacrosse match. Dinner & Tea.
Tuesday	17th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting
Thursday	19th	"Back to Childhood" NIGHT.
Saturday	21st	Picture Puzzle night.
Sunday	22nd	7 P.M. Cinema Service
Tuesday	24th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday	31st	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting.
		Deaf Women Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Sevices Morn & Night.
Every Saturday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Recreation & Socials.
Every Thursday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.

Look Out for Show Week
Rally











1. LACROSSE TEAM, THIS YEAR'S PREMIERS OF THE JUNIOR A SECTION.
4. ENTRANCE TO JOLIMONT SQUARE, SHOWING THE BUILDING AT PRESENT BEING USED AS A TEMPORARY INSTITUTE AND CHURCH FOR ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.
3. MR. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.
2. WOMEN'S WING AND CENTRAL BUILDING OF THE BLACKBURN HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES.
5. SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DEAF MUTES WOMEN'S GUILD.

THE BLACKBURN (V.) HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES, AND THE TEMPORARY INSTITUTE AND CHURCH FOR THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB, AT JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.

(See letterpress in this issue.)

"The Australasian"
Oct 9th 1926

BLACKBURN HOME FOR INFIRM.

(See Pictorial Pages.)

After a search lasting three years for a property suited to his purpose, Mr. Abraham, the founder and manager of the Blackburn Home for the aged, infirm, mentally defective, and blind deaf mutes, obtained an option on Jolimont Square. The property, which is about two acres in area, was bought for £25,000 by the board of management. A sum of £11,000 is still owing on the property. The first buildings were erected in 1909, and additions were made in 1912 and 1922. It is proposed to build a church, a hostel for boys and young men, a hostel for girls and young women, a clubhouse, and an educational institute for the deaf and dumb.

Badly Stated.

"The Morning Post"
Oct 4th 1926

Rotarians Are Told Of Work Among The Deaf

With Few Exceptions All Are Employed

"There are 1000 deaf mutes in Victoria, and, with a few exceptions, all are in employment."

This was told to the Rotary Club at yesterday's luncheon by Mr. E. J. Abraham, superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

"I would rather an employer give a deaf mute a year's work than have him contribute £100 to the Institute's funds," he added. "Primarily our purpose is to make deaf mutes useful citizens."

Mr. Abraham said that the deaf and dumb as a class were excellent workmen. He objected to the term "asylum" being used in referring to the institute, because mental deficiency did not necessarily accompany deafness.

—MENTAL PROCESSES—

Explaining the mental processes of the deaf mute, Mr. Abraham said: "Most early knowledge is gained through hearing. A normal child has a very fair command of language at the age of 7; but the mind of a deaf mute at that age is a complete blank. When a deaf mute leaves school at the age of 16 he is mentally only 8 or 10."

The speaker concluded his address with The Village Blacksmith, recited vocally and by signs.

"The Sun Newspictorial"
Oct 4th 1926

£15,000 for Deaf and Dumb

Activities of the Deaf and Dumb Society are to be extended, Mr. E. J Abraham, the principal, told the Rotarians at luncheon yesterday.

At a cost of £15,000 it is proposed to build a church, a boarding house, and a club for the deaf and dumb.

"The Age"
Oct 7th 1926

WONDERS OF SILENT LIFE.

STORY OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

An Enlightening Explanation.

Some of the mysteries and wonders in the life of deaf and dumb humanity were unfolded to members of the Rotary Club at their luncheon yesterday by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in an address entitled The Story of the Deaf and Dumb.

In Victoria, said Mr. Abraham, there were about 1000 deaf and dumb mutes of all ages—people who were deaf, and consequently dumb, not because their vocal organs were defective, but simply because speech was essentially an acquired art, and could be acquired by the aid of hearing alone. By reason of the absence of the sense of hearing, these people were more or less isolated from the rest of the community. Deprived of their hearing they were dependent on sight for nearly everything which went to the make up of the pleasures of life. The deaf and dumb were educated through the eye, whether it be by means of writing, reading, finger spelling or signs. The normal hearing and speaking child had a fair command of language at the age of seven, but the mind of the deaf and dumb child was a complete blank in its early years, and the parents were powerless to impart instruction to it. If fortunate, the deaf and dumb child might be sent to school at the age of seven, but before the specialist teacher could instruct the child, he must lay a foundation on which to build. The consequence was that when the deaf mute child left school at the age of sixteen years he was physically developed, with all the desires of the normal, but mentally he was only eight or ten years of age. With that inadequate preparation the deaf mutes went out to earn their living side by side with normal people. Only 170 years had passed since the first school for deaf and dumb was established. At the beginning of the last century there were only eight small schools for the deaf and dumb, all of them in Europe.

In 1860 the first school for deaf and dumb mutes in Victoria was opened. Twenty-two years ago a building containing club accommodation and offices was erected in Flinders-street for the deaf and dumb, but it was sold two years ago, and Jolimont-square was purchased for the erection of more commodious premises. A home and training farm had been established at Blackburn, and from that establishment deaf mutes, trained to earn their own living, were returned to the working world. It was difficult to get employers to give them work, though as a class the deaf and dumb were loyal and capable workmen. He would rather an employer would give regular employment to one deaf mute than that he would contribute £100 a year to the Deaf and Dumb Society, because the chief aim of the society was to make the deaf and dumb independent and self-supporting citizens. Jolimont-square, which comprised two acres of land, cost £25,000, of which only £14,000 had yet been paid.

In regard to the language of the deaf and dumb, Mr. Abraham said it consisted of—(1) natural signs; (2) pantomime or acting of the information desired to be given; (3) signs brought into existence by deaf and dumb children in their efforts to express their needs; (4) semi-natural signs—half natural and half conventional; (5) conventional signs which had been invented to make the language as grammatical as possible. Amongst the natural signs were the nodding of the head to indicate assent, and the shaking of the head to denote the negative. It was found that the deaf and dumb child, when it desired to give assent or approval, wriggled its body with quick movement. Horses and dogs did the same thing. The North American Indians had signs which were very similar to those used by deaf mutes.

Mr. Abraham concluded his address with a recitation of The Village Blacksmith, accompanied by the signs with which the story would be told in the language of the deaf and dumb. It was a very impressive display.

"The Argus"
Oct 4th 1926

DEAF MUTES.

DIFFICULTIES OF TRAINING.

Language of Gesture.

Members of the Rotary Club yesterday listened with keen interest to "The Story of the Deaf and Dumb" by a member of the club (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham), principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Mr. Abraham concluded his address by reciting "The Village Blacksmith," employing with fine effect the gesture and facial expression that is taught to the deaf and dumb children.

Mr. Abraham said that there were about 1,000 deaf mutes in Victoria. They were dumb not because the organs of speech were missing, deformed, or defective, but because speech was an acquired art that one began to learn in childhood by the sense of hearing alone. Because of the absence of that sense of hearing those people were more or less isolated from the remainder of the community. Deprived of hearing, they were dependent upon sight for everything that made up the pleasures of life. They were educated through the eye.

Special elementary schools were necessary for their instruction, and when they left, at the age of 16 years, other plans must be made for the continuance of their training. The normal child had a good command of the spoken language when it was aged seven years, but at that age the mind of the deaf mute was a complete blank. If fortunate it began its school training at that age, but before it could be instructed the teacher had to lay the foundation. When it left the school, at the age of 16 years, it was mentally aged only eight or ten years, although physically normal.

It was only 170 years ago that the first deaf mute school was established, and at the beginning of last century there were eight small schools. The first school in Victoria began in 1860, and was known as an asylum. A number of people then believed that people were placed there for their own protection, and remained there for the remainder of their lives.

When he came to Australia 25 years ago, Mr. Abraham continued, he discovered that many deaf mutes were growing up with no education, and were becoming mental defectives. He felt, therefore, that a training form should be established. This was done, and many of them were trained to earn their livelihood. Two years ago a building and two acres of land in Jolimont Square were bought for £25,000. Of that amount £14,000 had been paid. It was now proposed to erect a little church of special design, and to open hostels for deaf boys and men and deaf girls and women at a cost of £15,000, thus making a total liability of £26,000. As a class the deaf and dumb people made good and loyal workers, and usually he had no trouble in getting employment for them. Conditions had been trying in the present year, however, and there were several out of employment. If every employer of 100 employees or more would undertake to give regular employment to one deaf mute he would be relieved of a great burden, and would appreciate it more than a gift of £100 yearly, for it made the deaf mutes independent and self-supporting citizens.

Mr. Abraham gave illustrations of the language of gesture.

"The Argus"
Oct 9th 1926

DEAF MUTES' CAUSE.

Mr. Ernest Abraham's Life Work.

To-day the deaf and dumb people of Victoria celebrate the 25th anniversary of the coming of Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham to Australia. In the years that have elapsed since, Mr. Abraham has raised the status of the deaf and dumb people of this State to as near normal as conditions will permit, and has built up an adult deaf and dumb organisation that is notable among institutions of its kind in the world. He has turned his unique and extensive experience of educational and missionary work to the full and best use to help the mutes.

After a very wide experience in work for the deaf and dumb in England, Mr. Abraham in 1901 was advised for health reasons to try the Australian climate. Accordingly he accepted the post of chaplain to the adult deaf and dumb mission of Victoria. Immediately upon his arrival he set out upon an extensive publicity campaign, which began with a great demonstration in the Melbourne Town Hall. So effective was his appeal for the uplift of the deaf and dumb that every similar meeting which followed was also crowded. By 1909 the public had given him all he had asked for, and more. Three years after his coming the adult deaf mute centre was erected, and became the headquarters of the society in Victoria. He also obtained free and compulsory education for deaf and dumb children, a church, a secondary, educational, and social institute for the adult mutes, and a home for the aged and infirm.

Realising the necessity for a home, he set out to get it. Sir Thomas Bent, then Premier, offered, on behalf of the Government, £2,000 if Mr. Abrahams could raise a similar sum within six months. Within the time stipulated he raised nearly £4,000, and the home was erected. Lake Park, Blackburn, was purchased in 1908, and a



Mr. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

temporary home was opened at Box Hill in the same year. In 1909 the central building and men's wing of the home for aged, infirm, mentally defective, and blind deaf mutes was opened at Lake Park, Mrs. Abraham becoming the first matron. The success of the home is practically wholly due to her services. She entered upon the difficult and nerve-racking task of controlling and training this terribly afflicted section of humanity with a dauntless spirit.

The more important work of making desirable citizens of the "normal" young deaf mute population was meanwhile progressing steadily under the supervision and



"The Age"
Oct 9th 1926.

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

This date, 9th October, brings to the memory of the older deaf and dumb citizens the coming of their principal, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, to Australia, twenty-five years ago to-day. It was an eager little band of people who met him, for they could not understand why a man of such repute as an expert among the deaf in England would come so far, and be content to take charge of a little mission here, even though his physicians had insisted upon a change of climate on account of his ill-health. But it was a good day for the Victorian deaf when he landed here, for his ambition for them has always been, and is still, on very high lines. Being a man who inspired confidence in those he wanted to help him—and always fortunate in choosing the right ones—he soon accomplished most of the things he had in mind for the betterment of the deaf and dumb.

Mr. Abraham has a wonderful command of the language of the deaf, and can translate the spoken tongue into the language of gesture as rapidly as uttered. He can assume deaf mutisms so well that strange deaf folk will not believe that he is not like themselves. Life to the deaf mute is a dramatic, wordless story, a cinema picture, a passing show, and because of that one can better realise how essential it is that the best of all possible instruction be given for them to get the right outlook on life. The immensity of the importance of the sense of hearing in all that life has to give is seldom realised, except by those who are suddenly cut off from the world by the total loss of that sense. And many striking illustrations are to be seen of how bright and cheerful these silent brothers and sisters of ours become.

Until twenty-five years ago the average Victorian citizen knew very little about deaf mutes. Some few subscribed to a publication which was known as the "Asylum," believing that deaf mutes were put there for their own protection, and remained there for the rest of their lives, confusing mental weakness with deaf mutism. The fact that they are merely dumb because they are deaf—speech being acquired through the sense of hearing—is not even to-day fully realised. But to-day the deaf mutes can take their place side by side with the normal in the workshop and factory, thus making them independent and worthy citizens. Looking at the work comprehensively, one marvels at it. Here is a people shut out from the world of others, confined to a limited world of their own, inspired by a man of indomitable will and determination, with a belief in all things being possible, they have risen to as near the normal standard of the unhandicapped citizen as conditions permit. This man is their ears and their tongue. He is a bridge between them and the other busy world. Whilst his ideal is the making of independent and desirable citizens of the deaf and dumb capable of working side by side with the normal, at the back of his mind there is, and always has been, the necessity for complete provision for their permanent advancement in buildings specially designed and erected for their well-being.

Mr. Abraham is essentially a business man, with vision, vitality and determination. The little mission, conducting its meetings in rented premises, soon, under his direction, developed into a fairly wealthy society, and, in 1904, the adult deaf mute centre, in Flinders-street, was erected. This building contained a church, lecture hall, library, billiard room and offices, and became the rendezvous of the whole of the deaf and dumb of the State. Whilst lecturing in the country towns of Victoria he came into contact with many deaf mutes who had grown up without education. Some were more or less mentally defective, others blind and deaf and dumb, others aged and infirm, whilst some, who, through lack of discipline and training, were living in idleness, and the mentally defective deaf and dumb being the "butt" of every village bully. He returned to Melbourne determined to build a home for their shelter, protection and training. He succeeded in gaining the sympathy of Sir Thomas Bent, who made a Government grant of £2000 toward the proposed home. Six months after he had raised a further £4000 by subscriptions and a bazaar held in the Melbourne Town Hall (1907). A temporary home was opened at Box Hill, and the Blackburn Lake Estate (75 acres) purchased, where was erected the home for aged, infirm, mentally defective and blind deaf mutes.

Soon after, the Adult Deaf Mute Centre in Flinders-street had become inadequate for the activities of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and a new site for a building suited to the modern requirements was sought, and the board of management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society purchased for £25,000 Jolimont-square, in Jolimont. The square is two acres in extent, and was once owned by the first Governor of Victoria. The Flinders-street building was sold for £17,000.

On Thursday, 28th October, the deaf committee has arranged a dinner for Mr. Abraham, when a presentation will be made.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE FOR US .

Just on twenty-five years ago - the date October 9th, 1901, our Principal, Mr. Ernest J. Abraham with his wife and two children arrived in Melbourne to take charge of the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and full of big ideas for the welfare of the Deaf. He only intended to stay three years trusting by then his health would so have improved that he would be enabled to return to his homeland. But to the joy of the Deaf he learned to like us and it was a lucky day for us when he adopted our homeland for his own and settled in to become one of us. And on our side he was much wanted. Not only the Deaf but most of the hearing Community know how many of his big ideas eventuated bringing happiness and contentment into our lives and by far the best of all, the raising of the status of the Deaf nearer to that of the hearing.

To try and give Mr. Abraham some idea of how much we appreciate all he has done for us the Deaf Committee has arranged a "big night" for Thursday, October 28th at the Centre, Jolimont Square, when they want to see as many of the Deaf present as possible, especially those who are left of the little band who welcomed him at the boat at Port Melbourne. It is to be a great night, so - dear Deaf comrades - roll up and do more than your share in making Mr. Abraham glad he came here. Make it the biggest night yet.

And because we want Mr. Abraham to have some remembrance of this Silver Anniversary among us and how much we think of him, it has been arranged to have a banquet-which we hope will be attended by hearing friends of the Society also - and present Mr. Abraham with a momento worthy of the occasion.

Mr. J.M.Johnston - Missioner - will be pleased to receive contributions from all Deaf friends, also to know whether they will be able to attend the Banquet. It will be at 6.15 p.m. There will be an entertainment and a big welcome awaits all.

But the time is very short and you are advised to communicate with Mr.Johnston at once, otherwise you may be crowded out. For it is to be a bumper House.

DEAF WORKER'S CLUB. The Membership Thermometer of the Deaf Workers Club is steadily rising. Up to August 3rd the number enrolled was 43; by August 30th 124 had been enrolled. The New Secretary (Mrs J. Pierce) intends to make the Club what it was originally intended to be that is, an organisation of active and ever-ready Workers, and she is sending out an appeal to Country Members to join up - Here it is ;- The new Secretary intends to bring the Club into what it was originally intended - a real, live Worker's Club. The Secretary now sends an S. O. S. to Country Members to join. The Membership fee is 6d per annum. S. O. S. means - Send On Sixpence - Send On Something - Send On Suggestions - in fact, anything you think that is likely to help us. The object of the Club is to help others. We are planning to do better this year than has ever been done previously. By getting everyone interested in the Club - by visiting the sick, making gifts to needy and poor deaf folks. Will you help ? If som send your donation, name and address - and watch the Monthly Letter for results All communications to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs J.Pierce, Adult Deaf Society, Jolimont Square, Melbourne. Slogan - (with apologies to Mr. Clapp) "City deaf folks, Country too, join our Club and help us through."

OUR LITTLE WORLD. Sam Mitchell our Statastician or should we say, numerator has for thirty years or more kept record of attendances at our meetings and is still going strong.

DEAF MOTORISTS. We read a lot; especially in the Old World papers about Deaf Motorists, the danger etc. We have yet to hear of an accident where the Deaf Motorist or Cyclist was to blame.

OUR OPERATOR. Mr. Jim Johnston after a few lessons took possession of our new Cinema apparatus and did well, a little more practice and he will be part of the machine itself.

At the Children's Costume Ball, held at the Town Hall, Camberwell on 13th August, Patricia Spiers Jackson, our Principal's grand-daughter was one of the prize winners.

"The 3 Absentees". W. A. P. is in Glasgow, Sutherland with him, expecting Edwards (June 23rd). W.A.P, has bought a new motor car - Lea Francis. 12 H.P. he has christened it the "Saucy Katie". He proposes to tour Scotland. He sends fondest love to all Melbourne Deaf. Has met the Glasgow Asst.Missioner (Mr.Nicholson) of Kilmarnock and Ayre. (Mr. J.B.Kirker) nephew to W. A. P.

Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, our Principal, who with his wife was a guest at the Lord Mayor's Ball, was introduced to Her Excellency Lady Somers by the Lord Mayor during the evening and they had quite a long conversation. Lady Somers is quite familiar with educational work etc.

Owing to a misunderstanding there was neither Principal or Missionary at Church on the morning of Sunday 26th September. Mr. Frewin was about to officiate when he espied Mr. J. Gibson of Adelaide in the congregation and he at once consented to take the service. All were pleased with his address and at the close he was thanked by Mr. Frewin on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Gibson had been as far as Brisbane and was on his way back to Adelaide: he left Melbourne on the 27th.

A wireless message was sent from our Principal, Staff and the Deaf and Dumb to Mr. Edgar Peacock, who is on his way to America, wishing him "a glorious time".

Mr. O. Quinton, whilst out of employment took a trip to Tasmania and visited his people there. He went over by "S.S.Oconah" to Burnie on June 21st and stayed for a month. He says the weather was miserable and cold for the most part of the month and is glad to be amongst us again

Mr. R. Brownlie has beenm laid up for three weeks at the Fairfield Infectious Hospital and we are glad to know that he is out of danger.

Mrs. Rodgers of Myponga, Sth. Australia was in Melbourne for about two weeks. The last few days of her stay she was the guest of Mr. & Mrs D. Ashby of Brunswick. She had the misfortune to lose her husband, who died a month previously. She has our sympathy.

Mr. J. McLaurin, whilst his firm was on Stocktaking work, took a week's leave and visited his Mother's farm at Menyan, Gippsland, and reported a grand time there.
One Sunday afternoon recently, Mr. Abraham addressed a large congregation in the Australian Church on the Language of Gesture and a number of deaf ladies rendered hymns in the gesture language. Members of the congregation in tendering a vote of thanks said it was the most impressive afternoon they had experienced. Dr. Chas.Strong presided.
We are very sorry to have to record the death of Mr. N. J. Fletcher, father of Mrs. Frank Holmes. Heart failure was the cause on the 3rd of July. We can hardly realise he has passed on for only three months before we saw so much of him and he seemed so well during the wedding festivities of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.
Mr. C. Buck is still keeping in touch with us. In his last letter he stated he was out shooting one day and got four foxes and two dingoes. He sends his congratulations to our Lacrosse Boys on their victory. He is longing to come to town and expects to very soon.
A Daughter to Mr. & Mrs S.Jeanes of Drouin, Gippsland on 10th June 1926. Congratulations.
Mr. D. Cornish has left the "Loongana" for the "Bombala" and that boat was in port on 2nd August. The same night he called at "Our Centre" and was fortunate in seeing the "test" screening of pictures of the Activities of the Victorian Deaf. He had the Show on his own with the Operator (Mr.J.M.Johnston) as it was an off night.
Our Chief was one of the hosts at Scott's Hotel on 30th September when the British School boys on a visit to Australia were entertained by the Rotary Club.
After a long absence we were glad to renew acquaintance with Mr.J. Charles of Footscray who came to the first screening of our new Cinema machine. He liked it very much and has been several times since.

Word has come back that Mr. N. Webb has moved to Hobart and wants to work there until Xmas and then go to South Australia with the Tasmanian Deaf Cricket Team.

Mrs. J. E. Muir of Warburton has been in Melbourne on business three or four times during the past two months. We are always glad when she blows in to the Centre.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Martin of Adelaide have been holidaying in Melbourne. We are all glad to see them for Mrs. Martin before her marriage was one of our most popular girls - Doris Davis. It is nine years since she was in Melbourne. They were much impressed with our new property and all its possibilities. Four bonnie children were waiting for them at home so their stay was limited. They hope to come again. They were the guests of Mrs. & Mrs. Newnham.
Miss R. Betts of Brunswick was quietly married to Mr. Rovers of Blayney,

N.S.Wales on 11th August and on the same afternoon left for Sydney by the S.S."Kanowna". They spent their honeymoon in Sydneyand Blue Mountains. Their future home will be in Osman St.,Blayney N.S.Wales.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated on the 16th of August at St.Luke's Church, Fitzroy between Mr. C.Stiff of Coburg and Miss A.Chields of Clifton Hill. They went to Tasmania for their honeymoon.

The Hon W.Brooks M.L.C., President of N.S.W.Adult Deaf & Dumb Society paid our Principal a visit on the 6th of October; he was greatly impressed with the importance and beauty of our Jolimont Square.

Mr. W. Duncan has been very ill with pneumonia but we are glad to say he is now better and at work again. The convalescing place was Bon Beach.

Mr. J. Kenworthy was inn Town for the week end, during the earlier part of August. He hopes to secure work in Melbourne sometime in September.

Mr. G. Oakley, Prahran who has been very ill, having seaght a chill whilst watching the semi-final Lacrosse match at Hawthorn, is now his old self again. He wishes to thank his many enquiring friends for their kindly thought.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Martin of
Mr. F. Lynas was in Melbourne for a week or so combining business with pleasure.

Mr. S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest came to take his daughter home for her midwinter holiday from school. He will be here again when he brings her back to school. It is always nice to see his cheery countenance.

We are glad Miss Mabel Ball of Picola is now residing in Melbourne and hope we will often see her amongst us.

We are grateful to Mr. George Vial for a donation of 14 volumes of the National Geographic Magazine.

WORKER'S CLUB. A special meeting of the Worker's Club was held on the evening of July 6th when the suggested amalgamating with the Women's Guild was placed before its subscribers. The meeting decided not to amalgamate but agreed that an incentive to work it would be better if each committee had entirely different members as much confusion was caused by the same ladies serving on both Committees.
The annual meeting of the above club was held on the evening of August 3rd when the Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The election of Office Bearers resulted as follows ;- President Mrs.F. E. Frewin, Vice President Mrs. J. Boorts. Hon Treasurer, Mrs.F.Folmes, Hon.Secretary Mrs J.Pierce. Committee Mrs. D. Ashby, Mrs. H. Gladman, Miss K. Empson, Miss E. Leber, Miss G.Hawkins. Supper was partaken of, provided by the lady members. The new Hon.Secretary set to work at once and to date she has beaten the record by having 120 members names on the book. Good luck to her. We are expecting fine things of the Club this year.
TENNIS CLUB. The Tennis Club is getting along nicely. A series of friendly matches between Outside Clubs were arranged and many enjoyable afternoons spent. These matches gave our members a big insight as to how games are played etc. In all cases the matches showed that a vast improvement is necessary in our play. The following tables show the results of matches played.

TO THE DEAF OF VICTORIA.

Dear Friend,

The 9th of October is the 25th anniversary of the arrival of Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham (our Principal) in Australia. He has given those twenty-five years to arduous work on our behalf. No man has done more for the Deaf than he. In Victoria, by advocating our cause, he has raised the status of the Deaf to near that of the hearing and the status and property of Victoria's Adult Deaf and Dumb Society above that of any similar organisation in the world. We are going to celebrate the event in a manner that will do honour to the occasion, and the Deaf Committee want you to be present on Thursday, October 28th at 6.30 p.m. when a banquet will be given to Mr. Abraham at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne. A presentation will be made at 7.30 p.m. and as we want to give him something worth while, you are asked to show your appreciation of what he has done for you by subscribing liberally to the Testimonial Fund. As the time is short we further ask that you let me have what you intend to give at once. After the presentation is made other ceremonies and a fine entertainment will follow and it will not be our fault if this night is not the best ever.

Yours faithfully,

J.M.JOHNSTON.

Hon.Sec.to Deaf Committee.

Please tear off here and forward.
To Mr. J.M.Johnston,
Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
Jolimont Sq.
Melbourne.

Herewith I enclose £ ; ; to the E.J.D. Abraham Testimonial Fund.

Please forward me ..... tickets for the Banquet and entertainment for self and deaf guests.

Names.....

Addresses ....

Special Note. As the accommodation of our Hall is very limited we are compelled to ask our deaf friends to obtain their tickets for the Banquet as early as possible before the event.

APRIL 24th	off Sth. Yarra	6 sets,	39 games,	Adult Deaf	1 set	,18 games		
May 15th	on Sth. Yarra,	8 Sets	52 games	Adult Deaf	1 set	23 games.		
JULY 3rd	on Williamstown	8 Sets	48 games	"	"	0 "	16	"
JULY 24th	on Deepdene	6 Sets	39 games	"	"	1 "	19	"
AUGUST 21st	on Brighton	5 Sets	24 games	"	"	2 "	25	"
AUGUST 28th	off Deepdene	8 Sets	45 games	"	"	4 "	37	"

BILLIARD TOURNEY. The Winter Billiard Tournament came to a finish with a close win to Mr. W. O.Bryan by 5 points from Mr.B.Davis who received 133 points start for 200 up. Mr. J. McLean secured a prize for a record break of 28.

LECTURES. A series of interesting Lectures were given by our Principal Mr. Abraham after his Scripture Study lesson every Thursday night, on the following subjects ;- July 22nd. "Topical Events"; July 29th, "Dic tator of Italy"; August 5th "Why Things are done"; August 26th "King Coal". Mr. J.M.Johnston conducted the class on August 12th and his lecturette was on "Debt refunding to U.S.A."

A WONDERFUL SESSION. This has been a wonderful session for the Deaf and never before since our Society was founded has there been such attendances. In the August Issue of The Monthly it was stated that our Principal had plans for "big things" - He had. The attendances at the Sunday Services were phenomenal; one third of the entire Deaf Mute population of the City and Suburbs being present on occasions.This remarkable interest is of course largely due to the introduction of an occasional Cinema picture service. These evening services open with prayer; hymn, lesson, prayers and sermon follow, closing with a scriptural or moral film and prayer. On Sunday August 1st the picture was "The Shepherd King" - the story of Samuel, Saul and David. The sermon by our principal; attendance 98. On August 22nd "The Silent Voice" was the name of the film. It was a very appropriate picture dealing with a famous musician who was suddenly deprived of his hearing learning lip reading; he was by this means able to acquire a knowledge of other people's troubles without their being aware of the fact, and is brought to a life of usefulness, finding joy in removing the troubles of others. The Principal spoke on the silent voice of Conscience. There was an attendance of 105. On September 5th, the film was The Re-Creation of Brian Kent and our principal's subject was "Ye must be born again". Attendance 90. OnSaturdayAugust 7th our Principal gave a lantern lecture on "The Story of the Deaf & Dumb" - it was illustrated by over one hundred slides of the Instructors of the Deaf and Deaf of the World Attendance 137. At the Tennis Club's Back to Childhood Social,Thursday August 19th, there was an attendance of over 80. At the Deaf Committee's Banquet to our Lacrosse Boys on 14th August there was an attendance of 105. Men's Guild, Women's Guild, Worker's Club, Lectures, Scripture Classes and Saturday Socials have all had record attendances.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD. After a two months vacation the Deaf Women's Guild reopened on the 10th August. The meeting was in the form of a social evening and a record attendance of 35 assembled. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the new President Miss Hickey through sickness and many good wishes for her speedy recovery were sent her.

On 31st August a paper on "The Slave who brought her people out of Bondage" given by Miss M. Gibson, Hon.Secretary was much enjoyed. Unfortunately the President Miss Hickey was still on the sick list. All hope that she will be well enough to attend the next meeting which is fixed for September 21st.

CHINESE DEAF SCHOOL'S APPEAL. The Hon.Secretary of the Deaf Women's Guild Miss M. Gibson asks all deaf friends who have cards in the above appeal to return to her the money or unused cards. The appeal is to be an annual one.

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL. A "Welcome Home" Social was given to Mr. R.J.Oehr, the Hon.Secretary of our Society on the 20th September. It was a Board Meeting night but our Board of Management kindly hurried on their business to release our good friend, and the majority of the members were themselves present. Mr. Abraham was chairman and in a few words expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. Oehr amongst them once more, but it was Mr. F. E. Frewin who gave the official "Welcome Home"address. Mr. Frewin said the Board of Management and the Deaf appreciated the long years of Honorary Service that Mr. Oehr had given to the cause of the Deaf. The Deaf had been most fortunate in their Hon.Secretaries both Mr. Oehr and the ex Hon.Secretary Mr. H.Sumner Martin being officers of the Society for very many years and always showing a kindly spirit toward them. It was a remarkable fact that both secretaries were organists and choirmasters as was the Chairman, and other members of former and present boards were interested i musical societies and choirs. Mr. Bickford chairman of the Board of Management also spoke at some length in compliment to the services of Mr. Oehr and his deputy Mr.D.Connal, who wholeheartedly entered into the duties that came his way whilst acting as Hon.Secretary in place of Mr. Oehr. Three hearty cheers and a "Tiger" were then given. Mr. Oehr in responding gave a most interesting address on his travels;when about to conclude there was a cry for more and he kindly continued though evidently tired. Altogether we had a very happy evening.

MEN'S GUILD. By special invitation to the members of the Men's Guild from the officials of the Telephone Exchange a visit to the exchange was made on the evening of June 30th 1926. The number was limited to 15, but we have been promised another night for another party We were ushered into the main Switch Board Room when one of the officials showed us over the Building and explained its workings.We were amazed at its intricate working and the speed of the operators in answering the calls. The various workings shown us were as follows ;- City Subscribers Switchboard, Public Telephone S.B. Country Towns, Trunk lines S.B. Interstate Trunk Lines S.B. Dynamo Cables Tunnels and Cafeteria kitchen. A most interesting evening was spent and the official in charge was heartily thanked. On July 13th Mr.F.E.Frewin, one time active member of the Guild, occupied the attention of the members with excellent and humorous reminiscenes of his life from childhood to apprenticeship and of his voyage to Melbourne. He was heartily thanked for an interesting paper. NOVELTY NIGHT took up the evening of July 27th when there was a record attendance. Many members came forward with their various puzzles and tricks which were most interesting. Mr. C. Graham entertained many with electric shocks fromhis portable battery. On 17th August a goodly number turned up to hear the maiden paper by Mr. J. Hunt on "The Mice Plague" but unfortunately Mr.Hunt got a sudden seizure of illness which necessitated doctor's attention and thereby cancelled his evening. The Chairman,Mr. J.M.Johnston was equal to the emergency for he brought up an interesting evening in the form of an Impromptu Question Night. Many questions were placed in a hat

and each member in turn took out a question and answered it on the spot. The result was very amusing. Two or three riddles were shown and answered. On 31st August a visit of inspectionwas made by the members to the New Y.M.C.A. Building, Princes Bridge by the kind invitation of the General Secretary at request of Mr. Edgar Peacock. Twenty nine members turned up. Mr. J.M.Johnston the President interpreted for us. Mr. G.Hughes the General Secretar y showed us over the building, the size, number, methods and system amazed us . Every room where young men congregate was shown, such as Billiard room, Library, Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Locker and Shower Rooms, Boy's Rooms, Naval Men's Quarters, Lounges, Quarters for City men, Chapel, Handball Court, Educational cubiciles, Social Hall, Lecture Hall etc. We were struck with amazement when we were told that the bath water was 20 times purer than city water through it being re-filtered through Chlorinator and the bath was not emptied out of its water unless wanted for cleaning tiles. The water after being six months there is purer than when first put in. Mr. Crush spoke on behalf of the Guild thanking Mr.Hughes and the Y.M.C.A. for their kindness in showing us round. Each member on departure was handed a booklet explaining the objects and fees of the Association .

CRICKET CLUB. The Adult Deaf Cricket Club held its Annual Meeting at the Centre on the evening of 27th August. Mr. J.M.Johnston the vice President in place of Mr. W.A.Paterson, the President, whois away on a tour of England, occupied the Chair. There was a good attendance of members and intending members. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. After 2 or 3 years of uphill work the books showed a pleasing balance in hand. The election of officers resulted as follows ;- President Mr.W.A.Paterson; Vice Presidents Messrs.J.M. Johnston, A.W.Sutherland and F.Rees; Hon.Treasurer Mr.G.Edwards; Assistant Treasurer W.J.Cariss; Hon.Secretary Mr.W.Ashby; Ho.Scorer Mr.J.Cariss; Committee Messrs W.O'Bryan, G.B.Mortimer and J.McLean. Captain W.J.McLean; Vice Capt Mr.W.O'Bryan; Mr.D.Ashby was presented with an inscribed gold medal for the best batting average of last season by the Chairman. It was agreed that the Club enter the Vic. Junior Cricket Association 3rd Grade Competition. We wish it the same success as the Lacrosse Club had last season.

LACROSSE NOTES. June 19th. Our No.1 team gave further evidence of their superiority in defeating Williamstown by 13 goals to 5. Our No.2 team continued their run of success, this time defeating Box Hill by 11 goals to 1. June 26th. The No.1 team amassed a total of 26 goals to 3 against Box Hill. The No.2 team turned tables on Caulfield scoring 9 goals to their 4. July 3rd. The No.1 team had a comparatively easy win against Kooyong 15 goals to 7. No.2 team secured another win at expense of Sth.Melbourne Presbyterians. 7 goals to 2. July 10th. Our No.1 team improved their already large average when they met Hawthorn and secured 30 goals to 1. The No.2 team again turned tables on Middle Park scoring 6 goals to 2. July 17th. The No.1 team was too good for Malvern especially in defence. They netted 17 goals to Malvern 6. No. 2 team had a comfortable win at expense of Brighton 12 goals to 3. July 24th. No.1 team defeated Coburg one of the strongest opponents by 12 goals to 4. Our defence was just too good for the Coburg forwards in several determined attacks. The play was even in the first quarter but at the first change of ends we had the advantage with 4 goals to 3. In the second term we scored 3 to nil. The 3rd quarter was more even each side netting 3 times but in the final we were again the best shots. No.2 team had a runaway victory over Malvern scoring 20 goals to nil.

July 31st. The final round of Matches was played on that date when No. 1 team again amassed a large total of 25 goals as against Melbourne High School Old Boys 3 goals. Thus this team came through the season undefeated and had the right of challange in the event of its defeat in semi or final matches. No.2 team had another run of success at expense of Box Hill 12 goals to 4. But the season ended for the No.2 team as it just failed to get into 2nd place by half a point. August 7th. Our No. 1 team was drawn to meet Malvern in the Semi-final and we showed no difficulty in defeating them by 18 to 6. August 14th. We met Coburg at Caulfield in the final of the "Junior A" Section and the game was in doubt to the final bell. The Lacrosse on both sides was of a high order. Coburg scored 3 goals before our boys were able to find the net. By half time we evened matters 6 goals all. The final bell rang with Adult Deaf a goal ahead after a thrilling contest with 11 goals to their 10. The H.Puddy 3, Alf Tyzzer 3, J.O'Gorman, F.Rees, W.Donnellan, L.Owen and W. Ashby 1 each - scored the goals.

LACROSSE DINNER. The Players of both Lacrosse Teams were entertained at a Dinner at the conclusion of the final "Junior A" contest, at our Centre on the evening of 14th August by the Deaf Committee. Forty two members and committee men as well as Mr.Kidd, the delegate sat down and partook of a splendid three course meal prepared by the lady members of the Worker's Club. The Courses were Celery Soup, Roast Chicken, Veal & vegetables, Trifles, Jellies & Cream and sweets. Mr. E.J.D.Abraham, the Chairman of the Deaf Committee acted as host and gave a complimentary speech to both teams on their splendid year's record and urged them to uphold it next season. Mr. A. Kidd the Club's delegate also spoke in almost similiar terms. The Captains of both teams J.O'Gorman of the No.1 team and E.Guthrie of the No.2 team responded on behalf of the teams. W.B.Anderson made a very good and rousing speech, first of all touching on his history in connection with Lacrosse with the deaf. He stated that he had been with the Deaf Club from the beginning.First at School , then at the formation of the Adult Club and to the present year. He had been in every premiership team and he hoped that he would continue to be with the Club and win many more honours. He exhorted the players to be loyal to the Club and always try to keep fit for the next season, when they could all safely launch out in good fettle. It was a strange coincidence that our Lacrosse team had won premiership honours almost every three years. The first honour after the formation in 1912 was in 1913 then in 1916, then in 1920 after that 1923, then 1926. Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Vice President of the Club (in absence of the President Mr. W.A.Paterson) speaking in the name of the Club thanked the Deaf Committee for the fine spread and their good wishes. The Chairman then terminated with fine words of praise to the lady workers who helped to make a success of the dinner, and cheers were heartily given to them. The Players were photographed at Sears Studio on the following saturday and before long our Billiard Room will see another addition to its decoration.

No.1 team were entertained at an evening at the Home of Mrs.Walsh and her son Laurie at Carnegie where they spent a very enjoyable evening in various games on saturday August 21st, 1926.

During the afternoon of the Lacrosse match betwsem the Adult Deaf and Coburg our team and the game was "shot at" for the film gazette for the picture theatres.

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September 1926.

Thursday	2nd	Illustrated Lecture on "Japan" by W. R. Service.
Sunday	5th	Cinema Service. The Recreation of Brian Kent.
Tuesday	7th	Tennis Club Committee meeting.
Thursday	9th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	12th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	14th	Mens Guild Meeting (Mt Hunter)
Thursday	16th	"Kodaks" Cinema Pictures
Sunday	19th	Services
Monday	20th	Welcome Social to Mrs Debr.
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting
Tuesday	21st	Wms Guild meeting
Thursday	23rd	Show Rally.
Sunday	26th	Services
Tuesday	28th	Mens Guild meeting
Thursday	30th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	Oct 3rd	Holy Communion.
Thursday	Oct 7th	Silver Anniversary Social.

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Saturday	2nd	Opening of Cricket Season
Sunday	3rd	Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
Tuesday	5th	Deaf Committee meeting
Thursday	7th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	10th	Cinema Pictures Service.
Tuesday	12th	Deaf Mens Guild meeting
Tuesday	12th	Deaf Womens Guild meeting
Thursday	14th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	14th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 P.m.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee meeting
Thursday	21st	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	24th	Hospital Sunday Services
Tuesday	26th	~~Mens Guild Meeting cancelled~~ ~~Club Social~~
Thursday	28th	"Banquet" W.A.'s 25th Anniversary
Sunday	31st	Services. 11 a.m & 7 P.m.

Tuesday 2nd November Cup Day Picnic To Mordialloc.

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day	2nd	Cup Day Picnic to Mordialloc
sday	4th	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
day	7th	Services Morning & Night.
day	9th	Women's Guild Meeting.
esday	16th	Tennis Club Dance Night
sday	11th	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
day	14th	Services Morning & Night.
day	16th	Mens Guild Meeting
sday	18th	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
day	21st	Services Morning & Night.
ay	23rd	Deaf Committee & Welcome Social to W.A.P. & W.D.S.
sday	25th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
day	28th	Services Morning & Night.
day	30th	Mens Guild Meeting.
y	6th/13th	
unday	20th/27th	Recreation.

XMAS RALLY. DEC 16th 1926.

CHURCH for the DEAF. JOLIMONT. SQUARE. MELBE.

SUNDAY. OCTOBER. 10th at 7. p.M.

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Address by The Principal:-.
"And God Created the Heaven & the Earth"
All Deaf People are Welcome. Be seated before Opening of Service.

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25 YEARS' WORK FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

Dinner to Mr. Abraham

To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival in Australia of Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria will give a banquet and presentation at its centre, Jolimont Square, tomorrow evening. Mr Abraham is officially the principal of the society.



MR. ABRAHAM

It is less than 170 years ago since the first school for the Deaf and Dumb was founded in Great Britain and not until 1860 was a small school for them opened in Melbourne. A block of land and £1000 had been given toward the building of an adult institute, when Mr Abraham arrived from England in October 1901. Mr Abraham began his work as a teacher of the deaf, having charge of a free school in the south of London in 1882. In 1887 he accepted the post of missionary-in-charge of the Bolton, Bury and Rochdale branches of the Manchester and District Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

He came to Australia on account of ill-health, but immediately he arrived in Melbourne he began organising upon a gigantic scale. His first meeting on behalf of the deaf and dumb was held in the Melbourne Town Hall (March, 1902). The hall was crowded to the doors an hour before the opening time.

WON UNIVERSAL SUPPORT

Everywhere he won support, and in 1904 the Adult Deaf Mute building in Flinders street was erected, and gradually became the centre of every deaf mute activity of the State and the Commonwealth. Later, Jolimont Square became the property of the society for £25,000—the Flinders street building realising £17,000.

Mr Abraham's objectives for the future are:—(1) To erect a little church, at a cost of £3000, especially designed for the requirements of the deaf and dumb, to accommodate about 300 people. (2) Hostels for deaf and dumb young men and women (mainly from the country), to board, care for, and supervise whilst learning trades in the various factories and workshops of the city (cost £2000). (3) Erection of a central educational institute, assembly hall, club house and offices, costing £10,000. (4) To remove a debt of £11,000 upon the Jolimont Square estate.

DINNER TO MR. ERNEST J.D. ABRAHAM

OCT. 28th 1926

Mr. H. Sumner Martin
in the chair.

Toast "The King"

Telegrams & Messages

Speech.. .....Mr. H.S. Martin

" Mr. E.H. Peacock

" Mr. G.G. Mercy

" ~~Mrs. J.E. Muir~~

" Mr. J.E. Muir

" One of Deaf Girls

Presentation --- Mr. H.S. Martin

Toast "The Principal" Mr. H. Bickford

Response -- Mr. Abraham

INTERVAL

"Faces & Places to Remember"
(Lantern Slides)

Humorous Cinema Picture
"Mary Pickford in Suds"

GOD SAVE THE KING

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Adult Deaf Mute Centre
Jolimont Square
MELBOURNE E

25th ANNIVERSARY of the ARRIVAL of

MR. ERNEST J.D. ABRAHAM
in Australia

B A N Q U E T

Presentation and Entertainment

THURSDAY OCT 28th 1926

Admit M.....
Banquet 6.15 p.m.
Presentation etc., 7.30. p.m.

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Deaf people of Victoria made a presentation to Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his arrival in Victoria.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the arrival in Victoria of Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, deaf people of the State gave a dinner in his honour at the Adult Deaf Mute centre, Jolimont square, last night. There was a very large attendance and many speeches, some delivered in the sign language, were made in appreciation of Mr. Abraham's work for the deaf. Mr. H. Sumner Martin, who was honorary secretary of the society at the time of Mr. Abraham's arrival, said that several years before Mr. Abraham reached Victoria the society needed a missionary. 'It made Mr. Abraham a very poor offer, and he accepted it. He had done wonderful work for the deaf. A presentation was made to Mr. Abraham, who, in responding, thanked the deaf people with whom he had been associated for their loyalty.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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NEW HEAD-QUARTERS:

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE
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November 17th 1926

Dear

For your donation of : : to the Ernest J.D. Abraham testimonial fund we sincerely thank you.

The evening was a great success and much enjoyed by all. We just wish you could have been with us.

A very nice gold watch and chain was presented to Mr. Abraham. Inside the watch the following inscription is engraved, -

Presented to Ernest J.D. Abraham

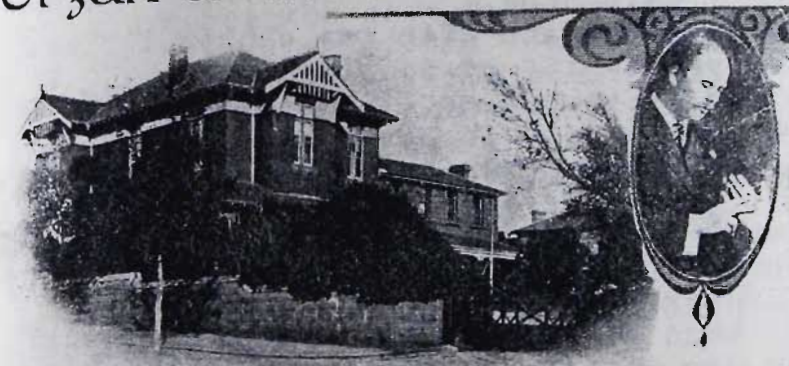
Our Chief
On the occasion of his 25th anniversary in Melbourne. In affectionate recognition of all that he means to us.

The Deaf of Victoria

When next you come to the Centre Mr. Abraham will be pleased to show it to you for he is very

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN

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A Joyous Christmas & Prosperous New Year to all.

" Build it well, whate'r you do; Build it straight and strong and true.
Build it clean and high and broad; Build it for the Eye of God,
Keep pushing ever upward, Work with smile and not with frown;
It takes live fish to go up stream, A dead one can float down.

NO PLACE LIKE VICTORIA!

At the "Welcome Home" Social tendered to Mr. W. A. Paterson and Mr. Arthur Sutherland, held at our Centre on the 23rd, November, Mr. Paterson gave a lengthy and remarkably interesting address. He said he had met the deaf of many Cities and towns of Great Britain and Ireland and visited a large number of their Institutes, and he had yet to find a deaf Community that could be compared with the deaf of Melbourne; the deaf of this City were better disciplined and better mannered, altogether he noticed here a something that seemed to be absent in other Cities; an uplifting, healthy, progressive atmosphere. The same applied to the Institutes, there was something about Melbournes little Institute, temporary though it is, that made it sweeter, more homely and preferable to any other he had seen, notwithstanding the grand structure of one or two of them. As to the possibilities of the future no Adult Deaf Society had the possibilities of Jolimont Square.

D O N O T F O R G E T.

Xmas Rally. December 16th, 7-30pm.

Adult Deaf Mute Centre

JOLIMONT SQUARE EAST.

ALL DEAF INVITED.

THE NIGHTS of NIGHTS at OUR CENTRE - JOLIMONT SQUARE.

October the 28th, 1926 will long be remembered by all those who took part in the celebration at our Centre of the 25th Anniversary of the arrival of Our Chief - Ernest J. D. Abraham in Melbourne.
The 9th of the month was the proper date but the 28th was chosen for the celebration in order to give all an opportunity of joining in.
We wanted a bumper house and we got it. So much so, that it took us all our time to pack in the joyous folk who came to do honour to Mr. Abraham. Flags gaily waving outside welcomed and gave a pleasurable thrill to the guests, whilst inside the Hall etc., looked very gay with its multitude of streamers, flags etc., The floral decoration of the tables - the gift of two well known gentlemen of Melbourne who gave the flowers from their gardens - was very pretty and the dinner excellent. Mrs. Pierce and Miss Empson saw to that, whilst the band of helpers who handed round did their best to make it enjoyable for the diners.
Our beloved friend, Mr. H.Sumner Martin was Chairman and a great round of applause greeted him when he rose to speak, for apart from the occasion all were pleased to see him again. The guests included Mr. G.G.Mercy, E.R.Peacock, Mr. H.Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. R.J.Oehr, Mr. T.Oehr, Mr. Counc. E.L.Morton, Mr. Purves, Mr. Brown - apologies were received from Mr. Massina and Mr. Dudley - Mr. J.E.Muir, Mr. Beauchamp, Mrs. E.J.D. Abraham Mr. and Mrs. D.Abraham, Mrs. Spiers Jackson and little Pat Jackson, Mrs. S. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. T.Abraham, Mr. Ted Abraham, Mrs. McLaurin, Mrs. Castrique.
On an occasion like this, one is most desirous to report all that was said by the Speakers who came to do honour to Our Principal. But it is not possible in a little paper like " Our Monthly "therefore, we must content ourselves with a brief outline. Certainly, there had been fore-thought in the arrangement of the programme of Speakers. Mr. H.Sumner Martin B.A., L.L.B. who was Hon. Secretary of the Deaf " Mission " on the arrival of Mr. Abraham in Melbourne and his first link up with the deaf of Victoria, presided and Mr. E.R.Peacock who stood by Our Chief through-out his great publicity campaign and ever since, and has for many years held the post of Vice-President of our Society, and Mr. G.G.Mercy for sometime our Chairman and Mr. Abraham's colleague in the raising of the funds for the Blackburn Home, were the chief speakers.
Mr. Martin gave a most interesting resume of the Society's history, and of its early pioneers and hearing sympathisers, naming amongst others the beloved Mrs. Hannah Martin (his Mother) Mrs. C.Luke and Mr. Edward Newbigin. Also there was much he might say about the Society and those who had rendered service to the Cause, but this was unquestionably Mr. Abraham's night. Mr. Martin proceeded to remind the few who were left of those who received Mr. Abraham, of the manner of his coming with his wife and family. Of his wonderful organising, the packed Town Hall meeting and every other hall in rapid succession. For 25 years he had laboured for the deaf wholeheartedly and with remarkable success. Not only was he successful with the actual work amongst the Adult Deaf, but with the financial side meanwhile building up a great organisation. When he arrived the Committee were in the habit of thinking in half crowns, Mr. Abraham soon had them thinking in pounds, then in hundreds of pounds, finally in thousands of pounds. There was too, one great outstanding fact and that was without Mr. Abraham the Society would never have had the Jolimont Square of the Blackburn properties. (great applause)
Mr. Peacock spoke of his own early connection with the deaf and with Mr. Abraham almost from the week of his landing, and after referring to the great interest taken in the Society by the Board of Management, without which no organisation could exist, he spoke in the highest of terms of the organising ability of Mr. Abraham and of his enthusiastic devotion

to the deaf and all pertaining to their well being. He said that the two Institutions - Jolimont Square and the Blackburn Home - were monuments to the work of Mr. Abraham and he (Mr. Peacock) was anxiously waiting for Mr. Abraham to complete his great work by the erection of Hostels, the Church, Institute and Club House.

Mr. G.G.Mercy who gave a most interesting address spoke of us as the "Non-hearing " section of the Community and referred to the wider activities of Mr. Abraham. His efforts in connection with the education of the deaf and his great work outside of Victoria, he had shown his interest not only in his own local work, but in the deaf and dumb of the whole Commonwealth and his voice and pen were known and respected and his recommendations in the interests of the deaf adopted throughout the World.

Mr. Harold Bickford (Chairman of the Board of Management) expressed pleasure at being present, he had been associated with the Society and Mr. Abraham's work for mnay years now and could join in the celebration of the happy event.

Mr. J.E.Muir (one of original deaf members) rejoiced at being one of the little band who met Mr. Abraham at Port Melbourne upon his arrival, he had worked side by side with Mr. Abraham ever since in complete harmony, they had never had even a word of disagreement.

Mr. F.E.Frewin (original deaf member) also spoke in praise of Mr. Abraham(s work which,in his opinion, was just wonderful. He still continued to work for the Deaf with him. He was gald to have been the member of the deaf Committee who seconded the motion of the late Mr. F.J.Rose (Founder of the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution) inviting Mr. Abraham to come to Australia. Mr. W.P.Muir was down to speak but the time was now far advanced and he smilingly said he would wait for another opportunity.

Miss Rose Dow, one of our most popular girls, was chosen by the Chairman for a very pleasing ceremony - that of presenting to Mr. Abraham a beautiful gold watch and chain. She said :-

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Abraham, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the deaf ladies and girls I want to congratulate Mr. Abraham upon having reached his 25th anniversary amongst us,and to assure him of our loyalty and affection for him. We hope he will be with us for another 25 years and that you all will be here on that occasion. Now I have a very pleasing duty to perform and on behalf of the Deaf of Victoria, I ask Mr. Abraham to accept this gold watch and chain as a token of our esteem.

Miss Dow then read the following inscription from the inside of the watch

" Presented to Ernest J.D.Abraham
OUR CHIEF
On his 25th Anniversary in Melbourne
In affectionate recognition of all that he means to us
The Deaf of Victoria. "

On the outside case of the watch is a beautiful monogram " E.J.D.A."

Amidst continuous applause Miss Dow fastened the watch and chain in Mr. Abraham's vest.

When Mr. Abraham rose to respond the Deaf rose and cheered and cheered and cheered again. His reception was all that went to show a real outburst of loyalty and affection. When allowed to speak(which he did orally and by gesture at the same time) Mr. Abraham said there was much in his mind that he would like to talk about to them, of the past, present and future, but as the time was short and there was a danger of his getting away down some side street, he would hasten to the most essential that was to thank them all for their many kindnesses, their helpfulness at all times and their loyalty, their handsome gift he appreciated and it would be a constsnt companion to remind him of their affection, but it was the affection that prompted the gift that he valued the most. He felt greatly honoured and was highly

gratified to have present at his 25th anniversary the three gentlemen that linked up the past with the present - Mr. H. Sumner Martin, Mr. E. R.Peacock and Mr. G.G.Mercy. There were incidents that one never forgot and he instanced one connected with Mr. Martin and another with Mr.Mercy where help was rendered at critical times. He promised to speak at length on the past and future of the work at an early date, and amidst great applause once again thanked his people for all their kindness to him.

By Letter and telegram came many congratulations. From Mr. W.D.Cook (Headmaster of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution) who regretted another engagement prevented him being with us. The Hon. D.F.Denham President of the Queensland Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, the following

" Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission desire to felicitate Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria upon the very happy result of the work of Principal Ernest J.D.Abraham his coming to Victoria has been fraught with untold blessing to Deaf Mutes We rejoice with you on the occasion of the silver jubilee and wish every good and perfect gift may be bestowed upon Principal Abraham and his beloved work.

D. F. Denham President "

From Mr. S.Hollie (Headmaster Queensland Deaf & Dumb Institution)
" Mr. Kingwell (Brisbane Polytechnic) Miss A.Graham, Mrs. F.Frewin (who was in N.S.W.) Mr. A.C.C.Holtz of the " Argus" who was sorry he would be out of the State and therefore unable to come, and Mrs. J.E. Muir of Warburton.

Nezt came the Presentation from the Deaf Committee of an enlarged photograph,to be placed on the wall of the Adult Deaf Centre, of Mr. Abraham, which has the following inscription -

Ernest J. D. Abraham
Principal of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria
1901 - 19
And Founder of the Blackburn Home for Aged,Infirm,Mentally Defective and Blind Deaf Mutes.

After Mr. Abraham's health had been drank and hearty cheers for him given a move was made for a smoke on the verandahs while a Cinema Entertainment was got ready. A special series of Lantern Slides, which had been prepared for the occasion, was shown. It included portraits of officers of the Society from its early days, the first cricket team, Mr. Abraham's original deaf council etc., and much merriment was enjoyed.

During the day, the Rev. H.W.H.Adeney (aged 93) for many years a member of the Committee called to congratulate Mr. Abraham.

THE PRESS and Mr. ABRAHAM.

The Press certainly helped us to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Our Chief. Very interesting and lengthy articles appeared in the " Argus", " Age" and " Herald", the first and last papers gave portraits of Mr. Abraham. The following paragraph is the conclusion of the Article in "Argus".

" Mr. Abraham is an acknowledged master of the language of gesture. With his hands and pose the language of the silent life becomes poetry - the poetry of motion. Anyone familiar with musical poetry witnessing a recital by him in gesture needs no spoken language to follow him. His graceful gestures tell everything. He has given the deaf mutes a different outlook on life and taught them to realise the things worth while; given them confidence in themselves and cheered and helped them at all times. And they fully realise what he stands for in their lives. His has been an inspired life of self-sacrifice, with hard work and heavy responsibilities, but the mute world contains many very real monuments to his splendid service."

Extract from the " Age ".

" It was a good day for the Victorian Deaf when he landed here, for his ambition for them has always been, and is still, on very high lines. Being a man who inspired confidence in those he wanted to help him - and always fortunate in choosing the right ones - he soon accomplished most of the things he had in mind for the betterment of the deaf and dumb. Mr. Abraham has a wonderful command of the language of the deaf, and can translate the spoken tongue into the language of gesture as rapidly as uttered. He can assume deaf mutisms so well that strange deaf folk will not believe that he is not like themselves .....
Whilst his ideal is the making of independent and desirable citizens of the deaf and dumb capable of working side by side with the normal, at the back of his mind there is, and always has been, the necessity for complete provision for their permanent advancement in buildings specially designed and erected for their well-being.
Mr. Abraham is essentially a business man, with vision, vitality and determination. "

The following Resolution was passed at Meeting of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria held on the 15th of November, 1926.

" On the motion of Mr. E.R.Peacock seconded by Mr. Purves, it was unanimously resolved to place on record the Committee's appreciation and admiration for the faithful work performed by Mr. Abraham for the deaf and dumb Community during the past 25 years. "

ADDRESS TO ROTARIANS.

Rotarian Ernest J.D.Abraham gave an address at the Rotarian Luncheon on the 6th of October on " The Story of the Deaf and Dumb " concluding with a demonstration of the Language of Gesture. His address and masterful command of the sign language was greatly appreciated both by Rotarians and reporters. The Press gave lengthy reports.

CINEMA SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

The Cinema Picture Service is very popular. When given, our little Church is almost invariably crowded to the doors. The most popular of all so far was that given on the 10th of October " After Six Days". Truly a wonderful picture, touching on biblical records from the Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the building of the Ark, the Flood, the Tower of Babel, Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Joseph and his rise in Egypt etc., on to the days of Solomon.
The title of the Picture shown on the 14th of November was " A Chapter in her Life". It told of the wonderful influence of a child's patience, a child's faith and a child's smile.
These pictures are preceeded by a service conducted by Our Principal when the story of the film is outlined and its spiritual or moral lesson emphasised in his sermon for the evening.

SHOW RALLY.

The Tennis Club directed the " Show"Rally. (Sept. 23rd)
It was an unusually novel and pleasant evening. The Hall was packed. Miss Parker and Mr. W. Ashby won the prizes of the evening donated by Mr. M.G B. Mortimer.

CUP DAY PICNIC

Whenever the date for the Cup Day Picnic draws near and there is talk of" where shall we go this year " everybody wears a broad smile and an unfinished wink. During the forty odd years we have avoided the temptations of Cup Day and hidden ourselves away from the popular enticement. We have never really found a place to our mutual satisfaction and we doubt if any other congregation ever did. We have been most everywhere near Melbourne. In our " middle life " when Our Chief entertained and ruled supreme at Blackburn we had happy days, very happy days years in succession. Latterly, and this is where the broad " smile is introduced " Fred of the Deaf Committee always voted emphatically, most emphatically for Mordialloc, and for several years has had his own way. To Mordialloc we " wented". This year the Deaf Committee decided upon Mordialloc once again. But amongst some of the younger bloods there was a miniature revolt and a petition for " a public opinion". Our Chief gave them their chance. He put the matter to the democratic vote with the result that Mordialloc was a very easy winner. Friend Fred was so overjoyed that his taste was popular that we had serious thoughts of sending for a doctor - he can laugh when he wants to. Seriously, Mordialloc is an ideal place for our picnicers. There are quiet places and it offers so very many advantages attractive to the Deaf. About 70 attended this year. It was fine and cool and many homely games were played. Both Principal and Missioner were present all day.

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS and LECTURETTE.

Our Principal continues to conduct his scripture study class every Thursday evening, which is always followed by a short lecture. He spares no pains in making these addresses informative and interesting. " Medicine - Ancient and Modern" " A Man made Eye (the camera) " "Things taken for granted" " Microbes" "Armistice Day".
Mr. J.M.Johnston lectured on " Early Hairdressers" and " Everybodys Enemy" (the fly).

A KODAK NIGHT.

On the 16th of Spptember, Mr. Baker of the firm of Baker & House (Kodak Pty Ltd) kindly sent along one of their operators to give us an exhibition upon a Baby Cinema Machine with "Baby" films. It was in every way as good a show as one could get from any of the more elaborate apparatuses. The Pictures were clean and sharp and shown upon a silver screen. They were exquisite. We travelled thousands of miles and saw beautiful scenery and comedy was not forgotten. We are looking forward for another evening of the kind. Mr. Abraham in the name of the deaf thanked Mr. Baker and the operator.

TENNIS CLUB DANCE.

Knowing how anxious the Tennis Club is to pay off the cost of the Tennis Court(£350), the Mother and sisters of one of our " Boy" members offered to lend a hand and get up one of the most attractive functions we have, so far, had in our new building. It was quite a fashionable night, bright and cheery, and the harmony and friendliness was something approaching ourideal of all we aim at. The hall was tastefully decorated, the orchestra and pianist seemed to recognise that something extraordinary was expected of them and they gave it, the deaf led by hearing dancers kept in step to so wonderful an understanding that to a casual visitor it would have been difficult to say who was hearing and who deaf. The supper also was dainty and there is quite a handsome addition to the Tennis Club Fund as a result

(£18). The whole success of this innovation is due to Mrs. McLaurin and her daughters.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

Our Men's Guild is very much alive. It has a record membership and Mr. J.M.Johnston (our Missioner) is a most enthusiastic president always on the look out for " features" that will draw our young men. Some very good papers were read during the past two months. Mr. J.Hunt's maiden effort " The Mice Plague"(Sept.14th) was a gruesome and amazing story based on actual experiences in the Mallee during the years 1918-1921 All hope that Mr. Hunt will give us another paper at no distant date. " Sport" was Mr. Jack McLaurin's subject (Sept.28.) He told us what a sport should be and what "sport" really is and what it means. He knew what he was talking about and we knew what he said was true. On the 12th Oct. Mr. Bladier took a big subject. He told us all there was to know about the Moon, its origin, size, weight, distance etc., and some of us are wondering how he got to know, but Bladier is a student and could verify his statements by plenty of printed evidence. It is because we didn't know that we are so astonished and mentally sent into the wonder world. We want our astronomer to come again. We suggest " Mars" for his next paper. Is it inhabited?
" Peeps into the Deaf & Dumb World" (Oct.26th) Mr. J.P.Bourke. Incidents in the lives of deaf mutes in various parts of the World. Interesting and entertaining. " The Northern Territory" (Nov.16th) Mr. W.H.Crush gave a recital of his experiences there, but business took up a large part of the early part of the evening and Mr. Crush was not able to conclude his paper. A vacant date for its continuance will be arranged. On the 30th of November, a Welcome Home Social was tendered to "Arthur" One solid hour was taken up in business of the Guild. We all regretted it. We wanted so much to " see" Arthur's experiences abroad, finally we did, but we would have been glad to have had more. We are looking forward to another opportunity. It was a pleasant night anyway.
The Camera Club recently brought into existence gives promise of big developments. The Cup Day competition brought in 31 photos and Mr.Crush was placed for the first and second prizes, but the Committee decided against a competitor being awarded the two leading prizes, so the winner of the third (Mr. Downes) was awarded the second.

JAPAN.

We were simply fascinated with the beautiful pictures of Japan and the Japanese that Mr. Robert Service screened at Our Centre on the 2nd of Sept. and his lecture upon the customs of the people of Japan was equally enjoyed but perhaps we enjoyed best of all his humorous response to the questions with which he was bombarded at the end of the Lecture. When we felt just quite at home with Mr. Service the clock said 10o'clock and we had to leave very much to our regret.

TO EX-PUPILS of VICTORIAN SCHOOL for DEAF.

A meeting of ex-pupils of the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution will be held in the Hall of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre on the 14th of January 1927 to consider the best means of placing on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. W.D.Cook for 44 years teacher and Headmaster of the Vic. Deaf & Dumb Institution. Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham, Principal of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, will preside.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS AT OUR CHURCH.

Major Drury and Sgt-Major Amos took charge of the Evening Service at our Church on 7th, November. Our principal interpreting. Both officers gave uplifting addresses and at the close of the Service were surrounded by a very appreciative congregation anxious to shake hands in recognition of their comforting message.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

We are "Mighty proud" of the response always made to the appeal of the Hospitals by our fellow Worshippers at our little Church. The Congregations, Morning and Evening, on the 24th, Oct. were unusually small yet the response was big: The offertory was £9-2-6, an increase on last year, although several of our most generous givers were out of the State.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions to "Our Monthly Letter" Fund. Mr. F. Williamson of New Zealand, Mrs. J. Mills of Waaia and Mr. & Mrs. T. Peters of Ivanhoe 5/- each. Mr. A. Collins of Heerim Junction 2/6. Mrs. Neilson 2/6. Rev. H.W.H. Adeney, Mr. O. Quinton, Mr. Albert Tyzzer 2/- each. Mrs. Sharp 1/6, Mr. N. Webb of Tasmania, Miss A. Foster, Mr. T.Tonkin of Bendigo 1/- each.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. Hey, a London Deaf Man, called in and made good use of the many facilities offered at our Club House, Jolimont Square, during his stay of three weeks in Melbourne. He is a fireman on the " Port Denison " which took a big cargo of Wool and Meat for England. Mr. Smith, also of London, called once or twice while his boat " Barrabool " was in port. He is now an Engine Oiler.

Our Principal gave an address on the " Language of Gesture " illustrating same with many signs and recitals at the Church of Christ, Deepdene, on the 9th, November, to a most appreciative audience. Miss Rose Dow and Miss Eileen O'Gorman assisted with recitals and signs.

The Hon. W. Brooks, M.L.C. President of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, paid Mr. Abraham a flying visit on the 6th, of Sept. last. Words failed him when our Principal brought him to Jolimont Square and "hosted" him round.

There was a good attendance at Communion Service on the 3rd, Oct, but it is to be hoped that more of the younger members of the Congregation will join the Communicants in the New Year.

There was a large concourse of members of the Salvation Army at the Graveside of the wife of Sgt-Major Amos at Fawkner Cemetary on 21st, of October last. The Service was a very impressive one. By invitation of the family Mr. Abraham attended and interpreted. The late Mrs. Amos was Mother of Mr. Norman Amos.

The enthusiasm of Mrs. Jas. Pierce, Worker's Guild Hon. Sec, has brought the Membership up to about 150 in every way a record.

Mr. J. M. Johnston makes an excellent interpreter. He is improving greatly at this difficult exercise.

Mr. T. Williamson, a New Zealand Artist, arrived in Melbourne on the 4th, October. He was 12 months in the East on business. He went to Batavia, Java, and was six months in Singapore and visited Sumatra, Penang and Ceylon. He saw many wonderful and curious places and millions of foreigners, such as Malayas, Chinese, Indians, Cingalese, Japanese and Eurasians. He found the heat very trying and was glad to get away. He likes Melbourne, where he has met many deaf friends, and hopes to be here for sometime. Mr. Williamson is very popular with us all. He is a most entertaining conversationalist and a man who has a good word for everybody, in fact, he is one that the Melbourne deaf would like to claim " for keeps."

Mr. Beauchamp, a native of Melbourne, but a resident of England for 36 years, arrived from England per the French Boat " Cephee " and he quickly made friends among the Melbourne Deaf. He was very pleased to be present at the 25th, Anniversary Dinner to Mr. Abraham, where he renewed many old acquaintances, especially Mr. J. E. Muir of Warburton. At present, he is in Sydney for a few weeks, and intends going home to England passing through Melbourne.

Messrs. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, T. Tonkin, of Bendigo, J. E. Muir of Warburton paid us a visit during the past 2 months.

We are pleased to welcome another new Deaf comer from England Mr. Noble, of Manchester, educated at the Deaf School of that city, paid us several visits during November. He is only 15 years old and is anxious to start a trade. We wish him success in his new home.

Mr. Gillett, of Irymple near Mildura, was in Melbourne for some time, and was engaged in odd jobs at Blackburn Farm & Home for Deaf Mutes.

Mrs. J. E. Muir & Miss A. Graham have returned home from their long Holiday (2 months) in Sydney and the Blue Mountains. They are much benefitted in health. They speak glowingly of the beauties of the Blue Mountains.

Mrs. Hartley was also a visitor to Sydney about the same time as Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss A. Graham. They met once or twice while attending the Deaf Services.

Mr. J. Boortz got his annual three weeks holidays and took his wife to Sydney. Mrs A. Taylor (their daughter) was taken by surprise at their visit.

Mr. O. Quinton has just secured a position at the Ford Works, Geelong We hope he likes his new position.

THE " E.J.D. ABRAHAM " SHIELD.

The Inter-State Test Match for the " E.J.D. Abraham " Shield is to be held at Adelaide this year, and teams from Victoria, N.S.W. S.A. and Tasmania will compete. It is to be a great Carnival. The South Australians are making quite elaborate arrangements to entertain the visiting teams. Our team will leave on the 24th, inst., The matches will commence onthe 27th, and continue to the 31st. So far our team has never lost hold of the Shield and we (selfishly) hope they will bring it back to Victoria.

CRICKET.

We started our cricket season on Oct. 2nd with fine weather at Blackburn. Clarendon was the opposing side. We batted first and were dismissed for 71. W. Sutton topped the score with 37. Clarendon compiled a huge score of 260. Martin was our best bowler by taking 6 wickets for 41 runs. We did better in our second attempt by compiling 130. L. Sutton & W. Ashby batted well for 72 & 17 respectively. On October 16th, & 23rd, we played Renown at St. Kilda and made 127 in first innings & 84 in our second knock. D. Ashby made 20 in each innings and Renown scored 167 and 2 for 48 and thus won by 8 wickets. On October 30th, and Nov. 6th, South Melbourne Footballers journeyed to Blackburn and defeated our boys easily. We went first and were all out for 58. The opposing side replied with 181 for the loss of 6 wickets & sent us in again. They dismissed us for 91. L. Sutton and W. Ashby batted nicely for 33 and 21 respectively. On Nov. 13th, and 20th, we went to Albert Park to play South Melbourne Hibernians. We did very well by dismissing them for 114 runs. When our turn came to bat we collapsed and were all out for 29 and 49 in our second knock. On Nov. 27th, and Dec 4th, we played South Caulfield at our ground and found them a very good team. They knocked up a moderate score of 162 runs. W. Ashby was in good form with the ball. He took 5 wickets for 24 runs and Martin got 4 for 41. We only made a small score of 47, and in our second attempt we did better by compiling 87. W. Sutton & W. Ashby stopped the score with 26 each. We provided the visitors with soft drinks and cakes. We were heartily thanked by the visiting team for our kindness and thoughtfulness towards them.

" WELCOME HOME "

A " Welcome Home " Social was held on 23rd. November at our Centre to Messrs. W. A. Paterson and A. W. Sutherland who returned on the previous day by the Orient Liner " Oronsay " from their tour of Great Britain and the Continent. Mr. Abraham presided and welcomed them " Home " on behalf of the Deaf of Melbourne. Messrs. Trewin, J. McLean, J. M. Johnston and Miss R. Dow also spoke. Mr. W. A. Paterson responded thanking the fellow members of the Society for the warm welcome accorded to Mr. Sutherland and himself. He afterwards gave a most illuminating address outlining the greater part of their tour. His graphic signs caught and held the attention of all for close upon an hour and a half. Time and again he had the whole audience rocking with laughter. Just before supper Mr. Sutherland also expressed thanks for the kind welcome home. He said he felt thankful that he had had an opportunity of seeing other parts of the world and getting an insight into their ways and customs. His speech was reserved for another night, possibly in January. Supper was served round at about 10pm. by the members of the Worker's Club. There was a large attendance.

To be retained by Payer.

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Euchre Party and Dance

To be held at the

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"Jolimont Square," Wellington Parade,
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on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1926

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Proceeds in Aid of Tennis Club

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TICKETS, 3/- each

Dancing 8 till 11

J. McLAURIN, Hon. Sec.

December 1926

Thursday	2nd	Scripture Study + Lecturette
Sunday	5th	Services morning + Evening
Tuesday	7th	Deaf Committee meeting.
Thursday	9th	Scripture Study + Lecturette
Sunday	12th	Services morning + Evening Pictures
Tuesday	14th	~~Hockey Club's Social~~ Pictures
Thursday	16th	XMAS RALLY
Sunday	19th	Services morning + Evening
Tuesday	21st	Dinner to Inmates + Pictures
Thursday	23rd	Closed.
Friday	24th	Victorian Cricket Team departs for Sth Aus
Sunday	26th	Services morning + Evening.
Tuesday	28th	Closed
Thursday	30th	Closed.
Every Saturday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Recreation.

HOLY COMMUNION JAN 9th 1927

XMAS RALLY Dec. 16th 1926

Chairman. Ernest J.D. Abraham

"Few Words" J.M. Johnston
" " W. A. Paterson
" " Members of G.B.

GAMES

Include:-

Guessing Competitions

Stepping Stones

"Can you do? "

Balloon Match

Spinning the Trenches

Passing the Hot Poker

Winks

"Poor Mr.A. has a shaking hand"

Musical Chairs (Deaf Variety)

Jolly Miller etc..

Supper 930.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Church for the Deaf
Jolimont Square,
MELBOURNE

January 6th 1927

My Dear Friend/

I invite you to join fellow Communicants around the Spiritual Family-table on Sunday next (Jan 9th) at 11 am., that we may be knit together in grateful remembrance of Him who was the Friend and Uplifter of Man, in the Spirit of God's trustful Children.

Come and begin the New Year in fellowship with Jesus and receive the Blessing of God our Heavenly Father.

Especially do I ask the younger members of the Congregation to partake of the Lords Supper and so enter upon the New Year Spiritually Strengthened., and Blessed.

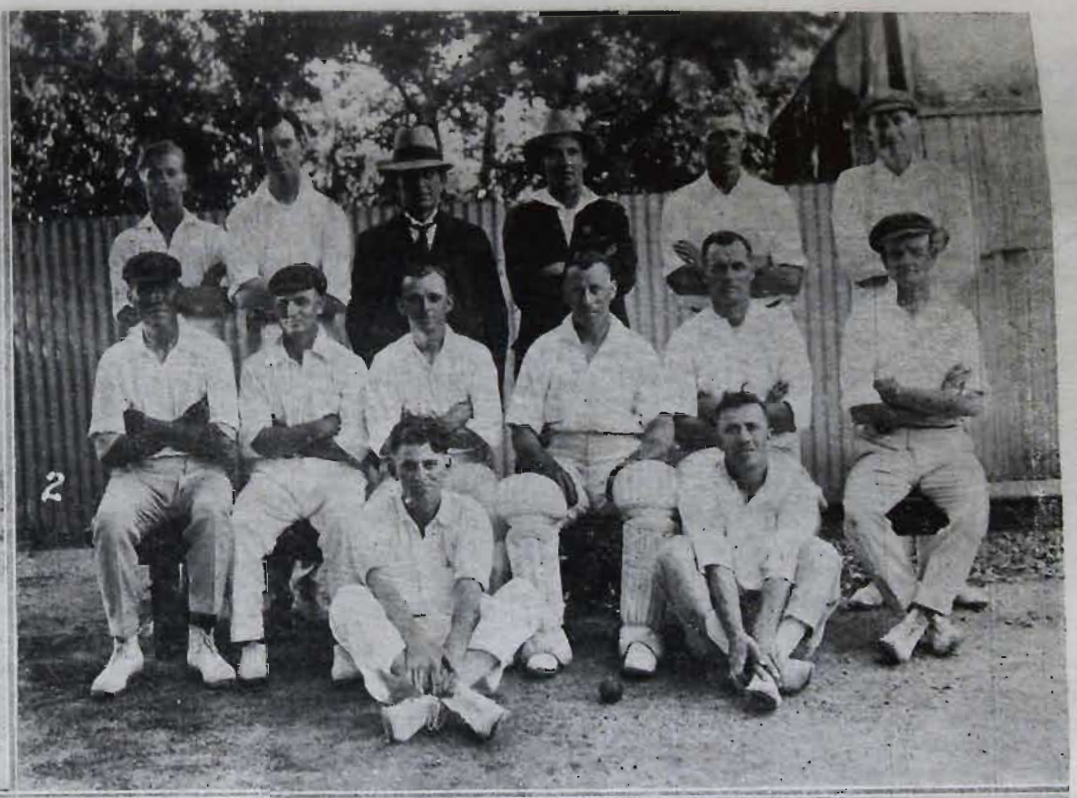
Yours affectionately,

Ernest J.D. Abraham

Teams who Participated in the Annual Interstate Deaf and Dumb Cricket Matches

PLAYED ON THE NORWOOD OVAL CHRISTMAS WEEK.









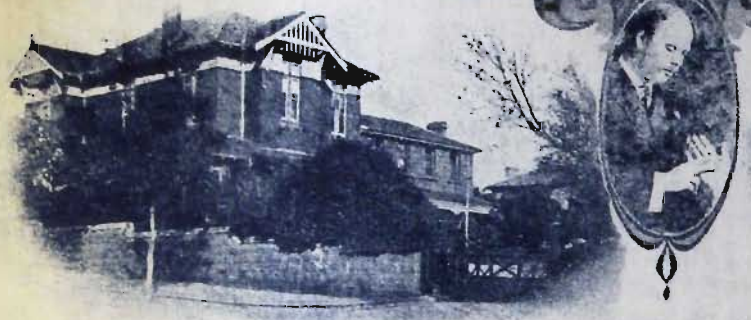
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JAN 12th 1927

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN.

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A PRAYER FOR TODAY - And Every Day.

My Father, May the Holy Spirit accompany me throughout the hours of this day ! May His presence illumine my mind and warm my heart ! May He teach me how to think and how to speak ! May I not offend in speech or in deed.

Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the City the watchman waketh but in vain.

An Australian Bishop recently told the story of an old man who thanked him for a sermon " That was a comforting message Sir" he said, " You know I've had a lot of trouble in my life. Certainly most of it never happened ". You are invited to look back upon your troubles of last year. How many of them " never happened "?

Can anybody say to you -
" You never did anything for Anybody ". If anybody can, then why should anybody do anything for you ?

When you did do something for somebody, what was your motive for doing that something for somebody ?

" Happiness really means joy in our work and - if it comes - mastery over trouble. In shop or factory or on the farm the happy person is always welcome. There is, however, a spurious kind of happiness of the frivolous sort, in which many young people waste their energy. The secret of happiness was this, if you look for happiness and happiness alone - you will never find it." - Rev. J.Ernest James.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early and so late take rest and eat the bread of anxiety, for He giveth His beloved sleep.

" Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." JESUS.

THE NEW YEAR.

TO MY PEOPLE.

The past year has been the most trying of all the twenty five years of my sojourn amongst you and yet towards its close, the sweetest. For very many months I have had to " carry on " under circumstances that have made it very hard to keep in mind, that right is right, and truth, truth. To me the one glorious outstanding, uplifting and encouraging feature of the year was the great outburst of loyalty on the part of my people. With such loyalty one is armoured for almost anything. And now, I am looking forward to a year of promise and achievement. With your loyalty and help anything is possible. Clouds are but temporary and serve their purpose, the sunshine is always near awaiting its opportunity to show itself. And this year of great promise we are going to bask in that sunshine together. Between us we are going to accomplish great things. Jolimont Square is about to give our reason for its existence. I am looking forward to the bringing down to terra firma, at least three of our dream children, before the close of the year, and I am looking to you to take a big share in that work.

God bless you all. Affectionately yours,

Ernest J. D. Abraham.

OUR BUILDING FUND.

Like many other public Institutions and Hospitals we are awaiting our turn to give publicity to our needs. We have been " carrying on " under difficulties for years, but so have other Institutions. We still owe £11.000 on the Jolimont Square property, but we are not the only organisation burdened with a debt. There is a pressing need for new Buildings providing greater accommodation, but there are hospitals and charities voicing the same need.

Some years ago, the Government of Victoria adopted a very wise plan and brought into existence a body called The Charities Board. This Board amongst other functions controls all public Appeals, and no appeal can be made without their sanction. Many hospitals have already had their opportunity with most satisfactory results, there are still many awaiting their turn and our Society's place on the list gives promise of a not too distant opportunity to go to the Public with our Appeal. Meanwhile, Mr. Abraham has entered upon his campaign to get funds and is privately approaching friends of our Cause. The result to date is encouraging, below is a list of donations given and promised.

Present Effort.

Edward Wilsen Trust	£500	0	0	Mr. J. M. Griffiths	£300	0	0
Mr. E.R.Peacock	100	0	0	Mr. Wm. Lawford	50	0	0
Late Miss J.F.Foster	35	14	2	Mr. Sol Green	25	0	0
Miss F.E.Johns	25	0	0	C.L.Ferrest Trust	20	0	0
Mr. A.S.Wales	10	10	0	Mr. R.J.Alcock	10	0	0
Mr. H.G.Beecham	10	0	0	Mr. J.T.Webb	10	0	0
Mrs. E.Davidson	10	0	0	Mrs. T. Baker	5	5	0
Mrs. F.S.Austin	5	5	0	Bryant & May	5	5	0
Mrs. A. Brown	5	5	0	Mrs. J.A.Graham	5	5	0
Mr. G. Anderson	5	0	0	Mr. T. Kennon	5	0	0
Myer Emporium	3	3	0	Mrs. C.M.Frew	3	3	0
Mr. Alex. Dennis	3	3	0	Mr. F. Newman	2	2	0

Mr. L. S. Benjamin	£ 2	2	0	Mr. A.C.C.Holtz	£ 2	2	0
Mr. Selwyn King	2	2	0	Mr. J.C.Traill	2	2	0
Mr. H.G.Allen	1	1	0	Mrs. Moore	2	2	0
Mr. E.Stevens	1	1	0	Mrs. A.Robinson	2	2	0
Mr. H.B.Lee	1	1	0	Mr. J.M.Lewis	1	1	0
Mr. D.York Syme Junr.	1	1	0	Mr. S.Shelmerdine	1	0	0
Mr. O.J.Addison	1	0	0	Miss Hedderwick	1	0	0

Previously acknowledged.

Sir. Wm. McBeath Estate late	£250	0	0	Deaf Workers Club Bazaar	£107	6	6
Patrick Brennan	50	0	0	Gawler& Drummond	25	0	0
Sir.Wm.Brunton	5	5	0	Mr. A.E.Haughton	5	5	0
Mr. R.J.Oehr	3	3	0	Met. Fire Brigade	3	3	0
Miss F.Anderson	2	2	0	Mr. & Mrs. Alex. Wilson	1	0	0
Rev. H.W.Adeney		10	0				

Total Amount £ 1627: 11: 8

EX - HEADMASTER and EX - PUPILS.

A Meeting of the ex-pupils of the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution called and presided over by Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham, Principal of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria,was held at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, on Friday Jan. 14th., the object being to consider the best means of showing their appreciation of the 44 years of service of Mr. W.D.Cook as Headmaster and teacher of the Deaf. Mr. Abraham, having explained the object of the gathering spoke of Mr. Cook's long years of service as a teacher of the deaf under conditions which the present generation of teachers had little or no idea of. Mr. Abraham felt that he owed Mr. Cook as big a debt as do the whole of the ex-pupils, for Mr. Cook by turning out good pupils had made his (Mr. Abraham's) work much easier than it might otherwise have been. In concluding, the Chairman suggested that those present form themselves into a Committee to carry out the object of the meeting. This suggestion was adopted. The following ex-pupils and friends were present. Messrs. E.J.D.Abraham (Chairman); A.W.Sutherland (Hon. Sec.); W. O'Bryan (hon. Treas); J.M.Johnston; F.Rees; J.Cariss; J.McLean; C.Graham; S.Moss; J.O'Gorman; W.Bladier; B.Davies; J.Hunt; A.Stephens; L.Sutton; B.Storie; - Murphy; Mesdames F.Rees; Wright; G.Fawcett; Misses E.Smith; L.Sanders; D.Woods; R. and M.Dow; D.Hickey; E.Leber;S.Branson. Miss Caldwell (Ballarat) Mr. Allen (Tasmania.)
The arrangements were left in the hands of the Chairman and the Hon. Sec.

WORKERS CLUB SOCIAL.

A successful impromptu Social was arranged by the Workers Club and held at Our Centre on the 14th of December, the object being to raise funds for the purpose of giving a Dinner and Social to the Inmates and Deaf Employes of the Blackburn Home and Farm. There was a good attendance, and by one means and another including guessing competitions and the sale of some articles left over from a recent bazaar, a goodly sum was raised, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Gladman being especially active in " getting in the beans ". Mr. F.E.Frewin was his wife's (President) gallant knight for the evening acting as M.C. throughout.

DINNER TO DEAF OF BLACKBURN HOME.

Almost all the Inmates and Deaf Employes of the Blackburn Home and Farm accepted the invitation of the Workers Club to a Dinner and Social held at Our Centre on the 21st of December. Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) presided and amongst those present were Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Spiers Jackson and her daughter Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham and Mr. Ted Abraham. Also the officers of the Workers Club, President (Mrs. Frewin) Vice-Pres (Mrs. Boortz), Hon. Treas. (Mrs. Holmes), Hon. Sec. (Mrs. Pierce). Committee :- Mesdames Gladman and Ashby, Misses Empson, Leber and Hawkins. The Hall was tastefully decorated and the table fairly groaned with the following good things, Stuffed lamb, roast beef, ham, peas, beans and potatoes. Plum pudding and sauce. Jelly and cream, cakes of every description, fresh fruits, almonds and raisins, chocolates, ice cream, soft drinks and tea . All the guests and helpers wore paper caps and the scene was very gay. Mr. J.M.Johnston went specially to Blackburn to escort the guests to our Centre and Mr. McLellan took charge on the Home journey. During the dinner, Our Principal presented gifts to each of the guests from hearing friends. After dinner, there was a large crowd of members of the Congregation present. The programme, a lengthy one, was a Cinema picture show, including " Buster Brown " "California straight ahead" and a Pathe gazette.
Very hearty cheers were given to the ladies of the Workers Club who had worked so hard, willingly and enthusiastically, to make the function a success.

THE " ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM " SHIELD.

By invitation of the Deaf of South Australia, the Interstate Cricket Contests for the " Ernest J.D.Abraham" Shield were held at Adelaide and the " Home " team left nothing undone that could possibly add to the pleasure of the visiting teams.
Our team, with a few deaf friends numbering 24, left Melbourne by train on the 24th of December in high spirits and with big hopes, accompanied by Mr. J.M.Johnston who was acting as Manager of the team. Several of the N.S.W. team who were travelling by the same train, joined the Victorians making up a merry party. The Tasmanian Team arrived in Melbourne during the morning of the 24th and continued the journey the same evening, but in a later train. Six other Victorians went by road in privately owned cars. There was a big crowd of Melbourne deaf at the Railway Station to see our team off. Everything went smoothly from beginning to end.
On the outward journey the Victorian compartments were very popular with the N.S.W. brethren, this was doubtlessly due to the presence of a number of the fair sex. An incident, amusing to the onlookers at least, occured in one of the compartments which was visited by Mr. H.Nathan (N. S.W.) with a large bottle of lemonade for Miss Mabel Dow. Mr. J.Cariss (Vic) with his usual gallantry where ladies are concerned, undertook the opening, and forgetful or ignoring the possibilities of the gassy nature of such drinks, lifted the cap suddenly with the to be expected result, that somebody received the contents in a way undesired, in this case the unfortunate person was Miss Dow herself who was sprayed with the greater part of it upon head, face and dress. Miss Doris Hickey who sat next got a share. Willing hands got down a suit case and within ten minutes Miss Dow had re-appeared in another dress. At Ballarat station, Miss G. Caldwell had a glimpse of and short talk with members of the party. At Murray Bridge, Mr. Gibson of Adelaide joined the party, which arrived at Adelaide on Xmas morning and was met by a large number of the Mission and Cricket officials and local deaf.
In the evening a reception was given the visitors in the Adelaide Adult

Deaf Mission Building, and at the same time a meeting of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association was held in the lower hall, when the programme of matches arranged was approved, and a resolution carried to hold the next Interstate Matches in Hobart, Tasmania, during the 1928 Xmas holidays. On Monday Dec.27th. A Welcome Social was held in the Caledonian Hall when the usual speeches of welcome, and responses, were made. Glenelg was visited the following evening, and on the 29th the S.A. School for the Deaf at Brighton, when Mr. and Mrs. A.W.C.Cox, Headmaster and Matron, bid us welcome. Games and a light supper in the spacious gymnasium brought to a close a pleasant evening. On the 30th, there was a general Social at the Caledonian Hall and at intervals during the evening, Messrs. L/Spencer (Hon. Sec.) A.Rankine (Hon. Treas) and C. Stanbury (Asst.Hon.Sec.) were suitably rewarded with gifts in recognition of their splendid services in connection with the Cricket Carnival.
A Picnic to Long Gully brought the week's programme to a successful close. For the picnic a special train was chartered and " Deaf and Dumb Picnic" tickets printed. Many races were arranged for with quite handsome prizes. Having given a brief outline of the " festivities" which of course added to the pleasure of the visitors, we now come to the real business of the Carnival - the matches between the interstate deaf cricket teams. There were four competing teams. N.S.W., Victoria (twice winners of the Shield) South Australia and Tasmania. The Matches were played on the Norwood Oval and once on the Kensington Oval and continued for five days. The weather was fine throughout.
The 1st. Match was between South Australia and Tasmania. S.A.Batted first and made 251 for six wickets and declared. Tasmania replied with 69 runs, so that South Australia won by 182 runs.
The 2nd Match was between N.S.Wales and Victoria. Victoria:- C. Robertson B.J.Williams 37, A.Collins B. H.Emerson 6, T.Collins C.Brownbill B.J.Williams 34, C.Hennessey B. J.Williams 0, F.Lynas B. J.Williams 6, D.Ashby B. E.Williams 1, W.Ashby B. H.Emerson 9, E.Martin B. H.Emerson 17, J.McLean Lbw. Emerson 0, J.O'Gorman B. J.Williams 9, R.Beattie not out 1, Sundries 18. Total 138 runs. J.Williams 4 for 23. H. Emerson 4 for 39. E. Williams 2 for 19.
N.S.Wales. H.Emerson B. Beattie 122, H. Nathan B. C.Robertson 61, R. Waggett St W.Ashby,B.Lynas 25, J.Williams B. Beattie 5, A.O'Callaghan C. Beattie B T.Collins 40, A.Bridgen B. Robertson 18. E.Williams B. D. Ashby 23, H.Brownbill B.Robertson 18, G.Fairhall B. Robertson 0, N.Mc Nevin N.O.1, J.Ferry N.O.1, Sundries 30 Total 9 for 343. C. Robertson 4 for 45. R.Beattie 2 for 32. D. Ashby 1 for 22. T. Collins 1 for 31, F. Lynas 1 for 60. N. S. Wales won by a wicket and 205 runs.
The 3rd Match, was South Aus and Victoria.
South Aus. J.B.Rankine B.Robertson 27, A.Simons B.Robertson 16, L. Spencer C. Robertson B J.McLean 1, W.Abbott B Robertsoh 26, C.McRae Lbw Robertson 19, H.Langley B.A Collins 4, J.Hartwig B. Robertson 0, A. Rankine B.Robertson 0, R.Crouch not out 6, F.Lehmann C.O'Gorman B.Robertson 4, H.Maggs St W.Ashby B.Robertson 0, Sundries 15. Total 118 runs.
Victoria. C.Robertson St Abbott B McRae 17, A.Collins B.McRae 12, T. Collins C&B Mc Rae 4, C.Hennessey B.McRae 36, F.Lynas B.McRae 1, D. Ashby L.b.w. McRae 5, W.Ashby B.Langley 27, E.Martin run out 4, J.McLean B. Maggs 6, O'Gorman B.McRae 0, R.Beattie N.O. 15, Sundries 10. Total 137 runs, S.A. C. Robertson 8 for 35, A.Collins 1 for 19, J.McLean 1 for 25. Vic. C.McRae 7 for 64. H.Maggs 1 for 9. H. Langley 1 for 14. Victoria won by 19 runs.
The 4th Match was N.S.Wales V. South Aus.
South Aus batted first and made 192 runs. N.S.W. replied with 206 runs and won the Match by 14 runs.
The 5th Match was Victoria V. Tasmania.

Tasmania. C. Webb B. Robertson 0, F.Williams St W.Ashby B Robertson 0, T.McGrath St W.Ashby B. Robertson 8, B.Linnell L.b.w. Robertson 14, K. Best B Beattie 1, H.Webb B Robertson 2, B.Taylor B. A.Collins 20, C. Graham run out 4, J.Allen B A.Collins 0, N.O'Toole not out 14, N.Webb B. T.Collins 28, Sundries 1 Total 92. C. Robertson 5 for 39 A Collins 2 for 24. T.Collins 1 for 4 R.Beattie 1 for 13.
Victoria C. Robertson B.F.Williams 13, A.Collins L.b.w McGrath 7, T. Collins C & B McGrath 2, C.Hennessey run out 1, W.Ashby B McGrath 9, R. Beattie B McGrath 11, D.Ashby run out 11, E.Martin B.Williams 23, F.Lynas L.b.w. Williams 4, W. Donnellan run out 4, J.M.Johnston N.O. 4, Sundries 12 Total 100. T.McGrath 4 for 46 F. Williams 4 for 28.
Victoria won by 8 runs.
The 6th Match was N.S.Wales V. Tasmania.
N.S.Wales batted first and made 288 runs for 2 wickets. Tasmania replied with 31 runs in the 1st, and 61 in the 2nd innings. N.S.Wales won the Match by an innings and 196 runs.
New South Wales therefore won the "Ernest J.D.Abraham " Shield by 3 points The figures being N.S.W. 10 points, Victoria 7. S.A.5 and Tasmania 2.

At the conclusion of the Matches on the 31st of December, the players were entertained to a Banquet at " The Grosvenor". Mr. A.E.Clarkson presided and the Speakers were Messrs. C.H.Martin, F.Martin, W.Abbott of S.A. Lockwood, A.O'Callaghan, H.Emerson of N.S.W. J.M.Johnston of Vic., and H. Searle of Tasmania. Mr. A.W.Cox acted as interpreter. During the evening, Mr. J.M.Johnston, representing the Victorian Team, handed over " The Shield" to the Captain of the N.S.Wales Team (Mr. H. Emerson). The Victorians, with the exception of a few who decided upon a longer stay, returned home on the 2nd of January, well pleased with their visit. The Victorian Deaf heartily congratulate N.S.Wales upon their success in winning the Shield which they will hold for two years at least. It is believed by all that the " change over to new owners" will add to the interest of the next competitions and the matches will be played with still greater enthusiasm.
Before departing the Victorian team showed their appreciation of the services Mr. Redmann, the Adelaide Missioner, by presenting him with a silver plated cigarette case, and the same team gratefully recognised the kindly care and ever willing help of Mr. J.M.Johnston with a memento of the trip in the shape of a barometer. The presentation made at Jolimont Sq. by Miss Mabel Dow on behalf of the givers was presided over by the donor of the Shield, Mr. Abraham.

WEDDING.

On the 18th of December, a very pretty wedding was celebrated at our little Church - Jolimont Square. Miss Alice Culpitt of Melbourne was married to Mr. W. Rees of Wonthaggi. The Rev. Newport White performed the ceremony and Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, interpreted. The bride looked particularly sweet and charming in her dainty bridal robes. She was attended by two bridesmaids and two wee trainbearers took charge of her train. A large number of guests and spectators assembled at the Church. After the ceremony, a photographer was visited, then the wedding breakfast partaken of. Mr. Abraham presided and acted as M.C. throughout. The usual toasts were honoured. Because it was a Saturday, the evening's entertainment was open to all and merry games were played and popular dances danced to the strains of music. Eleven thirty brought the evening to a close and all here join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Rees happiness and prosperity in their lives together They intend to make their home in Wonthaggi.

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The 85th Congregational Christmas Rally was held on the 16th of December at our Centre. Mr. E.J.D.Abraham presided and on behalf of the Congregation welcomed the Members of the Board present, (Messrs. E.R. Peacock,Vice-President; H.Bickford, Chairman; G.Vial and Councillor Morton) and extended to them our seasonable greetings. Messrs. W.A Paterson and J.M.Johnston also spoke. Messrs. Bickford and Vial responded and reciprocated our greetings after which games were the order of the evening and included, the balancing of 2 balls on a disc whilst walking up and down the hall which caused much excitement. Mr. Vial proved to be the steadiest. " Hot Poker", "Spinning the trencher", "Musical Chairs", " Mr. A. has a shaking Hand etc " for all of which prizes were awarded to the winners. There were also guessing competitions and supper as usual at the termination. The Hall was crowded.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. Beauchamp has just returned to Melbourne after a long holiday in Sydney. He spoke highly of the Harbour but reckoned that the houses built right to the water's edge spoilt its natural beauty. He is here for a week or so before leaving for England.

Mr. T. Williamson is still with us. He likes Melbourne and the Deaf so much that,we think, he may stay here for good in the end.

Melbourne has seen many deaf visitors during the holidays chiefly from N.S.Wales, South Australia and Tasmania.

Mr. J. Allen of Tasmania extended his stay in Melbourne for a week or so and visited our Blackburn Farm and Centre, Jolimont Square.

Miss G. Caldwell of Ballarat spent three weeks in Melbourne during the holidays. She is looking forward to another visit during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Melbourne.

Mr. W. Nancarrow finished his harvest work and took a spell in Melbourne for a while.

Mr. B. Miller of Ballarat was also down for the holidays. We saw little of him at the Centre as he was boarding with relations in Albion, the distance prevented his frequent attendance. All who did see him were pleased after so many years absence.

Mrs. Bryan, Headmistress of the Queensland School for the Deaf, with a lady friend (Miss Campbell) visited our Centre and spent the afternoon with our Chief during January. They were charmed with Jolimont Square and our Club buildings.

A week or two before the Xmas holidays, Mr. L.Owen went up to his uncle's farm in the out-back of N.S.Wales and tried his mettle at farm work. He found it rather hard and heavy but managed to keep at it until the finish of the harvesting.

Mr. J.McLaurin is resting on a Gippsland farm for a month or so. He is under Dr's orders for catarrah trouble. We hope he will soon be well enough to come back.

Mr. T. Dan of Sydney had a week's stay in Melbourne.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

A party of Melbourne Deaf, Messrs. J.Hunt, J.Dickenson, H.Puddy. W.Peters and A.Stephens spent a week camping on the shores of Lake Tyres and the Gippsland Lakes and had royal times there.

Mr. Nicholson of Sydney spent a week with some Victorian Deaf friends at Lakes Entrance, Gippsland, and enjoyed himself immensely.

Eleven pupils terminated their school education last Xmas at the School for the Deaf, St.Kilda Road. Seven girls and four boys.

The sudden illness of Mrs. Abraham prevented Our Chief from joining the Victorian Deaf party in Adelaide, as was his intention. All through the holidays Mrs. Abraham was seriously ill with the Doctor in daily attendance. Mrs. Abraham, who is well on her way torecovery, says Our Chief is a good nurse.

Miss A.Foster is spending her holidays with her friends up in Northern Victoria and we believe the spell is doing her good.

Word has come to hand that Mr. and Mrs. F.Johnson have left Tresco and are living in Castelmaine.

We are informed that Mrs. E.Dempsey is in the St Arnaud hospital with nasal, throat and ear trouble. We hope she will have recovered 'ere this par appears.

Mr. Noble of Manchester (England) has secured work at the Glass Works at Macaulay.

Our holiday mail bags contained an unusually large number of " Greeting" cards this year. We thank the State Governor, the Lord Mayor, The Consul for the Republic of Czechoslavakia in Victoria (Mr. E.R.Peacock) the Deaf of N.S.Wales, the Deaf of S.Aus., and the Deaf of Queensland, Mr. and Mrs. R.J.Oehr, Mr. Edgar Peacock (from America) and the very many friends who sent personal greetings.

A GENTILE WITH A JEWISH COGNOMEN".

Twenty five years ago a Gentile with a Jewish cognomen, arrived in Melbourne from England in search of health. Ernest J.D.Abraham found what he wanted; also something still dearer to him - an opportunity to reshape the affairs of the big city's adult deaf and dumb folk.
Twenty years' work among the mutes in England had fitted him for the task. Starting from scratch his wonderful organising abilities were soon recognised, and Ernest J.D.Abraham reigns today as the chief counsellor friend, and pilot of the adult deaf and dumb.
Not the least of his attainments is his ability to " talk" faster than the most voluble mute.- " Stellsby". - in " Smiths Weekly."

MONTHLY LETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Secretary to the Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to " Our Monthly Letter " Fund. Miss Shanks,(Sydney) 4/. Mr. J.Allen,(Tasmania) 3/. Messrs. T.A.Nelson, W.Nancarrow, C. Plunkett (Sydney) H.L.Smith (Sydney) and Mr. and Mrs. F.Martin (Adelaide) 2/6 each. Messrs. D.Ross (Adelaide) F.Williams (Tasmania) and Mrs. Thomas (Tasmania) 2/. each. Mr. H.Emerson (Sydney) 1/6.

January 1924

Sunday	2nd	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	4th	Closed.
Thursday	6th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Sunday	9th	Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Service at 7 P.M.
Tuesday	11th	Mens Guild meeting.
Thursday	13th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Friday	14th	Meeting of Mr Cooks
Sunday	16th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	18th	Deaf Committee meeting
Thursday	20th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	23rd	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	25th	Mr Sutherland's Lecture to Guilds
Thursday	27th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	30th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	31st	Mens Guild Picnic to "Black Rock"

ANNUAL Bay Trip Feb 8th 1927.

February 1927

Tuesday	1st	VACANT.
Thursday	3rd	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
Friday	4th	Lacrosse Committee meeting.
Sunday	6th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Tuesday	8th	Annual Bay Trip.
Tuesday	8th	Mens Guild & Womens Guild Meeting
Thursday	10th	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
Sunday	13th	Services at 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Tuesday	15th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	17th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Saturday	19th	Services at 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Tuesday	22nd	Mens Guild Annual Meeting.
Thursday	24th	Scripture Study & Lecturette.
Saturday	26th	Presentation Social night to Mr Cook
Sunday	27th	Services at 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Monday	28th	Welcome Social to Mr J M Paul

Cricket Social Evening March 8th

"Age"
26th April 1927

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Among the many privileges and duties of men and women to-day is the caring for those who are afflicted. Modern science has helped wonderfully in making life kinder and fuller in every way for those who are handicapped, and we are grateful to think that such is the case.

tional defects. The pathetic figure of the deaf and dumb child who is also mentally defective, of the blind child whose mental faculties are poor, gives rise to the supremest pity, yet we have to do something to help them, if human aid can be of any avail.

While the blind are cut off from the world of color, the deaf and dumb are much more isolated through their inability to communicate their thoughts to the outside world. But the wonderful story of Helen Keller is being repeated in part almost daily, as the deaf and dumb children are taught the use of words, and are being helped to overcome some of their severe handicaps. The use of signs is, of course, the natural way for the deaf to make themselves understood, but school training is helping some of them to speak in such a way that many would not realise that they were the deaf and so-called dumb.

There is a very valued institution in Victoria, known as the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which has its head quarters in Jolimont-square, that was purchased last year at a cost of £25,000. Of this amount, £14,000 has been paid, and special efforts are to be made in the future to pay the rest. The larger of the houses at Jolimont-square is known as Red Court, and it has been altered and such additions made that for the past twelve months the whole of the activities of the society, as originated and carried on at the old centre in Flinders-street, were kept in full swing. This is the administrative centre of the society, where provision is made for divine worship, also for the continuance of the educational, social and benevolent work of the institution. Nothing is being left undone as regards the immediate needs of the deaf and dumb, but the limitations of the building do not permit of the expansion that is regarded as highly desirable.

Among the plans for the future are a church, and hostels for the deaf and dumb women, and also one for the men, and a central building that will make adequate provision for a social hall, for libraries and workshops, and it is anticipated that the whole project, together with the present debt, will amount to £26,000.

To-day fortnight, Lady Irvine will preside at a meeting at the head quarters at which all women interested in the well-being of the deaf and dumb are cordially invited to be present. A band of young deaf mute girls will give a demonstration of the language used by the deaf and dumb, and they will also help with the afternoon tea. Mr. Abraham, the principal, who will tell something of the work being done among the deaf mutes of Victoria, will escort the visitors over the buildings, will point out the alterations and tions to be made in view of the creasing demands made on the limited accommodation existing.

Adult Deaf Mute Centre,

Jolimont Square,

JOLIMONT

Deaf Friend,

Just a line to remind you that on Sunday morning next April 3rd at 11am, we shall (D.V.) meet at Our Little Church, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, to partake of the Lords Supper.

I am expecting you,

Faithfully yours,

Ernest J.Di Abraham

"Sun" Jan 1927

Deaf Mute's Wanderings

William Nancarron, 37, a deaf and dumb man, described as a wood cutter, was charged yesterday at Carlton Court with having been found without lawful excuse in a house of another deaf mute in University-street.

Ernest Abrahams, principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, undertook to look after him, and the charge was withdrawn.

"Argus" March 8th 1927

ADULT DEAF MUTES.

Public Appeal for Funds.

To enlist the co-operation of suburban municipalities in an appeal for financial assistance, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Association for Adults, has made arrangements to address various suburban councils.

Opening the appeal at a meeting of the Hawthorn Council on Wednesday night, Mr. Abraham said that the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society possessed valuable properties in the Jolimont square institution and the flower farm at Blackburn. Jolimont square was bought for £25,000, and £14,000 had been paid off the purchase money, but many improvements were needed. The society's present objective was to build a small church, a hostel for boys and young men, a hostel for girls and young women, and a workshop for vocational training. To pay off the present debt of £11,000 and to add the necessary improvements would require £26,000, which he hoped to raise this year. He had already in hand £2,000, including £500 contributed by the Edward Wilson (of "The Argus") Trust. The Charities Board had agreed to allow him to make a public appeal in September, and he desired to have the help of all the Melbourne municipalities.

The mayor of Hawthorn (Councillor H. A. Wallace) assured Mr. Abraham that the Hawthorn Council would give him every possible assistance in furthering the appeal.

The Sun News Pictorial April 19th 1927

HOSTELS WANTED

To Aid Deaf and Dumb

People who have all their faculties can never realise fully how great is the affliction of absence of hearing and speech. It therefore behoves all who have these great natural gifts to do something to bring as much pleasure as is possible into the lives of those who are both deaf and dumb.

In Melbourne there are a number of adult people who are so afflicted, so, under the auspices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, steps are being taken whereby it is hoped to make their lives happier and brighter. The object is to provide hostels for them, and a vocational institute for the training of the boys and girls.

This, it is hoped, will include a social hall, a clubhouse, and a church.

To discuss plans, a preliminary meeting will be held on May 3 in the Deaf Mutes' Clubhouse, Jolimont-square, Jolimont. Lady Irvine will preside, and the desire is that many Melbourne women will attend with a view to interesting themselves in furthering the aim of the Society.

Of interest to those present will be a demonstration in the language of gesture by deaf and dumb young girls, who also will hand round afternoon tea.

"Herald" April 27th 1927

AFTER-CARE OF DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN

Appeal To Government

Mr E. J. Abrahams, secretary of the Institute for the After School Care of the Deaf and Dumb, addressed Port Melbourne Council last night on the appeal that is being made for funds.

He stated that £11,000 was owing on the present building at Jolimont. The aim of the body herepresented was to look after deaf and dumb children after they passed the school age so that they would be given a trade which would make them self-supporting when they grew up.

At present the tendency was for children to drift into dead-end positions from which they were dismissed when they reached the age at which they had to be paid a basic wage.

It was impossible to approach the Government with a request that it provide vocational training teachers.

The Mayor (Cr. Howe) undertook to arrange for Mr Abrahams to meet the council's ladies' charities committee to discuss the matter.

"Argus" April 27th 1927.

ASSISTANCE FOR DEAF MUTES.

What Victoria Might Do.

By VESTA

On May 3 a meeting is to be held at the Adult Deaf-Mute Centre in Jolimont Square with the object of awakening interest in the work done for the benefit of deaf-mutes in Victoria, and of directing attention to certain proposed extensions of the work, for which an appeal has been authorised by the Charities Board, to be made in September next. The meeting on May 3 will be held at 3 o'clock, and will be open to all those who are interested in helping their fellow citizens who are so afflicted with deafness that they are unable to participate in the training and opportunities for work and pleasure that are provided so abundantly for human beings who enjoy full use of all their senses. What the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society hopes to be able to do is to build a hostel for boys and young men, and another for girls and young women, a small church and a central building for administrative offices with a club, including a social hall, library, and reading rooms, workshop, gymnasium, and billiard-room. Those who attend the meeting will have the whole position explained to them, and I do not propose now to urge the claims of the society. It must be obvious to any whole and healthy human being that it is an absolute duty to give whatever assistance is possible to these people who are so sorely handicapped, and who are making so brave an effort themselves to lessen their handicap.

What I wish to do is to direct attention to another phase of this problem of helping the deaf-mute to lessen his handicap. In a little booklet issued by the society I find this sentence:—"The loss of hearing isolates the deaf and dumb into a little community of their own, necessitating a substitute for speech, which had to be found; and it was found in the language of gesture in conjunction with the manual alphabet." At the proposed meeting the guests will have an opportunity of seeing a demonstration of this gesture language by young girls, who are deaf and dumb, and they will, I have no doubt, be deeply impressed by the remarkable use that the deaf and dumb community are able to make of it. But however facile they may become, we shall still be forced to recognise that it is a language which can be current only within that little community of their own. And what I should like to see is training of a kind that will enable all the younger deaf-mutes at all events, to become part of the general community, and to enjoy a large share of the advantages of all kinds now available for the general community, but denied to those who cannot hear. There are still many people who do not realise that very many of those who are usually described as "deaf and dumb" are not necessarily "dumb" in the proper sense of the word. There is nothing to prevent them from speaking; but they do not speak because they have never heard anyone speaking, and have, therefore, not been able to learn, as the rest of us learn by imitation. If a way could be found to make them imitate the processes by which we speak, they, too, could speak, and make their thoughts and feelings, their ideas and opinions, their hopes and aspirations known to us all. And that way was found many years ago, and has been used in different parts of the world, with conspicuous success. It has been in practice, in a small way, in Victoria; but what I should like to see is the provision for every deaf-mute child in this State, for every deaf-mute child in the whole of Australia, of the training which will enable him to talk with his fellows, and share their work and their pleasures.

Over 40 years ago there was in the little seaside town of Sumner, close to Christchurch, in New Zealand, a residential school in which deaf-mute children were taught lip-reading with such success that the handicap of deafness became almost negligible. The work was carried on steadily, as a private school, for many years. Then the Government, realising the value of the results achieved, assumed responsibility for it, and decreed also that all children in the Dominion who were dumb only because they were deaf should have the advantage of the training. Two or three years ago my sister, who was a teacher of much experience in New Zealand, described to me a day spent in this remarkable school. The children, she said, spoke as readily and intelligibly as other children after a comparatively short period of training. It was necessary to face them when she spoke to them; but that was the only difference to be observed. The standard of their school work was as high as that of other children. They were as bright and happy and intelligent. By the courtesy of a friend there has just come into my [illegible] an articl which appeared

"Herald" May 3rd 1927

DEAF AND DUMB FIND FRIENDS

Women Will Support Appeal

Four hundred invitations were issued for a meeting held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, Jolimont Square, with the object of awakening public interest in the needs of the movement and preparing for a big campaign in September. The Charities Board has granted permission for a public appeal to be made in September for the purpose of trying to raise £26,000 for this cause.

Part of this sum will be spent on wiping off the debt on the present building and part of it on extending accommodation to include hostels, a social hall, a club house, and a little church.

Today Mr Ernest Abraham, the principal of the centre, told visitors about the class of work undertaken, and captured sympathetic interest by many little human touches and pathetic sidelights. The human side was emphasised again in a demonstration of the language of gesture given by a group of girls. Their programme, which was interpreted by Mr Abraham, included a hymn, poems and literary interpretations. Before the meeting closed a committee, under the leadership of Lady Irvine, was formed to support the cause.

Among those invited to today's meeting were—

Lady Miller, Lady Tullis, Lady Mason, Lady Cuscaden, Lady Robinson, Lady Best, Lady Hennessy, Lady Maudsley, Lady Elder, Lady Fraser.

Mesdames Thomas Baker, Harry Emmerton, Julian Smith, Norman Brookes, Benjamin Hoare, Andrew Glencross, Leonard Lansell, T. M. Burke, Watson Robertson, Arthur Payne, G. M. Weldon, Claude Couchman, H. S. Crocker, W. H. Baillieu, Arthur Oldham, Alec McCracken, W. G. L. Spowers, Harold Grimwade, Fred Knight, Percy Russell, G. Boucher, Barry Thomson, Edgar Dye, H. J. Robertson, J. Stephen Hart, H. Rock, Burnett Gray, J. C. McMillan, Lee Neil, Poolman, Maurice MacGillicuddy, T. H. Boyd, Duigan, V. Y. Kimpton, E. F. Hughes, Newport, White, Stuart Murray, R. R. Stawell, Howard Smith, Merson Cooper, J. Dudley, wife of the honorary treasurer of the Society.

"Morning Post" May 3rd 1927

MEETING TO-DAY AT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

Lady Irvine will preside at a meeting of ladies to be held at the Adult Deaf-Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Wellington Par. S., East Melbourne, at 3 p.m. to-day.

The meeting is for the purpose of considering ways and means of providing the Adult Deaf and Dumb with advantages that will, so far as is humanely possible, bring them into line with their fellow citizens who are not handicapped by the loss of the sense of hearing.

"Age" May 3rd 1927

Deaf and Dumb.

Lady Irvine will preside at a meeting to be held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, Jolimont-square, East Melbourne, this afternoon, to consider ways and means to provide the adult deaf and dumb with advantages that will as far as possible place them on an equal footing with their fellow citizens who are not handicapped by the loss of speech or hearing.

Our Deaf and Dumb Citizens

Your presence and that of your friends is invited at a meeting to be held at the

Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade S., Melbourne East, on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Lady Irvine
will preside

AN ADDRESS ON THE CONDITIONS AND NEEDS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB WILL BE GIVEN BY PRINCIPAL ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, AND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE BY A COMPANY OF DEAF AND DUMB YOUNG GIRLS.

AFTERNOON TEA

TAKE FLINDERS ST. TRAM TO CLIVEDEN MANSIONS

"Age"
May 4th 1927.

WORK FOR DEAF MUTES

Appeal for £26,000 to Be Launched.

It was asserted by Helen Keller that deafness was a more grievous affliction than blindness, and those who work among the deaf mutes become painfully aware of their isolation from the rest of the world. The normal child who goes to school for the first time has a veritable storehouse of information, and asks questions at such a rate that it is almost impossible to keep pace when answering them. But the deaf child has a blank mind. Those associated with the afflicted child do not know how to provide a link of communication, and so the deaf mute's brain lies dormant until school days are reached. Then it is compulsory to send the child to the Government's school on St. Kilda-road, where training is given until the age of sixteen.

This story of the deaf mute's childhood leads to the interesting information given yesterday afternoon by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham regarding the work done for the adult deaf and dumb in our community. The meeting was called with a view to enlisting sympathy and co-operation in the efforts of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which are directed towards paying off the debt on the present premises, and towards extending and enlarging buildings, and hence the sphere of usefulness. Lady Irvine presided, and she agreed to act as chairwoman of the ladies' advisory board, which was appointed to work for the public appeal that the Charities Board has allowed to be made during September. The appeal is for £26,000, of which £11,000 is required to wipe off the existing debt on the buildings, and the rest is to provide a chapel, hostels for young men and young women who can be trained in suitable vocations. It is further hoped to build a workshop where these can be trained, and where those who are too slow to compete in the outside world can be continually occupied.

Mr. Abraham said the society was proud of the new property, and was anxious to make it the home of the adult deaf and dumb. Twenty-three years ago Sir William Irvine had presided at the first congress for the deaf and dumb held in Australia, and they set out to obtain free and compulsory education for the deaf mutes; to have certain objectionable clauses removed from the Marine Act; to secure a pension for the founder of the first school for deaf and dumb in Australia, who was himself deaf and dumb, and also to get a home for the deaf and dumb aged, infirm, mentally deficient and blind. All these objectives were gained within six years. The work among the deaf mute adults was begun over 40 years ago among themselves. They felt out in the cold, and especially on Sundays, so they formed a habit of meeting together wherever they could and wherever there was sufficient light. They approached the head master of the deaf and dumb school to be permitted to hold services at the school, and these services were continued for twenty years. They collected money in the hope of building a church of their own, and in 1904 acquired a centre in Flinders-street, which became their head quarters. It soon became inadequate for all the demands that were put on it. Visits to the homes of the deaf mutes quickly revealed the fact that there were many of these who also suffered from other afflictions, and in 1909 a home was opened in Blackburn, where the sufferers could be kept and cared for. Three years ago the society moved to Jolimont, where they are admirably situated. The premises were bought for £25,000, of which £11,000 has yet to be paid, and it was hoped to provide in them as many advantages as possible for the deaf mutes. There are 450 connected with the society, and of these only two were unemployed.

Mr. Abraham gave an interesting account of the language of gesture that was used by the deaf mutes. They had been taught to speak, and they could read lips, but neither of these accomplishments were adequate. The language of gesture was poetic; it possessed a soul, and was expressive, whereas lip reading was but a miniature sign. This was soon demonstrated by a number of young deaf mute girls, who gave verses from hymns and anthems. Later they served afternoon tea to those present at the meeting.

Sun News Pictorial
May 4th 1927

Appeal for Deaf Mutes

Something of the isolated life led by deaf mutes was brought home to many women yesterday afternoon by an address given by the principal of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre at Jolimont Square (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham).

This was at the meeting, presided over by Lady Irvine, which was called to arrange details for the appeal for the centre, which has been authorised by the Charities Board for September. Already there is £2000 in hand, which makes an encouraging start for the £26,000 needed to pay off the debt of £11,000 on the centre and for the greatly needed improvements and additions, which it is hoped to make.

These include hostels for deaf girls and young women, and deaf youths and young men, also a vocational institute for the training of the youth of both sexes, and a social hall, club house, and church.

Many of those present agreed to form themselves into an advisory board to help the appeal, with Lady Irvine as president. They were Mesdames Tasman, M. Garlick, Burnett Brown, Altria, R. J. Oehr, Sairhall, Eliason, Kennedy, T. P. Mangan, Haunstrup, Morgan, and L. Nelkin; Miss E. E. Thomas, and Miss Adeline Solomon.

At the conclusion of the meeting afternoon tea was served and a demonstration given by deaf mute girls in gesture language.

"Argus"
May 24th 1927.

DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

Advisory Board Meets.

The first meeting of the Women's Advisory Board, formed to assist in the appeal for £25,000 for work among the deaf and dumb of Victoria, took place yesterday afternoon at the institute, in Jolimont-square. The president (Lady Irvine) presided. Owing to the wet weather the attendance of members was not large, and it was decided to postpone the formation of an executive committee until the next meeting of the board.

The secretary of the advisory board (Miss A. Solomon) read the progress report, in which it was stated that in response to letters £1406 had been received, with the other sums in hand the total was at present £3000. In regard to the chapel for conducting services which could be understod by all the members of the institute, and which it was proposed to erect in the centre of Jolimont-square, letters covering those sent by the appeal committees had been written by the heads of the Church of England, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist churches and the Churches of Christ, and had been forwarded to the clergy throughout Victoria. So far £155 had been received in response to this appeal.

In reply to a question asked by Lady Irvine and referring to the teaching of deaf mutes to speak and to lip read, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, said that for ordinary purposes lip reading was of no use to deaf mutes; he was not speaking of those who had lost their hearing in later years. One could not talk astronomy or botany to a deaf mute with lip reading. A deaf mute would be so much out of things at home that he would be bound to congregate with other deaf mutes, and when together they would be certain to use the language of gesture.

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May 4th 1927

DEAF AND DUMB MAN ROBBED

Two Men Asked for Match

A deaf and dumb man reported to the police last night that two men assaulted him and robbed him of his money and his watch.

The man, an orchardist, of Doncaster East, was walking along Cardigan street, Carlton. The men stopped him and asked for a match. When he did not reply one seized him by the throat while the other ripped open his trousers pocket and took the watch and money. Then they disappeared in the gloom.

The deaf and dumb man did not indicate in his statement how he knew that they wanted a match.

"Age"
May 3rd 1924

STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR

Man's Skull Fractured.

Riding a bicycle along Sydney-road, Brunswick, on Tuesday afternoon, a middle-aged man, whose name is believed to be N. Amos, of 24 Ford-street, West Brunswick, was knocked down by a motor car at the intersection of Sydney-road and Union-street.

Amos was rendered unconscious, and was taken to the Melbourne Hospital, where he was found to have sustained a depressed fracture of the skull. His condition is critical.

"Herald"
May 19th 1927

DEAF MUTE KILLED BY MOTOR VAN

Hit While Cycling In Rain

A finding of accidental death was recorded by the Coroner (Mr Berriman) at the inquest today on Norman Amos, 31, deaf and dumb, who died in the Melbourne Hospital on May 8 from injuries received in a collision with a motor van on May 3.

Amos had been riding a bicycle for 15 years.

Joseph Oscar Swift, residing at 32 Mark street, Coburg, said that he saw the van turn into Union street from Sydney road, Brunswick. The van cut the imaginary centre point of the two roads by about eight yards on the wrong driving side.

A man on a bicycle was coming along Union street. He was travelling at a fast speed, and had his head down. The cyclist collided head on with the van and fell on his back in the roadway. The van then turned on to its right driving side, and pulled up. The van was not travelling fast.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said there was nothing to obscure the driver's view of the approaching cyclist.

"Herald"
May 26th 1927

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Members of the Ladies' Advisory Board formed recently in connection with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, Jolimont, met this afternoon to discuss ways and means of stimulating interest in the forthcoming appeal. Lady Irvine, who has always been in sympathy with the fine work being done by Mr. Ernest Abraham, principal of the Centre, and his staff, took the chair. To facilitate the work of organisation, an executive was formed. Members of the board include Miss Adeline Solomon, secretary; Mesdames R. M. Weldon, C. H. Edmondson, Julian Smith, W. M. Buntine, George Bowcher, Louis Nelkin, Seekamp, A. R. Holbrook, T. C. Lothian, H. McL. Duigan, E. H. Pilley, Miss Gilman Jones, Miss Beatrice Ternan, Miss A. A. Thomas, Mesdames Ellason, E. H. Peacock, Garlick, Barnett, Jessom, Fairhall, Robert Kennedy, Altira, Tasman, Clapson, Haunstrup, Mangan, Morgan.

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May 21st 1924

DEAF GIRL HEARS WIRELESS

Strange Hospital Case

WORDS WHICH HAD NO MEANING

An extraordinary incident that is puzzling and interesting medical men marked the installation in the Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital of Wireless phones provided by The Herald Wireless Fund.

Patients eagerly awaited the completion of the work, and nurses sympathetically assisted them to don the earphones and listen to a 3LO programme.

Frances Owens, of Wangaratta, a 13-years-old girl who was made partially deaf by an ear abscess in early childhood, and has since been too deaf to be taught by oral methods, immediately distinguished sounds of music, singing and talking in the wireless headphones. She takes little or no notice of similar sounds going on in the room around her.

The girl's means of communication with people who do not know the manual sign language is by reading and writing. She knows a little lip-reading, and when in the company of other deaf mutes converses with her hands.

Doctors consider that the sounds of everyday surroundings come to her consciousness merely as a faint, blurred monotone. If anyone attempts to talk to her, she looks blankly at the speaker, or produces paper and pencil for the words to be written for her to read.

SIGNS OF PLEASURE

As soon as the headphones were placed on her ears, however, she showed signs of excitement and pleasure, and when asked why, she wrote that she could hear music and people talking; but she could not understand what they were saying.

Doctors are inclined to think that what happened was that she was pleased by the rhythm of the sounds, which would be simplified by the cutting-out of all under or overlying sounds, leaving only the sounds of voices or instruments, freed from interference by sounds of other people moving about, of traffic outside, *of the myriad sounds that go to make* up the auditory sensations among which we live. The partially deaf are unable to pick out any one sound clearly from the general hum of sounds, but when the sound of a voice or orchestra is isolated, as in the wireless receiver, its rhythm becomes distinguishable, even if its character is unfamiliar.

Some old dim memory enabled the child to distinguish "music" from "talking," although, as she had never learned to talk or understand talking, the words spoken were unintelligible to her.

(Picture in Back Page)

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RADIO MAGIC: Although deaf and dumb since birth, Frances Owen, a girl patient at the Eye and Ear Hospital, has amazed hospital officials by her ability to listen-in to the wireless.

"Age"
May 22nd 1927

AF GIRL "LISTENS-IN."

Strange Case at Eye and Ear Hospital.

A remarkable story of a girl of 13 years who had been deaf since infancy, caused through an illness, being able to hear sounds of music and speeches through wireless headphones has been reported from the Eye and Ear Hospital.

The girl, Frances Owens, of Wangaratta, was a patient at the institution at the time the wireless phones were installed. When the girl placed the headphones over her ears she became excited, and she wrote that she could hear music and the sound of people talking. She could not understand, however, what they were talking about.

The case is interesting the medical profession, and it is understood that a further inquiry will be made into the circumstances.

Officials at the institution stated yesterday that owing to the child having left the hospital they had not as yet been able to hold a full scientific investigation into the case.

"Herald"
May 23rd 1927

TEACHING DEAF TO SPEAK

Headmaster on Wireless Expexience

According to the headmaster of the Victorian School for the Deaf in St. Kilda road (Mr J. H. Burchett), Miss Francis Owens, the 13-year-old deaf girl is unable to grasp the meaning of the wireless sounds which she has experienced, not because she cannot hear them, but because she cannot grasp the language.

As was reported in The Herald on Saturday, the girl has distinguished sounds of music, singing and talking from 3LO with headphones provided in the Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital from The Herald Wireless Fund.

"It is the lack of language in which to express themselves that baffles the deaf more than their inability to speak," said Mr Burchett today. "Deafness has not only meant no acquisition of speech, but no acquisition of language.

WHEN DEAFNESS IS ABSOLUTE

"Frances is possessed of vowel hearing," he continued. "That means that she can distinguish vowels but not consonants, and consequently not words. Deafness is only absolute when the inner ear is irreparably affected.

"When the deaf say they can hear, it usually means that auditory sensations have been conveyed to the brain by means of vibration on the bony portion of the body. This is what happens when deaf persons 'hear' a piano by placing their hands on it. These 'sounds,' however, have little value beyond pleasing the patient, because they cannot be made intelligible."

"Herald"

May 21st 1927

MAKING THE DUMB SPEAK

Melbourne's Miracle Workers

BRIGHT-EYED PUPILS AT ST. KILDA ROAD

(By Our Own Special Representative)

In a building that fronts St. Kilda road, miracles are being accomplished. The marvels that science is revealing to us in the form of wireless and aeroplanes are more spectacular, but not more epoch-making than is the wonderful work achieved there.

The deaf are made to hear and the dumb to speak.

Familiar to travellers along St. Kilda road, the Deaf and Dumb Institute is the building in which the miracle workers go about their work with a zeal none the less enthusiastic because of its lack of ostentation. Few of the passers-by realise the tremendous importance of the labor of love which is carried on daily as a matter of course.

Over-crowded class-rooms hamper the work, but an up-to-date school which is being built within the grounds will make good the present deficiencies.

There are about 180 boys and girls living as boarders in the institute, ranging in ages from 5 to 16 years. They come from all over Victoria. For their maintenance they are charged according to the means of their parents or guardians. Their education is provided free by the Education Department.

Mr J. Adcock, who has acted as secretary and superintendent for many years, explained how the boys and girls were boarded and taught suitable trades. Afterwards the committee keeps a parental eye on their charges when they go outside to start the battle of commercial life.

LIP-READING MARVELS

It is in the schoolroom that the marvels of lip reading and sound production are seen. Mr J. H. Burchett, the headmaster, explained yesterday how he and his staff taught their young pupils how to speak and how to make their eyes perform the dual function of seeing and hearing.

A halt was made at the beginners' class. Little mites were there between five and seven years of age. There was none of the sullen outlook that is said to distinguish those handicapped as these were. Instead, there was gathered round the blackboard a laughing, bright-eyed group of youngsters.

By writing on the board and by means of simple lip-reading methods the teacher was instilling in them an appreciation of sounds and the correct way to produce them. Thus they learn the alphabet, the spelling of simple words and what they mean.

"This little *chap*," explained the lady teacher in charge, "was unable to make a single disciplined sound when he came here about three weeks or so ago. Already he can sound the vowels, but he is shy. He is learning to use the muscles of his throat and will soon be as good as any of the others."

Eager faces, shining eyes and rapid, intelligent answers to the teacher's questions on matters of general knowledge were features that added to the pleasure of a visit to another class. The average here would be about nine years.

SAW DUKE AND DUCHESS

"What distinguished visitors did you see in Melbourne recently?" asked the teacher, pronouncing each word distinctly, as she stood facing the class.

Hands raised eagerly showed how quickly the boys and girls had read the lip language.

"You tell us, dear," said the teacher to a laughing-faced, golden-haired girl of about 10.

Skipping forward, she stood before the others and chanted in a pleasantly modulated voice, with a peculiar staccatto utterance: "The Du—ke and Du—chess of Yo—rk."

Other questions were asked and answered rapidly. Some of the answers were spoken and some written on the blackboard, the latter with a [illegible] which could not be excelled in a State school class of the same grade.

So on up to the seniors, taught by Mr. Burchett himself. There the age-range is from 13 to 15 years.

"My dux boy," the headmaster explained, "is so far advanced that we were seriously thinking of sending him to Wesley College this year to take his place on equal terms in class with the ordinary pupils. Fear that the teachers there would probably be unable to spare the little bit of extra time and trouble necessary for a pupil so handicapped prevented us from doing so. I am sure he would have held his own with the other boys."

There was something almost uncanny in the facility with which these senior boys and girls were able to lip-read.

ORAL ANSWERS

They answered orally many questions so asked. Their pronunciation was not perfect, but it could be understood with ease. Queries in history and geography were met with prompt response and arithmetical problems were worked out confidently on the blackboard.

It seemed incredible that these pupils could make so little of what to an outsider might be considered a formidable task to study.

The teaching staff, supplied in the ordinary way by the Education Department, surrounds only by one raising infinite tact and patience in unlimited supply.

There is a suggestion that the headmaster should be afforded the benefit of seeing how similar work is conducted in the old world and America. Such a visit, could it be arranged, would prove of tremendous educative value, in keeping Melbourne abreast of the times.

Meantime the St. Kilda road institute is doing its marvellous work without any suggestion of "boosting" —a miracle-working operation of which Victoria should know more because it is of national importance.

"Sun News Pictorial"

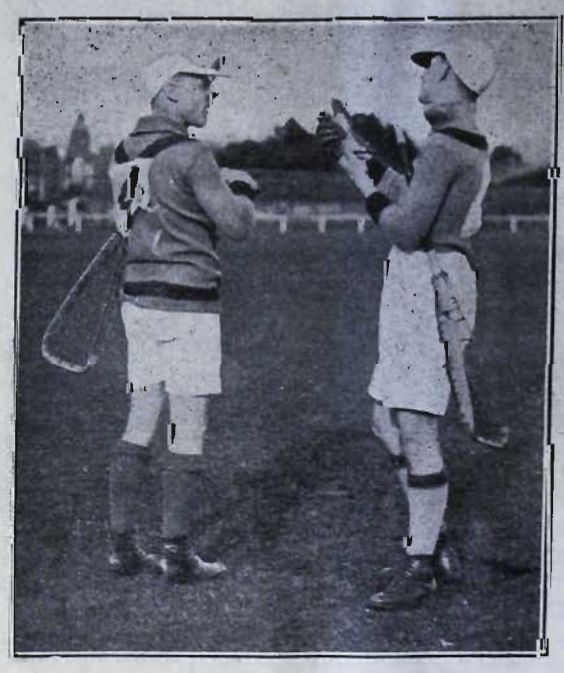
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CROSSING STICKS.—The start of the lacrosse match on the Albert Ground on Saturday between the Adult Deaf and Dumb team and the M.C.C.

"Table Talk"

June 2nd 1927



G. D. Edwards, captain of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Lacrosse team, instructing a club mate.

"Age"
May 4th 1924

WORK FOR DEAF MUTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—To dozens of unskilled deaf men, like myself, scattered up and down the State, with nothing better to hope for in life than handyman jobs at £1 per week, it will be good news that the Adult Deaf Society is to establish workshops and introduce vocational training. It will give us the chance to become useful and happy men. In one of the American States the Legislature brought in a bill to exempt the deaf from taxation. The deaf rose up in arms against the bill and had it withdrawn. "All they asked of the country," the deaf said, "was an education and a trade." That is what we Australian deaf plead for, too.

A deaf man without a trade is lost, as many of us have learnt by bitter experience. He is not able to compete against his hearing brother, and he soon finds that his affliction is against him and that he is not wanted. He is glad to accept any kind of work at whatever people care to give him, and lives a hopeless and useless existence, and is of no use to his country.

I am sure, Sir, the generous-hearted public of Victoria will help us, when our appeal opens, to realise our ambition to establish a workshop, for in skilled trades, and in skilled trades only, lies the deaf man's salvation. All we ask of the public is to help us to help ourselves. On behalf of the unskilled deaf I thank "The Age" for the publicity you are giving to the aims of the Adult Deaf Society, also to those who have come forward to help to make our appeal a success.—Yours, &c.,

J. P. BOURKE.

Malvern, 6th May.

"Age"
May 11th 1927

THE LOT OF THE STONE DEAF.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—It is indeed good news that the Adult Deaf Society is to establish workshops and introduce vocational training for the deaf. Few realise what it means to be "in the bonds of silence." At 29 years of age I was a teacher with ten years' experience, and hopes of a London B.Sc. A doctor's medical certificate stating that I could not teach owing to deafness put me out of my profession.

I came to Australia, worked on a wheat farm for two years and a half. Then I managed a farm of 4500 acres for five years. It was sold, but by this time I was nearly stone deaf. Although my references were of the highest in every way, my deafness made it impossible to get "fixed up" again. No one would listen to me for a moment. As a last resort I had to join the casual unskilled class. A bitter draught for a man with a roll of certificates and an undergraduate of London—but deaf.—Yours, &c.,

7th May. STONE DEAF.

Age
May 12th 1927

THE STONE DEAF.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—Re letter signed "Stone Deaf" in to-day issue of "The Age." If he will communicate with me, it is possible I may be of service to him.—Yours, &c.,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.
11th May.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—I had a similar experience to your correspondent, "Stone Deaf." I, too, lost my hearing on the threshold of life, and whilst I was a school teacher. Having no home and no friends, I started out as a farm laborer at 8/ per week. For 22 years I have been drifting from one dead-end job to the other. I have thrown up billet after billet to try and better myself, and to get away from "dumb drudgery," but I only lost my small savings in the endeavor. I have tramped the streets, helpless and desperate, in search of uncertain work, but was refused employment because of my deafness. In the end I was glad to accept the most menial positions. I tried to be a useful citizen and a productive unit in the community, but I was not wanted. The struggle has left me hopeless and broken spirited.

There are dozens of unskilled deaf men in a similar position, with the fruitless years behind us and the hopeless years before us. I worked side by side with them at the Deaf Mutes' Farm, and shared their joys and their sorrows, their humiliations and their poverty. I am trying to voice their aspirations and their hopes.

Societies for the advancement of the blind, and deaf and dumb associations, are national affairs. We deaf are not going to ask for any privileges. We only ask to be given a chance to establish the Australian ideal, humanitarianism and the industrial system, as has been done by the Society for the Advancement of the Blind. Our need is a society for the advancement of the deaf and dumb. The future usefulness of the unskilled deaf lies with the Victorian public and the deaf themselves. So I hope "Stone Deaf" will come and help us to make our appeal a success. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their countrymen.

Again I thank "The Age" for focusing public attention on the aspirations of the above.—Yours, &c.,

J. P. BOURKE.

Malvern, 12th May.

"Age"
May 31st 1924

DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—Re the above, a paragraph appeared in your Friday's issue in which you speak of Mr. E. J. Abraham as principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Would you kindly allow me to explain?

The appeal by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in September begins a new decade in the history of the deaf and dumb in Victoria. We deaf are hoping that it is to be the dawn of a happier and more useful destiny for us all. We therefore want the public to know all about us.

The public and the press seem to think the deaf, like the blind, work under one head. Alas, it is not so. There are two associations for the deaf and dumb in Victoria; that connected with the deaf school and one connected with the adult deaf and dumb. The deaf school alone is known as the deaf and dumb institute, Mr. John Adcock is principal and superintendent. The adult deaf and dumb have their head quarters at Jolimont-square. It is called the adult deaf and dumb centre. Mr. Abraham is superintendent of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Both associations are separate and distinct, and will have nothing whatever to do with each other. They separated 25 years ago.

We deaf, ourselves, have no voice whatever in the policy of either society. The policy of both societies is decided by a committee of hearing men. It is acknowledged in every other country that the deaf have a right to an opinion upon what is best for their own interests. Mr. Smith, president of the world's congress of the deaf and dumb, held in Missouri, U.S.A., in 1904, speaking for the deaf re their rights, said "The educated deaf have a right to be heard on these matters, and they must and shall be heard." We deaf can only guess at the reason of the separation between the two deaf and dumb associations. We know our limitations, and are just as grateful for kindness and help as the next man. We have been made to pay a heavy price for the disagreement of others.

The deaf and dumb have come to the parting of the ways. There is need of new spirit and a new policy in the administration of our affairs. We are seeking a policy of uplift and usefulness. As both the deaf and dumb societies are supported by public subscription it is only right they should take the public into their confidence and explain the reason for their attitude in the past. If we deaf can secure a policy of utility, usefulness and uplift we shall owe "The Age" a debt of gratitude for allowing us to reach the "great heart of humanity," for there alone lies our salvation.—Yours, &c.,

J. P. BOURKE.

Malvern, 30th May.

"Age"
June 1st 1927

DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—We deaf are certainly hoping that the result of the present objective of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria will be the dawn of a happier and more useful destiny for all of us, as expressed by Mr. J. P. Bourke. But the only way to bring that about will be by united action on the part of the deaf and co-operation with the only organisation in a position to accomplish the ideal of the deaf.

Mr. Bourke's information in re the two organisations for the deaf and dumb in this State is not quite accurate. The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution is a residential school for deaf and dumb children; the scholastic section is under the control of and maintained by the State. The domestic department is maintained by public subscription and the fees from parents. The children are admitted to this school from the age of six and leave at about 16. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society is an organisation for the after-school care of the deaf and dumb. It was founded by the deaf and dumb themselves, assisted by the then head master of the school (himself a deaf mute) about 40 years ago. It began as a simple gospel mission providing religious services for the deaf and dumb in the sign language. This continued until the advent of the present principal (Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham) some 25 years ago, when a movement was set on foot to make the "mission" "everything" to the adult deaf and dumb and the name changed to "society." An Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute was erected in Flinders-street in 1904. It became too small for the increasing demands, and the Jolimont-square institution was recently purchased. Some 18 years ago a home for aged, infirm, mentally defective and blind deaf mutes was also opened in connection with the adults society.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the Victorian Deaf and Dumb School never were in any way connected, nor should they be any more than a State school for normal children should be connected with the churches, Y.M.C.A., working men's college or club house, for that is what the adult society really means to the deaf and dumb. The deaf have a powerful voice in the management of all deaf mute affairs connected with the society; indeed, the whole of the actual work amongst the deaf is under the control of a committee consisting of eleven deaf mutes and one hearing man (the principal) elected by the deaf and dumb members annually. Also, there are five deaf representatives on the general board of management. The feeling of the deaf themselves towards the "management" is best expressed in the opening words of their annual report:—"The members desire to acknowledge with gratitude the consistent efforts of the general board to promote the best interests of the society. In every way the members of the board have displayed keen interest in the welfare of the deaf."

A vocational training workshop, hostels for deaf boys and young men and girls and young women and a social hall and club house are part of the aim of the society's present activities and appeal.—Yours, &c.,

J. M. JOHNSTON, Deaf Vice-Chairman of the Deaf Committee of Management.
Auburn, 31st May.

"Age"
June 2nd 1927

DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

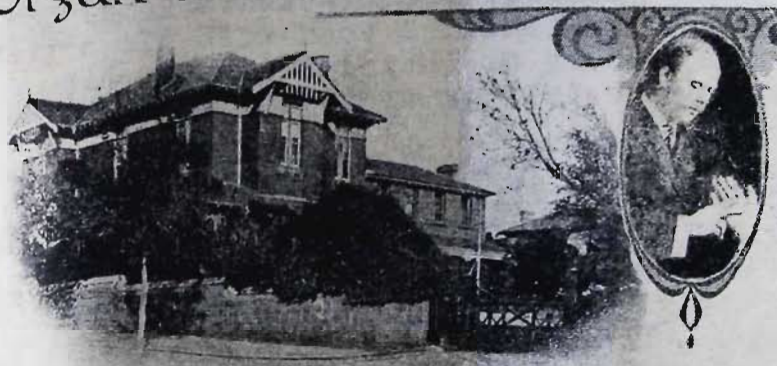
TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—Opportunity to get as near the average standard of our normal fellow citizens as the lost sense of hearing will allow is all the deaf ask for. If we are to enjoy something near the opportunity of the normal, then special facilities are necessary. Our only hope is the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Its hearing board of management and its deaf advisory committee know our needs, are working to fulfil them. It is a matter of money. Twenty-six thousand is needed. Of this sum, £11,000 is wanted to pay off the debt on Jolimont-square, the remainder to build vocational training workshops, hostels, secondary educational institute, social and club house.—Yours, &c.,

JAMES F. HUNT.
Deepdene, 1st June.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.



THE HOME FOR AGED INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN

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"My Faith is sufficient. I shall prevail."

Granted; The odds are against us. Granted: We enter the field when Fate has fought and conquered. Broken our Sword & Shield. What then? Shall we cry for quarter and say that the day is done? Nay! Rather, "The Greater the Glory" if the Field be won.

TO THE DEAF OF VICTORIA.

MY DEAR PEOPLE.

In my last letter to you I said "With your loyalty and help anything is possible". This month I repeat those words with a purpose. The Charities Board have granted us the month of September to go to the public for the £26,000 that we need to pay off the £11,000 debt on Jolimont square, and erect Church, Vocational Workshop, Hostels, Club House and Central Institute. We have, therefore, only three months to get ready for a greateffort. I want you to rally round me and help. Loyalty and Unity and hard work are essential. I am willing to work and work hard and I want you to work and work hard. You cannot put too much enthusiasm into this big drive. We want £26,000 now and if we do not get it now it may be many a year before we are favoured with a like opportunity. I am looking to the Country deaf as well as the City deaf to rally to our Cause. Next month I propose to give full particulars and show you how to help.

affectionately yours,

Ernest J.D.Abraham.

PEOPLE WE LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT.

Mr.Geo.Vial, member of our Board of Management and donor of our only Billiard Table, with Mrs.Vial has been on a visit to N.S.W.

Mr.R.J.Oehr (our Hon.Sec.) leaves for West Australia on May 20th.

Mr.G.G.Mercy J.P.(for many years Chairman of Our Society and Co-worker with our Principal in raising the funds to erect the Blackburn Home) together with Mrs.Mercy is on a visit to England. He took with him a list of "Home" Missioners to the Deaf with letters of introduction. On his return (Nov.next) he may have something to tell us about the British Societies for the Deaf.

Mr.E.R.Peacock J.P. our Vice-President and one of our oldest and most consistent friends is once more on his way to Europe. Before leaving, he left a donation of £100 toward the Building Fund.

We wish them all everything that goes to the making of a happy trip and a safe return.

Mr.Anderson, Architect of the N.S.W.Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, recently paid our Principal a visit. The conversation was of course "shop", but this time plans for Institutes for the Adult Deaf. They talked so much and so long that Mr.Anderson was in danger of collapsing till Miss Empson appeared on the scene with a "reviver" in the form of afternoon tea. Of course Our Chief would never notice while he was on the subject nearest his heart. "Deaf and Dumb".

The Hon.Wm.Brooks, President of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society has likewise paid a flying visit to Our Chief. They began their conversation at Menzies and ended it at Jolimont Square. The subject was Organisers, organising and other Deaf matters. Mr.Brooks was charmed with Jolimont Square and its possibilities.

Mr.A.L.Lonsdale Honorary Supt. and a member of the Board of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society was in Melbourne on the 19th and lunched with our Principal. The talk this time was Missionaries to the Deaf and how to manufacture them or something of the kind, at least that is what we have been told. We understand Mr.Lonsdale will pay a visit to the Centre and a little Welcome Social has been arranged, for since the visit to Sydney he is very popular with many of our young folk.

During the absence in Europe of Mr.E.R.Peacock, Mr.Edgar Peacock will be acting Consul for Czechoslovakia.

Mr.John Love the newly appointed Principal of the West Australian School for the Deaf with Mrs.Love was entertained in the in the name of the General Board and the Principal of our Society on the 12th of April. They motored out to Blackburn and inspected our Home there, then lunched with Mr.Abraham finally spending some time at the Centre. They were astonished at our beauty spot. Mr.& Mrs.Love take with them our very best wishes for success in their new life.

Mr.and Mrs.A.W.Cox Superintendent & Matron of the South Australian School for the Deaf Adelaide together with Miss Cox (Daughter) and Miss Matters who were on their way to Sydney spent a few hours with our Principal on Monday 9th May. After lunching at Carlyons Mr.& Mrs.Cox paid a flying visit to Jolimont Square, & Mr.Abraham & Miss Empson saw them off at Spencer St.

OUR DEAF GIRLS.

For a week or two we were a little puzzled at Mysterious Meetings at "Our Centre", but like all Mysteries this particular one proved to be very simple. The Meetings were of deaf young girls getting ready to help the Chief when he gives up his pick and shovel work.

VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

Members of the Deaf Womens Guild together with other deaf friends were the guests of our good friend Mr.Wm.Wadsworth (Federal librarian) on Feb.5th. After having a photo taken on the steps, (which appeared in the Graphic) we were shown all over the late Federal House of Parliament, visiting the Senate Representatives Chamber, Library, and Numerous other parts of the great house finally ascending to the roof and getting a grand view of Melbourne. Our Principal interpreted. Soon after our visit Mr.Wadsworth left Melbourne for the new Federal City.

LADY IRVINE.

A meeting of Ladies interested in our forthcoming appeal was held at our Centre on Tuesday May 23rd. Lady Irvine presided and there was a good attendance notwithstanding the unfavourable weather. Our Principal introduced Lady Irvine, and Miss Solomon acting Sec.to appeal, read the notice of meeting, letters of apology, promises of help. Mr. Abraham then gave a convincing address. lasting about an hour. An advisory Board to further the object of the appeal was then formed with Lady Irvine as president. A graceful exhibition of the Language of Gesture by Deaf young girls followed, and afternoon tea brought a most interesting afternoon to a close.

DEAF WORKERS CLUB PICNIC.

Notwithstanding the fact that the 4th april was a public holiday - Eight hours day - The indefatigable offices of the Deaf Workers Club succeeded in obtaining tickets at half price on the "Courier's " Bay trip to Portarlington. It was a great muster that assembled on board, one of the largest deaf parties of recent years and the weather was glorious, altho' at the beginning of the day there was a threat of rain.
The "Club Workers" had taken every precaution to ensure a happy and successful day and happy and successful it was.Men were persuaded into the work of carrying the heavy hampers of Crockery and "Tuck", and they undertook this perspiring task right willingly both going and returning. We really must have their names on our records, so here goes: Messrs. A.Sutherland, W.McMillan, G.Henry, Guthrie, L.Walsh and J.Dickinson. Whilst Mr.O'Bryan gave valuable help in getting names and fares for the Secretary. As usual Mrs.Frewin (president) and Mrs.Gladman (Hon.Sec.) and some of the Committee did the lions share of the work and gave up a good part of the previous day preparing and packing the good things we were to partake of at lunch and tea time, and were also present at the picnic to supervise. Amongst others present were Miss Empson and Our Principal. Our first thought when we landed at Portarlington after a very pleasing trip, was lunch. Scouts were sent out in all directions for hot water and milk, the hot water was easy enough but the milk was not so easy. It being a holiday there was a great demand for it and our party was unexpected. The Milk came along in small quantities from here and there

and presently Our Principal turned up with two tins of Condensed Milk. Finally there was a full supply for all our needs. Bathing took the fancy of many of our young people and we of less energy looked on with no small degree of enjoyment. On the return journey not a few took advantage of the opportunity to procure cheap and fresh fish from the fishermen on the pier The voyage home was as joyous as that going and the day all too short.Our old friends Mr.Parkes and T.Baird are here thanked for valuable help they gave in procuring hot water, milk etc. We don't know what we would have done without them.

WORKERS CLUB SOCIAL.

The Deaf Workers club opened their monthly Social Evening at our "Centre" on 24th March and a very pleasant evening was spent. Many novel games and competitions were introduced. Prizes and Supper were distributed at Close of Evening. The Admission charge was 6d. Mr.Frewin presided and there was a good attendance.

The second Workers Club monthly social was held at our Centre May 10th. Mr.Abraham presided and explained the objects of the Club. Mrs.Frewin and Mrs.Gladman had the programme in hand which was quite novel creating much amusement, both men and women joined in the competitions with a merry spirit. Mr.Frewin made a M.C. carrying out the instructions of the Lady Leaders to the enjoyment of all. There was a good attendance and the nice little supper was not the least part of the evenings attractions.

Some time ago Miss Maggie Gibson the popular and always smiling Hon.Sec. of the Womens Guild sent in an interesting paper for "Our Monthly Letter" It was crowded out last time, we now give it to our readers.

M.Gibson (Miss, if you will please add) spent the New Year week-end - 1st Jan. to 3rd Jan.- touring the country with her parents in their car. Home was left about 8 a.m. for Geelong thence to Ballarat which was reached at a quarter to one. She visited the Ballarat Lake, Gardens, thence to the Burrumbeer races which which were seen from the road, spent the night at Ballarat. Sunday morning saw them at Daylesford where the Central Spring Sutton Springs and the Gardens were visited. Returned to Ballarat for the night. Monday morning to the Reservoir, the Gong Gong and Kirk's Dam also visited the Eureka Stockade. Same day at ~~xwxxxxxpaxxxix~~ half past 3 p.m. we left Ballarat for Melbourne via Bacchus Marsh arriving at twenty past six at Melbourne. A tour of Guildford and Castlemaine was curtailed. The weather was ideal throughout the tour.

QUEENSLANDS NEW MISSIONER.

It was our pleasure to welcome Mr.J.M.Paul the newly appointed Missioner to the Queensland Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission on his way to Brisbane. Mr.Paul was for three years Assistant Missioner to the Melbourne Society and at his father's death returned to Scotland to succeed him, he did not remain in this position long, accepting the position of Supt. of the Aberdeen Adult Deaf Society, which he has just left for the Queensland position. He arrived in Melbourne on morning of the 28th. and the same evening he was entertained at a Social held in the hall of our Centre. He was accompanied by his Wife who quickly made friends with the Melbourne deaf. Our Principal (Mr.Abraham) presided and welcomed Mr.Paul back to Australia wishing him success in his new sphere. Mr.Paterson and other deaf friends supported with brief addresses and Mr.Paul responded. Our Principal and several of the Deaf saw Mr.& Mrs.Paul and their baby on to on the continuation of their voyage to Brisbane the following day.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The First meeting of the Women's Guild for year 1927, was held on the 18th January. It being a social evening, the President, Miss Hickey gave a lengthy lecture on her trip to South Australia. The second meeting took place on the 8th February when interesting reminiscences were given by the President and some members.
The Members of the Women's Guild journyed to Williamstown, by way of the ferry steamer "Rosny" and back, for their annual picnic on the 19th. Feb. Owing to the cold sea breeze at the beach, our stay was shortened. Before going back to the "Rosny" we watched a game of tennis in the town. Tea at the Centre brought the day to a close.
At the meeting held March 8th. the Hon.Sec.Miss M.Gibson gave an interesting paper on "Life in Palestine".

DEAF MENS GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Deaf Young Men's Guild held its annual meeting on the evening of Feb. 22nd.1927. when the Annual Report and Balance sheet were read and confirmed. The Report showed the club to have passed through an exeellent season. The New Office bearers are; President J.M.Johnston,(re-elected), Vice President J.Hunt, Hon.Treasurer A.W.Sutherland, Hon.Sec.W.Bladier, Committee, G.Mortimer, J.Cariss, W.O'Bryan and W.Ashby. The evening terminated with supper.
The President Missioner J.M.Johnston gave an evening on the 15th March when he addressed the Members on the benefits and uses of the Guild to the Members, which was followed by humourous stories contributed by himself and the Members. This enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a light Supper.
The Deaf Men's Guild held its Annual A.N.A.Day Picnic at Black Rock on 31st January. The weather was everything that could be desired. Open sea bathing was the most favored. Mr.A.W.Sutherland brought his Moving Picture Camera with him and he "shot" some scenes.
The Attendance was good, over 35 were present, Mr.J.M.Johnston, the President, was present with the picnickers during the most part of the day. The party broke up at about 9 p.m.

GT.BRITAIN & IRELAND.

A very interesting lecture was given on 25th Jan. to the members of Men's & Women's Guild, by Mr.A.W.Sutherland, the subject being his recent tour of Great Britain and Ireland. The lecturer had mastered his subject so well that he just "took" his audience to the places visited and they seemed to see everything in pictures of the mind. The lecture was a lengthy one, and at its close Mr.Sutherland was congratulated upon his able delivery. We were all struck by the way he had memorised the dates, times, and distances between places. His second lecture is eagerly sought after.
A further lecture "To the Continent & Home Again" will be given later and those who witnessed his first are eagerly awaiting his second lecture.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club held its Annual meeting on Tuesday evening 5th April. The President Mr.Abraham, being absent, Mr.G.B.Mortimer, Vice President occupied the chair.

Mr.J.M.Johnston in absence of Mr.J.McLaurin Hon.Sec/ read the Annual Report and Mr.G.Newnham the Balance Sheet which showed the club to be in a healthy condition.
The New Officers are ; President Mr.E.J.D.Abraham, Vise President Miss M. Dow, Messrs.C.Mortimer & J.M.Johnston, Hon.Treasurer Miss D.Hickey, Hon. Secretary Mr.H.Puddy. Committee Messrs.C.Newnham , G.Edwards, A.W.Sutherland, J.McLaurin, Mrs.J.M.Johnston & Miss L.Sanders. Capt. and Coach Mr.G.Edwards.

The Gent's Single Tennis Tournament was held during the Easter Holidays, amongst the Deaf G.Edwards proved too good although he was closely pressed by A Stephens at one stage of the Matches, and came out the winner defeating H.Puddy in the Finals.

TENNIS.

Tennis is very popular at Jolimont Square on Sat. afternoons. We were afraid that the keen contests of our Lacrosse boys would draw the majority away, but it is evident with us that sport is sport. Its the game, not looking at it.

CRICKET CLUB'S SOCIAL EVENING.

A very successful social evening under the auspices of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of March 8th.1927 at our "Centre". Although the admission was 2/- the attendance was very satisfactory. The Club will benefit to the extent of about £6. Each admission ticket held a lucky number and the winner proved to be Mr.C.B.Mortimer who received a handsome picture frame. Many novel games were introduced, all carrying prizes . Supper wound up a very happy evening.

CRICKET CLUB.

The Cricket Season of 1926-27 has passed, saw our club well down the V.J.C.A. Premiership List. We were credited with only 1 win and 1 drawn game throughout the season. On.Jan. 8th & 15th. we drew with South Port each side making a total of 178 runs.
Jan.22nd & 29th. Union Jack defeated us rather easy and on February 5th and 12th Port Melbourne Club XI. also claimed a win from us.
Feb.19th and 26th we gained our first win against "Ordinance" by 47 runs in 1st Innings. We again fared badly at hands of Broadway on March 5th & 12th.
Mr.W.Ashby was the best all rounder throughout the season and it is believed that he will scoop all the prizes promised. Altogether it was a bad year and we are dissappointed with ourselves but not disheartened.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DEAF CONGREGATION.

The Deaf Congregation held their Annual Meeting on 28th April when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed before a fair attendance. Mr.Abraham presided . He reminded the Congregation that this year is to be a very busy year for the deaf principally because of the projected appeal for £26,000, he expected all to co-operate in the effort. Seccess depended upon everyone, not upon one or a few. It was up to the younger generation to do their bit on this eventful occasion.
The officers elected for the next 12 months are;Chairman, Mr.E.J.D Abraham

"1860" DEAF PUPILS.

Of the first five pupils admitted to the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution Which was founded 1860, that is 67 years ago, four are still living. The first pupil Mrs.S.Moss (nee Lecy Lewis) 2nd Mrs.Cove (Member of Adult Deaf Society) 3rd Miss Whitlow (Inmate Home for Deaf, Blackburn).5th Mr.Sol.Moss (Collector to Adult Deaf Society). All are a credit to the founder of the School and are still going strong. Deaf friends who come into frequent contact with Mr.S.Moss, Mrs.Cove & Miss Whitlow will tell you they still enjoy a hearty laugh and take no notice of age.

PRESENTATION TO MR.W.D.COOK.

Old pupils of Mr.W.D.Cook, ex-Headmaster of the School for the Deaf assembled in the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society's Club House Jolimont Sq. on the 26th of February to do him honour. It was their desire to recognise in some tangible way his 40 odd years of service to the Deaf Community. Mr.Abraham Our Principal, who has also spent some 44 years of his life With the Deaf presided.
He said the duty allocated to him of Welcoming Mr.Cook in their name was a pleasure and honour. There was much he would like to say but this was their night and it was for them, the old boys and girls to give expression to all that Mr.Cook meant to them. He concluded by saying there is no reward one can give in return for education except the great "Unpurchaseable" Love.

Speeches appropriate to the occasion were given by Miss.Rose Daw, Messrs J.Hunt, T.A.Nelson, Claude Graham & Arthur Stephens. Someday we hope to give little extracts from these speeches, some quaint, most humorous, all full of recognition of the debt they owed to the teachers of the deaf represented by their leader and tutors in Victoria - Mr.Cook.
Mrs.D.Ashby the first pupil of Mr.Cook then on behalf of the ex-pupils presented him with a leather covered Arm-chair and a Smokers Stand.
MrCook on the acceptance of the gifts was received with rounds of hearty hand clapping, and in his acknowledgement of their affectionate regard for him said he regretted the severence from his work, and throughout his interesting and entertaining address recalled many happy memories , singing out many an ex-pupil with his or her nick name at school to the hearty enjoyment of all the "singled out" included.
Mrs.Thomson of Adelaide (nee Miss Varden) also an exteacherof Vic.Deaf Dumb Institute was present. During supper Mr.Cook was positively overwhelmed, and in a letter that came to our Club House Mr.Cook says "The evening was one of the happiest events of my life. I feel that I cannot thank you all enough".

COMMUNION CLASS.

Our Chaplain hopes by the Opening of the Church for the Deaf to have at least one quarter of his Congregation, Communicants. He has made a very encouraging start. On the afternoon of Sunday March 27th. he had a large class of our youth of bothsexes and has already doubled the membership of what he claims to be the "Soul" of Our Church.

Vice Chairman,Mr.J.L.Johnston, Hon.Sec.Mr.J.McLean, Hon.Treasurer, Mr.W.A. Paterson, Committee Messrs.F.E.Frewin, G.B.Mortimer, A.W.Sutherland, J.Cariss, G.D.Edwards, J.Hunt, G.Newnham, W.O'Bryan. Gen.Board Representatives Messrs.J.M.Johnston, F.E.Frewin, W.A.Paterson, A.W. Sutherland, G.D.Edwards.
The above named members are requested to attend the committee meeting on Tuesday May 24th, when the members will be initiated into the positions that go to make the smooth working of the Societys machinations.

SAM. MITCHELL.

Of all the examples of loyalty, faithfulness and good will there is no one that has ever had part in our daily life that we can compare with Samuel Mitchell. For more years than most of us can remember he has been a regular Church attendant ever willing to render service. For twenty five years at least, to our knowledge he has remembered regular Worshippers at our little Church with a Christmas or New Year Card. He has always a cheerful smile for everybody, and is the first to make friends with and draw attention to the shy stranger. Sam is a great acquisition.
He is an ever present lesson, sometimes a silent rebuke to many of us.

MR. & MRS.HOLMES.

There was a very down hearted party of deaf folk, accompanied by Our Principal Missioner and Miss Empson, at No.9 Wharf, long before noon on the 6th. of April last. Mr.and Mrs.Holmes were departing for Queensland by the Bombala. Mr.E.R.Peacock, our Vice President, also came along to say Good-bye. We shall all miss Mrs.Holmes, better known to us all for the past twenty years as Tottie Fletcher, her marriage made no difference. She is still Tottie to the great Circle of deaf folk, who learned to love her. She was a willing and consistent worker for the Cause of the deaf in Victoria. Had a ready smile for everybody. She is one of that very small section of any Community that cannotbe replaced, whose place cannot be filled.

DOING GOOD.

Some people are content to do "their bit" of doing good by growing vegetables and herding swine - supplying the wants of their fellow creatures stomachs. Others go and step higher and cater for the needs of their minds and souls.

ADELAIDE DEAF WELCOME OUR CHIEF.

Our Chief left his planning of the "Great Campaign" for a "rush week" in Adelaide to attend the Rotary Conference held March 19th to 26th and received a hearty welcome from the deaf over there. He was the guest of Mr.& Mrs.Cox,Principal and Matron of the South Australian Institution for the Deaf & Dumb and they, to use his words did everything possible to make his visit a happy one. Mr.Cox met him at the station on his arrival (a Sunday morning) and drove him out to the Institution, ten miles out of town, young Mr.Cox acting as Chauffeur Mr.Abraham went prepared to conduct morning & evening service, but his host would not hear of it, insisting upon him taking a morning's rest. In the afternoon he joined "Rotary" in a Motor Visit to Adelaide's great and beautiful Park,in the evening he preached to a packed Church. It was his second visit to

Adelaide, on his first visit he was the guest of the late Samuel Johnson M.A.Headmaster of the Institution, some 25 years ago. Whilst in Adelaide he was entertained to dinner by the President of the S.A.Adult Deaf ,Dumb Society (Mr.Clarkson) and to Luncheon by the members of the Board of mamagement. The Deaf entertained him at a social.
Mr.Martin (Vice President) motored him to the fine property recently purchased by the S.A.Deaf Mission, and to the magnificent Technical College, and to Adelaides new snow buildings, just erected by Mr.Martin, and to the home of a sick deaf Lady who had expressed a wish to see Mr.Abraham, also to the home of Mrs.Martin Junr.(Nee Miss Doris Davies of Melbourne). "Where else",said Mr.Martin. "Well" said our Chief "I haven't seen Frank", "Right" said Mr.Martin and drove him to his house, went to the 'phone and inside of ten minutes Frank Martin was motored to him. There was just time for a talk and then the train for Melbourne. Mrs. Martin Junr. was amongst the friends that saw him off. "Rotary" is a great "draw" to our Chief but we rather think the Deaf as usual has the biggest share of his time.

DOWN THE BAY.

We numbered somewhere in the neighbourhood of 90 on the occasion of our Annual Trip down the Bay. This outing has become one of our past popular events and as the Blackburn Home are a part of the party it is the more interesting. We had, as is now the custom, ideal weather on the 8th Feb. and the Officers and Staff of the Hygeia received us with the welcomeing smiles to which we have now become quite accustomed. Whatever was possible, they did to make our trip enjoyable.
For years our destination has been either Queenscliff or Sorrento or both. This year we selected the other side of the Bay dropping little companies of ou party at Mornington, Dromana,and Sorrento. On the return journey all spoke of having a good time ashore. Our Principal (Mr.Abraham) went on to Sorrento and stayed on board with blind deaf men.
The Luncheon on the ship was quite up to standard and everyone's appetite likewise. From the start to finish a most enjoyable day was spent.

PICK & SHOVEL.

Were you to ask our Chief what he is doing now, he would tell you "Pick and Shovel work", "Laying Foundation" or "Putting in the dynamite". During recent weeks he has been all over the place. No one really knows what he is doing, but it is very evident he is doing something. And as he talks about dynamite its to be expected sooner or later we shall hear something.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on the Evening of March 25th 1927, when the reading of Annual Report and Balance Sheet and the Election of Officers were gone through. The result of Election was as follows; President, Mr.G.D.Edwards, Vice Presidents.Messrs.J.M.Johnston, A.W.Sutherland, & G.Mortimer. Hon.Treasurer Mr.W.Ashby, Hon.Secretary Mr.J.Cariss, Asst.Hon.Sec.Mr.A.Stephens. Committee ,Messrs.H.Puddy,W.O'Bryan W.Anderson, and W.Crush. Delegate to V.L.A. Mr.W.Suttons, Captain of No.1 Team, Mr.F.Rees, Vice.Capt.Mr.J.O.Gorman, Capt.pf No.2 Team, Mr.A.Sutherland, Vice Capt. Mr.A.Stephens.
The Lacrosse Enthusiasts are looking forward to another successful season. Both of our Teams were graded higher, The No.1.Team is now "Senior A" and

the No.2.Team in "C" Section. Both teams put up good initial performances. the former defeating University fairly easy on Saturday April 30th. by 10 goals to 4. G.Henry was the star performer scoring 4 goals , W.Donnellan 3. J.O'Gorman 2 and W.Ashby 1. The Latter team defeated High School Old Boys by 6 to 3 goals.
May 7th 1927. Our Senior team met defeat at the hands of Williamstown . It was a hard and strenuously fought game. Our team at half time looked like winners but Williamstown came with a rattle and strength and defeated us by 6 to 3. H.Puddy (2) and G.Henry (1) were the scorers.
The No.2 team romped home winners against Box Hill by 10 to 3 goals.

EASTER RALLY.

Our Easter Rally was held on Wednesday 20th April, the night before the Arrival of the Duke & Duchess of York in Melbourne. The attendance was again very big. 150 were present. Mr.A.W.Sutherland was the Chairman for the evening.
The prizes won during the Last Winter Billiard Tournament were presented to the winners. First Prize.Wristlet Watch to W.O'Bryan, Second Prize Kit Bag, to B.Davis, Record Break, Tobacco Pouch to J.McLean.
Many Country Deaf down for the Easter Holidays and the visit of the Duke & Duchess of York were present.

There is much news held over including S.A's New Building, N.S.W's Great Effort. Tasmania's Work & Appeal, Queensland's Annual Meeting etc.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

This has been a record year for Church attendance.Notwithstanding the big crowds of young people at the Saturday night Socials they have been almost invariably followed by equally large Congregations on the Sunday. The Harvest Thanksgiving Services(morning & evening) were conducted by Our Principal (Offertory £7/1/-). And in the afternoon his Communicant Class was well attended, the members of this class had tea with Our Principal and stayed to Evening Service.

S.A.HOME FOR THE DEAF.

Our Chief whilst in Adelaide paid a visit to the Parafield Farm & Home for for Deaf and found everything in excellent order, he is quite enthusiastic in his praise of the work of Mr. & Mrs. Cox. Mr. Cox was for years a teacher of the Deaf, therefore makes the ideal supt. and Manager of such a Home.

BIG DRIVE FOR £26,000.

Look out for the next number of "Our Monthly."

MISS WILSON "CARRIED ON."

Upon the resignation of Mr. S. Showell the man who made the Queensland Mission to the Deaf & Dumb and gave that organisation its wealth, Miss Overend Wilson was immediately called upon to take the reins. She has driven the Coach for best part of a year with success and those of us in other states who live behind the scenes of Adult Deaf Mute Work are clapping hands and mentally shouting "Bravo" Miss Wilson: Now that

Mr. Paul, the New Missioner has entered upon his duties Miss Wilson we hope, will enter upon a well earned vacation.

CHRISTENING.

A very pretty little ceremony was witnessed at our Church for the Deaf one Sunday in April, when the dear little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elwin was christened by the Rev. J. Newport White of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. Our principal interpreted. Her name is Lorna Allice and her Godparents are her Uncle and Aunt Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwin.

It was the first christening at our Church at Jolimont and made especially interesting because the baby's parents were one of the first couples to be married there. Afterwards, the proud grandparents entertained a number of guests to tea at their home in honour of the christening.

We sincerely hope the dear wee maid will be richly endowed with God's blessing.

MRS. PIERCE.

Many of us look for the familiar face of Mrs. Pierce at some of our gatherings. She has always been such a prominent worker ever willing to do her "bit" when there was something to be done - and that something was very often - that we had come to look on her as part and parcel of the Centre and now that indifferent health prevents her from coming among us so often, we miss her very much. We are glad she is able to attend Divine Worship and look forward to the time when she will come and be "one of us" again. Cheery smiles, likehers are not always easy to find and we do want to see that smile more often.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr.Beauchamps after a short stay in his home City,Melbourne has again left us for England. Before going he paid in a subscription of 5/- to "Our Monthly Letter" remarking that "The Letter" is an interesting little newspaper full of news of the Deaf, and he hoped to get it regularily in England.
Mr.J.Allen of Tasmania whilst making an extended stay in Melbourne after his Adelaide trip secured employment as Tennis Racquet maker at Spalding's Workshop in Sunshine. We wish him luck in his new job.
Miss Rose Dow & Miss D.Hickey spent their A.N.A.Week-end at Warburton as guests of Mrs.J.E.Muir.Misses. R.Peters & I.Cole were also at Warburton at the same time. All enjoyed the short holiday.
Miss.M.Dow spent her holiday at her Sister's place in Maryborough.

For about two months during the Summer Season Mr.Downes and his family took up residence at Chelsea. He reported glowing times there.

Mr.S.Ferguson of Bowman's Forest has made several trips to Melbourne.On one occasion to place his daughter at school, and the other to attend to the Sheep Market.

Mrs.A.Williamson has again been amongst her Melbourne folks after 6 weeks

absence. She has been on a visit to various relations, & friends in Warrnambool, Camperdown, Cobden, Purrumbete, Forest Park and other places. She certainly has followed Mr.Clapp's advice to see Victoria first and ~~xhhax~~ there are many ladies here who envied her luck at being able to see so many parts of Victoria, she has now returned to Queensland.

Another Tasmanian joins us.

An old Melbournian, Mr. James Moran of Cairns spent a little over 3 weeks renewing acquaintances here. He has been absent from us for well over 9 years and we were all heartily glad to see him again. He stated that he has secured 3 months leave from work, and has spent 5 days in Sydney whilst there did not have time to meet the Deaf, at their temporary meeting place. It was his intentionto spend a week in Adelaide as guest of Mr.A. Hann, and after that go by the Transcontinental Express to Perth. Whilst here he visited Daylesford, Ballarat, Castlemaine, Geelong, and was guest at our Annual Bay Trip ot Sorrento. He claimed to be the first deaf mute to travel by train from Cairns to Perth.

Mr.& Mrs.F.Johnson, late of Tresco, were for some time in Melbourne. He has secured work in the country, but his wife is staying on with us for a time.

Mr.G.Edwards has arrived home after a 9 month's absence in Europe. He returned by "Gotha" and reported grand times.

Miss Dorothy Edwards was in New Zealand for some time before returning to Melbourne.

Miss Fraser of Sydney recently paid a call to our Centre.

Country Visitors to Melbourne suring the Easter Holidays, Mrs.D.Meredith Daylesford, Mr.G.Burgess ,Willaura, Miss E.F.Sloan, Kurting, Mrs.Grazia Adelaide, A.Collins and R.White, Neerim Junction also Mr.& Mrs.J.Cardwell, Mr.& Mrs.R.Bruce, Mrs.J.Collins.

"TEARS & LAUGHTER."

To be published about the end of October or early in November.
"Tears & Laughter" the story of a Deaf Mutes Farm by its Founder.

Another visitor from Tasmania is the person of Miss Lampkin. She is trying to get a position here. She is at present staying at her Sister's place in Port Melbourne.

Miss A.Webb also a Tasmanian, is back in Melbourne again and has found employment.

Mrs.M.Thomson has returned to Melbourne from Sydney where she has been employed for the past two and a half years.

D.Cornish makes our Centre his "Club" whenever his boat is in Melbourne ports. he is working on "S.S.Bombala".

Mr.Hey of London was also here about a month ago while his boat was in port. Since then he has been to Sydney. Rumour has it that he hassecured work there and left the sea life.

S.Moss, the Society's City Collector took a well earned holiday during the Easter fortnight, in Sydney. He went by the "S.S.Canberra" which left the

river wharf at noon on 12th April. Two of the Society's Representatives were at the boatside to see him off and also tobid him Bon Voyage. He has not had a holiday for the past 27 years, we have since learned he enjoyed himself thoroughly. Mr.Moss being 75 years, it will be understood he did not seek the Excitement side of enjoyments, but went for rather quite sight seeing trips and renewing acquaintances. He returned on 2nd May by the "S.S.Bombala". While on board he was pleasantly surprised to meet Mr.Gornish who happened to work on that boat. He looking very much benefited by the trip.

Miss C.Derbyshire also went to Sydney to try her luck at employment, but found it not quite to her liking so returned home again earlier than expected. Whilst in Sydney she was the guest of Mr.& Mrs.A.Taylor of Guildford. Mr.& Mrs.A.Taylor send kind remembrances to all Melbourne friends.

Mrs.F.Johnson lost her Mother on 26th March 1927 at the age of 81. She has our Sympathy.

Mr.Noble of Sth.Yarra, late of England has a poisoned hand and so been kept out of work for about 3 weeks. It is now on the mend.

N.Webb, another Tasmanian, who has been working on the Shannon River Electricity Scheme in Tasmania for the last 2 or 3 years is now back in Melbourne. He is on the look out for fresh jobs especially up Country.

The Chief spent the morning of his 60th Birthday in the Dentists Chair.

DEATHS.

Mrs.E.E.Dempsey of Westgarth passed away on 26th of April.

Mr.Norman Amos of 24 Ford St.Brunswick died as a result of an accident on 8th May.
We extend to the sorrowing relatives our deepest sympathy.

Mrs.G.Fawcett lost her father on April 3rd.
Mr.S.Mitchell lost his father on 26th April.
Mr.J.M.Johnston lost his father on 26th April.
They have our sympathy.

Mrs.G.Fawcett & Mr.J.M.Johnston wish to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends for their token of sympathy during their bereavement.

BIRTHS.

A Daughter to Mr.& Mrs.Elwin of Moreland on 4th Feb.1927. Congratulations.

MARRIAGES.

Miss.E.Mitchell late of Goorambat, was married to Mr.H.Moss (hearing) on 2nd March,1927 and are now residing in Gippsland.

Miss.Lizzie Brett of Wedderburn, was married to Mr.Hugh Smith of Barham N.S.W. on 14th March 1927. They spent their honeymoon in Melbourne.

March 1927

Tuesday	1st	Women's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	3rd	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	6th	Services morning & Evening
Tuesday	8th	Cricket Club's Social Evening
Thursday	10th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	13th	Services morning & Evening
Tuesday	15th	Men's Guild meeting.
Thursday	17th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	20th	Services morning & Evening.
Tuesday	22nd	Deaf Committee & Wms Guild Meeting.
Thursday	24th	Deaf Worker's Club's Social
Friday	25th	Lacrosse Club's Annual Meeting
Sunday	27th	Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Tuesday	29th	Mens Guild Meeting.
Thursday	31st	Scripture Study & Lecturette.

Holy Communion 3rd April.

Easter Rally 20th April.

April 1927.

Sunday	3rd	Holy Communion Services Morning & Evening
Monday	4th	Deaf Worker's Club Picnic "Portarlington"
Tuesday	5th	Tennis Club's Annual Meeting
Thursday	7th	Scripture Study & Lecturette
Sunday	10th	Services morning & Evening.
Tuesday	12th	Mens Guild & Wms Guild Meetings
Thursday	14th	no class
Friday	15th	Good Friday Closed Saturday
Sunday	17th	Easter Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Wednesday	20th	Easter Rally.
Thursday	21st	Public Holiday Arrival of Duke & Duchess of York.
Sunday	24th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	25th	"Anzac Day."
Tuesday	26th	Mens Guild Meeting.
Thursday	28th	~~Annual Meeting of Congrega~~ ~~Scripture Study & Lecturette~~

May 1927

Sunday	1st	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	3rd	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting.
"	"	Lacrosse Committee Meeting
Sunday	8th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	10th	Deaf Workers Club Social
Sunday	15th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	17th	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Wednesday	18th	Lacrosse Club's Social
Sunday	22nd	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	24th	Deaf Committee Meeting & Wms Guild annual Meeting.
Sunday	29th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	31st	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Thursday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every Saturday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Recreation. Lacrosse & Tennis.

June 6th King's Birthday Rally

An

INVITATION

to Spend

AN EVENING

with the

DEAF AND DUMB



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An Afternoon

with the

Deaf and Dumb

To our Friends

The accommodation of our Hall is very limited. We, therefore, ask you kindly to come early and be seated by opening time.

The Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Requests the presence of yourself and your friends

at the

ANNUAL MEETING

of the Society, to be held in the

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

JOLIMONT SQ., WELLINGTON PARADE SOUTH
MELBOURNE EAST

Saturday, June 11th, 1927, at 3 p.m.

The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor
Sir Stephen Morrell
will preside

During the afternoon there will be a

Demonstration of the Language of Gesture

by a

COMPANY OF DEAF AND DUMB YOUNG GIRLS

AFTERNOON TEA


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OF £25,000 REQUIRED.

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Richmond town hall yesterday after-
the mayoress (Mrs. Cremean) pre-
over a meeting in connection with
ppeal to raise £25,000. Mr. Ernest
ham, the principal of the Adult Deaf
Dumb Society of Victoria, gave an
ss on Our Deaf and Dumb Citizens.
. Abraham pointed out the need.
making this appeal to the public
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the work that was being done in
ection with this society, and in what
ionship it stood with regard to the
and Dumb Institute on St. Kilda-

This latter is a Government in-
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years of elementary education.

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Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Vic-
was founded by Mr. Abraham, with
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only self supporting in a small way,
apable of earning the standard wages.
society has been earnestly working
ds this end, and some three years
it purchased Jolimont-square for
00, and made one of its large, com
le houses its temporary head quar-

Its object now is to use this
for a building which will include
ional training workshops for these
women and men; a hostel for
and men, where they can board
learning their trade, and a similar
for girls; a central hall and club
and their own little church.

Board of Charities has granted
rmission to appeal for £25,000 in
mber, £11,000 of which will go to
ff the debt on the site purchased,
he remainder will be used for the
ng in Jolimont-square.

Abraham also gave an extraordi-
interesting demonstration of the
ge of gesture, which he concluded
recital of The Village Blacksmith
s principle. To even the uninitiated
s method the gestures and signs by
he spoke were amazingly compre-
e and suggestive.

An Executive Meeting.

meeting of the Ladies' Advisory
of the Adult Deaf and Dumb So-
appeal was held yesterday after-
t Jolimont-square, East Melbourne.
Irvine presided, and an executive
ttee was formed as follows:—Chair-
. Mrs. R. M. Weldon; members,
mes Newton, Hannstrup, Jesson,
ll, Ball, Buntine, Peacock, Morgan,
nd Tilly. Misses E. E. Thomas and
. The next business meeting will
on 29th June.



Mrs. A. Solomon (secretary), Lady Irvine (president), and Mrs. R. M. Weldon (chairwoman) of the Ladies' Advisory Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which will shortly make an appeal for funds.

"Sun News Pictorial"
June 16th 1927

Deaf and Dumb Society

With their president (Lady Irvine) in the chair, members of the advisory board held an enthusiastic meeting at the headquarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, yesterday afternoon. The following executive committee was formed: Mrs. R. M. Meldon (chairwoman), Mrs. Fairhall, Mrs. Newton (Mayoress of Preston), Mrs. W. M. Buntine, Mrs. E. H. Peacock, Mrs. E. H. Tilley, Mrs. Hann, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs Jesson, Mrs. Hannstrup; Miss E. E. Thomas (Mayoress of Essendon) and Miss Rodda.

The executive will meet at Jolimont Square on June 29 to draw up a plan of campaign in view of the public appeal for £26,000 required for the extension of the society's work. The Charities Board has allotted September for this purpose.

"Sun News Pictorial"
June 16th 1927

Dumb Appeal

NIGHTLY I encounter in Flinders-street little groups of deaf mutes gossiping by hand as they make their way homeward from the Adult Deaf Mute Centre controlled by Mr. Abraham at Jolimont. Observing their intelligent clubbableness, I am naturally alive to the importance of the endeavor now being made to raise £26,000 for the Centre. Those pushing ahead with the appeal were telling me with something like eloquence, after yesterday's meeting, of the fine interest Lady Irvine is taking in the project.



Lady Irvine

"Argus"
June 16th 1927

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

Lady Irvine presided yesterday afternoon over the recently formed Ladies' Advisory Board at the Adult Deaf Mute Society's headquarters at Jol-

"Morning Post"
June 16th 1927

NEW Committee Formed for Deaf Mute Centre

LADY Irvine presided over the Ladies' Advisory Board at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. R. M. Weldon was elected chairman of the executive committee formed during the afternoon, of which the following are members: Mrs. Newton (Mayoress of Preston), Mesdames Haunstrup, Jesson, Fairhall, W. M. Buntine, E. H. Peacock, Morgan, Hann, E. H. Tilley, Miss E. E. Thomas (Mayoress of Essendon), and Miss Rodda.

The next meeting will be held on June 29, when active steps will be taken towards preparing the way for the public appeal to be made (by permission of the Charities Board) in September.

"Morning Post"
June 16th 1927

BLOOD OFFER MAKES COURT LENIENT

BY offering his blood for transfusion to save the life of a deaf and dumb cyclist dying from injuries received by running into his van, Chas. Linton Paul, a carrier, saved his licence and got off with a £10 fine at Coburg Court, yesterday, when charged with dangerous driving.

"Argus"
June 25th 1927

MUIR.—On the 23rd June, at Alfred Hospital, William Paterson, the dearly beloved husband of Agnes Muir, of Allfrey street, North Brighton, and loving father of Jessie (Mrs. Bragg), Agnes (Mrs. Gadsby, deceased), Alex-

"Argus" June 4th 1927

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.
ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, Principal Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, will Lecture on "Our Deaf and Dumb Citizens." Demonstration by Deaf and Dumb Young Ladies. Admission Free.

"Argus" June 4th 1927

THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (Incorporated).
Notice is hereby given, that the ANNUAL MEETING of the members and subscribers of the above society will be held at the Centre, Jolimont Square, Jolimont, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 11th JUNE, at 3 o'clock.
Business.—To receive the report and statement of accounts for year ended 31st March, 1927.
R. J. OEHR, F.C.I.S., Secretary.
4th June, 1927.

"Sun News Pictorial" June 13th 1927

Deaf and Dumb Society Chiefs

Officials of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society were elected at the 43rd annual meeting on Saturday: Patrons, Lord Somers, Sir Stephen Morell, Dr. McKeddie; president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-president and chairman of the board of management, Mr. Harold Bickford; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Dudley; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Oehr; board of management, Messrs. E. J. Abraham A. Collins, G. Edwards, F. W. Frewin, J. M. Johnson, S. Massina, E. Peacock, A. Sutherland, T. Purves, G. Vial, W. A. Paterson and Cr. Merton; principal and chaplain, Mr. E. J. Abraham.

"Sun News Pictorial" June 13th 1927

DEAF MUTES

Vocation Training

APPEAL SOON

SPEAKERS at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society on Saturday asked the Chief Secretary (Mr. Prendergast) to provide financial assistance for proposed new buildings.

Mr. Prendergast promised the requirements of the deaf mutes would be considered by Cabinet in proportion to the value of the other public demands on the Treasury.

Some form of vocational training was necessary, he said, to enable the deaf mutes to take a normal part in the productive life of the community.

The report said the Charities Board had sanctioned an appeal for money to build new premises.

The principal of the centre (Mr E. J. Abraham) said deaf and dumb children began school at the age of seven with their minds practically blank. At the age of 16 they were physically normal, but mentally they were between only eight and 10 years of age. It was then the society took charge. Special schools were necessary, and the present buildings were too small.

"Argus" June 13th 1927

DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Stephen Morell) presided at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, at the adult deaf mute centre, Jolimont, on Saturday. The Chief Secretary (Mr. Prendergast) and Mr. Disney (honorary Minister) were also present.

Mr. R. J. Oehr, honorary secretary, said that it was proposed to erect a vocational workshop, with the necessary equipment. The society also desired to establish hostels for boys and girls and young men and women who required accommodation while they were being trained.

The Lord Mayor said that he was pleased that the Charities Board had allowed the society to make an appeal for funds. The vocational workshop would be invaluable.

Mr. Prendergast said that the needs of the society would meet with their share of recognition from the State.

Mr. Disney remarked that the society was performing a work of great usefulness to the community.

The following patrons were appointed:—The Governor (Lord Somers), the Lord Mayor, and Dr. Mackeddie. Officers elected were:—

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THE SILENT WORLD.

Training for Deaf and Dumb.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society is holding a public appeal for funds in September. At the annual meeting held on Saturday afternoon, the objects for which the money is needed were explained. The chief needs are a vocational workshop, where deaf mutes will be trained to be self-supporting, and a chapel.

Each speaker gave fresh evidence of the confused idea the public has of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which it persistently confuses with the institute in St. Kilda-road. The Lord Mayor, Sir S. Morell, who presided, explained that that institute was like a resident State school for deaf mute children. As the latter grew up, they had to turn to the society for help, companionship and entertainment. The Lord Mayor complimented the

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DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—"The Age" has shown that the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the Deaf and Dumb Institution are not connected in any way. Your readers will admit that to have called the one place "The Deaf and Dumb Institute," and the other the "Deaf and Dumb Institution," would have led to endless confusion. However, let the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society settle the matter themselves, once and for all. In the annual report of the Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria for 1911-12 there is a paragraph thus:—"Centre: It has been decided to call the head quarters of the society in Flinders-street the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre." I for one shall be very glad when we are officially entitled to call the new head quarters at Jolimont-square "The Deaf and Dumb Institute," where something is taught, and some one is trained in real earnest. It will be a step towards, I hope, either the deaf school authorities, or the Adult Deaf Society will now settle one more question, and tell the public the reason why they have been out of harmony all these years. Both societies have the same object in view—the education and uplift of the deaf and dumb—and should be on friendly terms.

This is the first time in the history of the deaf and dumb of Victoria that the public, thanks to "The Age," has been allowed to see things from the standpoint of the deaf and dumb themselves. The educated deaf should say whether they should work hand in hand, and side by side, with the deaf school authorities, and establish an institute along the same lines as the Royal Institute for the Blind in St. Kilda-road. The whole society wants reconstructing; we want a new spirit and a new policy, new men and new ideas; less charity and more humanitarianism. I assure "The Age" that had it not taken up our cause, there would have been no more heard of any workshop and vocational training. The writer originated the idea at a meeting of the deaf three years ago. I see by a paragraph in to-day's issue that the Adult Deaf has taken the very words out of my mouth. I am trying to get a better deal for the unskilled deaf that are to follow. We have waited and suffered long. If the public will stand by us and help us we shall try and return their kindness in full measure, brimming up and overflowing.—Yours, &c.,

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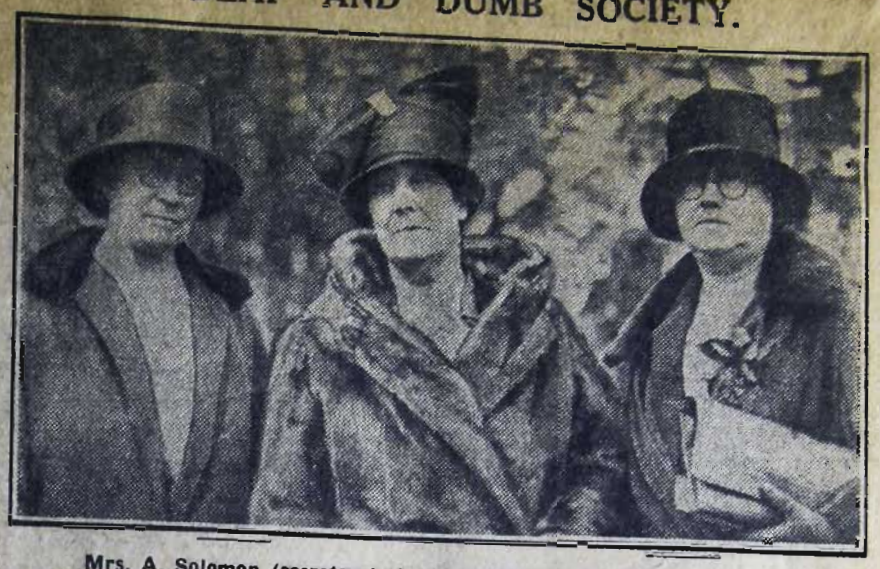
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THE DEAF AND DUMB.

SUM OF £25,000 REQUIRED.

How little of the tragedy of the deaf and dumb is known to the casual passer-by. The plight of the blind and the halt—which to those afflicted is an equally tragic handicap in life—is yet one that makes a far more immediate and popular appeal to the general public, by reason of their visible failings, than that of the deaf mutes. This is not through lack of sympathy, but from ignorance as to the rightful claims these people have as citizens in our State.

To the majority of people a deaf mute is inseparably connected in their minds with mental deficiency. This is utterly wrong, for in a large percentage of cases dumbness no more affects the normal working of the mind than blindness. There is really no such thing as dumbness. The inability to speak is merely the result of deafness from birth, for articulation is the outcome of the understanding of sound.

At Richmond town hall yesterday afternoon the mayoress (Mrs. Cremean) presided over a meeting in connection with the appeal to raise £25,000. Mr. Ernest Abraham, the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, gave an address on Our Deaf and Dumb Citizens.

Mr. Abraham pointed out the need, when making this appeal to the public for its financial help, to enlighten it as to the work that was being done in connection with this society, and in what relationship it stood with regard to the Deaf and Dumb Institute on St. Kilda-road. This latter is a Government institution, which acts as a State school for deaf-mute children from the ages of 7 to 16. After that the Government no longer holds itself responsible as to what becomes of these children. They are thrust upon the world to find a means of livelihood as best they can after these nine years of elementary education.

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The executive committee will meet at headquarters on June 29 to discuss the best ways of making preparation for the public appeal which the Charities Board is permitting in September. The members of the executive are:—Mrs. Newton (mayoress of Preston), Miss E. E. Thomas (mayoress of Essendon), Mrs. W. M. Buntine, Mrs. Fairhall, Mrs. E. H. Peacock, Mrs. E. H. Tilley, Mrs. Hann, Miss Rodda, Mrs. Jesson, Mrs. Hannstrup, and Mrs. Morgan.

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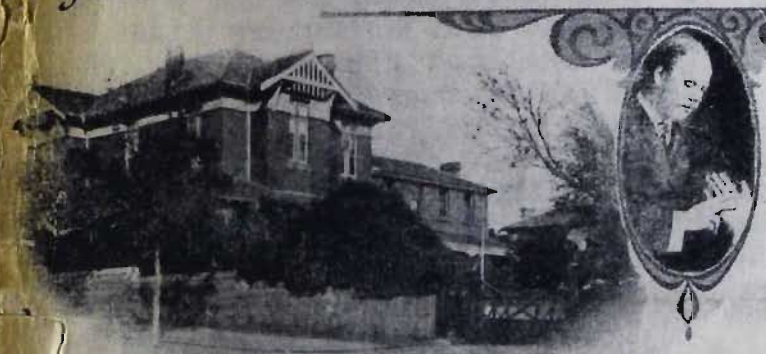
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MUIR.—The Friends of WILLIAM PATTERSON MUIR (late Moore's Timber Yard) are invited that his funeral will leave his residence, Allfrey street, North Brighton, THIS DAY (Saturday) at 2 p.m. for interment in the Cheltenham Cemetery, arriving at 2.20.

RAYBOULDS, Funeral Directors, 294 Glenhuntly road, Elsternwick. 'Phone X1605.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



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TO THE DEAF OF VICTORIA.

DEAR FRIENDS.

The time has arrived for us to make the big effort to obtain the £26,000 we need. We are out to make Victoria the best possible country for the Deaf to live in. To bring into existence conditions that will, so far as is humanly possible, open to the Deaf like the opportunities as are already available to normal citizens, such as a Secondary Educational Institute, Social Hall, Club House, Vocational Training workshop, Hostel for Deaf Men, Hostel for Deaf Women and a little Church specially designed for Service for the Deaf. Then there is the debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont Square property which must be wiped off. To succeed we need your help. You are one of us and I am looking to you to do your share. I want you, for the next three months to concentrate your spare time on this big effort, put your mind, muscles, hands and bright eyes into the job. It is our effort remember. We may not get another such chance for years. £26,000 is a big amount and it wants getting. But it can be done. With this issue of the "Monthly Letter" you will find two collecting sheets one for a hearing relative and one for yourself. Follow the directions. Get round among your hearing relations and friends. You will find that everybody will help if you only ask. Everybody wants the Deaf to enjoy the same chances as themselves. Our handicaps and disadvantages have not been brought sufficiently forcefully to their notice or there would have been no need for us to make this appeal. Therefore set about the job with enthusiasm. Lose no time. Do it now. I shall be glad to get a letter from you telling me how you are succeeding.

Affectionately yours,

Ernest J. D. Abrahams

Principal

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild took place on the 24th of May in the Women's room of the Centre when the hon. secretary Miss. Margaret Gibson read the Annual Report and the hon treasurer Miss. M. Dow submitted the Balance Sheet. Both of which showed the Guild was more than holding its own in good work accomplished, and popularity among the members. There was quite a number of resignations. The President Miss. D. Hickey because of ill health. The Hon Secretary Miss. M. Gibson after five years in succession felt she would like a rest. Mrs. Gladman, Mrs. Pierce, Miss. R. Dow, Miss W. Gladman from the committee. (We hope these ladies will take office again in the near future.) The election of office bearers resulted as follows:- President Mrs. Frewin, Vice President Miss. M. Gibson, Hon Treas. Miss M. Dow, (returned unopposed) Hon. Sec. Miss. Eileen O'Gorman, a very promisimg young member of whom we are expecting great things. Committee. Mrs. T. Peters, Misses. Empson, Hickey, Sanders & Wood. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the retiring officers the meeting was brought to a close, followed by much happy conversation and laughter and ending with a jolly supper. The Guild is in recess for the months of June & July and will be reopen early in August.

MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild was never more healthy, mentally and physically. We have been spending many interesting evenings together. In his paper "How to start a Home" on the evening of 29th March our Hon. Sec. Mr. Bladier gave us much interesting and helpful advice. This was followed by a trip story by Mr. A. W. Sutherland to "Switzerland and Paris" on 12th April. Indoor Games and Competitions occupied the Evening of 26th April. On May 17th Mr. F. E. Frewin gave us an insight into that awful time "The Land Boom of 1887." On 31st May Mr. G. D. Edwards gave an excellent Maiden Paper on "Germs." The "Argus Building" was visited by 24 of our Members on the Evening of June 21st and a very interesting Debate on "Should Bachelors be Taxed?" occupied the evening of 28th June. The result was a majority of 1 vote against taxation.

MR. J. WILLIAMSON.

Owing to the sudden departure of Mr. J. Williamson, of New Zealand to a new sphere of labour we only had time for an impromptu Farewell Social which was arranged by the Deaf Men's Guild on behalf of the Deaf Committee, on the Evening of 31st May, a day prior to his sailing for New Zealand per "S.S. Moeraki." Mr. J. M. Johnston occupied the chair and speaking on behalf of the Deaf Congregation and the Guild, bade him adieu and finally presented him with an "Onoto" fountain pen a memento from the Deaf of Melbourne. Messers F.E. Frewin, W.A. Paterson, G.B. Mortimer each had a kindly word to say, all expressing the wish to see him back amongst us soon. Mr. J. Williamson very feelingly responded and stated that no where had he enjoyed so much companionship. Supper was handed round before closing time.

Mr. Williamson intends to spend a month Visiting his relatives and friends in New Zealand before starting at his new position in Sydney.

He says he will do his best to come and see us during the next Xmas Holidays.

KINGS BIRTHDAY RALLY.

Another happy event is now but a memory. There was a muster of 170 at the Kings Rally Night, June 6th at Our Centre. The Principal presided and his opening address was the shortest on record. It was an Evening of Parlour Games and Competitions. Speeches were cut out. The Winners were J. Elwin (Dart throwing) L. Sutton (Quoits) Miss. P. Johnston (Straight throwing) Mrs. J.M. Johnston (Ball balancing) Mesdames. J. Pierce & D. Wright (Guessing). Supper followed. A number of hearing friends interested in the big appeal were present, also Messrs. R. J. Oehr and Edgar Peacock. members of the Board of Management.

OUR DEAF COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the newly elected Deaf Committee was held at our Centre on the evening of the 24th May. There was a full muster, the old members, Messrs. Frewin, Paterson, Mortimer, Johnston, Sutherland and Cariss occupying their old places. The New Members are Messrs. McLean, Edwards, Hunt, O'Bryen and Newnham. The New Chairman Mr. J.M. Johnston, Sponsored Mr. J. McLean (Hon.Sec) through the ritual of his new duties, and the Principal controlled as usual. After prayer, reading of mimutes and the receiving of Correspondence, the real business of the evening was proceeded with. It was resolved to entertain Mr. Lonsdale from N.S.W. at a Social to be held on the 25th. The following officers and Committees were then appointed. Hon. Bank Manager, Mr. J.M. Johnston, Hon. Asst. Bank Manager Mr. Arthur Sutherland, Hon. Librarian, Mr. J. Cariss, with power to appoint his own assistants. Church Deacons, Messrs F.E. Frewin, M.G.B. Mortimer and A. N. Sutherland. Sat. Night Socials Committee: Messrs. G. Edwards and W. O'Bryan. Special Entertaining Committee. Messrs. G. Newnham, J. Hunt, J. Cariss. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Sec. Hon Treas. being ex officio members of these committees.

Resolved that next Rally be held on the Kings Birthday Holiday (June 6th.) The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W.A. Paterson) Submitted the Financial Position showing balance of £22 in hand. Accounts for £1-17-0 were passed for payment. Bank Manager showed deposits to be £576. Billiard Table account revealed credit balance of £74. It was decided to again hold a Billiard Tournament during the Winter Months. The matter of scribbling blocks left in hands of Vice Chairman. It was resolved to purchase two new Games "Badmington" and "Circle" at an approx cost of £7. The arrangement of Syllabus for June brought the meeting to a close. The Chairman in a few appropriate words welcomed the new Committee Men.

MR. LONSDALE (N.S.W.)

An enjoyable Social was tendered to Mr. W. H. Lonsdale at Our Centre on the 25th May. It was almost an inpromptu gathering, no time was given us to get a muster nevertheless there was a good attendance and what is more to the point we spent a glorious evening with the friend of the

Deaf of N.S. W. Mr. Lonsdale is a member of the Board ofManagement of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, also the Hon. Superintendent and was on a business Visit to Melbourne when we grabbed him. Mr.Abraham welcomed him in the name of the Deaf and Mr. Lonsdale responded. The interchange of humorous comments between the Speakers kept the audiance laughing for some time. The Games were entered into with Zest and the fact that the Superintendents of both States were competitors made the games more interesting. Our Principal and a number of the deaf fair sex went to Spencer Street to see Mr. Lonsdale off on his home journey.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

A son to Mr. & Mrs. Alf Tyzzer of South Camberwell on May 18th 1927. Congratulations.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Jeanes of Drouin were in Melbourne in May. Owing to shortness of time, the "Centre" was omitted from their round of visits. They found time to call upon Mr. & Mrs. J. Boorts for an Evening where they left their kind remembrances to Melbourne Deaf

The following country visitors were present at our King's Birthday Rally, E.J. Muir of Warburton, Mrs. Allinson of Wonthaggi, Miss Gladys Caldwell of Ballarat.

"Tears & Laughter" by 'E.J.D.A.' to be published in October or November.

Two New Indoor Games were introduced at the "Centre" on Saturday Night. Badmington and Deck Tennis, and proved very popular. A small charge is at present being made for playing Badmington which will, in time, pay off its own cost and also that of Deck Tennis outfit. It has been suggested that after paying off its cost that all additional money received should go towards the purchase of prizes for tourneys and other new indoor games.

Word to hand from Colin Johns of Horsham. Doing well and sends remembrances to Melbourne Deaf.

W. Mancarrow and C. Buck have been on a visit to Melbourne for a few weeks. They say work is quiet in the Country.

Last month our Principal was instrumental in obtaining work for five of our unemployed Deaf. There are now no unemployed deaf in Melbourne at present so far as we know.

S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest was again in town on Business, this time he came by his Car, and looked the picture of health.

Mr. T. Collins and his family of Neerim Junction were also in town on Business. As their stay was very short they were unable to see their friends.

Miss. R. Lampkin of Tasmania who has been staying in Melbourne for some time has secured work at MacRobertson's Confectionery Works in Fitzroy.

ADULT DEAF SOCIETY - ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of our Society was held at Our Centre on the afternoon of the 11th June, the hall was fairly well filled. The Lord Mayor Sir Stephen Morrell presided. Rev. Newport White opened with prayer and the Hon. G.M. Prendergast M.L.A. Chief Secretary, the Hon. J. Disney, M.L.C. Hon Minister, Mr.H. Bickford(Chairman of Board of Management) Mr. G. Vial (Chairman of Farm Sub. Committee) and the Principal gave addresses. Mr. R.J. Oehr (Hon Sec.) read the annual report and balance sheets. The Lord Mayor spoke of the necessity of making the work amongst the adult Deaf better known to the public. He thought the Society was doing a great work, continuing that begun at the Deaf School. Mr. Bickford referred to the progress of the work and the possibilities of Jolimont Square. Mr. Vial spoke of the good fellowship of the Deaf as any one could bear testimony to who had attended their happy gatherings. The Hon G. Prendergast and the Hon Disney were in favour of the proposed Vocational training Workshop and promised sympathetic consideration. Our Principal read the extracts from the Deaf Committees report and spoke on the work generally. Votes of thanks and afternoon tea followed.

ADULT DEAF SOCIETY OFFICERS - 1927-28

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LACROSSE NOTES.

On 14th May Our Senior Team was pitted against the Last Year's Premier team Malvern. It was a strenuous fought game but our team had to give way to the more experienced combination loosing the Match by 3 goals to their 8. G. Henry 2 and F. Rees 1 were the Scorers.
The No 2 team continued their run of successes winning their match against Brighton 16 to 2. I. Guthrie topped the score with 6 goals. W. Wood 4, H. Wilson 3, and A. Stephens 3.

On 21st May Another reverse came to our No 1 team against Caulfield after a very fast and exciting game. Caulfield netted 11 to ours 6. W. Ashby 4, H. Puddy 1. G. Henry 1.
Another Easy win for the 2nd Team against Middle Park. 11 Goals to 2. I. Guthrie 3, H. Wilson 3, A. Stephens 3, V. Wilson 1, W. Wood 1,

On 28th May Our No 1 Team met yet another reverse this time against an equally experienced M.C.C. team. Our side managed to score 7 goals to M.C.C. 14 goals. W. Ashby 3, G. Henry 2, W. Donnellan 1, H. Puddy 1, secured the Goals.

The University was having its Vacation and the consequence was that there was no match with the No 2 team on that date.

On June 4th A fine struggle was witnessed against our Old Rival Coburg and a drawn game resulted, both side found the goals 7 times. W. Ashby 5, W. Donnellan 1, G. Henry 1.
The 2nd team met their first reverse at the hands of Williamstownites who scored 10 goals to our 1. I.Guthrie scored the solitary goal.

On June 6th (King's Birthday)A win came to our side after a long series of losses. Camberwell went down to our improved systematic play ending with 9 goals to theirs 2. G. Henry netted 6 goals while W. Ashby and J. O. Gorman put on 2 each.

On June 11th Another win was added to our No 1 team at expense of Brighton by 8 to 5. G. Henry and E. Ashby put on 3 each and J. O. Gorman 2.
Another defeat to our No. 2 at the hands of Caulfield who scored 13 goals to ours 9. H. Wilson 5, A. Sutherland 1, V. Wilson 1. H. Lambert 1. Our team Played 1 man short.

ON June 18th Our team dominated Williamstown with ease, no doubt through the improved system netting 9 goals to 3. From the beginning to the end the team showed great improvement in forward play while its defence was strongly effective all through. H. Puddy 4, W. Ashby 3, W. Anderson and J.O.Gorman 1.
The No. 2 team brought off a comfortable win over High School Old Boys netting 12 to 3. I. Guthrie7, A. W. Sutherland 2, H. Wilson, W. Wood, A. Stephens, 1 each.

June 25th Quite a reversal of form was displayed against Hawthorn where we lost the match scoring 3 to their 8.
The No. 2 team romped home an easy winner over University scoring a huge total of 39 goals to their 2. University played 2 men short W.Sutton topped the goal throwing by scoring 10 while H.Wilson put on 9, and I Guthrie 5, L Sutton 2, A. Sutherland 2, V. Wilson.

MONTHLY LETTER SUBSCRIPTION.

The Hon. Secretary to the Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to "Our Monthly Letter Fund". South Australian Deaf Subscribers £1-15-0, Mrs. M. Halley,(Adelaide) 10/- Mr. G. G. Mercy, Mr. Beauchamp (England), Miss. E. F. Sloan (Kurting) Mr. W. Burgess (Willaura) Mrs. E. Smith (Springridge N.S.W.) 5/- each, Miss. G. Mahoney 6/- , Mr. J. Hennessey (Geelong) 4/-, Mrs. Osborne (Cobden) Mr. R. R. Hindes, (Adelaide) 3/- each, Mrs. W. Hair (Wellering) Mr. & Mrs. A. Taylor (Sydney) Mr. &. Mrs. J. Brooks (Longwood) 2/6 each, Mr. C. Johns (Horsham, Mr. F. Cummins (Boorooban N.S.W.), Mr. G. Oakley Mrs. Duncan 2/- each, Mr. & Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mr. W. Crush 1/6 each, Mrs. Crompton, Mrs. Williamson, (Brisbane) Mr. Tonkin (Bendigo) 1/- each.

MINES AND MINING.

Mr. Richford one of the early miners of Ballarat gave an interesting illustrated lecture on Mines & Mining at Our Centre on the 30th June.

"FROM OUR ANNUAL REPORT."

"The blind and lame man can attend a university and listen to a course of lectures, and possibly attain the highest honours, may go to their town hall and listen to an organ recital, oration or concert, or to a banquet and participate in the enjoyment of music, speeches, etc., also take part in normal church services. None of these public institutions are of service to the deaf and dumb; hearing being essential. In matters of education and entertainment special provision must be made to enable them to benefit.

The means to do this is all the deaf and dumb people of this State ask for. Not charity, not pensions, or advantages that are not already available to other citizens, but just equal opportunities of citizenship. - those which normal citizens already enjoy.

With the increase of population the deaf and dumb have increased in numbers, and the provision previously made by the Society is to-day inadequate with the special need of other activities. The objective, therefore, of the special appeal is to obtain sufficient funds in one great effort to cover all requirements, giving them, as far as possible, those opportunities that are already ours.

In designing the little church the architect has had to remember that the preacher must be seen, not heard; acoustic provisions, therefore, are of no consequence. There must not be any light behind the preacher, but plenty of light is necessary immediately in front and over him, so that every movement of face, lips, eyes and hands may be clearly seen. The seats in the Church must be shaped and arranged so that each member of the congregation faces the preacher without having to turn or lift the head. The preacher must have ample space on the platform to enable him to "act" his sermon - the language being mainly one of gesture."

ADULT DEAF CENTRE.

The Centre, with all its varied activities, continues to grow in popularity especially with the young people, and on special nights not only the hall, but the whole building, is crowded.

INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Board feels the necessity of emphasising what our Society means to the deaf and dumb. All that it means can only be fully realised by a visit to Jolimont Square, and they earnestly ask supporters and enquirers to come and see. Visitors are especially invited to the Saturday evening socials.

THE COUNTRY DEAF.

The Society is always mindful of the needs of the country deaf. By means of a little publication, which is ever welcome, and by our Country Missioner)Collectors, they are always kept in touch. The hostels will be of great service to the country deaf on their visits to Melbourne for special hospital advice ot when seeking employment.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE ALEX. WILSON AND W.P. MUIR.

The line of pioneers of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society yearly grows thinner. One by one they pass West and their loving and loveable faces are no more to be seen at the Meeting House. In the brief span of eight days we have lost a"Peter"and a"John" of our Deaf Church. Members of the Adult Society at its inception as a simple Mission between forty and fifty years ago Alexander Wilson and William Paterson. Muir continuedloyalfriend and enthusiastic workers in the cause of the deaf until the day of their call. Two wonderful men. Simple, unassuming and loveable. Alex Wilson one of natures gentlemen, gentle, polite, sweet of face and manner, a good word for everyone, no one can remember even a cross word from Alex. A willing worker, present at most all Devotional Gatherings; an example to all. Truely a "John." He died on the 15th June in his 72nd year and was buried at Box Hill where a large assembly of his old work mates and deaf friends attended to pay their last respects to one it is a priviledge to be allowed to honour.

William Paterson Muir was one of three deaf brothers (two of whom are still living) who have been the backbones of Adult Deaf work in Melbourne since organised work amongst the adult deaf began. He died on the 23rd of June was in his 69th year and was buried at Cheltenham. He took a share in the work of practically everything attempted for the betterment of the Adult Deaf. A strong a loyal friend, once he set his mind upon a thing he would stick until it was through. An impulsive man determined, but forgiving and forgivable. One you could trust, a Peter in many ways. We shall all miss him. To the Widows and family of Alex Wilson and William Muir we extend our deepest sympathy in the big loss they have sustained and pray that God will comfort and help them in their sorrow.

THE LATE MISS. BESSIE COOPER.

For a long time past, every second Saturday, a gentle mannered and kindly little lady was to be seen making her way to, and from, our Centre at Jolimont Square. She was Miss. Bessie Cooper the honorary teacher of the Painting Class and it was her pleasure to teach as many of our deaf girls as could attend. A talented Artist herself - her Pictures having been hung in the Royal Academy, London - she enthusiastically encouraged all who had ambition in that way. During the last couple of months the state of her health had been causing her friends anxiety but not any of us dreamed it was so serious. In a letter to Miss. Empson she said she was going into a Private Hospital for a rest etc, etc, and ended "With many thanks for all kindness I have received at your Deaf & Dumb Centre"..... Two days after - to our sorrow we heard she had passed away.

The girls of the Painting Class, Miss. Anderson, Mr. Abraham, and Miss. Empson sent a tribute of affection in the form of a pretty wreath, - the last little act we could do for Miss. Cooper but we will never forget her or her kindness to our girls who had an affectionate regard for her.

June 1924

Sunday	5th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	6th	King's Birthday Rally.
Tuesday	7th	Vacant.
Saturday	11th	Society's Annual Meeting.
Sunday	12th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	14th	Vacant
Sunday	19th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	21st	Mens Guild's Visit to "Argus".
Wednesday	22nd	Deaf Committee's Meeting
Sunday	26th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	28th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	30th	Mr Retchford's Lecture
Every Thursday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Every Saturday	4th 11th 18th 25th	Recreation.
Sunday	3rd July	Holy Communion

July 1924.

Sunday	3rd	Holy Communion Services
Tuesday	5th	Deaf Worker's Club Social
Sunday	10th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	12th	Mr Abraham's Lecture to Deafs Parents.
Sunday	17th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Sunday	24th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	26th	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	28th	Cinema Lecture. Dr B. Nicholls
Sunday	31st	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Every Saturday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Recreation.
August	2nd	Worker's Club Annual Meeting

"Argus"
June 30th 1927

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS

Sir,—Laudable efforts are being made to attract public attention to the necessity for alleviating the lot of the adult deaf and dumb by the provision of means of education and entertainment. There is, however, a substantial danger that these efforts and certain statements which have been made concerning the condition of children whose course has been completed at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution in St. Kilda road may create a misconception of the excellent work done at that institution. That there is a fairly general misapprehension of the work done there, I know. This is the more regrettable in that its staff and teachers are by their positions precluded from removing an impression which they must find very disheartening. The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution is not merely a State school supported by the Government. It is a home for all deaf children of school age, in which they are trained in every way to become useful citizens. The boys are taught bootmaking, cabinet-making, carpentry, &c., and the girls dressmaking and needlework of all kinds. It has been more than once publicly stated that, when their schooling is finished, these children are turned adrift. This statement is inaccurate. The staff of the institution is diligent in obtaining positions for pupils and for orphans, or those whose parents do not live in Melbourne, the greatest care is exercised in selecting suitable homes. Where the boy or girl needs financial assistance, owing to the small wages sometimes paid in the first year, money is kept available to supplement earnings. At the institution itself careful medical attention is arranged for and recreational activities comprise physical culture, a scout troop, field sports, and a variety of evening games. Most important of all, [illegible] reading is not only taught but insisted upon, with results which to certain stage are extremely satisfactory. It is, however, a perpetual grief to all friends of the institution that no effective organisation has yet been devised for continuing the vital branch of the child's education after they pass beyond the institution's control. Proficiency in the art is essential to enable a deaf child take his place without embarrassment in the society of those not so afflicted. Unfortunately neither the staff nor the grounds of the institution is large enough to provide the post-school education in its art which is absolutely necessary if the work done at the school is not to be at last nullified. No other organisation has ever made any serious effort to undertake the task, and the result is too frequently that a child relapses into the language of signs. And there is the deplorable waste of years of the institutional teachers' devoted labours.—Yours, &c.,

EUGENE GORMAN.

Caulfield, June 29.

"Herald"
July 15th 1927

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB

Appeal Committee Formed

In connection with the forthcoming September appeal for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, in Jolimont, the following office bearers have been elected from the women's committee:—Lady Irvine, president; Mrs. R. M. Weldon, chairwoman; Mrs. A. C. Fairhall, honorary secretary; Mrs. H. A. Wallace (Mayoress of Hawthorn), honorary treasurer; Mesdames Jesson and Peacock, vice-presidents.

Arrangements are being made for an American Tea, to be held at the Centre on July 27, afternoon and evening. Madam Lena Conly Miss Florrie Greenberg, and others have promised to assist.

"Age"
June 30th 1927

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Increasing interest and enthusiasm for the work of the society for the adult deaf and dumb was evident at the executive meeting held yesterday afternoon at the society's head quarters, Jolimont-square. For two hours members discussed suggestions and plans for the launching of the appeal in September, and for carrying it through to a successful financial conclusion. A full meeting of the advisory board is to be held on Monday, 11th July, to elaborate plans in regard to a special effort to be made in the near future.

AN AMERICAN TEA

(Bring a Gift and Buy a Gift)

to be opened by

LADY IRVINE

will be held at the ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE, WELLINGTON PARADE, MELBOURNE EAST
on WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH, 1927
at 3 o'clock

Musical Items.
Demonstrations by
Deaf and Dumb Girls.

Proceeds for Hostels for
Deaf and Dumb Young
Men and Women.

[Take Flinders Street Bus to Cliveden Mansions]

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

. . Programme . .

JULY 27TH. 1927
3 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

"Sporting Globe" Wed July 13th 1927.



After a series of victories the Adult Deaf and Dumb received their second successive reverse when Malvern defeated them, 13 to 9. An incident during the game.

The Al Tones Jazz Orchestra

Conducted by Mr. Alexander Jacobson

Songs (Selected) *Madame Lena Conly*

Humorous Monologue (Selected)

Miss Florrie Greenberg

"Age"
June 15th 1927

DEAF AND DUMB APPEAL.

A further meeting of the ladies' advisory board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's appeal will be held at Jolimont-square this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Lady Irvine will preside, and a progress report will be made.

Meeting at Richmond.

At the Richmond town hall to-day, at 3 p.m., the mayoress of Richmond (Mrs. Cremean) will preside at a meeting at which the principal of the society will give an address on Our Deaf and Dumb Citizens; there will be a demonstration of the Language of Gesture.

"Argus"
June 16th 1927

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY

Lady Irvine presided yesterday afternoon over t recently formed Ladies' Advisory Board at t Adult Deaf Mute Society's headquarters at Jo mont Square, East Melbourne. There was a go attendance of members, from whose number executive committee was formed, Mrs. R. Weldon being elected chairwoman. The object view is the raising of £26,000, which is needed t bring this fine property in East Melbourne up the requirements of the hundreds of deaf and dum people who make Jolimont Square their rallyin ground.

The executive committee will meet at hea quarters on June 29 to discuss the best ways making preparation for the public appeal whi the Charities Board is permitting in Septembe The members of the executive are:—Mrs. Newto (mayoress of Preston), Miss E. E. Thom (mayoress of Essendon), Mrs. W. M. Buntine, Mr Fairhall, Mrs. E. H. Peacock, Mrs. E. H. Tille Mrs. Haun, Miss Rodda, Mrs. Jesson, Mrs. Hau strup, and Mrs. Morgan.

It is hoped that eventually every suburb wi have its representative on this committee, and be kept in touch with the society's work.

"Graphic"
16th June 1927

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was held at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square on Saturday afternoon, when the Lord Mayor (Sir Stephen Morell) presided. The Chief Secretary (Mr. Prender[illegible]) and Mr. Disney were preser[illegible] Lord Mayor commended the [illegible] of a vocational workshop and expressed his pleasure that the Charities' Board had allowed the society to make an appeal for funds. The election of office-bearers was as follows:—Patrons, His Excellency the Governor Lord Somers, the Lord Mayor (Sir Stephen Morell) and Dr. Mackeddie; president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-president and chairmain of the Board of Management, Mr. H. Bickford; honorary treasurer, Mr. J. Dudley; honorary secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; honorary physicians, Dr. W. Craig and Dr. May; auditor, Mr. O. McDonald; Board of Management, Messrs. E. J. Abraham (principal), A. Collins, G. Edwards, F. Frewin, J. Johnston, E. Morton Massina, E. Peacock, Sutherland, T. Purves, Vail and Paterson; principal and chaplain, Mr. E. Abraham; assistant secretary, Miss Empson; missioner, Mr. J. Johnston.

"Argus"
29th June 1927

FOR ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

The executive committee of the Ladies' Advisory Board in connection with the forthcoming appeal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society will meet at Jolimont square at half-past 2 o'clock to-day. Mrs. R. M. Weldon will preside.

"Age"
29th June 1927

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Mrs. R. M. Weldon will take the chair at a meeting of the executive committee of the ladies' advisory board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society this afternoon, at the society's head quarters at East Melbourne.

"Geelong Advertiser"
22nd June 1927

THE DEAF AND DUMB

Their Care and Education

Geelong Rotary Hears Interesting and Novel Details

The work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was brought prominently before members of the Geelong Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon yesterday when an address was given by Rotarian E. J. B. Abrahams, Principle of the Society. The president (Rotarian T. J. Buchan) congratulated Rotarian J. H. McPhillimy upon his election as president, and Rotarian J. T. Gill as vice-president, of the Presbyterian Girls' College Council. Rotarian W. Redpath conveyed greetings from the Brisbane Rotary Club.

Rotarian Abrahams said he welcomed tht opportunity to address Geelong Rotarians on behalf of the people whose care and training he had taken upon himself as his share of the responsibility of the State. He could claim to have been a Rotarian for 40 years, in spirit and in his activities. He not only believed in service before self, but in service all the time, for by putting into practice the ideal of service one could really get joy from life. His service was to the deaf and dumb citizens, of whom there were something like 1000 in Victoria.

"There is no such thing as dumbness" said Rotarian Abrahams, "They are dumb merely because they cannot hear. The organs of speech are all right, but speech is an acquired art, and as they have had no opportunity of acquiring speech through the sense of hearing, which is the means by which we obtain the knowledge of speech, they are consequently dumb, and therefore commonly called deaf and dumb.

"These people are very much misunderstood and misjudged. The average person is under the impression that the deaf and dumb people live in asylums and they are, to a degree, mentally deficient. This is quite a mistake. There are no such places as asylums for the deaf and dumb. They are residential State schools. They were called asylums in the old days before people understood the mental condition of the deaf mutes. There is absolutely no difference between a deaf and dumb person and a person who can speak, except that one is deprived of the sense to hear. Rotarians would not like to have the schools at which their children attend called asylums, and the feeling is the same with the deaf mutes. The State pays for the education of these children, but unfortunately up to the present time, the board has had to appeal for subscriptions to maintain the children whilst they are being educated.

"The deaf mutes leave the school when they reach the age of 16 years, the same as the normal child leaving the State school. They then go out into the world to earn their own livelihood in just the same way as the normal young man or woman goes out into the world. But there is a great difference. The normal child acquires knowledge from the day it leaves the cradle, and by the time that this child which can hear and speak, has reached the age of seven years, it has acquired a veritable storehouse of knowledge. It is entirely different with the deaf and dumb child. The parent cannot educate the deaf offspring, and therefore it grows up till at the age of seven years, its mind is a complete blank. The child has lost the best seven years of its life from an educational standpoint. When this child goes to school the teacher has to lay the foundation, and when the child leaves school at the age of 16 years, fully developed physically, mentally, and with all the desires of young manhood or womanhood, he or she is only eight or 10 years of age from an educational standpoint. They have to go out into the world to earn their own livelihood side by side with people who can hear and speak. These unfortunate people are shut out from most of the privileges open to you or me. Imagine a deaf young man in a train with several other travellers. He sees their animated conversation, their gestures and laughing, but that is all; he does not understand. His deafness absolutely shuts him out from all ordinary social intercourse. It is useless for him to go to church, because he cannot follow the service, and it is useless for him to go to a concert because he cannot hear the singer. Practically every social advantage is closed to him. There may be a family in which there are sisters and brothers including one deaf mute. There is laughter and jest at the table, but he just looks on; it is all mystifying to him. He may have a sister who sympathises with him and spells the word "joke" on her fingers, but when he naturally asks "what joke?" she replies that the telling would be too long.

"It was because of these things that the Deaf and Dumb Institution came into existence, called the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. The deaf and dumb were provided with a club-house, with the means of divine worship, and employment was sought for them. In fact, everything had been done for these deaf and dumb citizens to bring them as near as circumstances will permit to the standard of normal people. There is a movement on foot at the present time to build them a little church, a hostel for young men, and another for women, a vocational training workshop, assembly hall and club-house; in fact, a little city of their own. A property has been secured at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, at a cost of £25,000, of which £11,000 was still outstanding. The society intends to make an appeal for £28,000 to pay off the outstanding amount, and erect the buildings for these doubly afflicted people. At the present time the work is being carried on in temporary premises in a house which had been altered to embrace all of the society's activities. One hundred people in the club enjoy all sorts of games, including billiards and dancing every Saturday night. The society has not one of its members out of employment at the present time. (Applause.) In addition to looking after those who go out into the world to earn their own livelihood, there is the Blackburn Home for aged and infirm and mentally deficient deaf mutes so that the society has taken over the whole training of the deaf and dumb in Victoria, after they reach the age of 16 years."

Rotarian Abrahams in conclusion said that natural and conventional gestures made up the grammatical language of the deaf mutes, and he gave an illustration of this in a recital of "The Village Blacksmith."

At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Rotarian Abrahams for his interesting address.

"Graphic"
23rd June 1927

Appeal For Adult Deaf And Dumb.

The recently-formed Ladies Advisory Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society held a meeting at the society's headquarters, Jolimont Square, on Wednesday afternoon, when Lady Irvine presided. An executive committee was formed, with Mrs. R. M. Weldon as chairwoman. The sum of £26,000 is required to make the fine site in Jolimont Square, which is the centre of the Adult Deaf and Dumb available for the teaching of vocational trades to the afflicted people, and also to provide comfortable hostels and social centres for the hundreds of members of this silent community. The Charities' Board has permitted the society to make a public appeal in September. A meeting of the executive committee will be held on Wednesday, June 29, to discuss plans for launching and conducting the public appeal. The committee desires to include in its personnel a representative from every municipality. The executive committee comprises Miss E. E. Thomas (acting-Mayoress of Essendon), Mrs. Newton (Mayoress of Preston), Mrs. W. M. Buntine, Mrs. E. Peacock, Mrs. Jesson, Miss Rodda, Mrs. Hanstrup, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Fairhall, Mrs. E. Tilley and Mrs. Hann.

"Age"
28th June 1927.

TEACHING THE DEAF.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—In "The Age" of 17th June a letter appeared signed "Honor," and, although the writer, in some parts, is undoubtedly misinformed, nevertheless, is interested in the deaf. I would suggest if he has not already met Mr. Abraham and attended some of his meetings, it would be a wise move on his part to do so. There seems little to gain by referring to each statement; a few fundamental facts may be more to the point.

There is not a greater admirer of, or friend to, the teacher of the deaf, then Mr. Abraham. He is at all times foremost in the showing of any appreciation of their work. In fact, the two presentations to the ex head master (one about seventeen years ago, and the other a few months ago) were initiated and carried through by him in the happiest of harmony, the latter especially, when, at a big social, the presentation was made. Mr. Abraham presided, and said that he owed a debt as great as the deaf themselves to their ex head master, and to the teaching staff of the school, because their success made his work the easier, and there was no other return the deaf could give for their education, except the great, "unpurchable love." With regard to the school, he strongly stresses the fact that, whilst the Government pays for the education of the deaf child (same as the State school), the domestic side is maintained by fees from parents and public subscription.

It was the deaf-and-dumb founder of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution (deaf and dumb school), the late Mr. F. J. Rose, who was largely responsible for bringing Mr. Abraham to Australia, and it was the late Mr. Samuel Johnston, M.A., for some time head teacher of the Victorian Deaf School, and afterwards principal of the South Australia Deaf and Dumb Institution, also founder of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of that State, who spoke of Mr. Abraham as the "greatest living benefactor of the deaf." In fact, it is Mr. Abraham who has taught the ex pupils to have an affection for their "Alma Mater."

Just recently, in a letter to the press, he referred to the skill of the teachers of the deaf, and said:—"For many years the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution has turned out some of the finest lip readers it has been my pleasure to meet." And in his many recent public addresses much complimentary reference has been made to the work carried on at the institution.

Briefly, Mr. Abraham contends that, whilst the normal citizens have the advantage of high schools, technical schools and the University after leaving the elementary school, the education of the deaf comes to a sudden standstill upon leaving their special school. Mr. Abraham is out to get the best possible conditions for the adult deaf, for they, being handicapped by the lost sense of hearing, he claims they should, at least, be provided with the same opportunities for spiritual, intellectual and social betterment as are already open to the normal citizen.—Yours, &c.,

FAIR PLAY.

Camberwell, 27th June.

[This correspondence is now closed.]—Ed., "The Age."

"Argus"
14th July 1927

FOR ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

At the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's centre, Jolimont square, East Melbourne, on Tuesday afternoon, the advisory and executive board met to elect office-bearers for the appeal which is to be held during September. The following were elected:—President, Lady Irvine; chairwoman, Mrs. R. M. Weldon; honorary secretary, Mrs. A. C. Fairhall; honorary treasurer, the mayoress of Hawthorn (Mrs. H. A. Wallace); vice-presidents, Mrs. Jesson, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. R. M. Weldon, and Mrs. A. C. Fairhall. Arrangements were made for the American tea which is to be held at the centre on Wednesday, July 27, afternoon and evening. Musical items will be given during the afternoon and evening by Madame Lena Conly, Miss Florrie Greenberg, and others.

"Herald"
15th July 1927

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB

Appeal Committee Formed

In connection with the forthcoming September appeal for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, in Jolimont, the following office bearers have been elected from the women's committee:—Lady Irvine, president; Mrs. R. M. Weldon, chairwoman; Mrs. A. C. Fairhall, honorary secretary; Mrs. H. A. Wallace (Mayoress of Hawthorn), honorary treasurer; Mesdames Jesson and Peacock, vice-presidents.

Arrangements are being made for an American Tea, to be held at the Centre on July 27, afternoon and evening. Madam Lena Conly Miss Florrie Greenberg, and others have promised to assist.

"Herald"
25th July 1927

Lady Irvine will open an American Tea at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South, East Melbourne, on Wednesday. All those interested in the welfare of the afflicted are urged to help by bringing a gift and buying one. An attractive programme has been arranged. Madame Lena Conly has promised to sing. The Al Tones Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Mr Alexander Jacobson, will be in attendance and Miss Florrie Greenberg will contribute humorous monologues.

"Argus"
26th July 1927

HOSTEL FOR DEAF MUTES.

An American tea will be opened by Lady Irvine at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Wellington parade, East Melbourne, on Wednesday afternoon, July 27, at 3 o'clock, the proceeds of which will be added to the fund for providing hostels for deaf and dumb young men and women. There will be a musical programme and demonstrations by deaf and dumb girls.

"Age"
30th July 1927

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

A successful American tea, opened by Lady Irvine, was held on Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, Jolimont-square, East Melbourne, in aid of the appeal for £26,000 which is to take place during the month of September. Speeches were made by Mr. H. Bickford, chairman of the society, and the principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. Mrs. R. M. Weldon (chairman ladies' advisory board), Mrs. A. C. Fairhall (hon. sec.) and other members of the committee were also present, and presided over stalls most attractively stocked.

Madame Lena Conly and Miss N. Wyatt rendered songs, the Al Tones Orchestra provided enjoyable music, and Miss Florrie Greenberg gave humorous monologues. Some demonstrations also were given by various members of the Deaf and Dumb Girls' Club.

"Sun Pictorial"
2nd August 1927

CAFE CHANTANT

For Deaf and Dumb

A cafe chantant will be held at the Preston Town Hall on August 10, at 3 p.m.

This entertainment is being organised by a committee of women, with Mrs. G. Macpherson as president, and Mrs. Fred Shephard hon. secretary. They have joined forces to assist the Deaf and Dumb Appeal. The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) is hon. treasurer.

Miss Freda Northcote is in charge of the program, which promises to be an enjoyable one.

"Morning Post"
11th August 1927

CAFE Chantant for Deaf and Dumb Appeal

To aid the Deaf and Dumb appeal, a committee of Preston ladies held a very successful Cafe Chantant in the Preston Town Hall yesterday afternoon.

Miss Freda Northcote arranged a very enjoyable program, which was supplemented by items from two ladies of the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

On the committee were the president (Mrs. G. McPherson), hon. secretary (Mrs. Fred Sheppard), hon. treasurer (the Mayor, Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.), Mesdames Hann. Membrey, Humphreys, Chapman, McGregor, Beveridge, Booth, Chown, Kitchen. Mrs. Harold Allchin was in charge of the refreshments.

Mr. Abrahams (from the Jolimont centre) spoke on behalf of the appeal.

"Albury Times"
17th Sept 1927

CORRESPONDENCE

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to a par in yesterday's "Border Morning Mail," re a deaf and dumb man, as it gives an impression that the man was not genuine—allow me to state that the average deaf mute can articulate the commonplace, but cannot keep up a conversation. So one need not wonder at him saying "good-day" or "thank you."

I being the person in question, would like the public to know the object of my being here. It was not the show that brought me. I was here before. I am a collector for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, whose activities extend all over the State and even into adjoining States. It has been established over 40 years and has always received kindly support in Albury. We have three of our deaf living here in Albury, besides others in Holbrook, Jerilderie, Conargo, Deniliquin and Moulamein. I have been instrumental in securing admission into our farm and home for feeble-minded deaf at Blackburn (Vic.), a case from Jerilderie (N.S.W.). Seeing that our work is not confined to Victoria alone, it is worthy of sympathy and support. I thank those who have kindly helped us in the past. I only want our cause better understood. Being within easy access, open to any deaf who apply.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. LUPP,
Authorised Collector.

THE MANUAL ALPHABET.—As used by the Deaf and Dumb.



ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Headquarters: Adult Deaf Mute Centre, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Appeal for £26,000

(Authorised by the Charities Board)

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Phone, J1270

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ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY BUILDING FUND APPEAL

To the Hon. Treasurer,
Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Herewith I enclose the sum of £
to the above fund.

Name.....

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A CHAPEL FOR DEAF MUTES.

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The approximate cost is about £3,000.

If every Church in Victoria helped by even a small portion of a Sunday's offertory, or drew the attention of the congregation to the condition and needs of the Deaf and Dumb and our aim on their behalf, we feel confident that the amount required would immediately be forthcoming.

We sincerely hope that you and your congregation will help to give to the Deaf and Dumb the opportunity for Divine guidance that all normal people enjoy.

Twenty-two years ago an Institute for the Adult Deaf and Dumb was erected in Flinders Street East, and contained Church, class and club rooms and offices. During later years the number of deaf mutes attending Divine Worship, the classes and social gatherings increased so rapidly that greater accommodation became an urgent necessity.

Two years ago the Board of Management were fortunate in securing Jolimont Square, a property of two acres, and upon this site the Board propose to erect improved buildings to house the many activities of the Society, including a Hostel for deaf and dumb boys and young men, as well as a Hostel for girls and young women, a secondary educational institute, a club house and social hall, workshops, offices and quarters for officer in charge; but chief of all, a little Church for the Spiritual well-being of our doubly afflicted people.

The absence of the one sense—hearing—makes necessary special elementary schools for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, and when they leave school at the age of 16 or thereabouts still other provision must be made for the continuance of their meagre education as well as for their Spiritual and moral well-being, and perhaps chief of all from the deaf mutes' point of view, provision for social intercourse.

The Deaf and Dumb are educated through the eye, and it is by means of the eye alone, assisted by the hand, that the Deaf and Dumb are able to benefit from the consolations of Divine Worship.

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East,
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PROPOSED



CHURCH FOR DEAF MUTES

After School Care

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'Phone: J 1270

What the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society already means to the Deaf and Dumb of this State and what it is planning to do.

A Church

Specially designed for Services addressed to the Eye. Divine Worship is conducted in the language of the Deaf and Dumb.



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Hostel for Deaf Mute Boys and Young Men

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To provide accommodation and supervision whilst learning occupations enabling them to become self-supporting citizens.

Secondary Educational Institute

CLASSES, LECTURES, ETC., IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

Club House

With Library, Reading and Billiard Rooms, etc., etc.

Employment Bureau

—and Enquiry Office

The Temporary Institute is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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Address:

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From "The Argus" Oct. 9th, 1926

THE DEAF MUTES' CAUSE

MR. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM'S LIFE WORK

To-day the deaf and dumb people of Victoria celebrate the 25th anniversary of the coming of Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham to Australia. In the years that have elapsed since, Mr. Abraham has raised the status of the deaf and dumb people of this State to as near normal as conditions will permit, and has built up an adult deaf and dumb organisation that is notable among institutions of its kind in the world. He has turned his unique and extensive experience of educational and missionary work to the full and best use to help the mutes.

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These activities gradually increased until larger premises became necessary. Two years ago Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, a property of two acres, was bought at a cost of £25,000, and the Flinders Street building sold for £17,000. The society's activities are temporarily being carried on in a large building in the square, which was adapted for the purpose at a cost of £1500. As soon as the Charities Board permits it, Mr. Abraham intends to launch a campaign to raise £26,000, with which to erect at Jolimont Square a small church specially designed for the deaf and dumb, hostels for boys and young men, and girls and young women, a secondary educational institute, and a club-house.

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You will choose your own way to help, but let us all endeavour to do something

Sincerely yours

(Signed) THOMAS BROWN

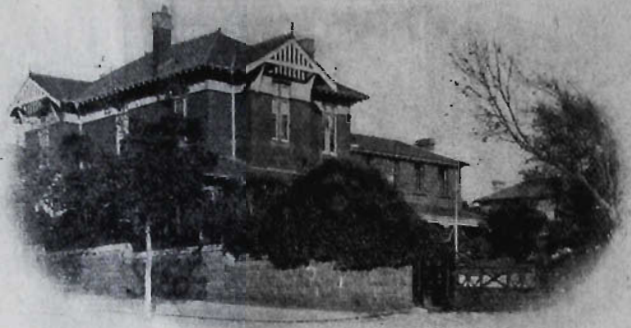
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JOLIMONT SQUARE
MELBOURNE EAST



THE TEMPORARY ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE AND MEETING HOUSE AT JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

AFTER SCHOOL CARE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

We have in this State a certain percentage of fellow citizens who are known as Deaf Mutes, that is, people who are deaf, and consequently dumb—dumb, not because the organs of speech are missing or imperfect, but because speech is an acquired art—an art we begin to learn in our childhood, and acquired by means of the sense of hearing—imitating sounds heard.

There are about 1000 Deaf Mutes of all ages in Victoria These people, by reason of the absence of the sense of hearing, are more or less isolated from the rest of the community.

DEPRIVED of hearing, they are dependent upon sight for practically everything which gives interest to life.

The Deaf and Dumb are educated through THE EYE, whether it be by means of writing, lip reading, finger spelling or signs—for after all has been said, even lip reading is a sign language in a miniature form. And it is by means of the eye, assisted by the hand, that the Deaf and Dumb are able to participate with their fellow afflicted in social intercourse, and the few pleasures of life open to them.

THE ABSENCE of the ONE SENSE—hearing— makes necessary special elementary schools for their instruction, and when they leave school at the age of 16 or thereabouts, still other special provision must be made for the continuance of their education—spiritual, moral, and physical training, and social intercourse.

We acquire most of our early knowledge through the ear; hence the hearing child has a good command of spoken language at the age of seven.

From the very cradle the hearing child begins to learn. It is very different with the deaf child. Its mind is a complete blank, and its parents are powerless to get an entrance for teaching. If fortunate, the deaf child is sent to the special school at the age of seven. But before the specialist teacher can teach the child, he must first lay a foundation upon which to build.

The consequence is, that when the deaf-mute child leaves school at the age of 16, although as physically developed as the normal, and with all the desires of the normal, he is only 8 or 10 years old in mental development. From the educational standpoint, the best seven years of his life has been lost, and it is seldom, if ever, made up. It is with this inadequate preparation the handi-

capped deaf youth, of both sexes, go out into the world to earn their livelihood side by side with the normal.

The story of their education is quite modern. It was not until 170 years ago that the first school for the Deaf and Dumb was established, and that in Great Britain. At the beginning of the last century there were only eight schools for the Deaf and Dumb in the world, and they were all in Europe.

The first school for the deaf of Australia was opened in Victoria by a Deaf Mute in 1860, and, like most other institutions for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, was known as **"The Asylum,"** which resulted to a large extent in the general public believing that these unfortunate people were put in these "Asylums" for their own protection, and there remained for the rest of their lives There are thousands of people, unfortunately, who think in like manner even to this day. The science of psychology, or the mind, is only now in its infancy.

The fact that the deaf were merely "dumb" because they could not hear, and that mental deficiency did not necessarily go with deafness, only began very gradually to be understood when the deaf started to leave school and to establish themselves. These



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SOME MEMBERS OF OUR DEAF MUTE YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETY

first pupils were joined by adult deaf mutes from Europe, and became the pioneers of the Adult Deaf and Dumb organisations of the Commonwealth. In those days the only meeting places for the Deaf and Dumb were convenient lamp-posts or quiet hotel parlors. It was also most difficult to persuade employers to give them work, as they were considered—to put it gently—"unbalanced," a further injury by suggestion. Then, when work was secured, it was invariably at a wage considerably below the standard.

Just call to mind the ordinary institutions for normal people. Divine worship, the lecture, concert, drama, club dinner, fellowship gatherings, wireless installations, social evening and general companionships, conversation, music, song, the voice of those we love.

IN ALL THESE the sense of hearing is depended upon, and from all these sweetnesses the Deaf and Dumb are shut out.

Certainly, they can carry on a written conversation on paper. They can read books; some few can read the lips. But, as with the hearing, so with the deaf, there are those who hunger for the consolation of Divine Worship and spiritual companionship; the intellectual food to be obtained through the lecture and drama, and the pleasures of the social, and animated conversation. To the

Deaf and Dumb there is but one avenue—one gateway—The Language of Gesture. And to talk in this language they must associate with one another, and consequently their vision is very limited, and their area of companionship and soul communion restricted.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria is an organisation which aims at giving the Deaf and Dumb, in buildings of their own, and in their own language, as many of the advantages that their lost sense permits, as are enjoyed by normal people.

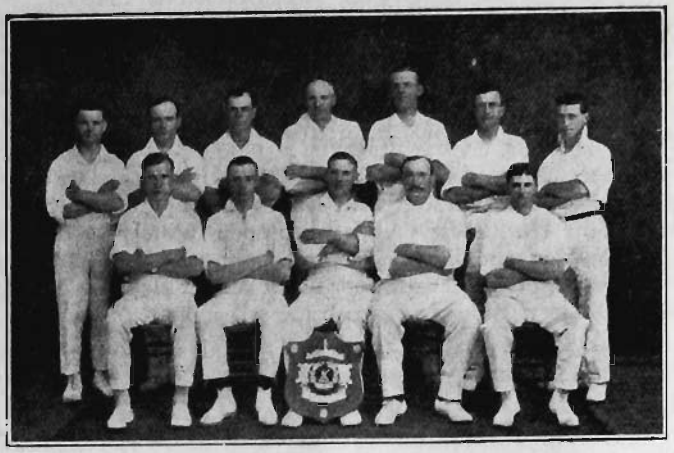
Twenty-two years ago a building containing a Church, lecture hall, class-rooms, club accommodation, and enquiry and employment offices, was erected in Flinders Street. As the activities of the Society increased and larger numbers of the deaf joined up, so the accommodation of the building became the more inadequate, and two years ago Jolimont Square was purchased and the Flinders Street building sold.

As the expert officer of the Society became better acquainted with the deaf-mute population of the State, he discovered that many had grown up without education; some were more or less mentally defective, others **blind** and **deaf** and **dumb**, others aged

and infirm. There were also some who, through lack of discipline or training, were living in idleness. So yet another activity had to be brought into existence, and it was for the shelter, protection, care and training of this section of the deaf-mute community that the Society's Blackburn Home for Deaf Mutes was built, and the Training Farm established.

And then began a sifting out and careful training, so that within a few years after the Home was opened, all the deaf inmates that could be disciplined and trained were returned to the working world to earn their own livelihood, leaving at the Home only such as it was wise to keep there for their own welfare and the good of the community generally.

A visit to any meeting organised by the Deaf and Dumb in Victoria will reveal an amazing contrast to the former condition of these people—in their higher intellectual, moral, spiritual and temporal well-being. The Society has done a marvellous work in the past 25 years. Will you help us to carry this still further by removing the debt which encumbers the Society, and provide funds for necessary new developments?



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OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST,

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At present the various activities of the Society are being temporarily carried on in a building (formerly a private residence) in the Square and altered for the purpose.

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The educated deaf mute is a capable, good and loyal workman, and can turn his hand to any class of work.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, whilst giving every assistance to indigent deaf mutes, aims at making the Deaf and Dumb of Victoria self-supporting citizens, and it is the boast of the deaf mutes themselves that they are seldom out of employment, and, thanks to the training of the School and our Society, they very seldom have to ask for monetary assistance.

AN INVITATION

To the Lady of the House,

from

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TO PARENTS OF THE DEAF

Dear Friend,

I am aiming at making Melbourne the best possible place to live in for the Deaf; to see, so far as humanly possible, that they are given the same advantages as are already open to normal Citizens for Spiritual, Educational and Social advancement.

Will you help me?

I am giving an address on "Our Deaf Citizens" at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South, on Tuesday July 12th at 8 p.m. I hope to see all our deaf people represented by at least one relative or friend.

Will you come and bring other relatives and friends?

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest J. D. Abraham

P.S. Take bus from Princes Bridge station to Cliveden Mansions, Wellington Parade (3 minutes) or Train from Princes Bridge to Jolimont (2 minutes).

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
(INCORPORATED)

NEW HEAD-QUARTERS:

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE E.

PHONE: J 1270

My dear Friend,

Enclosed is a letter that I want you to give to a hearing relation - Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Uncle, Aunt - or Friend. If after reading the letter the relation says he or she is unable to attend, then hand it to another until you find one who is able to come and if able to bring along more friends all the better, but I do want you to be represented by <u>at least one</u> hearing relation or friend.

Affectionately yours,

Ernest J. B. Abraham

Please do it now

To Our Deaf Friends,

Dear Friend,

I am sure one of your relatives or friends will be only too pleased to help in Our Big Effort. Please show this collecting Sheet round until some one offers to collect.

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Special Effort by Parents and Friends of the Deaf

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

AND HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND BLIND DEAF MUTES

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Name	Address	Amount, £

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Address.....

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TOTAL, £

Date.....

(Please forward this sheet, together with Contributions collected, to Ernest J. D. Abraham, Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, and amounts will be acknowledged in the "Monthly Letter" and Daily Newspapers.)

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Adult Deaf Mute Centre,

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Wellington Pde. Sth.,

MELBOURNE EAST.

28th September, 1927.

Dear Friend/

The Charities Board has withdrawn its consent to our Appeal for the time being, therefore we must ask you not to collect any more money just now, and to return to us the pink and white collecting papers you received in the Monthly Letter, together with any money you may have collected. If you have not collected any money just send the blank sheets.

Thanking you kindly for your help.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Secretary.

Our Deaf & Dumb Citizens



MR. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

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Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Jolimont Square, Melbourne) and Expert in matters pertaining to the Deaf and Dumb, will give an address as above

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Yours sincerely

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ADULT DEAF TENNIS CLUB

SOCIAL DANCE

To be held at the
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WEDNESDAY. NOVEMBER 16TH. 1927

Proceeds in aid of Tennis Club

Jacobson All-Tone Jazz Orchestra — DANCING 8 till 11

TICKETS 3/- EACH — SUPPER

"Herald"
28th Nov 1927

DEAF-MUTES FOREIGNERS AMONG OWN PEOPLE

Plea For Consideration

"The deaf mute is a foreigner among his own people," said Mr E. J. Abraham, of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, at the Victorian Ad. Men's lunch, at the Oriental, today. Mr Abrahams made an appeal for consideration of deaf mutes.

"The greatest difficulty of educating the deaf mute is that up to seven years his mind is a blank. Parents cannot teach him, special schools and teachers being needed. He goes to school at seven, with the mind of a child of two."

"Argus"
29th Nov 1927

1,000 Deaf Mutes in Victoria.

Addressing members of the Victorian Institute of Advertising yesterday, Mr. E. J. Abraham said that the number of deaf and dumb people in Victoria was approximately 1,000. About 400 adult deaf mutes lived in Melbourne and suburbs. To the deaf mute education was everything. Mr. Abraham concluded his address with an interesting demonstration of the methods by which deaf mutes are able to converse.

SUNDAY ACCOUNT.

To be retained by Payer.

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Melbourne, Nov 1927

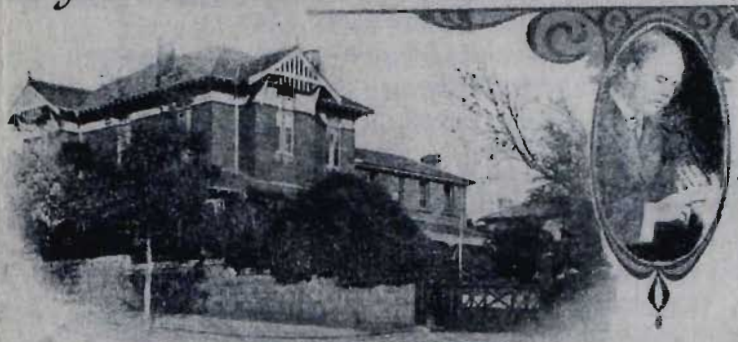
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OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



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I expect to pass through this World but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show a fellow creature, let me do it now, let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

APPEAL WITHDRAWN.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The Charities Board having withdrawn its consent to our Appeal for the time being, we ask our readers not to collect any more money for the Building Fund just now. The Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society is in correspondence with the Charities Board with regard to the re-instatement of the Appeal.
Meanwhile, I wish to thank the Deaf of this State and all hearing helpers for the very generous response made to my appeal. At the time of its withdrawal everything was ready for a very big canvas during the month of September, the month allocated to us. We were literally surrounded by friends; everybody was ready for " The Big Push Movement" and we were full of hope, indeed many of us were sure of success. Something like £200- had already reached us from the deaf and we are certain the effort of the deaf alone would have been, at least, £1.000. Believing as we do that all things work together for good, we will only see good in the temporary suspension of the Appeal and wait for the opportunity that is going to add benefits that otherwise might not have come our way. The mere announcement of the Appeal has shown us what the deaf can do and are willing to do, and personally I very much appreciate the confidence, loyalty and ready help given by the Deaf.

I am,
Affectionately yours,
Ernest J. D. Abraham.

DEAF of CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

As our President, (Mr. E.K.Peacock) is Consul of Czechoslovakia and is at present in Prague, and Mr. Edgar Peacock (Member of the Board of Management) is Acting-Consul, we are sure that news of the Deaf of the Czechoslovak Republic will be of exceptional interest to our deaf readers. There is a Society which embraces the whole of the Adult

Deaf Organisations of the Republic named the " Czechoslovak Federation of Societies of the Deaf " with office in Prague. The President is Mr.B Bazil. The oldest is the Mutual Society of the Deaf, which was founded in 1868. There is a Tourist Club of the Deaf, the Free Association of Deaf Mutes and the Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Jews.
The Next International Congress of the Deaf is to be held at Prague in 1928.

CONGRATULATIONS to N.S.W. and S.A. DEAF.

We have only space this month for congratulations to our New South Wales and South Australian Deaf friends and brief mention of the wonderful progress made in recent years in the sister States. N.S.W. has a progressive Board of Management, an enthusiastic Hon. Supt., (Mr. A.L. Lonsdale) and a powerful and enthusiastic band of workers. The Board has just purchased the property of the Royal Society (5 Elizabeth St. Sydney) for £31.000. and the Adult Deaf Society will take possession in January next. The building is centrally situated and when altered to the requirements of the Deaf will make a first class Centre for the Adult Deaf. By the end of this year, the Board expect to have sufficient in hand to cover the cost of alterations and furnishing.
The Board of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission some little time ago purchased a beautiful property on South Terrace, Adelaide, and on Saturday, August 20th, the foundation stone of an £11,000 Institute for the Adult Deaf was laid by the Lord Mayor. CONGRATULATIONS.

PICTURE NIGHTS.

Many interesting Picture Nights have been held at this Centre mainly on Thursday nights after the Scripture Study and Lecturette. The following were the principal films shown :- " Australian Native Animals and Birds", illustrated lecture by Dr. Brook-Nicholls. " Navigator" featuring Buster Keaton; " The Auction Block" from Rex Beach's Novel; "The Three Musketeers" featuring Douglas Fairbanks; " What happened to Jones" featuring Reginald Denny; " The Beautiful Rebel" , " Rolling Home" by Reg. Denny, " Battling Butler" by Buster Keaton, " Dont" by Sally O'Neil and many other small pictures including various industries and gazettes.

WORKERS CLUB.

Another successful Deaf Workers Club monthly social was held on the evening of October 4th, when there was an attendance of 60 persons. The proceeds were for the Xmas Treat to the Inmates of our Blackburn Home. Flags of nations, guessing competitions, memory test, balloon football, recitations and etc., made up the evening's programme. During the supper interval Mr. and Mrs. A.Halliday were presented with a tea service by Mrs. Frewin (President) on behalf of the members of the Workers Club and they suitably responded,and expressed their thanks.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

The 26th Anniversary of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. E.J.D.Abraham in Victoria was held on the 22nd of September. Mr. J.M.Johnston was the chairman of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. E.J.D.Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, Mrs. Jackson (daughter) and Pat were present as guests of the

Congregation. Mr. J.M.Johnston gave a short address, complimenting Mr. Abraham on attaining his 26th year of service with the Deaf of Victoria and expressed the hope that he would be able to serve the Deaf of Vic.. for many years yet. Mr. Abraham responded and referred with feeling to the loyalty of the Deaf to himself and the earnest way they helped him always. He expressed great disappointment at the stoppage of our Appeal. A very unique programme was submitted including Recitation Competition, won by H.Puddy and Miss E.O'Gorman. " Weight Guessing" by A.Maloney of Culgoa; " Finishing Touch" by T.Peters; " Name guessing" by J.Dickenson, and Miss Vera West. "Shop Guessing" by Miss T.Stephens. The Country visitors present were as follows :- S.Ferguson of Bowmans Forest, R.Stewart of Bolinda, A.Maloney of Culgoa, F.Lynas of Charlton, A.Collins of Neerim Junction, J.Kenworthy of Pakenham, Mrs. G.Damman of Warburton and Miss V.West of Traralgon. Mr. G. Newnham introduced and had charge of the programme which was an exceptionally good one.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild re-opened with a Social on the 16th of August after a two months winter vacation. The games played were soccer balloon, paper cutting, frog jumping and bowls. Supper brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.
On the 30th August, at the invitation of the Men's Guild, the members witnessed the screening of some very good educational and travel scenes by Messrs. Sutherland and Edwards from their Baby Cinema Machines.
On the 13th of Sept. Miss M.Gibson entertained the members with a paper on the " Tragedy and Romance of Glamis Castle" which was very good.
" The Hero of Algiers" was the next paper given by Miss Elsie Stephens on the 27th Sept., It proved very interesting and was listened to with attention.
Miss Owen Hawkins gave a splendid paper on " Birthstones and Opals" on the 11th of October.
On the 25th of October, Miss E.O'Gorman delivered an excellent paper on "News by Shouting" which was principally a story of the ancient Gauls. It was a well prepared paper and much enjoyed by those present.
At one of the Guild meetings a very pretty Xylonite Pen Painted Toilet Set was presented to Miss Margaret Gibson as a token of appreciation of her five years splendid service as Hon. Secretary of the Guild. The President (Mrs. Frewin) on behalf of the members made the presentation, Miss Gibson thanked the members for their kindly thought and feelingly thanked them for the gift.
At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Guild it was unanimously decided to form a Rambling Club. The outings will be held one Saturday in each month. Watch the Notice Board in the Hall for arrangements.

MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild is still going strong. Since the last issue of O.M.L. the following subjects were listed. August 16th, Mr. W.Bladier gave us an insight into " Some curious facts", then on the 30th August Messrs. Edwards and Sutherland entertained us with a travel film, being scenes from their Baby Cinema Machines. The members of the Women's Guild were also present.
Mr. F.Frewin gave us some creepy feelings when he read his paper on " Ghosts and Gallows" on the 13th of September.

Then came Mr. Crush's paper on " Aeroplanes and flying" on the 27th of Sept. He brought many interesting relics including parts and curios picked up during the Great War. A very interesting and instructive evening.
On Oct. 11th, Mr. J.Bourke gave a paper on the Blind and Deaf.
On the 25th of Oct. Mr. W.Bladier gave another paper on " Evolution".

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse season came to a close on the 27th of August when it saw our No.1. team well down on the list and our No.2. team in the semi-final It has been a year of bitter disappointment to our enthusiastic followers. Thanks are due to the brave spirits who did their best to keep our flag flying and carry on the sport to the end.
The result of the matches to the end of the season is as follows:-
July 16th. M.C.C. piled up 32 goals to our 2. We were two men short in this game and put in Robert Ryan of Warrnambool and O.Quinton in the team. No. 2. team defeated Box Hill by scoring 13 to 7.
July 23rd. Caulfield put on 12 goals to our 8. No. 2.team scored 29 against Brighton 2.
July 30th. Camberwell notched up 12 goals to our 7. No. 2 team played the last match of the second round against Caulfield, the leaders, and received a set back. They scored 10 to our 8.
August 6th. Coburg vanquished the No.1.team scoring 8 to our 4.
August 20th. Hawthorn ran over us by scoring 14 to 9. Our side was again short handed. No.2 team met Williamstown for the semi-final and was beaten.
August 27th. A fast, even and clean game was played against Brighton which resulted in a drawn game, 7 goals each. Our side was filled with 2 or 3 No. 2 team players.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Team played the first match of the Season on the 8th and 15th of October and opposed South Ports for the Victorian Junior Cricket Association Third Grade Competition. The match was played on our Blackburn Ground in fine weather. Prior to the match the Adult Deaf players met and elected W.O'Bryan as Captain of the team for this season, with L. Sutton as Vice-Captain. W.O'Bryan won the toss and sent the opponents in to bat. Owing to the semi-final Football attraction, South Port had only six players for the first Saturday but a full team the following Saturday. South Port made a moderate score of 42 runs in their first innings. W. Ashby captured 4 wickets for 24 runs. W.McMillen 1 for 12. The Adult Deaf replied with 63 runs. W.Sutton headed the batting with 28 runs, then comes E.Martin with 18 runs.
In the 2nd innings, South Port put on 9 runs which left us with 28 runs to win. W.O'Bryan and W.McMillen knocked up the necessary runs and 6 to spare. They scored 9 and 19 runs respectively with 6 sundries.
On the 22nd and 29th of October, we journeyed to Port Melbourne and played against the Local A.N.A. The locals batted first and put on 3 wickets for 224 runs declared. At time of going to Press the Adult Deaf replied with 3 wickets for 28 runs.

TENNIS CLUB.

With the object of creating greater enthusiasm in the games it was recently decided to enter a team of 3 ladies and 6 gents in an association competition for 1927-28 Season. It is hoped that the Competitions will improve our standard of play. The Allocation Committee has selected the following players to represent their Club. For the Gents Doubles, G.Edwards, H.Puddy, A.Stokes with J.Allen as emergency. For the Mixed Doubles , Mrs. T.Peters and J.McLaurin. Miss M.Dow and J.M. Johnston, Miss L.Sanders and Mr. G.Newnham with Mrs. J.M.Johnston and J.Allen as emergencies. The first match will be played early in November.

CYCLING.

W.Hateley of Camperdown who is in the Geelong Cycling Club Register put up a very good race on the 1st of October in the Amateur 20 mile handicap race between Geelong and Queenscliff. When nearing the finishing post Hateley punctured while riding like a winner and making the pace. Two other cyclists shot past him leaving him to finish third. His handicap was 7 minutes ahead of scratch.

LACROSSE SOCIAL.

An enjoyable " Wind Up " Social was given at this Centre on the evening of 6th of September, by the Lacrosse Club to the two teams. There was a good attendance of players and supporters. Interesting games were enjoyed and during the supper interval, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were presented with a sliver cake dish by the members of the No.2 team in recognition of their unfailing help during the past season as time keeper, scorer and interpreter. It was regretted that Mr. Kidd was not present for he was to be the recipient of a very nice fruit dish as a token of appreciation of his many years service as the Club's Delegate, which position he relinquished last season. The present will be sent on to him.

CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of Sept 2nd before a fair attendance. Mr. J.M.Johnson, the Vice-President, occupied the Chair. After the reading of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the election of Office bearers was then proceeded with, which resulted as follows :- President, Mr. J.M.Johnston, Vice-Presidents Messrs. F.Rees, W.Crush and J.McLean. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G.Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Mr. W.Ashby; Committee, Messrs. M.G.Mortimer, J.Cariss, W.O'Bryan and L.Sutton. During the evening Mr. F.Rees, on behalf of his wife, presented the trophies (medals) one from herself and two from the Club, to Mr. W.Ashby for winning the Batting and Bowling averages, and to Mr. L.Sutton for the Highest Individual Score.
Before the close of the meeting two members offered to donate medals for the coming season, for which they were heartily thanked.

WEDDINGS.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at Our Church on the evening of Aug.24th 1927, when Miss Ivy Cole was joined in Holy Wedlock to Mr. Alfred Halliday. The Rev. J.Newport White was the officiating clergyman and Mr. E.J.D. Abraham the interpreter.

Our little Church at Jolimont Square looked very pretty on the afternoon of Saturday October 1st, for two of our members were married then - William Donnellan of Thornbury and Thelma Reade of Yarra Junction. The bride, who is one of our prettiest girls, was daintily dressed and carried beautiful flowers. She was attended by two bridesmaids. The Rev. Mr. Tonkin of East Richmond Methodist Church performed the ceremony and Our Principal, Mr. E.J.D.Abraham, interpreted. There were many wellwishers at the Church and much confetti was showered on the young couple. The honeymoon was spent at Daylesford.

To Mr. and Mrs. Halliday and Mr. and Mrs. Donnellan we extend our best wishes for their future happiness.

VIC. BRANCH A.D. & D. A.

The Australasian Deaf and Dumb Association did magnificent work for the Deaf in the past and there is a growing feeling that the Association should be overhauled and strengthened and made the powerful influence it once was. The Asscoaation has been quietly " carrying on " since the days of the Great War but has accomplished nothing brilliant. The Victorian branch at a recent meeting decided to make a move and to invite old members to send in their subscriptions of 1/. and ask new members to enrol. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. J.M.Johnston, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square Melbourne. The Hon. Sec., (Mr. R.H.Luff) writes " It would be well for all the Deaf to renew allegiance to the Association as there is no telling when its services may be required. It is well to be on the safe side and keep going ". There is hope of a Conference in the near future.

RALLY UP.

MONTHLY LETTER SUBSCRIPTION.

The Hon. Secretary to the Deaf Committee, Mr. J.McLean, acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to " Our Monthly Letter " Fund. Mrs. W.Hair (Willung) 5/. Mr. O.Tyzzer 3/9, The late Mr. A.Wilson 2/6. Mr. Nicholson(Sydney), R.Stewart of Bolinda, A.G.Hanson of Conargo,N.S.W 2/6 each. W.Limbrick of Hobart, Tasmania, Miss E.O'Gorman, Miss Doig, W.A.Paterson,Miss M.Gibson, O.Quinton, A.Maloney of Culgoa, W.A.Chapman of Burwood 2/. each. L.H.Nicholls of Sydney 1/6, W.O'Keefe of Laverton and C.Hunt of Ouyen 1/. each,

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. Pepper, for many years a deaf settler of King Island, a small island lying mid-way between Victoria and Tasmania, in the Bass Strait, is at present in Scotland and we are told that it is more than likely he will stay for good. We hope he is finding it very sweet to be back in his native home once more.

On the 7th of August last, Mr. and Mrs. J.E.Muir of Warburton celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary (25 years) and many congratulatory letters were sent to the happy couple.

There are only two things in the World that are really important - Work and Faith.

Mrs. G.Damman of Warburton with her two youngest children were down in Melbourne for Show Week and they had a busy time visiting various places of interest. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.M.Johnston of Auburn.

Robert Stewart of Bolinda was down for the Show and stayed for two weeks.

Mrs. Hartley spent an enjoyable fortnight holidaying in the Harbour City during the latter part of September. She reports grand times and she certainly looked much benefited in health on her return.

Miss A.Graham recently returned from a trip on the Murray to Murray Bridge and Swan Hill. She had a most enjoyable though quiet time. She is of the opinion that this trip is the trip for jaded business people of the City, there they will find peace in plenty.

Amongst the Country Cousins down for the Show that we met were S.Ferguson of Bowmans Forest, G.Damman of Warburton, R.Stewart of Bolinda, A.Maloney of Culgoa, W.Grant of Myrtleford, F.Lynas of Charlton, A.Collins of Neerim South and - Freeman of Albury.

Mr. Sinclair of Glasgow, Scotland, called at our Centre during the month of July on his way to New Zealand where work is awaiting him there as an upholsterer. He was much charmed with our " Square" and eager for any snaps or souvenirs of our property. He has our best wishes for success in New Zealand. Our Principal has received news from him of his safe arrival.

Miss Vera West of Traralgon is staying in Melbourne for a time and is finding the companionship of the deaf here very much to her liking and a change from the quietness of country life.

J.McLaurin spent a week at his Mother's farm at Meeniyan, near Leongatha, in Gippsland, during a slack spell in his trade.

Mr. & Mrs. W.Rees Junr. recently spent a week in Melbourne.

R.Ryan of Mailer's Flat, Warrnambool, was also in Melbourne for a fortnight. It is many years since we last saw him. Our Lacrosse boys were so excited to see him amongst us that they gave him a game with their senior team before he left again. He played well considering his long absence from this game.

B.Taylor of Hobart, Tasmania, came to Melbourne with the object of finding employment here and enjoying the company of the Melbourne Deaf at our Centre. Unfortunately, there is at present a scarcity of jobs and after a very earnest effort to find employment, he has had to return until business is brighter here.

Mr. Snowden of Perth, West Australia, came to our Centre on the day of his arrival from Adelaide. He stated that he is taking a two months trip to the Eastern States and Tasmania with his Father. He came over on the Transcontinental Express and intends to return home from Sydney by boat. He has been to Tasmania and is now in Sydney.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

A Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt on the 13th of August.
A Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C.Stiff on the 17th of August.
Heartiest Congratulations.

Owing to trade slackness, K.Best, has taken a run to his Island Home, Tasmania, for a few weeks.

C.Hunt of Ouyen was down in Melbourne for two weeks. He reported a poor outlook in the Mallee for harvest this season. His brother, J.Hunt of Camberwell took him home in his car via Swan Hill. He said Swan Hill district was a picture compared with the Mallee, due to irrigation.

W.Grant is back in Melbourne trying his luck here. He has secured a job as a slaughterman at Burnley.

F.Johnson was in town for a fortnight. He got a start again at the Irrigation Works at Nyah.

G.Quantock lost his Mother on the 15th of October and M.G.B.Mortimer his brother on the 16th October. They have our sincere sympathy.

J.McGonigal an old timer of Banyena, but lately of Bendigo, was brought to Melbourne by R.H.Luff one day last week and admitted to our Blackburn Home.

The Hospital Sunday Collection this year (23rd Oct.) amounted to £8-10-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonsdale of the Sydney Adult Deaf and Dumb Society were in Melbourne for a fortnight and paid us a visit at our Centre on Saturday evening Oct. 15th. It was one of our quiet nights, Badmington games were played. So for their pleasure the film of the Lord's Prayer in Gesture language by Mr. Abraham, and a Hymn and Anthem by deaf young ladies, specially made for the " Great Appeal" was screened. Also the film showing our Old Centre, the Farm and Home and the Deaf in Sport.
Mr. Lonsdale was so pleased with the pictures that he has taken them with him for exhibit at the Annual Meeting of the N.S.W. Deaf and Dumb Society. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lonsdale . It was the first time some of us had met her and now we feel as if we had known her for many years.

A pretty gymnastic display was given by the Pupils of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution at the St.Kilda Town Hall, on the evening of Oct.11th. Many adult deaf were present and renewed acquaintanceship with present pupils and teachers.

On the 17th of Sept, a few members of the Deaf Workers Club spent the afternoon repairing damaged bibles and hymn books and made a good job of them. Before the Workers dispersed, the President (Mrs. Frewin) provided afternoon tea. A Motion of Thanks to the Workers was passed at the last meeting of the Deaf Committee held on October 18th.

Sam Mitchell was recently knocked down by a motor lorry, though not seriously hurt, sufficiently so to keep him at home for some weeks through shock. We are glad to learn he will be back in his old place at Church shortly.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

D.Ashby is to be complimented upon the appearance of our Jolimont Square Garden. " Everything " just now is indeed beautiful.

We have a new addition to our ever growing family. Miss M. Hawkins of Brunswick who joined up on July 2nd and has been attending our social evenings ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Brassington of Sydney were down in Melbourne for two months. We were pleasantly surprised to see them at the "Square" during the day of the " American Tea" that was organised by the Ladies Advisory Beard in connection with the Special Appeal. They paid another visit one Saturday evening before leaving for home. They, like most of our visitors were full of admiration for our Centre and its surroundings.

Mr. Don Ross of Adalaide, late of New Zealand is on the wander again. He passed through on his way to Sydney and if no work is available there, may go on to New Zealand.

Mr. Williamson who left Melbourne about two months ago to visit his relations in New Zealand, has returned to work here. His employer cabled for him and there is every prospect of him staying for another year. We are all glad to have him back.

W.Duncan was down for a few days. His brother died suddenly and he came to attend the funeral. He has our sympathy.

LECTURES.

On Tuesday evening July 12th, a Lecture was given by Our Principal, Mr. E. J.D.Abraham, to the Parents and Friends of the Deaf in the Lecture Hall at Jolimont Square, on "Our Deaf & Dumb Citizens".
The attendance was good. As the lecture was for the Hearing, Mr. Abraham spoke orally only. Mr. Johnston with the assistance of our Principal's notes interpreted to the Deaf. After the address, a series of Lantern Slides of prominent workers amongst the deaf, together with Schools and Institutes for the Deaf, were thrown on the screen concluding with a film illustrating work amongst the Deaf of Victoria. During an interval supper was served.

" Educated brains can be bought fairly cheap in business; muscle is a glut on the market; even energy and a certain amount of initiative can be put on the pay roll. But real courage is rare. Hence it is the most highly rewarded quality in business life. Every big business was conceived by someone as a tremendous act of faith ".

DEAF WORKERS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Deaf Workers Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday August 2nd. The annual report and balance sheet were adopted. The following are the officers elected to carry on the Club's usefulness for the next twelve months. President, Mrs. F.E.Frewin; Vice-President, Mr. M.G.Mortimer; Hon. Treasurer, Miss L.Sanders; Hon. Secretary, Miss C.Ball; Committee, Mrs. D.Ashby, Misses E.Empson and M. Gibson, Messrs. F.Frewin, A.W. Sutherland and W.OBryan. Supper brought the evening to a close.

SPECIAL APPEAL.

SPECIAL EFFORT BY THE DEAF.

Mrs. Hartley	£ 22	0	9	Mr. T.Tonkin	£ 12	8	0
Miss E.Smith	11	0	0	Mrs. A.McLellan	9	9	0
Miss M.Gibson	9	4	6	Mr. R.A.Salmon	9	5	6
Miss G.Hawkins	6	12	6	Miss E.Lawrence	6	6	0
Mr. D.Meredith	5	11	0	Mrs. E.Mills	5	10	0
Mr. N.Logan	5	5	0	Mr. Walter Grant	5	0	0
Mrs. Oakley	4	17	3	Mr. W.O'Keefe	4	16	6
Messrs. V.&C.Griffiths	4	14	2	Miss G.Caldwell	4	5	0
Miss A.Foster	4	5	0	Mr. A.Hart	4	5	0
Mr. T.Ashby	4	3	6	Miss E.O'Gorman	3	7	6
Miss E.Stephens	3	0	0	Miss G.Salmon	3	0	0
Mr. Richard Ching	3	0	0	Miss A.Smith	2	13	0
Miss R.Cram	2	12	6	Miss H.Brooks	2	12	6
Miss J.Laird	2	3	6	Misses M.& J.Stewart	2	0	0
Miss E.Read	2	0	0	Mr. R. Brownlie	2	0	0
Mr. H.Puddy	1	17	0	Miss P.Johnstone	1	16	9
Miss D.Reynolds	1	16	6	Miss J.Wright	1	12	6
Mr. T.Beard	1	16	6	Mr. R.Arndt	1	15	0
Mr. J.Kenworthy	1	11	0	Miss E.Leber	1	8	6
Miss D.Sharpe	1	8	0	Mr. J.Cariss	1	8	0
Mr. A.Puryer	1	8	0	Mr. H.Angus	1	7	0
Mr. H.Cross	1	6	0	Miss M.Cole	1	6	0
Miss C.Ball	1	5	6	Miss M.Stephens	1	5	0
Miss A.Found	1	4	0	Mrs. W.Vivian	1	1	0
Mrs. F.Frewin	1	0	0	Mr. R.Stewart	1	0	0
Mr. W.Elwin		18	6	Mr. V.Buttacovli		18	0
Miss E.Parker		17	6	Miss A.Edwards		16	9
Mr. J.McLean		16	0	Mr. W.Donnellan		13	6
Miss L.Coles		12	6	Mr. J.Fraser		12	0
Mr. C.Johns		10	0	Mr. W.Kent		10	0
Mr. J. Hunt		10	0	Mr. L.Walsh		10	0
Miss J.McCullough		10	0	Mr. H.Goddard		9	0
Mr. S.Mitchell		7	0	Mr. J.Elwin		5	0

Total £ 205--15--8

We feel we cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating Mrs. Hartley on the splendid amount she collected.
She was still " going strong " and likely to be for some time, when we were all asked to stop collecting for the time being.
Later on she is going to start again and we understand keep her place at the top of the list. Thank you, Mrs. Hartley.

At the same time we would like to give spscial mention to T.Tonkin, Miss E.Smith, Mrs. A.McLellan, Mr. R.A.Salmon and Miss M.Gibson who did so well although they had only entered upon their efforts to obtain funds when the collecting was stopped. We thank them all.

We are falling short of the mark when we do not glorify good and aim for it; and we are likewise falling short of the mark if we do not pursue that good in a manner that will permit us to ENJOY it- which means enjoy God who is our life, our love, our good.

August 1927.

Tuesday	2nd	Deaf Workers Club Annual Meeting
Thursday	4th	Cinema Pictures.
Sunday	7th	Services Morning & Night.
Tuesday	9th	Wm's Guild Committee Meeting.
Thursday	11th	Cinema Pictures
Sunday	14th	Services Morning & Night.
Tuesday	16th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Thursday	18th	Cinema Pictures
Sunday	21st	Services Morning & Night
Tuesday	23rd	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	25th	Cinema Pictures
Sunday	28th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	30th	Mens & Women's Guild Meetings
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Sept	2nd	Cricket Club's Annual Meeting.
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XMAS. RALLY.

Jolimont Square,
MELBOURNE EAST

December 6th 1927

Dear Friend,

Come, let us spend an evening together in the spirit of our Master whose day we yearly commemorate, I want to see present at our Annual Christmas Rally, December 15th, as many of the deaf as can conveniently come. I would like to se all. This is the time when the Angels brought glad tidings of great joy to all people, peace on earth and good will to men.

Let us meet together in that spirit and make it an evening of joy to each of us. [redacted] your Children.

With sincere wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

I am,

Affectionately yours,

ERNEST J.D. ABRAHAM.

"Bendigo Advertiser"
Nov 5th 1927.

THE ADULT DEAF.

Institutions Make Appeal.

ROMANCE OF THE WORK.

Big work has been done in assisting the adult deaf since 1859. F. J. Rose, who found a golden opportunity to start his life's work, was a deaf mute, and educated at the school for the deaf at Old Kent Road, London. He came to Australia in 1852 with his brother seeking pastures new. Being cabinet makers they did contracting work in Emerald Hill, and after a while went from Melbourne to Sandhurst with the rush. Then whilst there in 1859 his attention was drawn to a widow's wail, which appeared in the Melbourne "Argus," 1859, on the following terms:—"Sirs.—In your journal of Monday I saw a few lines on behalf of the deaf and dumb of this colony, where there is neither book nor instruction for them. It is not well to leave them in total ignorance. I, too, have a daughter eight years of age (deaf and dumb from colonial fever), and if nothing can be done speedily in this colony, I shall be put to the danger and peril of a sea voyage to get her educated in the old country (England), but should such an institution arise here I would enrol myself a life subscriber." He replied to this letter and expressed his willingness to start a school for the deaf. In consequence he went to England and returned in a few months with necessary appliances and opened a school for deaf in Peel Street, Windsor, in 1860. His first and only pupil for a time was the daughter of the widow. Mr. F. J. Rose soon had the co-operation of Rev. Wm. Moss (who was pastor of the Prahran Independent Church in Commercial Road), and between them the good work was quietly initiated. It grew apace. Pupils enrolled rapidly. The place in Peel Street was found too small and larger and more commodious quarters were sought. Still more larger quarters were needed until with government assistance and charitable help the present structure on St. Kilda Road, Prahran, was started. When completed and opened it was found adequate for the work. Messrs. F. J. Rose and Wm. Moss worked hand in hand in the noble work for 30 years, when Mr. Moss died, leaving Mr. F. J. Rose to carry on. Soon he found other helpers and the work went on. It has reached its sixty-seventh year. About six years before his death, Mr. W. Moss, in conjunction with Messrs. F. J. Rose and S. Johnson, a new headmaster from Ireland, started a mission for the adult deaf, who had been hitherto neglected, with the object of keeping them together for recreation and mutual intercourse. This has extended its activities all over the State, having a rallying centre at Jolimont, Melbourne, and a fine and commodious home for the aged, infirm, and blind deaf, at Blackburn, where quite recently a weak intellect case was admitted from Jerilderie, N.S.W., and an old deaf man was removed from the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum to his proper place among the deaf similarly affected. Both institutions have grown. The government has taken over the school and is building large additions in the grounds. Both are appealing to the public for help. About three years after Mr. Rose started he met a new arrival, a former school fellow at Old Kent Road, England. He was Mr. J. Pattison, and he went to Sydney and started the school for deaf there. A few years later the head teacher (Mr. Hogg) left for Adelaide and helped to establish the school there, with the assistance of Mrs. Murdoch (late matron). About 25 years later one of the teachers went to Brisbane to help the deaf, who were then housed with the blind. Again two of the teachers migrated to Perth and there established the school. Tasmania also owes its school's origin to one of the teachers. Now there are schools in every State and adult societies in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Such was the outcome of Mr. F. J. Rose's effort in 1860. He has now passed away at the ripe age of 84, having had nearly 60 years' work among the deaf. He saw the consummation of his life's work and the salvation of the deaf. He rests from his labors, but the work carries on.

—PASQUIN-DE-ROY.

"Argus"
3rd Dec 1927

SUTHERLAND—TAYLOR.—On the 26th November, at Shenstone Moss, Kintore street, Camberwell, by the Rev. J. Higginbotham, Arthur William Sadler, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sutherland, to Annie Carlyle, only daughter of the late James Spence and Mrs. Taylor, of Endrick street, Springburn, Glasgow, Scotland.

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Jolimont Square,
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A Happy Christmas

Xmas Rally

Jolimont Square,

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fectionately yours,

ERNEST J.D. ABRAHAM

We are expecting you.

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10th Dec 1927

Adult Deaf and Dumb Association.

At the annual meeting of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Association, held at the Deaf Mute Centre, the following office bearers were elected:—President, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; vice-president, Mr. F. E. Frewin; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. A. Paterson; hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnstone; committee, Messrs. Mortimer, Luff, Edwards, Carriss, McLellan and Bourke. All the members of this association except the president are deaf, or deaf and dumb. This association is connected with, but distinct from, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, its aim being to maintain interest in objects for the welfare of the deaf within the States, and to prevent social abuses and injustice to the deaf and dumb.

Hospital Sunday Fund

Office: TOWN HALL

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Received from Adult Deaf & Dumb Soc.
James M. Johnson. Jolimont Sq. J'mont.

the sum of Eight pounds ten shillings.

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per E. GLANVILLE HICKS,
Secretary.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER

Organ of the ADULT DEAF & DUMB Society of Victoria.



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE



THE HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES AT BLACKBURN

VOL. 23. DECEMBER 1927. No. 12.

WE WISH OUR READERS

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is with us again, bringing with it all its glorious associations and its ever welcome message of Peace and Goodwill.
May it be a Season of Goodwill and Peace with all of us and continue so, throughout the coming year, It can be so - Just let the Spirit of the Lord Jesus be your motive power day following day, and it certainly will be a year of peace and goodwill not only to yourself but to the many who have the good fortune to be part of your daily life.

He prayeth well who loveth well
He prayeth best who loveth best
For the dear God who loveth us

Both man and bird and beast
All things great and small
He made and loveth all.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

SUPPOSE! Suppose we think little about number one;
Suppose we all help someone else to have fun
Suppose we ne'er speak of the faults of a friend;
Suppose we are ready our own to amend ;
Suppose we laugh with, and not at, other folk,
And never hurt one " just for a joke"; Suppose we
hide trouble and only show cheer - Tis likely
We'll have quite a Happy New Year.

TO THE DEAF OF

New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, West Australia and Tasmania. GREETING. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Great New Year.

WELCOME SOCIAL.

Arthur Sutherland has always been popular, from early boyhood at school and now in his early manhood. His sympathies have always been with his fellow deaf and he is one of the Adult Deaf Society's most reliable workers, so when we heard that his bride to be - Miss Nan Spence) was on her way from Scotland we got ready for an open arm welcome. Miss Spence received a graceful welcome, mainly from the younger folk at our Centre on the 15th of November. When she entered the hall, she was received with hearty hand-clapping. Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) presided and welcomed her in the name of the deaf. He said " it was very nice to be called upon to say nice things. He liked saying nice things. He thought there must have been great joy amongst the Heavenly Host when they found themselves closen to come down to earth with the message of glad tidings of great joy ... Peace on earth and good will to Men. He was pleased indeed to be the carrier of words of welcome. It was nice to know that people wanted you. That you were welcome. That the friend you came to had the esteem and affection of his associates. That his friends want to love you because they love him, and hope too, to love you for yourself alone and that you will love them in return." Then turning to Miss Spence, he said, " Miss Spence we want you to feel at Home amongst us. We want you to say with Ruth of old " Thy people shall be my people". " We are fond of Arthur. We want to be fond of you. We want you to be fond of us. "
Mrs. F.E.Frewin, on behalf of the Women's Guild, followed with words of welcome. Mr. W.A.Paterson, who made the acquaintance of Miss Spence abroad, expressed pleasure in welcoming her to his adopted country. Mr. Johnston said he encored the welcome of the other speakers in the name of the Deaf and himself. Mr. Arthur Sutherland acknowledged the welcome to Miss Spence amidst much applause. She was then given a right real Australian welcome.

TEDDY BURKE RETURNING.

Edward Burke is coming back to Victoria. Dear old modest Teddy of the " Fighting Crew" will soon be with us in Melbourne. Some eighteen years ago he " fell in " with the oft expressed wish of his loyal and always loveable little wife and took up his residence near her people in Christ-Church, New Zealand. Last year, his beloved journeyed West, and in his loneliness his thoughts have naturally turned Melbourne way where comrades still live who will welcome him home. At the thought of the return of Teddy Burke our minds go back to dear old days when deeds were done. When deaf men met and planned and then fought for their plans; for the upliftment of the Deaf. They were the days of the Giants. F.J.Rose, M.L.Miller J.E.Muir, Adam Muir, Alex Williamson, W.P.Muir and - Tenny etc.,
A very hearty welcome awaits Comrade E.Burke.

MEN'S GUILD.

" The struggle for existence" was the title of a paper read by Mr. A.Hull on the 29th Nov. He said " every living thing had to fight or work for existence on this earth. Practically it amounted to no creature having a right to live - as death claimed all in the end." There was a small attendance.

SPECIAL EFFORT BY PARENTS OF THE DEAF.

Mrs. Parker	of Rushall St, Fairfield	£	2	2	3
Mrs. Stephens	of Lakes Entrance Gippsland	£	2	0	0

Mr. Archie McLellan, Overseer at the Farm for Deaf Mutes, Blackburn, was a candidate for a seat on the Australasian Deaf and Dumb Association Board and topped the poll. CONGRATULATIONS.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

The Annual Congregational Picnic to Mordialloc on " Cup Day " Tuesday November 1st was made doubtful by the vagaries of the weather. In the morning it was wet and very few ventured out, by lunch time only 18 had assembled at our usual gathering place. But during the afternoon, as the weather improved the mainparty of the Deaf put in an appearance, altogether 55 were present including Mr. Abraham, Miss Empson and Mr. J. M.Johnston. Races arranged by the Sports Committee brought the picnic to an enjoyable close. The following is a list of races and winners :- Gents 100 yds, J.O'Gorman 1st, L.Sutton 2nd. Ladies 50 yds, E.Cossor 1st A.Smith 2nd. Siamese race (mixed) J.Hunt and Miss T.Stephens. High jump L.Sutton (5ft 1in) Ladies hop, step and jump. Miss A.Smith (18 ft) Cricket and rounders made the rest of the time pass pleasantly. The prizes will be distributed at the Xmas Rally. On the whole a very happy day was spent.

WEDDING.

"Shenstone Moss" Camberwell, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday, Nov. 26th, when Anne Carlyle, only daughter of the late James Spence and Mrs. Taylor of Endrick St, Springburn Glasgow, Scotland, became the wife of Arthur William Sadler Sutherland, elder of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations and asparagus fern. The Rev. J. Higginbotham of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony and Mr. J. M.Johnston interpreted.
Because it was at the home of Mr.PatersoN's sister, in Scotland, that Mr. Sutherland and he met Miss Spence, it was most appropriate to the occasion that Mr. Paterson should, and did give the bride away. And a most charming bride she looked in her dainty frock of white georgette, trimmed with velvet flowers outlined with pearls. A lace veil and pretty boquet in which nestled a small bunch of white heather brought all the way from Scotland by the bride, put the finishing touches to a very sweet little bride. She was attended by two bridesmaids, cousins ot the bridegroom. Mr. G.D.Edwards acted as best man. About 40 guests attended the reception and wedding breakfast where the usual toasts were honoured and speeches made, Mr. Johnston interpreting. The honeymoon was spent at Olinda.

LITTLE PARTIES.

A very happy party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.M.Johnston at Auburn on Saturday evening Oct. 29th and enjoyed by about 28 of the younger members of the Deaf and Dumb. Novel games such as picture identification competition, jig-jaw picture puzzle competition, wheel barrow race caused much merriment. The following were the prize winners, Mr. & Mrs. G.Newnham, Miss E.O'Gorman and Mr. H.Puddy, Miss B.Higgie and Mr. J. Dickenson.

Another very successful party was held on the 5th of Nov. at the home of Mr. Utber at Kew. About fourteen deaf and an equal number of hearing friends were invited. Interesting games were played, such as Pegging race, smelling test, memory test, pea lifting competition. D.Johnson, Misses B.Higgie and Elsie Stephens were the successful competitors in the first three games.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Winter Season Billiard Tournament came to a close on the 12th of November when W.Newton of Werribee who received a handicap of 50 met G.Turnley, handicap 120 and defeated him by 30 points for 200 up. Gerald Turnley's play was poor he quite failed to do himself justice and W. Newton had an easy win, and is to be congratulated upon his victory. William Malone topped the record break during the tournament scoring 29. The above named winners will receive their prizes at our Xmas Rally which is to be held on the 15th of December.

CRICKET.

The Adult Deaf Cricket Team met Port Melbourne A.N.A. Team on the 22nd and 29th of October at Fishermans Bend, Port Melbourne. Our opponents had first use of the pitch and they piled up 224 runs for the loss of three wickets, declared. Our team replied with 123 runs. W.Ashby topped the score with 48 runs. We were sent in for the 2nd innings and managed to play up to the closing time with six wickets for 80 runs. W.Vivian carried the bat for 26 runs not out. Port Melb. A.N.A. won the match on the 1st innings by 101 runs.

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The same team met us for a return match in the third round at Blackburn on the 5th and 12th November. The result was much closer than on the previous match, no doubt owing to a match better pitch and surrounding field. Our side batted first and put up 140 runs. W.Vivian topped the score with 49 runs, thus making the highest score amongst the Deaf this season. The opponents replied with 143 runs. The 2nd innings was unfinished so Port Melbourne A.N.A. won the match on the 1st innings by 3 runs.

On the 19th and 26th November at Albert Park we failed against the unbeaten team " Clarendon". Our side made the moderate score of 56 runs and the Claredonnites replied with 105. The 2nd innings was once more unfinished leaving Clarendon team winners by 48 runs on the 1st innings.

TENNIS.

As will be noticed in the last issue of Our Monthly Letter, our Tennis Club has entered into Association Competition. The name of the Association is St.Kilda District Tennis Association. Our Club is represented by two teams, one in " A " section (Mens Doubles) and the other in " B " section (mixed). The first series of matches were played on the 12th of November when the "A" section Gents played the London Stores on our own Court. London Stores came out winners by 4 sets 27 games to our 2 sets 22 games.

The " B " section (mixed) played at Middle Park against "Olympic B ". the result was very disappointing to our side. Olympic B won by 9 sets 54 games to our 0 set 15 games.

On the 19th November " A " section Gents gained its first win scoring 3 sets 31 games to Olympic 3 sets 20 games. Of the " B " section (mixed) Olympic A won by 9 sets 54 games to our 0 set 24 games.

On 26th November our side was defeated by Alma Rd. Club in " A " section Gents by 6 sets 38 games to our 0 set 12 games. We were one man short and so we forfeit some of the games.

" Hartleys" defeated our "B" section team by 8 sets 53 games to one set 29 games.

On 3rd December. our Gents Doubles were defeated by the " Seaside". Scores as follows- Seaside, 5 sets 37 games. Adult Deaf one set 25 games. Malvern vanquished our mixed team scoring 8 sets 53 games to one set 27 games.

AUSTRALASIAN DEAF & DUMB ASSOCIATION - VIC. BRANCH.

The Victorian Branch of the Australasian Deaf and Dumb Association held its Annual Meeting on the evening of 6th of December 1927, in the Lecture Hall of Our Centre, Jolimont Square. The President, Mr. E.J.D.Abraham, presided. The annual report, read by Mr. R.H.Luff, and the balance sheet read by Mr. Paterson were both adopted.
The Chairman, in a lengthy address for the benefit of new members gave an outline of the origin of the Association and a resume of the work accomplished since its establishment in 1904. He showed that in its early days the Association was a power having branches in three other States. The Victorian branch had exercised considerable influence, securing for the Cause of the Deaf much publicity and was largely instrumental in bringing into existence the Act which made Education for Deaf Children free and compulsory, the removal of certain objectionable clauses from the Marine Act; obtained a pension for the Founder of the first School for the Deaf and was the means of securing a Grant of £2.000- from the Vic. Government as the nucleus of a fund to found a Home for Aged, Infirm and Mentally Deficient Deaf Mutes. Two great Congresses of the Deaf had been held and one exhibition of work done by them. Since the War nothing of moment had been attempted, two of the branches having during the period of the War gone to pieces, but there was now great activity in other States and the time was ripe for united effort in the Cause of the Deaf. There was far more important work to be done than had already been accomplished. Mr. R.H.Luff referred to the Conference of Premiers held in Melbourne some years ago when the Premier of N.Z. promised to do his utmost to bring about the recommendations made by the Deaf Conference. He unfortunately died before our wishes were brought forward. The election of office bearers resulted in the President (Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham) being re-elected unopposed. Vice-President, Mr.F.Frewin; Hon. Treas. Mr. W.A.Paterson; Hon. Sec. Mr. J.M.Johnston; Committee) Messrs. M.G.B. Mortimer , G.Edwards, A.McLellan, J.P.Bourke, R.H.Luff and J.Cariss.
The objects of the Association are :

To unite the deaf and dumb and all interested in their welfare.
To advance and protect the interests, to elevate the social status, and as far as possible to secure higher education, better employment etc., for the deaf.
To afford educational department, members of Parliament, school authorities and the press information as to the condition, education and opinions of the deaf.
To gather and preserve all facts, statistics, and opinions relating to the deaf.

FRUIT PHENOMENA.

Several readers have drawn our attention to the abundance of fruit on old and unpruned trees in their back yards this year. Trees that have not borne fruit for years. We mentioned the matter to many and all who have an old fruit tree or two confirmed our correspondents statements.
Our own ancient peach tree in Jolimont Square, which is fifty years old if a day, and has no sign of ever having been pruned, is so heavily laden with fruit that one heavy branch snapped.
The " Herald" of Dec.9th reports a record glut of fruit, " Cheap fruit in plenty soon ". This is pleasing news, but when growers report that there is such a glut of peas and beans that it does not pay to pick them, we begin to wonder how it is that some people who would like a dish of sweet green peas have to go wanting.

DEAF MUTE WHO LISTENS IN.

According to American papers there is a deaf mute, by the name of F. Shannesey of New York U.S.A. who listens to the broadcast programme with his fingers. He lost his hearing when he was six years of age. His receiving set, which is entirely home made and comprises a unique cone type loud speaker which permits him to hear by feeling the vibrations on the parchment was built up from regular parts with the addition of an invention of his own, which is connected to the undersized cone parchment. He places his fingers on the cone and is able to distinguish talking from music and is most critical of the rendering of the music. He is also able to pick out the various instruments which the orchestra play. He lives quite alone. He depends on his wireless receiver for his only enjoyment.
Well, Mr. Bladier, (one of our young men, who is a wireless enthusiast and has already made several sets and sold them) I say, you had better get in communication with that fellow in New York and try and get the particulars of his invention.

N.S.W.Deaf.

At the Annual Meeting of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society on the 25th of October, Mr. Bavin the Premier said, " To hear of a balance sheet in which income so far exceeds expenditure, and assets have increased enormously during the year, fills me with new hope."
The Society's Assets stand at £18.994-- excluding a promised contribution of £5000, by the Government, and a profit of £5,000- made on the re-sale of a De Mestre - place property since the financial year closed.

On the 3rd of November, in aid of the Equipment Fund of the New Welfare Centre of the New South Wales Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, a ship board dance was held on the steam ship " Malabar" which was lent through the courtesy of Messrs. Burns Philp Ltd.

W.A.Deaf.

It is told that the West Australian Adult Deaf have decided to publish a little bi-monthly paper. We are on the look out for the first issue.

DEAF SCHOOL PRIZE DAY.

The children at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St.Kilda Rd. received their annual prizes at a gathering in the Prahran Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 6th.1927. The President of the Institution (Mr. R.Edmanson) presided. Mr.J.Adcock, Supt and Secretary, in an address referred to the excellent work of Mr.Cook who retired earlier in the year after 40 years service. Four girls and four boys, under the direction of Mr. Burchett, the new Headmaster, gave a demonstration of school work. A drill display by a company of Deaf Boy Scouts showed the remarkable vigor and physical fitness of these lads. Then followed a delight and graceful dance by Deaf Girls. Mr. McRae, Chief Inspector of Primary Schools, gave a complimentary address on the excellent and efficient work of the teachers and the eagerness of the children to learn. After which he distributed the prizes. A very good number of past pupils were present, including the first 2 pupils of the Institution, Mrs. S.Moss and Mrs. Cove, who entered the school in 1860 and 1861 respectively. Fred Kendall, aged 15, was Dux of the School and a special prize was awarded to Geo. McGinnes, aged 16 years.

BENEFACTORS DAY.

Originally started as " F.J.Rose Day " (Founder of the Victorian School for the Deaf) after much thought and many deliberations it was decided by the deaf of this State to change the name to " Benefactors Day " so that all friends of the deaf might be included and at one and the same time honoured annually. There was a very good attendance at this year's " Remembrance Day" but still it fell a long way short of what it should be. The gathering was held at our Centre on the 8th of November and the Principal, Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham, who presided spoke at some considerable length.
" Who are our Benefactors" were his opening words and went on to say - They through whose unselfish services you have benefited. There are debts we cannot pay with money" he said " and education is one of them ". He gave us an outline of the early efforts of the pioneers. Braidwood and Watson of Great Brttain, DeL'Epee (France) Heineiche (Germany) Gallaudet (America) Rose (Victoria) Paterson (N.S.W.) in the elementary educational world, and Matthew Robert Burns, John Jennings, Samuel Smith, Downing, Stephenson, Holt Paterson, Salas, Showell etc., in the Missionary work amongst the deaf and the creation of Adult Deaf Societies.
Speaking of modern conditions he said, " We must remember our Boards of Management, philanthropists who, in these strenuous times, have many ties, yet still find time to devote to the cause of the Deaf, which has no rewards to offer. Our headmasters, with their heavy responsibilities, should always have a place amongst our grateful memories, but chief of all the ordinary every day teacher, the Staff that is out of the limelight. Your teacher. Your teacher who gave you the key to understanding. Love him. Love her. All that makes the life of the deaf worth living was received at school. I can only build on the foundation laid down for me. This Xmas send your teacher a little token of remembrance. It will be valued. A letter, if nothing else just to show she or he is not forgotten."
Mr. F.E.Frewin spoke of his efforts on behalf of the deaf when there was no provision for the Adult Deaf and of the early struggles to secure even a simple Sunday service for them.

Mr. A.C.Muir, one of our pioneers, gave an outline of the birth of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission (Now Society) with many interesting little personal touches. Mr. J.M.Johnston deplored his lack of knowledge of the struggles of the old days. He suggested " Benefactors Day" should be celebrated in the same manner as Armistice Day. At a sign from the Chairman, the audience then stood for one minute's silence.
The rest of the evening was given over to school games such as " Fox and the geese". Pigeon holes, Oranges and Lemons etc., Supper followed. The Deaf Committee, Women's Guild and Men's Guild arranged the programme.

OUR CINEMA SHOW.

Thursday Nov. 3rd, " Men of the Night" featuring Wandon Hawley (Universal Film Co) and excellent picture, very exciting. Nov 10th. "Compromise" featuring Irene Rich (Australasian Film Co.) enjoyable. No. 17th. " The Blackbird" featuring Lon Chaney, aslo a good picture. Nov. 24th. "The Runaway Express" quite a thrilling picture. Dec.1st. " Dollars Down" educational - a lesson in thrift.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

" Rally Week " is always a busy time for officers of the various Guilds and Clubs of our Deaf Centre, especially with the " shopping " Committees. Miss M.Gibson, Miss G.Hawkins and Miss Empson (toys for children of the Deaf) Messrs. J.Hunt and J.Johnson and Miss Sanders (wedding gift for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutherland) Mr. G. Newnham (prizes for Cup Day picnic) Mr. H.Puddy (Tennis Club prizes) Mr. J.Johnston (Billiard Tournament prizes.)

David Calder of Edinburgh found his way to Our Centre soon after the arrival of the Salvation Army chartered vessel " Vedic" and very quickly made friends. He was amazed at the size and beauty of our Society's headquarters and the attendances as compared to the Edinburgh Institute. He said the vessel passed a very rough patch between Cape Town and Freemantle, but fortunately he was a good sailor.

Another deaf friend, R.H Lambert also from Edinburgh,is expected to join us on the 22nd of December. He has been engaged by the firm of Shovelton and Storey, Embossed Seal makers and Fine Art printers. A hearty welcome awaits him at our Centre.

To Western Australia, on the 7th of December, went Mrs. Cove. She is one of the oldest Deaf in Victoria, and is quite an experienced traveller. Mrs. Cove intends to stay for a lengthy visit with her son. We trust that she will enjoy the change.

Mr. J.Allen has planned to visit his home in Tasmania this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutherland were present at Divine Worship on the morning of the 10th December. It is Mrs. Sutherland's first appearance at Our Church Service since her marriage. She thinks Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) the clearest and most graceful signer she has seen.

Mr. and Mrs. D.Ashby have left Melbourne for a six weeks holiday in West Australia. They booked berths on the " S.S. Karoola" for 7th Dec. but the wharf strike upset their plans so they travelled by the Transcontinental train instead. They hope to return by boat and on the way make a short stay in Adelaide. We hope they will enjoy the trip.

As jobs in his line were invisible in Melbourne I.Guthrie went over to Adelaide on the 19th of November to try his luck there but found trade equally bad in S.A. He has returned and is feeling better for the change.

The other Sunday little Pat Spiers Jackson, aged seven, offered to help her grandfather with his sermon if he would play with her after. This was agreed to. She copied his text from the Bible. " Remember the " Sabbath day to keep it holy " and here is her share of his sermon. " God made Sunday for men and women and every thing that is on earth to rest for they work every other day".

Miss E.Lawrence of West Australia who has been residing in Melbourne for over a year has just returned to her native State. She enjoyed her stay and hopes for a return visit at an early date.

Messrs. D.Piper and P.Taggart paid their first visit to our Blackburn Farm and Home on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20th, and were much charmed with the scenery. They were shown over the premises and the inmates introduced to them. They spoke highly of the purpose of the Home and expressed the hope that the Home will long continue to serve its usefulness for our less fortunate deaf.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Miss Mona Stephens of Warburton spent a week or two in Melbourne recently.

Mrs. Doran of Sydney paid a flying visit to Our Centre on her way to Adelaide on the 9th November. We regretted to hear that she had lost her sister in Adelaide a few days previously.

W.Freeman of Albury has returned home after nearly two months stay in Melbourne. He enjoyed his visit, especially the companionship of the deaf.

W. Grant of Myrtleford was in Melbourne for nearly a month seeking employment as a slaughterman. He secured odd jobs at first, finally a good one at the Burnley Abbatoirs. But on the second day had an accident which caused him to retire for several days, when he was again fit his place had been filled. He has returned to the country but is determined to come back to Melbourne so soon as there is a chance of work here.

On November 6th 1927 to Mr. and Mrs. Kemble of Newmarket, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. H.Moss of Erica via Moe, a son. CONGRATULATIONS.

Miss A.Spence of Glasgow, Scotland, arrived here on the 10th of November by the Australian Commonwealth Liner " Hobsons Bay" which berthed at the Victoria Dock. She was met by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland and her fiance, Arthur Sutherland. She reported a good trip.

The deaf mute who listens in with his fingers is the latest of the newspaper world's novelties. We used to investigate but found it unprofitable. We have quite a record of such marvels, unfortunately only Mr. Nobody has met them.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutherland were much pleased with the wedding gift of the Board of Management of our Society.

In last month's Letter, Miss Dorothy Reynolds is credited with having collected £1.16.0 toward our Building Fund. This is a long way short of the actual amount collected by her, Miss Reynolds really collected £3-10-6.

This has been the worst year in our recollection for the number of deaf out of employment. " No unemployed " has been our boast for years. We are not only worried over unemployed members but also new arrivals from the old world.

The winter session at the Centre was very successful, good attendances and fine programmes - religious, educational and social.

Last month the Deaf Bank showed a credit balance of £654- and this notwithstanding forced withdrawals by reason of slackness of employment.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mrs. Metcalf of Adelaide spent the greater part of her two weeks holiday i the company of the Melbourne Deaf and enjoyed nerself immensely. On Sunday November 27th, a party of Melbourne Deaf invited her to go by motor to Warburton where they were warmly welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. J.E.Muir and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Damman.

Miss T. Stephens is looking forward to an enjoyable time in Sydney where sh is to spend her Xmas holidays.

R.H.Luff is also going to Sydney and likely on to Brisbane.

The " Bendigo Advertiser" had a lengthy report of Mr. Abraham's address at the Bendigo Rotarian Luncheon on the 8th of December.

During a slack period in her trade Miss Ruby Peters took the opportunity to visit Adelaide where she spent five weeks with her relatives and friends. On her return she reported grand times.

J.McGonigal of St.Arnaud one of the oldest pupils of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, is now an inmate of our Blackburn Home. He was an inmate of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum for four months prior to his admittanc to our Home.

Ernest Reynolds, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.Reynolds, was married on the las Saturday in October. We wish him and his wife every happiness.

Owing to the factory where G.Turnley worked being burnt he was thrown out of work, the day after Cup Day.

Mr. A.E.Clarkson, President of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission was seen in the City during Cup week (Nov.3rd.) He was engaged in conversation at corner of Queen and Collins Streets and so engrossed that we had not the courage to go up and speak to him, as we wanted to. We heard afterwards that Our Chief met him at the Rotary Luncheon.

Owing to retrenchment at Moores Timber Mills, the services of J.McLaurin were terminated on Nov.end. W.A.Paterson is more fortunate, for being one of the " old reliables" like the everflowing stream, he still carries on.

W.Vivian topscored (49) for our side against Port Melbourne A.N.A. on 5th November at Blackburn, thus making the highest score at Cricket by the Deaf to date, beating W.Ashby by one run.

A vast improvement is noticeable in G. Newnham's tennis. A few months ago he was of an unknown quality and now is one of the members of the competition team.

Chris Johnson, who left our Blackburn Home a few months ago, returned on the 7th of November.

Mr. Dunwoody of England, lately of Cairns,Queensland,turned up at our " Benefactors Day" Social evening on the 8th November. He reported he is at present working on " S.S.Canberra" trading between Melbourne and Northern Ports of Queensland. His sojourn at Cairns for some years did him good, but he prefers the wanderers life.

December 1924.

Thursday	1st	Cinema Pictures & Class.
Sunday	4th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	6th	Vic Branch A.D.A. Annual Meeting
Thursday	8th	Cinema Pictures & Class
Sunday	11th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	13th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Tuesday	13th	Deaf Wm's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	15th	Xmas Rally.
Sunday	18th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	20th	Xmas Dinner to Inmates.
Thursday	22nd	Welcome to Mr Lambert of Scotland.
Sunday	25th	Services Morning & Evening.
Thursday	29th	Scripture Class.
Every	3rd 10th 17th	Recreation.
Saturday	24th 31st	Social Evening to Interstate & Country Visitors
Saturday	31st	
January	8th	Holy Communion.
January	30th	Foundation Day Mens Guild Picnic.

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THE DEAF MUTES.

THEIR CAUSE PLEADED.

A COMMENDABLE WORK.

Members of Bendigo Rotary Club yesterday listened for half an hour to an interesting account of the work that is being carried out in Victoria in the interests of deaf and dumb people. The speaker was Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, who is so able to deal with the subject, for he has raised the status of the deaf and dumb people of Victoria to as near normal as conditions will permit, and has built up a deaf and dumb organisation that is notable among institutions of its kind in the world. He has turned his unique and extensive experience of educational and missionary work to the full and best use to help the mutes.

Mr. Abraham said the average person was under the impression that there was something mentally deficient in the deaf mute, but there was no difference between a deaf person and a normal person except that one could hear and the other could not. That was where the difficulty arose. He wanted to impress upon his hearers and the public generally that there were no such institutions as deaf and dumb asylums. The institutions were residential State schools where the children attended at the age of seven or thereabouts and lived until they reached the age or 16 or thereabout. It was impossible to open State schools in every city for deaf and dumb children because of the limited number of the scholars, and it therefore became necessary to carry out the work in the large cities. The deaf mutes strongly objected to their schools being called asylums. In teaching the mutes, they were up against difficulties and handicaps. The deaf child was like an imprisoned soul. The parent could not get at the intellect, and it was only the special teacher who could take charge of the child. When the deaf child started school at the age of seven it had lost the seven best years of its life. Its mind was almost a blank, being about equal to that of a normal child of two or three years. Thus when the mute left school at the age of 16 to go out into the world it was physically 16 years of age but mentally only 10 or 12 years. Yet that child had to compete with the rest of the community, and to earn its own livelihood. He referred to the work of the deaf and dumb institutions. In addition to the school for children, other work was carried out. When the child left school it was taken in hand, employment was found for it, and it was provided with a club and a church. Other facilities were about to be provided, including a vocational training workshop. At Blackburn they had a home for deaf mutes, who, in addition to being deaf, were blind or mentally deficient.

Mr. Abraham explained the methods of teaching the deaf and dumb language, and gave a remarkably fine recital of "The Village Blacksmith" in this language. He is an acknowledged master of the language of gesture. With his hands and pose the language of the silent life becomes poetry—the poetry of motion. Anyone familiar with musical poetry witnessing a recital by him in gesture needs no spoken language to follow him. His graceful gestures tell everything. He has given the deaf mutes a different outlook on life, and taught them to realise the things worth while; given them confidence in themselves, and cheered and helped them at all times.

"Age"

9th February 1928.

For some time past there has been a great deal of distress and unemployment amongst the adult deaf and dumb. At present there are some twenty deaf mutes out of work, mostly young men. It is hard for us older deaf, who have learnt by bitter experience in the battle of life the hard lot of the out-of-work deaf mute, to see our young men drifting through life in the same hopeless way and to be powerless to help them. If anyone can offer these young men work, please write to J. M. Johnstone, Deaf Mute Centre, Johnsont-square, East Melbourne.—J. P. BOURKE.

March 29th 1928

Dear Friend:

We are expecting you on Sunday morning next (April 1st) at our Church, Jolimont Square, to join us at the Lords Supper.

Affectionately yours,

Ernest J.D. Abraham

Adult Deaf Mute Centre
Jolimont Square
Melb. East. 21.4.28.

Dear Friend,

The Annual Meeting of Subscribing members of the Congregation of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria will be held in the Hall of the Centre, Jolimont Sq, Melb. East on Thursday April 26th at 8pm.

It is hoped that you will be present.

Faithfully yours
Ernest J.D. Abraham
Principal & Chaplain.

J. McLean
Hon Secretary

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





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"OUR NEWSLETTER" will be sent to deaf and hearing in other States for 1/6 per annum, post free. Donations towards the cost of production will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

DEAR READER,

For economic and other reasons, possibly only temporary the Deaf Committee have decided to issue our letter as a Bi-Monthly and have changed the title to "The Victorian Deaf" with the sub-title "Our Bi-Monthly Newsletter. This change has been under discussion for many months and was finally decided upon at the last meeting of the Deaf Committee.

Our Readers are asked to read carefully the "Notice to our Friends". We want every deaf person throughout the State of Victoria to receive "Our Newsletter" regularly. Melbourne Deaf are expected to call for their copy at the Centre, but it will be sent to all country deaf, post free. If in future, you do not get it regularly every two months, or know of any deaf person who does not, please let us know at once.

COUNTRY DEAF are especially invited to send along news of their own doings. Let us hear from you often, even if it is only a postcard.

He prayeth well who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.
He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us
He made and loveth all.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that Mr. E. Cork is blind and deaf, he is one of the best informed of our deaf members, not only in regard to current events throughout the world, but the news of the blind and the deaf. He is quite a Shakespearian scholar, and an interesting conversationalist. At the picnic down the Bay, recently, he recited many poems and was aked for the following lines;-

KIPLINGS APOLOGY TO A LADY.

"If you can keep your hair when all about you are shearing theirs and wanting you to. If you can hold your tongue when others mock you and make allowance for their mocking too. If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to keep your hair long after theirs has gone and hold on to it, when there is nothing in you except the will which says to you, hold on. If you can smile without a hat to fit you. If you can sigh but never shed a tear - yours is the Earth and everything that is in it, and what is more, you'll be a Lady Dear."

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DEAF NOTES for November - December 1927 is just to hand and contains much matter of localinterest. The deaf of Victoria always welcome with open arms the visits of the "Notes". We notice that South Australia is passing through a period of difficulty like ourselves. We, too, have quite a number of our fellow deaf out of employment. A most unusual condition of affairs.

THE 30TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TASMANIAN INSTITUTION for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb is full of interesting particulars of the work and figures. There are, at present, 47 deaf and blind children under instruction in the school and 19 under training and employed in the Institution Workshop. Prof.E. Morris Miller is the President and Lt.Col.L.H.Payne, Superintendent and Secretary.

A NEAT LITTLE PAPER. "The Western Australian Adult Deaf Society Notes" has reached us. It tells of the formation of the above Society with services for the deaf every alternate Sunday. Mr. R. Haylock is the Chairman, Mr. R. Jeffery the Hon.Secretary and Mr.H.Blackmore Editor of the "Notes". The religious services are held at the residence of Mrs. Jeffery, who has shown a kindly interest in the deaf for some years.

MR. G. G. MERCY - an old friend of the deaf, after a lengthy trip abroad, has with Mrs. Mercy, returned to Victoria. Welcome Home !

CHRISTMAS EVE Mr. J.M.Griffiths handed to our Principal another cheque for £100 for our Church Building Fund; he is anxious to see our little church erected.

W E L C O M E . Mr. & Mrs Sutherland gave at their home on the evening of November 12th, 1927, a party to welcome and be introduced to Miss Nan Spence - now Mrs.Arthur Sutherland. Mrs. Sutherland knows we enjoyed tothe full her efforts on our behalf. Indeed her face showed her satisfaction and pleasure in the evening's entertainment. Happiness radiated everywhere, Arthur's choice of a wife has been fully endorsed by the members of his family and "the wife to be" seemed

though naturally shy at the ordeal of meeting so many kindly critical friends - equally happy. And so were we. Competitions were played and won by the following - Mrs.T.Peters, Miss R.Dow, Mr.G.Newnham and Mr.J.Johnston, Misses E.Empson, M.Dow and Mr.J.Cariss. Supper was very happy. A jolly crowd sitting round a big table laden with the most tempting of dishes which all enjoyed, and vied with each other in extending the nicest welcome to Miss Spence. Speeches were made by Messrs. F. Frewin, W.A.Paterson and J.Hunt. Mr.Arthur Sutherland, amid much applause responded. Mr.Sutherland Snr, also expressed the pleasure of Mrs.Sutherland and himself at seeing such a happy gathering in his home, and for Arthur's sake, signified his willingness to do all he could in the future. Mr.Arthur Sutherland and Miss Spence motored home those of their guests living near and thus ended a very happy evening.

A VISIT TO WEST AUSTRALIA. Mr. & Mrs David Ashby had a very long but pleasant trip to Perth by the Trans Australian Railway, last Christmas. Mrs.Cove enjoyed their company all the way and stood the long journey well in spite of her age. They spent two weeks in Adelaide and four weeks in West Australia. They thought Perth a very pretty place, especially Swan River and the beaches. At Perth they were the guests of Mrs.Cove's sons and daughter who did everything possible to make their visit a happy one, motoring them to see all the sights of Perth and outer suburbs and beaches. Mr.& Mrs.Ashby are full of expressions of appreciation for all the kindness shown them by Mrs.Cove's sons and daughter. They also spent three weeks at Collie, 125 miles from Perth. It is a mining town where Mr.& Mrs Ashby's brothers live. They spent a very happy time with their brothers and other relations whom they had not seen for many years. When on the train they were greatly amused to see the different types of aboriginals, when the train crossed the Nullarbor Plain, a distance of 420 miles, and though the train runs without a curve for 330 miles it does not cross a single permanent stream of water. On one occasion they went to Mr.Blackmore's place where Sunday Services are conducted fortnightly and saw Mr.Blackmore, late of Adelaide, preaching. There was a small attendance through many being away on holidays. Mr & Mrs Ashby think Mr.Blackmore is a great acquisition to the West Australian Deaf, and a good preacher.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB. A Social of the Deaf Workers' Club was held at the Centre on Tuesday, February 7th at 8 p.m. There was an attendance of 36. Mr.O'Bryan was M.C. of the evening and did his part well. The games and competitions were as follows;-
Mr.Ashby's Fig Race; winners were Miss C.Ball and Mr.W.Ashby
Miss G.Hawkin's paper Football; Winners were Miss Leber and Mr.O'Gorman.
Mrs.Sander's Feeding Time; winners - Miss Leber and Mr.L Sutton.
All these games were highly enjoyed. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competition games by Mr.O'Bryan. Light Supper brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

F I R E FIGHTING. Mr M.G.B.Mortimer spent a most eventful Xmas and New Year's holiday at Mr.S.Ferguson's place at Bowman Forest. His holiday was partly upset by his being called on to help in quelling the disastrous bush fire which raged through the surrounding district, including Ferguson's property, for two or three days. The fires came over the hills into Bowman's district with amazing speed

being helped along by the strong winds. Mr.Mortimer's help was most welcome to the fire-fighters, and he being a City man, experienced a trying time, staying up all night. By morning it was thought that the fire had been mastered. During the fight he had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, which swelled alarmingly, but he kept on fighting. Mr.S.Ferguson drove him to Beechworth to see a doctor in the morning and his ankle was dressed. On their return they were amazed to find Ferguson's property in full blaze, and they, with other helpers, had again to fight the flames. Mr.Ferguson lost three big eaten hay stacks which went up in flames,and about five acres of standing wheat crop went up too. Their attention was now turned to saving the homestead and the out buildings, which they succeeded in doing after much difficulty. Mrs.Ferguson and lady friends were kept busy providing the fighters with tea and eatables, which they, every now and then, hastily partook of, and for which they were most thankful. After the fire the scene was one mass of desolation. The whole of Bowman was black when Mr.Mortimer left. Mr.Ferguson is one of the heavy losers, having lost 420 bags of oats and wheat, miles of fencing and hundreds of acres of grass, besides those mentioned above. We sympathise with him in his heavy loss. The stack burned for three or four days.

O U R LITTLE WORLD.

Miss A.Foster is at present making an extended stay in the Pt.Campbell district.

Mr. & Mrs D.Ashby have returned home after a most pleasant and eventful trip to Western Australia. They look the picture of health. Mrs.Ashby stayed an extra week or two in Adelaide. Whilst staying with relatives they were driven to a neighbouring township where there was a carnival on. When returning at night, about three miles out, the driver of the car, in avoiding the post of a bridge, turned to one side but the wheels skidded and the car turned completely over, pinning eight of the occupants underneath. Mr.Ashby, who forsaw the happening, jumped clear of the car. When the occupants were extricated, it was found that three or four were seriously injured, but others escaped with minor hurts, bruises and shocks. They were most thankful that nothing serious happened to them. Mrs.Ashby received bruises and slight shock.

MARRIAGE. Mr. R. Simmonds of Neerim Junction, late of England, was married to Miss Sutton of Adelaide, S.Australia, on December 22nd in Adelaide. The Melbourne Deaf had the pleasure of meeting the newly made Bride on 24th December at our usual Saturday Night Gathering. They are now settled at Neerim Junction. Congratulations !

Mr. & Mrs A.Stokes have sailed for New Zealand, where Mr.Stokes hopes to find regular employment. They left Melbourne by S.S. "Manuka" on 18th January. Mr. & Mrs. W.Elwin, Messrs P.Swain, T. Williamson and J.M.Johnston saw them off. It was Mrs.Stokes' first sea voyage and we all hope she will get through O.K.

J.Murphy enjoyed a fortnight in Sydney during the Christmas Holidays.

At the Christmas Rally on the 15th of December the Committee of the Deaf Workers Club were responsible for the arrangements of the Father Christmas and the giving of Xmas toys and small gifts through the Fishing Pond, also the supervision of the supper. On the evening of the 22nd and 26th November, the lady members of the Committee of the

WORKERS' CLUB started to make the paper caps, also dainty daffodil sweets holder made by Miss Hawkins for the Xmas treat given to the inmates of Blackburn Home, and the work was not finished; on the 26th, tea was provided by Messrs.Gibson & Hawkins, and the making of caps completed the following Saturday, 3rd December, when evening tea was provided by the President, Mrs.Prewin and Miss Hawkins.

Miss M.Smith of Mangana, Tasmania, has decided to try and naturalise herself with us. She came over to Victoria about four months ago and has just found employment. We wish her luck!

Miss Mona Stevens of Warburton has secured temporary employment in Melbourne. We hope she will like her work.

Messrs. Hey and Cornish popped in at "Our Centre" on the evening of 12th December whilst a number of Deaf were busy at the decoration of the Hall. Mr.Hey has once more answered the call of the sea and secured a position on S.S."Canberra" the boat which Mr.Dunwoody vacated during the shipping strike. He stated that the sea life would do him better than on land.

Mr.Cornish was on S.S."Dimboola" which arrived at the same time as S.S."Canberra" hence their meeting. The S.S."Dimboola sailed for Adelaide a day or so after, and the S.S."Canberra" set her nose for Sydney about the same time.

During the Lecturing Tour of Bendigo, on behalf of the Deaf, Mr. Abraham was informed of a deaf and dumb woman living in the district and he immediately went out to see her and after an interview with persons concerned brought her to Melbourne and placed her under the care of our Home. Her name is Miss Emma Chambers.

F.Johnson, a few days before the Xmas holidays secured a position as farm hand out at Sale way, but returned two days later. The employer, finding that he was deaf and dumb, changed his mind about engaging him and sent him back to Melbourne after a day's work.

B. Davis is still in Sydney on "holidays" since before Xmas. There was some talk of his trying his luck at employment there, and we are all wondering if he has secured a position.

H.Puddy found his B.S.A.Motor Cycle a great boon during his Xmas holidays. He had many pleasant spins on it and the longest was a run to Eden, N.S.Wales, along Prince's Highway and back. He reported one bad spill on his return, and brought evidences of it home in the form of a blackened left eye and lacerated skin on left side of face. Whilst on his journey he met many deaf, but went on the trip alone.

O. Quinton accompanied the Indian Motor Cycle Club on its Gipsy Tour to Sydney and back. We hope to find room for some notes on his trip in this edition.

Miss L. Sanders spent a two weeks quiet holiday with her people in Bendigo. W.McMillen also went to Bendigo.

W.O'Bryan enjoyed a week at Yarrawonga where his people reside.

Mr.G.B.Mortimer was the guest of Mr. & Mrs S.Ferguson of Bowman's Forest for the holidays and an eventful holiday it was, as will be seen by his experience stated elsewhere in this issue.

E.Martin and J.Cariss, following Mr.Clapp's advice "to see more of Victoria" did so through the agency of Lynas' sturdy "Studebaker". These three deafies began on the road to Ballarat where they had a good look round and then on to Daylesford, where they tried the mineral waters. From thence on to Maryborough and on to St.Arnaud and Charlton where they put up for a night or two at Lynas'Homestead. Quambatook, Lalbert and Swan Hill were next visited, then across the Border, River Murray, into N.S.Wales. They reported conditions there as terribly droughty, parched for miles and miles. They were glad to get into Victoria again, where the condition was not so bad. Lake Charm, Kerang, Boort and Charlton again on the return. Owing to business reasons, F.Lynas was forced to remain longer at Charlton. J.Carris and E.Martin returned home by train, well pleased with the tour.

Miss Esmie Cassor was among her relations for three weeks in Albury and its district and reported pleasant times.

Miss Elsie Stephens also spent her holidays with her relatives at Gippsland Lakes, whilst her elder sister Thelma spent about three weeks with her friends in N.S.Wales, principally in the Sheep Country to the North West. She reported royal times there.

W.Ashby visited his various relatives amongst the principal towns along the main Gippsland Line, but his main stay was in Bairnsdale. He made a call at Lakes' Entrance and saw the Stephens' family. Buchan Caves was also visited.

Miss Hickey was at Lake Charm and Mystic Park for some days with her Uncle.
Maryborough claimed the Dow sisters for the Xmas Holidays and Wonthaggi claimed Mr. & Mrs F.Rees.
Miss R.Lampkin and J.Allen crossed the Bass Strait into Tasmania for their share of the holidays and they both reported happy times.

Since the last issue of our Newsletter the Chief has visited Bendigo Geelong and Neirim; whilst at Bendigo he addressed the local Rotary Club, also in November he spoke at the Advertising Club's Luncheon, at the Oriental Hotel.

O U R PRESIDENT. "Excellent" is the only word in a cable just received from our President, Mr.E.R.Peacock, bearing the address Stanleyville, Congo, Central Africa. To those who know our President that one word tells all there is to tell. We can safely take it to mean that he is in good health and is having an all round good time. We are glad but hope to see him soon and often, when he does return to Melbourne. "Excellent". Sit you down and think reader what that one word has meant to you. Has it not been full of intense meaning from your very childhood, on through life. Is it not one of the first words we learned to appreciate. It was well to get "good" when at school, and the "very good" on our exercise books brought a glow of pleasure, but "excellent" - Ah! Are you still striving for that high mark in everything you do ? Get out maps and find Stanleyville, Central Africa and see just exactly where our President is.

DEAF OF GIPPSLAND. There is quite a little colony of the Deaf at Neirim Junction, Gippsland, and our Principal, Mr.E.J.D.Abraham, paid them a flying visit on the 11th and 12th of February. He was the guest of Mr. & Mrs Cliff Robertson to lunch. Alex Collins and Dick White also being present. Our Principal says Mrs Cliff is a right good hostess and an excellent cook. In the afternoon Tom Collins, who was accompanied by Mrs.Tom Collins and Mrs.Cliff Robertson, drove him in his car to Noojee, the scene of the great bush fire. Other local deaf hired a car and followed on. Mr.Abraham said he enjoyed the trip immensely. In the evening our Principal conducted a short service at the Guest House of Mrs Wilson, followed by a lecture, concluding at about 10 p.m. when he was escorted to a room where quite a sumptuous supper had been prepared and every face lit up with delight at his pleased astonishment. Out of the 15 deaf residents, fourteen were present, some coming long distances. The party did not break up until midnight. The following morning, Sunday, Mr.Abraham conducted Divine Service in the garden of the Guest House, again having a congregation of fourteen. When he came to settle up for his accomodation he found everything had been paid for. During the course of an address Mr.Abraham spoke in high terms of the Collins Bros (Deaf) for employing so many deaf at so critical a time as the present. The local deaf have a good friend in Mr.Tom Collins.

Miss Emma Reade of Spotswood was seen at Daylesford enjoying her holidaysand J.McLaurin went to his mother in Meniyan, S.Gippsland.

Mrs.Hartley spent her time at Euroa. Mr. & Mrs Sutherland spent theirs at Olinda.

V. Wilson went down to see his brother Harry at Sale and they had a grand time visiting in the locality. Harry Wilson is employed there, is well satisfied with his position and sends his remembrances to all Melbourne friends.

A.
L.Sutton was the Guest of/Stephens at Lakes Entrance and reported glorious times there.

Mr. & Mrs W.Rees of Wonthaggi toured the Gippsland Lakes and visited the Buchan Caves, returning home via Melbourne.

Melbourne may easily claim a front rank place in the cities of the World for the frequency of the gathering of its deaf citizens and the numbers attending. But someone has said we are not up-to-date in our amusements. "We should jazz more" - perhaps so, but we seem happier without the Jazz. There is at least as much fun, if not more, in the innocent games we prefer for our entertainment as there can be got out of the wildest Jazz.

I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chatted all the way,
But left me none the wiser,
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she,
But, Oh the things I learned from her,
When Sorrow walked with me.

To get away from the hunt after money - it's refreshing - it's sweet !

CHRISTMAS RALLY.
For three nights prior to 15th December , the Hall at Our Centre was a scene of great activity, many Deaf volunteers helped with the decorations. Half a dozen large mottos were made and hung on the walls. That part of the work was done by the male members whilst the lady members helped with the creation of streams of snow-drops with wadding and cotton, which were afterwards hung from the ceiling. The effect was most realistic. Balloons, flags and greenery added to the decorations when finished, looked most charming. On the evening of the 15th December a very successful Rally was held and the attendance was very large. Mr.G.Newnham acted as Chairman of the evening and in his short address extended to one and all the compliments of the season. Prior to the general routine of the evening, Mr.E.J.D. Abraham on behalf of the Deaf Congregation presented Mr. & Mrs.A. W.Sutherland with a wedding gift, a very handsome framed oil painting called "The White Gum" painted by W.D.Cook, from whom the painting was purchased. Mr.Sutherland suitably replied with thanks. A few moments later Mrs.Sutherland graciously presented the various prizes won by the Deaf during the year - viz - Cup Day Picnic, November 1, 1927
Hop, Step, Jump for Ladies . Alice Smith - Bottle of Scent.
High Jump for Gents. Leslie Sutton - box of handkerchiefs
Seventy-five yards Ladies' Race. Esmie Cossor. Ornamental Bowl.
100 Yards Gents' Race. J.O'Gorman - Pair of Braces.
Siamese Race. Miss Thelma Stephens and Mr.Jas.Hunt. Ornamental Bowl and Sparking Plug, respectively. For Billiard Tournament during Winter Season - 1st prize T.Newton of Werribee - gladstone bag. 2nd prize G.Turnley; shaving outfit. Record Break Prize. W.Malone Shaving Outfit. The Deaf Workers through the agency of Mr.Mortimer who was dressed up as Santa Claus distributed the toys to the children of Deaf Parents and they also ran a fish pond. Games followed. Soft Drinks and Ice cream were served out during the evening. Supper at 10 p.m. under supervision of the Workers' Club. Mr.Edgar Peacock represented the General Board of this Society at the Social. Other members sent apologies.

CHRISTMAS DINNER to Inmates of Blackburn Home. A very successful Xmas Dinner and Social to the Inmates of Blackburn Farm and Home was given on the 20th of December by the Workers' Club at Our Centre. Mr.E.J.D.Abraham, the founder of the Home, presided, and Mrs Abraham, Mrs Frewin (President of the Workers' Club) and Mr. & Mrs Angus Manager and Matron of the Home were also present. After the partaking of the meal which consisted of Roast Ham, Veal and Beef with peas, french beans, boiled and roast potatoes, plum pudding with sauce and jellies etc. Cordials, sweets and nuts and Tea. Each inmate received a Christmas gift from the Principal and hearing friends. The evening was spent in games, in which about 20 outside deaf joined and helped to make a happy time. The cooking, the arrangements of the table were under the supervision of the lady committee of the Deaf Workers' Club Mrs.Frewin, Misses Empson, Ball, Gibson and Hawkins, Misses Dow, Dickey and Sanders helped by waiting at the tables. After our Principal had spoken Mrs.Frewin gave a few words of Xmas Greeting to everyone.

W E L C O M E SOCIALS.
R. H. LAMBERT of Edinburgh, Scotland, landed in Melbourne at the Victoria Dock per the Commonwealth Liner "Moreton Bay" on the morning of 22nd December. He was met by the members of his firm, Messrs Shovelton & Storey; also Messrs E.J.D.Abraham, J.M.Johnston and D.Calder, a new comer from Scotland. The same night a Welcome Social

was extended to Mr.Lambert at the Centre where the speeches were made by Messrs. Abraham and W.A.Paterson. Introductory talk - and games covered the rest of the evening.

A small impromptu Social was held the evening of 31st December 1927 for the pleasure of Interstate Deaf Visitors, and many interesting indoor games were enjoyed. Supper brought the happy Evening to a close. There was an attendance of 60/

MENS' G U I L D . The Mens' Guild was in vacation during the month of December and on the 17th January opened with "Pound Night". The evening was spent in the recital of holiday experiences. G.B.Mortimer gave graphic stories of fire fighting; O.Quinton on his gipsy tour to Sydney and back; J.Cariss and E.Martin on their motor tour of Middle Victoria and N.S.Wales. Frankston was fixed for the Guild's Annual Picnic on A. N. A. Day - 30th January. February 14th was nomination night.

NEWSLETTER F U N D . The Hon.Secretary of the Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to "Our Newsletter" Fund. Mr.T.Williamson and Mr.A.O'Callaghan of Sydney 3/- each. Mr.S.Sutton, Bendigo 2/6d. Mrs. Thomas, Tasmania. Mr.Frank Williams, Launceston, Mr.Keith Best of Tasmania and Mr.J.Allen 2/- each.

VISITORS TO MELBOURNE during the Christmas Holidays. There was quite A number of country and interstate visitors to Melbourne during the Christmas and New Year holidays. From Sydney, Mr. & Mrs A.Taylor, Mrs.O'Neil, Mrs & Miss Hanney, Messrs Russo, Varley, Geo.Spencer, Toor and Brownbill. From Adelaide Mr. & Mrs.Bostock, Mrs.Simmonds, Messrs.Les Spencer, H.Maggs, H.Emerson. From Brisbane, Mr.Beatel. From Country district of Victoria, Mr. & Mrs Rees, Messrs. T.& A. Collins, Simmonds, W.Grant, J.Kenworthy and R.White.

ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB. Up to the time of Press we have played seven matches; won three and lost the others. We could have won more than five matches if luck had been with us. Fielding is our principal drawback. December 3rd and 10th; Clarendon 105 defeated Adult Deaf 56 and 8 for 87. December 17th & January 7th; Port Melbourne Club 174 defeated Adult Deaf 59 and 62. January 4th & 21st; Adult Deaf 98 defeated South Port 35 and 30. Jany.28th & Feby 4th South Melbourne Hibernians defeated us 46 and 35. On Foundation Day we had an enjoyable and friendly game with St.Hyde Methodist Cricket Team from Footscray. The match was played at Blackburn, starting at 11 o'clock and finishing at 6.30 p.m. Our opponents are a very fine young team, they defeated us by 7 wickets. The scores were St.Hyde Methodist 151 and 3 for 60 and Adult Deaf 90 and 121. Anderson playing his first game with us, was our top-scorer with 15 in 1st innings, 30 in 2nd innings. J.O'Gorman also batted well for 27 in second innings. W.Ashby bowled very well but without luck, only taking two wickets for 30 off 10 overs

T E N N I S . Southey Tennis Team were too good for our Gents' Team, claiming 6 sets to ours nil, and Seaside Club also accounted for the Mixed Doubles team claiming 8 sets out of 9 on December 10th 1927. On December 17th Parkside beat our Gents, so did Olympic over our mixed team. On January 7th Milton T.C.forfeited the Match to our

Gents' Team.Jan.14th. A close game was played against London Stores by our "A" Section Gents which we went under in by only 4 games. Olympic "A" won all sets from our "B" Section Mixed. Jany 21st. Both our teams were easily accounted for by Olympic and Hartleys in their respective Sections.

CINEMA SHOW. Further interesting Pictures have been screened at Our Centre. On 8th December "BlackCyclone" featuring "Rex" a wonderful stallion of the wilds. On January 5th - "FightingYouth" featuring W.Fairbank, showing exciting intrigues. On January 12th a very high class but gruesome picture by Lon Chaney was shown - "The Road to Mandalay."

GIPSY TOUR TO SYDNEY. Mr.Oswald Quinton reported grand times during his fourteen day's Gipsy tour to Sydney during the Christmas holidays with the Indian Motor Cycle Club of which he is a member. The route lay along the Princes' Highway and home via Albury. Herewith is his story of the trip. Seventy-five members of the Club left Melbourne at 2.30 p.m. on December 24th using 41 Indian Motor Cycles and side-cars. There was only one woman cyclist riding solo with the party and one deaf mute - myself, riding solo too. Each member wore the approved uniform of the Club. Red guernsey, Tam-o-Shanter, riding breeches and leggings. The first stage of the journey was Traralgon, 103 miles. We arrived at 6.30 p.m. and were entertained by the local agent, camping by the roadside. We were up early 4.30 a.m. and after partaking of our own cooked breakfast we made the second stage to Sans Souci, 166 miles. At Sale I met the Wilson Brothers and also Mr.Unsworth. Bairnsdale was reached in good time for dinner. Before the meal, the members went in for baths in Mitchell River. A splendid Xmas Dinner was partaken of there, our Club being the guests of the local agent. By 2 p.m. we were on the road again. Lakes Entrance was visited en route, so was Orbost, which to my amazement is a good sized town. On this route we were held up on several occasions by fallen trees on the road. One branch fell and struck my head, but I was not hurt. Sans Souci is a very charming spot where we camped for the night. Monday December 26th saw us on the 3rd stage to Bega in N.S.Wales, 103 miles, passing Genoa, Victoria, Kiah River(N.S.W) Eden (registered) Had a nasty spill when near Bega and felt a bit groggy for a few minutes. Camped on the Bega Race Course The weather was changeable, light rain was hailed with delight as it helped to keep down the dust which had been tormenting us. The 4th stage was covered in short time for the distance is much smaller,100 miles to Bateman's Bay. Had to ferry over at two places. The last stage was made in 183 miles to Sydney on Wednesday, December 28th. This was the wettest stage for it rained during our run. Had four spills owing to the slippery nature of the road through the rain. We took the coast road at Bulli instead of the famous Bulli Pass and arrived at Sydney at 3.30 p.m. More than 100 Sydney Indian Club Members met us at Tom Ugley's Point and we made a picturesque but noisy procession into Sydney and then to the Show Grounds where we camped. The same evening we were the guests of Messrs Biden and Roberts (The N.S.W. agents for Indian Motor Bikes) at a Theatre Party - New Empire Play - "The Film Girl". Thursday December 29th was scheduled for a rest but most of us spent it rushing around Sydney, sightseeing. In the evening an enjoyable Moonlight Harbour Trip was indulged in. Visited the Australian Manufacturers' Exhibition and other places. I visited Mr. and Mrs.Winn's place on two occasions, where they as usual extended unbounded hospitality to me. I saw many deaf there. Attended the Sunday Evening Service to the Deaf at Y.M.C.A.Hall where I conveyed

Melbourne Deaf's greetings. Left Sydney on Monday January 2nd at 10 a.m. instead of noon, two hours earlier than expected. Put up at Goulburn Show Grounds and then visited Canberra by noon next day. We were shown over the Parliament House there. Gundagai was the next camping place and after that Albury. Saw the bush fires raging on the hills and at night the sight was awesome and weird. Arrived in Melbourne on 5th January on my own as the Club spent an extra day at Albury. Throughout the trip my machine behaved splendidly and gave me no trouble at all. It is a very comfortable machine to ride, being a 1927 model Indian Scout. We all regretted that our tour was not longer. The total run was approximately 1654 miles.

ANNUAL PICNIC down the Bay. To Mr.Evans of the Bay Steamers Ltd.one and all extend very hearty thanks for the happiness he gave us in again granting free passes (100) for a trip to Queenscliff on our favourite Bay Steamer, the S.S."Hygeia". The sun shone brightly on Monday February 6th. We think it knew it was our picnic day, and did its best to make us happy - and we were happy. It was a merry crowd that met at Port Melbourne and Mr.Abraham enjoyed to the full looking after his big family. Mrs.Abraham, Mrs.Jackson and Pat were there. Also Mrs.Empson, Mr & Mrs Johnston and sevenal country deaf. Dinner on board as usual was well partaken of and for that meal we sincerely thank the following ladies and gentlemen for donations sent to cover the cost. Carlton & United Breweries Ltd. Miss Annie Danks, Myer Emporium Ltd.,Mrs Ratcliff, Miss E J.Hearn, H.V.McKay Ltd.,Mrs V.M.Christian, Sir Wm.McPherson, Sir GeoSyme, Mrs.Theo Kitchen, McPherson Robertson Esq. Most of the party got off at Queenscliff where many different forms of amusement were indulged in. Mr.Moss - our oldest Collector was to the fore in rendering help wherever needed. A few members went on to Sorrento and on their return told us of a pleasant time there. At 5 p.m. Tea was served in the small saloon kindly lent by the Chief Steward of the "Hygeia". The sandwiches etc for the City Deaf were cut by Misses Empson and M Dow at the Centre, the previous day, Sunday, whilst the Home Inmates brought along a hamper sufficient for their needs. Miss Empson was in charge of the tea arrangements with Mrs.Abraham, Mrs.J.M.Johnston,Mrs.A.Sutherland and others as willing helpers. Again we thank the Chief Steward and his Staff for the many kindnesses shown and help they gave to one and all. Mr.Cork had his friend from Sydney with him and we were pleased to see him again. If at the end of the day the Staff were tired they had the satisfaction of seeing the happy faces of those who trudged cheerfully home with memories of another picnic down the Bay.

OPENING of N.S.W.Church Hall. The New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society recently purchased the Royal Society's Building, 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney for £31,000. Part of the building only is at present available for the use of the deaf, and the hall in the recently acquired premises was opened on the evening of Sunday February 19th with divine service, Rev.Dr.Dey, a member of the original Committee of the New Society officiating. Mrs.B.H.Edgar, sister of Mr.F.S. Booth, acting as interpreter. Others who took part in the opening ceremony were Mr.A.L.Lonsdale, Hon.Supt. Mrs.F.S.Booth,Mrs S.D. Winn and Mr.C.Plunkett.

M O T T O for 1928 - FORWARD - Perfect Love casteth out Fear.

MR.EDWARD BURKE. New Zealand. Although the great majority of those who assembled at our Centre on Monday, February 27th to welcome Mr. Edward Burke back to Victoria were of the younger generation of the deaf, there was a good sprinkling of his associates and friends of twenty years ago. Amongst those noticed were his sister Miss W.Burke The Principal Mr.E.J.D.Abraham, Messrs A.C.Muir, W.A.Paterson, F.E. Frewin, A.McLellan, J.McLean, R.Beattie, J.Boorts, S.Moss and Mr. G.B.Mortimer. Mesdames Hawkins (Adelaide) J.Boortz, Hartley, Misses Wright, Mortimer and many others. The Chairman, Mr.Abraham opened the meeting with prayer and in the name of those assembled, welcomed Mr. Burke back to Victoria. He said, Mr.Burke had always been a loyal supporter of this Society and its work, and a friend to the deaf. He was esteemed and respected by all and they were glad to have him back. Mr.Burke, together with J.E.Muir and - Ward were members of th old famous Fitzroy Football team. Mr. Frewin said this was a proud moment for him to join in welcoming Mr.Burke back to Victoria as 21 years ago he had the pleasure of presenting to Mr.Burke a momento from the Victorian Deaf when he left for New Zealand. Mr.Adam Muir heartily endorsed the welcome from the other speakers. He told us of the palmy days he had with Mr.Burke in the realms of sport. Also that Mr.Burke was at one time the bowling champion of the Deaf Cricket team. Mr.W.A.Paterson joined in and said whilst others spoke of Mr.Burke's past he is looking forward to the future when he and his fellow Deaf will find Mr.Burke a great acquisition in helping to manage the affairs of this Society. After much applause had subsided Mr.Burke thanked all for the hearty welcome he had received. He said he was very glad to be back and thanked Mr.Abraham very sincerely for his untiring, but successful efforts at the customs office on his behalf. He was glad to renew acquaintance with his old schoolmates and friends, but much regretted the loss of his valued friend Mr.L.Miller and would always miss him.

MRS. HAWKINS. On the same evening Mrs Hawkins of Adelaide was welcomed. She is an old Victorian and everybody who knew her in the days of yore were glad to have her with them for as long a time as she could stay here. We wanted her to say a few words but all our coaxing was of no avail, so we just had to read her thoughts and know what she wanted to say.

We also extend a welcome to Mr.Burke's niece, Miss Brown and hope she will be happy in Melbourne.

LITTLE CHAPEL for the Deaf. Per Miss M.Gibson we have received a cheque for £2.2.0 being a donation to the above Fund from A.L. Olney Esq.

OUR PRINCIPAL. Mr.Abraham is on a visit to Launceston and Hobart Tasmania, attending the Rotary Conference. He also expects to confer with the Tasmanian Deaf in connection with the Deaf Cricket Contests.

At the opening Social of the N.S.Wales Adult Deaf Mute Welfare Centre the representative of the "Sun" noticed the absence of music during the dancing and wondered. This led Mr.Lonsdale, the Hon.Supt. to tell a story about ~~the~~ a certain music warehouse in another State having been appealed to for assistance sent an organ as a gift to the local Adult Deaf and Dumb Home.

January 1928.

Sunday	1st	Services Morning & Evening.
Thursday	5th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Saturday	8th	Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	10th	Vic Branch A.D.D.A Committee Meeting
Thursday	12th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Sunday	15th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	17th	Men's & Women's Guilds Meetings.
Thursday	19th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Sunday	22nd	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	24th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	26th	Scripture Class & Cinema
Sunday	29th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	30th	Men's Guild A.N.A. Day Picnic
Tuesday	31st	
Saturday		Recreation
February	2nd (Tuesday)	Men's Guild Annual Meeting.

February 1928.

Thursday	2nd	Scripture Class & Cinema
Sunday	5th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	6th	Annual Bay Trip.
Tuesday	7th	Workers Club Monthly Social.
Thursday	9th	Scripture Class & Cinema
Sunday	12th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	14th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	16th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Sunday	19th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	23rd	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Sunday	26th	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	27th	Welcome Social Evening Mr E Burke of N.Z. & Mrs Hawkins of Adelaide.
Tuesday	28th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting Deaf Men's Guild Annual Meeting.
Wednesday	29th	Leap Year Social by C.C.
Saturday	14th March	Garden Party.

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES. BLACKBURN. VIC.

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KEEP SMILING.

Keep smiling all the time, Keep smiling wet or fine.
Smiles grow brighter every day, Help to cheer anothers way.
Keep smiling all the time.
Keep smiling - if you do, Smiles will come back to you.
When you smile another smiles, Then there's miles and miles of smiles
Keep on Smiling, - DO !

WELCOME HOME to OUR PRESIDENT.

Our President, Mr. E.R.Peacock, J.P. returned to Melbourne on Monday May 7th. It was unfortunate for us that he was away during his first year of Presidentship but we are hoping to see him often now that he is back in Melbourne. There is, naturally, a very strong tie between Mr. E.R. Peacock and the Deaf. He has been in touch with us for something like forty years and directly connected with our Society for the quarter of a Century. He was with us when our Society was but an infant " Mission " and now he is Our President in the days of our prosperity. During his absence, Mr. Peacock has visited England, the Continent and Czecho-Slavakia of which country he is Consul in Victoria. On his return journey Mr. Peacock travelled through Central Africa.

OUR PRESIDENT HONOURED.

An endowment fund of £5,000,000 has been provided by the British and Dominion Government to meet the expenses of the care of the Empire War Graves. General Sir Harry Lawrence, Mr. E.R.Peacock and Major - General Sir Fabian Ware are the first Trustees. By the end of 1929 the construction of the War Cemeteries, it is expected, will be completed. The vast Organisation that has been necessary to give burial to the 1,000,000 dead of the British Empire will by then be reduced to a small permanent staff responsible for the maintenance of the graves.
So far 600,000 headstones, 1,135 crosses of sacrifice and 265 stones of remembrance have been erected, necessitating the construction of 659 cemeteries.

PRAGUE CONGRESS OF THE DEAF.

At the International Congress of the Deaf to be held at Prague on the 4th of July the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Mutual Aid Society of Deaf Mutes founded in 1868 by the late Vaclav Wilczek will be part of the programme. The 15th anniversary of the Deaf Tourists Club will also come in for a share of the honours. The Congress syllabus is a full one and includes many very interesting papers. The social side of the function is also fully catered for.
Following the welcome to guests on the Tuesday (July 3rd) there will on Wednesday be a crowning of the grave of W.J.Wilczek, the solemn opening of the Conference and an exhibition of work by Deaf Artists and Craftsmen. In the evening a theatrical performance by members of the Prague Deaf Theatrical Club. There are to be three dinners, excursions, a football match and lectures. The papers include " Judicial position of Deaf Mutes in Czecho-Slavakia and Foreign Countries ". " The Associations of Deaf Mutes of the World " " Social and Hygienic care of the Deaf " " Schools and the Education of the Deaf in Czechoslovakia and Foreign Countries ."

AN UNUSUAL BAPTISMAL CEREMONY.

Princess Josephine, the baby daughter of Princess Astrid was baptised recently at Brussels by Cardinal van Roey. During the ceremony the Cardinal used the symbolic signs that Christ used when healing the deaf and dumb man, the wetting of a finger with his saliva and touching the ears and tongue of the infant Princess to signify that she must learn and practice the faith of Jesus Christ.

VICTORIAN DEAF.

All the activities of the Society have been in full operation during the past two months. Divine Worship every Sunday morning and evening, a Harvest Thanksgiving and a Communion Service. Scripture study and topical lecturette every Thursday evening, followed by Cinema pictures. The Saturday night gatherings are as popular as ever, and the Guilds and Workers Club continue to draw. The cricket season is over, but Lacrosse has started and promises to evoke unusual interest. Tennis is improving and there is talk of an effort to make the Kambling Club as popular as it was in days of old. Our Principal has been busy interpreting and much of the Missioner's time occupied in hunting for jobs. Now the winter is near we are planning for extra attractions at Our Centre.

FIRST SERVICE FOR DEAF OF TASMANIA.

During the early part of March, Mr. Abraham paid a visit to Launceston and Hobart, Tasmania, and on Sunday March 2nd, conducted a Service for the Deaf of Launceston. The Launceston Deaf gave Mr. Abraham a good time Mr. and Mrs. Thomas came down to the boat, on his return from Hobart, to see him off.
Whilst in Hobart, Mr. Abraham had an interview with Dr. Morris Miller, President, and Col. Payne Superintendent of the Tasmanian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in connection with the founding of an Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for that State, and the proposed Cricket Competitions and Conference to be held in Hobart next Xmas. He found both gentlemen very sympathetic.

TENNIS.

Our Tennis Teams found themselves at the bottom of the Premiership lists in the St. Kilda District Tennis Association competition. Nevertheless, these competitions have given our players opportunities to learn and to improve their game. Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Newnham has drawn up a series of matches amongst the lady members of the club for the winter season and for which prizes are promised. Already greater enthusiasm is being shown. The Club will have the court top-dressed before the next competitions.

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse season opened on Saturday April 26th in favourable weather. Our team met the last year's Premiers " M.C.C." on Albert C.G. Fast games and clever stick work were the rule. The first half of the game our boys showed up well but gradually weakened as the game progressd and M.C.C. won comfortably by 16 to 12. Progress scores were as follows : - 1st Quarter. Adult Deaf 3 to M.C.C. 1. 2nd Quarter, M.C.C. 6 to Adult Deaf 5. 3rd Quarter, M.C.C. 12 to Adult Deaf 10. Final M.C.C. 16 to Adult Deaf 12.

The Club is in receipt of an invitation from the South Australian Deaf Lacrosse Club for a return match in Adelaide. The matter is to be discussed at the club's next Committee Meeting.

Owing to the heavy withdrawal of past players, mostly members who have taken employment up country, the club found it necessary to run only one team this year. At the last annual meeting, Mr. L.Sutton was elected Hon. Secretary to the Club and he gives promise of a bright and energetic officer.

" The Hawthorn V. Adult Deaf and Dumb game provided the best match of the day, and both sides are already displaying greatly improved form on last season's displays. Deaf and Dumb when they stick to pure Lacrosse are always a treat to watch. From their meritorious win against Hawthorn on Saturday it is evident they are going to have a big part in the composition of the final four. "

" Age " May 7th.

" It is unfortunate that Adult Deaf and Hawthorn are to meet at Blackburn as the game would have attracted a large crowd if played at Hawthorn. Both teams last week showed improved form, and a close fast game is certain. It is years since such enthusiasm has existed at Hawthorn. "

" Herald " May 5th.

WE INVITE SUGGESTIONS. PRIZE of 5/.

Supposing, only just supposing, it was your misfortune to be the " fortunate" Editor of Our " Newsletter" how would you conduct it ? How would you arrange the contents, what would you put in and what would you leave out ? Here is an opportunity for budding deaf journalists to win an easy entry to that mystic circle of " never know next" with all its allurements, fame, fortunes and - disappointments. Address your contraption to the Editor, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Sq, Melbourne East. A prize of 5/. for the list of best suggestions.

I know of no occupation in life more barren of results than the permanent seeking of pleasure. Pleasure is a bi-product of life.

- President Lowell.

CRICKET.

The Adult Deaf Cricket Club closed its season with slightly improved results. The team was a most harmonious one throughout the season. They finished up the year with a two days match during the Easter holidays, between the City and Country Deaf on the M.C.C. annexe in Richmond Park. The country deaf proved superior to the City whom they defeated by 8 wickets and 52 runs. the scoring results were as follows : -

First innings - City. W. Anderson bowled A.Collins 1. W.Vivian c. Kenworthy B. C.Robertson 22. W.O'Bryan LBW C. Robertson 5. F.Lynas C.T.Collins B.C.Robertson 16. J.O'Gorman b.J. Kenworthy 4. D.Ashby B C.Robertson 5. G.Quantock C A.Collins B J.Kenworthy 4. W.McMillin B. C.Robertson 2. E.Martin B J.Kenworthy 1. J.Retallick not out 3. R.Beattie B.C.Robertson 6. J.M.Johnston B.C.Robertson O. Sundries 5 . total 74.

First innings - Country. C.Robertson C.F.Lynas B Martin 4. G.Burgess stumped B Martin 11. T.Collins LBW W.O'BRyan 99. A.Collins B Quantock 16. G.Damman B. Quantock 1. N.Lynas B Quantock 1. J.Cardwell LBW Quantock O. J.Kenworthy LBW W.Vivian 4. B. Davies stumped B Quantock 5. J.E.Muir not out 4. Subdries 8 Total 155.

Second innings - City. W.Anderson B.C Robertson 59. W.Vivian b C.Robertson 6. W.O'Bryan b A.Collins 5. F.Lynas hit wicket b Kenworthy 2. J.O'Gorman b Kenworthy 9. D.Ashby b G.Burgess 3. G.Quantock c T.Collins b A.Collins 33. W.McMillen run out 1. E. Martin c Kenworthy b A.Collins 5. J.Retallick b C.Robertson 4. R.Beattie c G.Damman b A.Collins 11. J.M.Johnson not out 3. Sundries 1. Total 144.

Second innings - Country. C.Robertson retired 44. G. Burgess c Anderson b F.Lynas 12. T.Collins c O'Gorman b E.Martin 27. A.Collins run out O. G.Damman not out 15. R.White not out 5. Sundries 12. Total 4 wickets for 115.

G.Quantock was most brilliant with the ball in the first innings for the " City" capturing 7 wickets for 17 runs. Then came C.Robertson for the " Country" with 7 for 29 in 1st innings. Other conspicuous players were J.Kenworthy 3 for 17 and 2 for 41. A.Collins 4 for 31.

After the match the Winners (Country) were entertained to a dinner by the Losers (City) which was enjoyed by both sides.

WHAT EVERY VICTORIAN DEAF CITIZEN SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO :-

1. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria 5/. and upwards annually.

2. Victorian Branch, Australasian Deaf & Dumb Association 1/. "

3. The Victorian Deaf - Our Newsletter 1/6 "

Send postal order for 7/6 to Mr. G.Newnham, Hon. Secretary to Deaf Committee, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East. and you will have done your bit.

Oh : there is a thrill in the joy of doing good. It is the most magnificent recreation to which a man ever put his hand or his head or his heart. - T. De Will Talmage.

Just think the whole affair over carefully. What did he say, What did you say, Now, who is to blame ?

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation was held on the 26th of April 1928 at Our Centre. There was an attendance of seventy. Our Chaplain (Mr. Abraham) presided. Mr. J.McLean (retiring Hon. Sec.) read the annual report and Mr. W.A.Paterson (Hon. Treas) the balance sheet, both of which were adopted. The Savings Bank statement read by the Manager (Mr. J.M.Johnston) was also approved. Office bearers for 1928-9 : - Chairman, Mr. E.J.D.Abraham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J.M.Johnston; Hon. Sec. Mr. G. Newnham; Hon Treas. Mr. W.A,Paterson. Committee - Messrs. M.G. B.Mortimer, A.W.Sutherland, J.McLean, W.O'Bryan, J.Cariss, A.McLellan, F, Rees and D.Ashby.
Representatives to the General Board - Messrs. J.M.Johnston, W.A.Paterson A.W.Sutherland, G.Newnham and J.McLean.

LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Lacrosse Club was held on 21st March when the following officers were elected : - President, J.M.Johnston, Vice-Presidents,M.G.Mortimer;F.Rees and W.Anderson. Hon. Treas, W.Ashby, Hon. Sec. L.Sutton, Committee - J.Cariss, H,Puddy, W.O'BRyan, Delegate, Mr. Wilson. During the evening W.Donnellan was presented with a gold medal for best and fairest all round player of last season the trophy was presented by W.Crush. W.Manton gained the prize as best and fairest player of No.2 team, also a gold medal, the gift of Mr. Guthrie, brother of Ivan Guthrie. The donors were heartily thanked for their gifts.

TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Tennis Club held its annual meeting on 3rd April. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Miss Mabel Dow (Vice-President) occupied the chair. Report and balance sheet showed the club to be progressing and in a most healthy position. Officers for ensuing year : - President, Mr. E. J.D.Abraham; Vice-Presidents,Miss Mabel Dow; J.M.Johnston and M.G.Mortimer Hon. Treas, Miss D. Hickey, Hon. Sec. G.Newnham. Committee - Messrs H. Puddy, J.Allen,G.Edwards, Misses L.Sanders and E. Stephens. A Winter Tournament is being played every Saturday and the enthusiasm is growing.

GARDEN PARTY.

On the 17th of March, Our Principal, Mr. E.J.D.Abraham and his wife entertained the Victorian Deaf at a Garden Party at Jolimont Square and a most happy time was spent. Outdoor games and conversation took up most of the time in the afternoon. A much enjoyed tea was served in the Hall to abour 150. In the evening there were games and competitions, altogether about 200 deaf friends were present during the day.

S.A. ADULT DEAF.

The last issue of the S.A. Deaf Notes contains an excellent print of Mr. A.E.Clarkson, President of the S.A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.
In " Jottings " it is stated that during the past few months the industrial trouble has been so great that many of the Adelaide Deaf have been thrown out of employment. The Annual Picnic was held on the 30th January and all attending had a good time . The Supt, Mr. Redman has been giving a series of talks on Bible Models at the weekly Bible Class. There were good attendances at the Harvest Thanksgiving Services on the 11th March. The Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on the 9th March, The balance sheet showed the club £7.2.2. on the right side.

DEAF WORKER'S CLUB - ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Annual Picnic of the above club was held on Eight Hours Day. The party went by the " Hygeia" to Queenscliff. The weather was ideal, cool and sunny. Twenty nine members and friends were on board, the rest missed the boat and had to go by the " Weeroona" which arrived an hour later. A few more motored to Queenscliff making a total of 39 at the picnic. Asunny spot in the park was chosen for lunch where hot water was available for making tea. Afterwards some of the party went sight-seeing, even as fas as Point Lonsdale. All too soon came 4 'Oclock which meant returning to the boat. Tea was partaken of and next thing the party found themselves back at Port Melbourne. Thus ended another happy outing.

LITTLE PARTIES.

A very successful Leap Year social was held at Our Centre on the evening of February 29th, under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club. Various exciting competitive games were played and prizes awarded. Financially as well as socially it was a great success and the Cricket Club will benefit substantially.

Misses R and M.Dow, D. Hickey and Mrs. J.M.Johnston arranged a very happy farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. J.Hunt at Mrs. Johnston's house on the 18th of February and invited 31 deaf friends to make merry. It was a jolly send off to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt who with their family left for Mildura on the 20th of February. Mr. Hunt has secured good employment there. We hope to see them amongst us again.

YOU ?

Oh, my friends, you who are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your mind that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them. You who are passing men sullenly in the streets, not speaking to them, out of some silly spite, yet knowing that it would fill you with shame and remorse if you heard that one of those men were dead tomorrow; You who are letting your neighbours starve till you hear that he is dying of starvation; or letting your friends hearts ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy which you mean to give him someday if you could only know and see and feel, all of a sudden that Time is short, how it would break the spell ! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do.

Phillips Brooks.

EASTER VISITORS.

During the Country v. City Cricket Match at Easter the following Deaf friends paid us a call, and very pleased we were to see them. Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins; Mr. A. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. C. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. J.Cardwell; Mr. K.White - all from Neerim Junction. Mr. G.Burgess from Willaura; Mr. Kenworthy from Pakenham; Mr. G. Damman from Warburton; Mr. J.K.Muir from Warburton. Mr. Grant from Myrtleford; Mr. and Mrs. from Erica; Mr. Hamson from Conargo, N.S.W. Both Mrs. J.K.Muir and Mrs. G.Damman were in town for a short time before Easter.

NEW SOUTH WALES ADULT DEAF.

Mr. Herbert V.S.Hersee, the recently appointed Organising Secretary and Superintendent of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of N.S.W. was met at Williamstown Pier on Sunday morning April 1st, by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. D.Abraham.
Mr. Hersee is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F.R.Hersee of North London and was born at Brockley in 1897. For some years he was employed by the Prudential Assurance Company. He saw Active Service in France during the Great War. In 1921 he was given charge of the Winchester Diocesan Mission with Centres at Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth etc.,
Mr. Hersee Senr, who is deaf and dumb, frequently attended Mr. Abraham's services for the Deaf when he was stationed in London.

NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

At the Hotel Australia on the 23rd of April an Appeal was launched by the Committee of the N.S.W. Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind to raise £30,000 to cover cost of necessary additions to the building. A general Committee was formed and friends are flocking to help the movement.
The Institution has a total of £84,000 invested but most of this money can only be used for carrying on purposes and not for building.

QUEENSLAND ADULT DEAF.

The Annual Meeting of the Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission was held on the 28th of April. There was a good attendance. Mr. W.R.Kingwell gave a demonstration of the Mission's method of training, exhibiting a fine collection of furniture made by his pupils. " Equal " said the President " to any shown in Brisbane". The annual report said " it was in the ordinary routine work and the personal contact with individual mutes that the chief value of the Mission to the Deaf was experienced ". That the Mission was appreciated was proved by the readiness with which the Superintendent (Mr. J. M. Paul) and Miss M.Overend Wilson were consulted.

W.A. ADULT DEAF.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Western Australia are now in possession of Room 22. Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack St, Perth, being rented as a Meeting place for the Deaf. It will be open every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening.
Mr. G.A.Paqualin, the popular deaf mute Collector for the West Australian Schoolfor the Deaf has just completed his 30th year as Collector.
The Deaf of W.A. have a sport that is outside the syllabus of the Victorian Deaf. They go " a'crabbing". In March a party of six deaf folk caught 44 crabs and they were cooked on the beach.
The W.A.Deaf have decided to form a Lacrosse Club and are already entered for the " A " grade section.

NEWSLETTER FUND.

The Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, Mr. G. Newnham, acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to "Our Newsletter " Fund.
Mrs. W.Hair (Willung) and Mrs. W.Smith (Moulamien N.S.W.) 5/. each.
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Mr. & Mrs. G.Damman(Warburton) Mr.O.Quinton, Mr. D.Ross (Sydney) 2/. ea.
Mr. G.Oakley, Miss I.Miller (Brisbane) 1/6 each, Mr.T.Tonkin (Bendigo)1/.

MEN'S GUILD.

The annual picnic of the Deaf Men's Guild was held on Foundation Day when members and friends to the number of 29 journeyed to Frankston and spent a very happy time there. Short rambles and open sea mixed bathing claimed the time of the picnickers. The weather was all that we desired, a beautifully warm and sunny day. On the 14th of February, W.Bladier entertained the members with a story of " Navigating the Norge from Rome to the North Pole " which was much enjoyed. February 28th, the Annual Meeting was held and the annual report and balance sheet adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows : - President, J.M.Johnston Vice-President F.E.Frewin: Hon. Treas W.McMillen: Hon. Sec, W.O'Bryan: Committee - M.G.Mortimer, F.Cariss, D.Ashby and W.Bladier.
A short and pithy address on "Self control" and "Perseverance" was given by the President on the 13th of March, which was much appreciated.
A paper on " The Deaf & Dumb Associations of U.S.A " was given by J.P. Bourke and consisted mainly of extracts from Mr. Clarkson's trip abroad, which was interesting. On the 10th April, there was an Open Night and A.Hull spoke to " How can we best help our unemployed?" and suggested that a " Security Fund" be started for their benefit. It was agreed that the question of starting one be left for the consideration of the Guild Committee. April 24th, F.E.Frewin treated the members to a Shakespearian story , the " Merchant of Venice". It was much enjoyed.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild re-opened after the Christmas vacation on the 17th of February. The evening was a social one and Miss Cossor added to the pleasure of all by giving a very humorous account of her trip to Wodonga and Albury last Xmas. At the meeting on the 31st of January, Miss Hawking read a paper on " Too much tea". A paper on " Reasons about Xmas" was the subject chosen by Miss Gibson on the 14th of February. All the above ladies received hearty votes of thanks.
The annual Picnic of the Guild was held at Blackrock on Saturday Feb. 11th where a very happy day was spent. The day,or rather the weather,was great. Open sea bathing was the most favoured pleasure and much enjoyed by most of the 24 adults and 4 children present. Tea was a merry meal on the lawn and much enjoyed by the hungry, happy party.

Two weeks later, the February ramble was held at Parkdale where there was a muster of 28 including visitors. We enjoyed having Mr. E.Burke and his neice Miss Brown of New Zealand, Mrs. Hawkins of South Australia and Miss Mortimer of Gippsland with us., and they say they enjoyed being with us. The usual enjoyment on the seafront was indulged in by some, others preferring to sit on the sand and chat. After hamper tea had been partaken of a very contented party turned their steps homeward.

WORKER'S CLUB.

The Deaf Worker's Club held a Social Tuesday March 6th at 8 pm. About 32 members assembled. As Mr. Sutherland was not present to fulfill the duties of M.C. Mr. O'Bryan kindly consented to take his place. The following competitions were the mainitems on the programme :-
" Birds, beasts and fish" (buried words) arranged by Miss Gibson and won by Miss Dow and Mr.J.Johnston. "Muddled greengrocer stocks" arranged by Mrs. Ashby and won by Miss O'Gorman and Mr. Puddy. "Who am I " arranged by Miss Hawkins, winners - Misses O'Gorman and Leber and Mr.T.Peters. " Soccer race" arranged by Mr. O'Bryan, winners Miss Cossor and Mr. Calder. Mr. Lambert gave a recitation on "The heroine of the storm" and " The Clock", both were good so was Mr. Puddy's on " A pair of woollen socks". Prizes were distributed to the winners and a light supper partaken of by all.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mrs. S. Ferguson of Bowmans Forest is in Melbourne for two weeks. We were pleased to see her at the Deaf Workers Club Social on the 1st of May.

W. Vivian had the misfortune to fracture his arm a little above the elbow. He was throwing a cricket ball during the City v. Country Deaf match when he suddenly felt his arm limp and grow painful. It was found to be fractured. We are pleased to learn it is getting well rapidly.

Mr. Hamson of Conargo, N.S.W. spent a couple of weeks in Melbourne and was often to be seen at Our Centre.

Miss A. Graham spent some weeks in Portland with her sister and reported glorious times there. The weather was good all through.

Miss Burnie Miggie has had a holiday at Daylesford and from all accounts a very good holiday it was too.

Miss A.Foster was at Pomperneet on the South coast of Victoria for her annual holiday. She was away for about a month and feels much benefited by the change.

Peter Sutherland of Deniliquin, N.S.W. was down for a week and joined in the farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt at Mr. Johnston's home.

Miss Esme Cossor left for Tallangatta on Wednesday May 2nd, for an extended holiday and rest. We hope she will soon be restored to health.

The Hon. Secretary wishes to acknowledge 1/. each from D.G. and C.M. for alphabet cards, sent through a freind in Fitzroy.

A.W.Sutherland has received a letter from J. Hunt. He says they have settled down to the daily grind and are keeping well. They sadly miss the company of the Melbourne Deaf and humorously comment that ones living has to be considered first. They send best remembrances to all.

OUR CINEMA SHOW.

Our members are most fortunate in having such excellent screenings every Thursday night at the Centre. The syllabus from 19th February to April 19th says : -

" Take it from me " featuring Reginald Denny, a commedian.
" The Man in the Saddle " featuring Hoot Gibson and exciting incidents.
" Tin Hats " a laughable incident during the War.
" His Master's Voice " featuring " Thunder " the wonder dog.
" The Qualified Adventurer" featuring Matheson Lang.
" Up Stage " featuring Norma Shearer.
" Exit Smiling " featuring Jack Pickford.
" Damaged Hearts " featuring Basil King.
" Hero on horseback ". featuring Hoot Gibson.
" Hearts and Spangles " " Lady of the Night "
Prarie Wife " " Perch of the Devl "
" Princess on Broadway".

It is a queer World. Good people that wouldn't throw a tiny pebble at a cat for fear of hurting it, will torture a soul or two without turning a hair.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

T. Williamson of New Zealand who has been working in Melbourne for close on two years took leave of us on the 30th March and sailed by the " S.S. Marella " for Java, via Sydney and Brisbane, where he has an engagement for six months after which he is to be transferred to South Africa. The latest news is that he had a good trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, now of New South Wales, in a letter to Miss Gibson send their remembrances and best wishes to Deaf friends in Melbourn

Herbert Wilson reported by letter that he is well pleased with his position in Sale, Gippsland, and likes staying there. He regretted very much having to relinquish all sporting activities with our Boys and will always look forward to reports of results. He sends remembrances to all his friends.

Mrs. Mills of Waaia left Melbourne for England by the " S.S. Euripides" on Saturday April 28th. She proposes to stay for 12 months, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss G.Mortimer was in town for some time and enjoyed herself at the Women's Guild annual picnic at Parkdale.

A.Hart and T.Tonkin of Bendigo were also in Melbourne on their annual visit. Tonkin went back to Bendigo but returned for the week end to attend Our Principal's Garden Party on the 17th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Allinson of Wonthaggi were also in Melbourne for a time.

The third of March saw the annual three Mile Swim on the Yarra. Mr. J. Dickenson, our crack swimmer and a member of the Ivanhoe Swimming Club, was one of the entrants. He received eight minutes start and finished somewhere between the 15th and 20th. It was, so far as we know, the first time that a deaf man had essayed that long swim in Australia.

Whilst in Melbourne Colin Johns of Horsham called in to see us. It was at the end of February whilst on his way, to and from Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance and Geelong. He brought messages of remembrance from the Griffiths boys, of Rainbow.

D.Cornish of " S.S.Katoomba" again paid us a visit whil e his boat was in port. He said that enthusiasm reigned amongst the Deaf of West Australia because of the formation of a new Society there, and that the outlook for its future is bright. The Melbourne folk welcome this good news.

Mrs. Williamson of Brisbane, Queensland, is with us again. She has been here since the second week of March and brought greetings from Mr. J.M. Paul of the Brisbane Society. At present she is on a visit to Adelaide.

Miss Agnes Edwards of Canterbury sailed for her old home in Wales by the " R.M.S.Otranto" on the 6th of March, where she intends to remain with her relatives.

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Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East,
March 8th 1928

Mr.&.Mrs. Ernest J.D. Abraham
request the pleasure of your
company at a GARDEN PARTY
to be held at Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, on Saturday
MARCH 17th from 3.pm

Miss Rose Doyle

CHURCH for the DEAF

Jolimont Square. Melb. C.

SUNDAY MAY. 20th

11 a.m. and 7. P.M.

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PRINCIPAL

to THE MEMBERS of the

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NOVEL GAMES & COMPETITIONS
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ADMISSION-ONE SHILLING & SIXPENCE
BY TICKET, One of which will
hold a Lucky Prize Number.
Purchase your ticket at once.

March 1928.

Thursday	1st	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Sunday	4th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	6th	Workers Club Monthly Social
Thursday	8th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	11th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	13th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting.
		Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	15th	Scripture Class & Cinema
Saturday	17th	Garden Party.
Sunday	18th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	20th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	22nd	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	25th	Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Monday	26th	Workers Club Annual Picnic
		Bay trip to "Freemacliff"
Tuesday	27th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting.
		Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	29th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	April 1st	Holy Communion

April 1928.

Sunday	1st.	Services. Holy Communion
Tuesday	3rd	Tennis Club's Annual Meeting.
Thursday	5th	~~Scripture~~ Cinema Pictures.
Friday	6th	Good Friday.
		Country V City Deaf Cricket Match
		~~Cinema Pictures & Concert Party~~
Saturday	7th	Easter Saturday Diddo
		High Tea at 5.30 P.M.
		Easter Rally at 7.30 P.M.
Sunday	8th	Easter Services
Monday	9th	Easter Monday "Free".
Tuesday	10th	Deaf Mens Guild Meeting
		Deaf Women Guild Meeting.
Thursday	12th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	15th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	17th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	19th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	22nd	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	24th	Deaf Mens & Womens Guild Meetings
Thursday	26	Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday	29	Services Morning & Evening

Saturday 28th Lacrosse Season Begins.

TO WELCOME HOME

OUR PRESIDENT

MR. E. R. PEACOCK

A SOCIAL WILL BE HELD IN THE

HALL AT OUR CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE,

SATURDAY NEXT MAY 26th at 8 pm.

ALL DEAF FRIENDS INVITED

Come and do your best to make the evening a jolly one.

GEO. [illegible]
Hon Secretary,
to Deaf Committee

"Geelong Advertiser"
3rd May 1928.

Old Friends Meet

The gestures and evident pleasure of several men outside the Supreme Court building yesterday afternoon attracted the interest of people in the vicinity. Mr E. J. D. Abraham, superintendent of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute, was the centre of interest. Those around him comprised a few elderly men—deaf mutes—who had waited in the vicinity of the Court to meet Mr Abraham, who had been engaged inside the building. One of the men had been attending the Deaf and Dumb Institute some years ago, and while there he had come in contact with Mr Abraham. The man noted that he had come to Geelong, and had informed his afflicted friends. Mr Abraham was as delighted as the men to meet again, and for half an hour the little band gestured and talked over old times.

"Argus"
20th June 1928

Deaf and Dumb Cyclist Fined.

Robert Brownlie, of Williamstown road, Port Melbourne, was charged at the Williamstown Court on Tuesday, before Mr. D. Grant, P.M., and Mr. F. Wilcher, J.P., with having driven a motor-cycle on the wrong side of North road, Newport, on May 17.

Constable Boadle said:—At 5 o'clock in the afternoon Brownlie very sharply "cut" a corner and ran a risk of running into traffic coming from the opposite direction.

Brownlie, a deaf mute, read the evidence given against him on the police brief.

Brownlie was fined £1, and Mr. Grant requested that he be informed that future carelessness might cause him to lose his licence.

"Argus"
20th June 1928.

DEAF AND DUMB.

Conference at Hobart.

HOBART, Tuesday. — A somewhat unusual gathering will be held at Hobart during Christmas week, when deaf and dumb residents of the various States will meet in conference. The board of management of the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb Institution, at the monthly meeting yesterday, decided to sanction the gathering being held at Hobart. It is expected that nearly 100 deaf and dumb persons will visit Hobart at the time of the conference, as a series of interstate matches which are held regularly will be played at the same time.

"Age"
4th June 1928

Deaf and Dumb Society's "Rally."

The quarterly "rally" of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, held in the society's centre, Jolimont-square, took the form of a mask and fancy dress parade. The hall presented a very gay and animated scene, over 40 characters being represented. Prizes were awarded as follow:—Ladies: Best sustained character, Misses Thelma and Elsie Stephens; prettiest costume, Miss Mona Stevens. Gentlemen: Best sustained character, Mr. A. Sutherland; most humorous character, Mr. T. Nelson. The "lucky" prize was won by Mr. W. Bladier. Dances were given by Misses Thelma, Elsie and Emily Stephens, the former two dancing a minuet and the latter a tarantelle. Humorous sketches, in the sign language, were given by Miss Esmo Cossor and Messrs. J. Allen and H. Puddy. The evening concluded with supper.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

The General Board of the above Society requests the honor of yourself and friends at the

Annual Meeting

OF MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

to be held at the

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

JOLIMONT SQUARE, WELLINGTON PARADE SOUTH, MELBOURNE EAST

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 1928, at 3 p.m.

The President, E. R. PEACOCK, Esq., will preside

"Herald"
24th June 1928

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG DEAF AND DUMB

Specially Difficult Problem

"One of the most difficult problems of the moment confronting the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society," stated the report read at the annual meeting this afternoon, "is unemployment of the deaf and dumb."

"Never before have we had so many skilled deaf mute workmen out of employment."

"Unemployment is at present general in the community, and is a problem to every organisation; but to the deaf mute, handicapped as he is, it is doubly hard, for he is most frequently among the first to go and the last to be reinstated—not because he is less skilled in his trade, but because there is the impression that, being deaf and dumb, he must be less efficient."

"Sun News Pictorial"
28th June 1928

DEAF MUTES PUT OFF FIRST

Wrong Impression Of Their Worth, Says President

"Although deaf mutes, rightly trained, make skilled and desirable tradesmen," said the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. R. Peacock) at the annual meeting yesterday, "there is an impression that they must be less efficient than normal people, and they are the first to be put off in times of unemployment.

"Never before have we had so many skilled deaf mute workmen out of employment.

"Assistance at £2 a week for married men and £1 for single men and women cost the society £153 for the year, and other relief work £109."

"Sun News Pictorial"
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ISOLATED FROM CULTURE

Deaf People, However, Make Use Of The Chances

PRESIDENT REVIEWS

"DEAFNESS isolates the sufferer far more than is usually realised," said the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. R. Peacock) at the annual meeting yesterday.

"The deaf mute is absolutely cut off from ordinary public provision for mental advancement. But if the normal population attended their churches and public meetings in the same proportion as deaf mutes, existing buildings would be far too small."

The society's income for the year was £7003, and the expenditure £7346/19/10.

Control Work Of Deaf And Dumb Society

MR. E. R. PEACOCK was yesterday re-elected president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Mr. A. A. Peverill, lately of the Public Service, was elected vice-president and a member of the board.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Stephen Morell) has been re-elected a patron.

The Board for the year to March 31, 1929, comprises Messrs. F. E. Frewin, W. A. Paterson, A. W. Sutherland, J. McLean, G. Newnham, Cr. J. G. Murphy, K. Macdonald, A. A. Spencer, Norman Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, Geoffrey Fethers, Edgar H. Peacock and Cr. E. L. Morton.

The Mayor of Box Hill (Cr. J. G. Murphy) was elected treasurer and Mr. R. J. Oehr honorary secretary.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

(INCORPORATED)



METHOD OF CONVERSING WITH A DEAF MUTE WHO IS ALSO BLIND

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HON. SECRETARY:
MR. R. J. OEHR, F.C.I.S., F.I.C.A.

PRINCIPAL:
MR. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

This Organisation is *Everything* to the Deaf and Dumb
except **a School for Deaf Children**

SOME OF ITS ACTIVITIES

(at Jolimont Square)

A Central *Club House* with Library, Billiards, etc., Socials and Entertainments.
Church Services, Lectures, Educational Classes.
Employment, Relief and Information Bureau.
Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Lacrosse, Rambling Clubs.
Interpreters.
Plans for Hostels for Young Men and Women under consideration.

(at Blackburn)

Home for Aged Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes, with Training Farm for Mental Defectives.

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NEW HEAD-QUARTERS:

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE
MELBOURNE E.

June 21st 1928

Dear Mrs. Cove/

I want you to make a special effort to be present, at the Annual Meeting of our Society Wednesday next June 27th at 3.pm, in the interest of the Deaf generally and to bring along as many relatives and hearing friends as possible.

I am writing to all members of the Congregation and sincerely hope there will be a big muster.

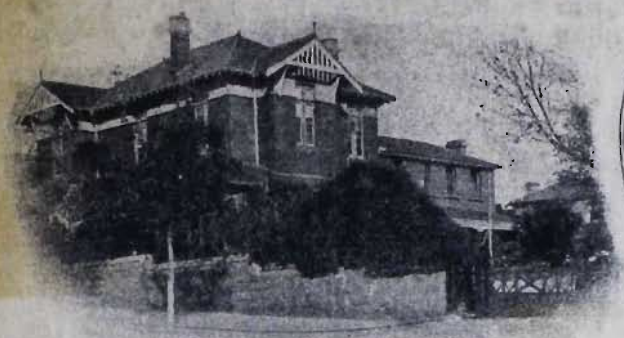
Do your best to make it a success.

Yours faithfully,

Ernest J. D. Abraham

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES. BLACKBURN, VIC.

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HOPE.

O Thou that we call Hope, thou sweet bright Angel of God ! without thee life were an evil unendurable, with thee for company gloomy Doubt, sullen Fear, dark Despair flee utterly away, and we, bold hearted, patient and undismayed by any dangers or difficulties, may realise our dreams at last. O, Sweet Strong Angel of God, with thee to companion us all Things are possible.

THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE.

In pride and gratitude, the people of this State are building a Memorial to the eighteen thousand men who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War - our Sons or Brothers, Fathers or Comrades, and to our noble Sisters of the Nursing Service.
Because of our deafness we were debarred from joining the Citizen Forces but there is nothing to prevent us from joining in the erection of this great Memorial to those who gave their lives for us.
We are confident that every deaf person throughout Victoria will be only too anxious to add his or her name to the list of donors. It is an honour to be able to participate in the building of this National War Memorial - The Shrine of Remembrance.
Send your contribution at once to Mr. George Newnham, Hon. Sec. to Deaf Committee, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East. C.2.

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL to PRESIDENT E.R.PEACOCK.

We Melbourne Deaf extended to Our President, Mr. E.R.Peacock, a very hearty welcome home at a Social on Saturday evening, May 26th, in the Hall at Our Centre. Mr. E.J.D.Abraham, orally on behalf of the General Board and in the finger and sign language on behalf of the Deaf, welcomed Mr. Peacock back in our midst. Mr. F.E.Frewin also added his welcome and, as usual, was able to recall some pleasing incidents of his first recollections of Mr. Peacock with the Deaf. Mr. Peacock suitably responded and gave a lengthy, but all the time interesting, and often amusing account of his trip to Central Europe, Egypt, Palestine, Soudan and Central Africa. With Mr. Peacock came his son Mr. Edgar and Mrs. Edgar, also his secretary Mrs. Harrison. After several games had been played, supper brought the happy evening to a close.

OUR PRESIDENT.

During his absence from Victoria our former vice President, Mr. E.R. Peacock, was elected to the position of President. Although he was not with us to discharge the duties of his office throughout the period under review, we are glad to welcome him back in renewed health and vigour before the close of the year, and hope we may have the benefit of his experienced counsel, inspiration, and help in the future.

from Vic. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society Annual Report 1928.

FIGURES.

During the past year the Deaf of Victoria visited the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square 11,966 times. The total attendance at the four Rallies was 647. September was the record month for attendances, totalling 1097.

The attendance at 16 special evening socials was 1138 and at 7 daytime parties 622. The Missioner paid 189 visits to hospitals, the homes of the Deaf, workshops etc.,

JACK McLEAN.

Jack McLean took on the secretarial duties to the Deaf Committee for twelve months and retired at the recent annual meeting, but retains a seat on the Committee. He was a most consistent Hon Secretary and put in a year of real good work, giving painstaking attention to every detail. He was always at his post, always punctual. It is not an easy billet. Attendance at Church every Sunday, morning and evening, every Thursday and Saturday night with a multiplicity of minor duties. Such men are Our " Builders " and we cannot be over appreciative for such services.

NEW HON. SECRETARY to DEAF.

The new Hon Secretary to the Deaf Committee is no novice. We had the priviledge of his services years ago, and by the way he has started it looks as if we are going to have a great year. Mr. George Newnham is a good organiser as was proved by the very successful Tennis Club Fancy Costume Carnival. He attends to detail, putting his own shoulder to the wheel. He is,also, an Artist of no mean merit, his carnival poster was a most artistic effort and received a good deal of favourable notice.

A.D. & D. A.

A meeting of the General Board of the Australasian Deaf and Dumb Association was held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square on June 5th. Present : - The President (Mr. Abraham) in the Chair, Messrs. J.E.Muir, F.E.Frewin and R.H.Luff. Communications from the Queensland representatives were read. The main business of the meeting was in connection with the founding of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies in Western Australia and Tasmania. It was decided to make a grant of £20- to the West Australian Society and £20- to the Tasmanian Society.

NEW EAR HOSPITAL.

The new hospital - the Royal Ear, Hunter St, London - W.C. - which was recently opened by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, contains a chamber which is known as the " Silent Room ". The walls, floor and ceiling of this room are so constructed as to be impervious to external sounds, so that exact tests of degrees of deafness can be made in ideal and constant conditions. The stillness in this room is said to be

uncanny. The beat of the heart and the " flick " of the eyelids,when quickly closed and opened, can be heard. In his speech, Mr. Chamberlain said that in 1925 rather more that 6,000 children attending the ordinary schools were deaf, 17,000 children had defective hearing and 30,000 children were suffering from diseases of the middle ear.

THE DEAF OF INDIA.

The last Census gave the total number of Deaf Mutes in India as 189,644, of whom 114,249 were males and 75,395 females. Since this represents only those known to the enumerators it would probably be safe to add another fifty per cent. The Mahomedans look upon deaf mutes as accursed, whilst the Hindus assume that they are expiating sins committed in some former existence, and that they deserve all they get. There are at present only fourteen small Institutions for the Deaf in India, some are municipal, some private and some under the control of Christian Missions. These schools cater for 475 of the deaf children of India.

" THOUGH DEAF& DUMB "

On the grave stone of a deaf mute in a church yard at Burton-on-Trent in England is engraved a portrait of the deaf man buried beneath with the following verses.

" What man can pause and charge the senseless dust
With fraud, or subtlety, or aught unjust ?
How few can conscientiously declare
Their acts have been as honourably fair ?
No gilded bait, no heart ensnaring meed
Could bribe poor Stokes to one dishonest deed.
Firm in attachment, to his friends most true,
Though deaf and dumb, he was excelled by few.
Go ye, by Nature formed without defect,
And copy Tom, and gain as much respect ".

LANDMARKS in the HISTORY of the DEAF.

The Rev. W.Raper one of the Chaplains of the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb (London) is writing a Monthly Diary " Landmarks in the History of the Deaf " in the British Deaf Times and for the 11th March, appears " Melbourne Town Hall, Mr. E.J.D.Abraham's Entertainment in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, 2,500 present 1902 ".

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING for DEAF.

At a cost of £7,530 the Education Department has erected a new school house for the Deaf in the grounds of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. This school, in the absence of the Minister of Education, Mr. Lemmon, was officially opened by Mr. Webber on the 29th of May and in performing the ceremony Mr. Webber said that since the Institution was established 68 years ago 834 pupils had passed through it.
Mrs. S. Moss, the first pupil enrolled at the school in 1860 presented Mr. Webber with a key to open the door of the new school. The present pupils contributed to the programme by reciting " Oh God our help in Ages Past " and the National Anthem. Mr. J.McRae, Chief Inspector of Schools, spoke in most pleasing terms of the work accomplished at the School. The Headmaster, Mr. J.H.Burchett, interpreted the proceedings in the finger and sign language for the benefit of the Deaf. The class rooms are delightfully airy and attractive.The building is erected round the threesides of a paved courtyard. Beyond the open side is a lawn with the Institution building in the background.

DE ZUBIAURRE'S EXHIBITION.

Two noted deaf artists in the U.S. of America have been well to the front of late in New York, Valentin and Roman de Zubiaurre. Valentin has recently had eight paintings hung at the Dudensing Galleries. Last year the works of these illustrious deaf brothers were shown all over the United States.

THE PRAGUE CONGRESS of the DEAF - An Invitation.

All deaf inhabitants of Czechoslovakia request the honour of all their friends to participate in the Congress to be held at Prague in the summer of 1928. They will not spare any care in order to satisfy their guests and they wish all participants to return to their countries with the best impressions. The Conference will be under the auspices of the Federation of Associations of the Deaf Mutes of Czechoslovakia.

UNUSUAL OCCUPATIONS FOR DEAF.

Daniel Cadden is officer No. 41, and the only deaf member of the park force of Baltimore. He has been employed in Patterson Park for eighteen years and has a record for many arrests.
Edgar C.Luther, of Hartford, is a genius with carving tools. During his spare time he carves various miniature articles from beach stones. Mr. Luther is neither a carver nor an engraver by trade, being one of Underwood Typewriter Works employees - an assembler we believe - so it speaks all the more for his ability with tools to be able to get out such delicate work, as anyone who attempted it can well understand. -
The Frat. (Newspaper for the Deaf).
Rush Johnigan, the deaf detective and night watchman of Coleman, Texas, seems to be one of those that keep the little western city on the go. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of that town. - The Lone Star.

Charles F.Pence, of Wright, Minn, is driving the school bus that serves four school districts, in addition to his work on his farm. He says he gets along all right with the children and appreciates the responsibilities that go with each load in these days of reckless driving. - The Frat.

G.P.Webb, graduate of the Kentucky School is State Hunter and Trapper, operating in Umatilla County, Oregon. His work is to rid the county of wolves, bears, mountain lions and bob-cats that prey upon the flocks, and the elks and deer of the section. He learned to shoot in the Kentucky Mountains. - Silent Worker.

ALEX PACH STILL DEAF.

Alexander L.Pach, the New York (U.S.A.) Deaf Society photographer recently told the following story in the " Silent Worker".
" She was a very nice young woman and called at my home on business one evening, and when that was concluded she told me how very sorry she was that I could not hear, and that if I would let her, she would tell me how I might get my hearing back; and with that she began on a topic I have heard many times stated by zealous and sincere followers of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy. I promised, if she could find a single instance of restored hearing through that medium, I would be only too glad to take it up with her. She told me of many wonderful cures, and talked till midnight, when she looked at her watch and apologised for staying so late, but was concerned about her mother; and when I offered to escort her home, which is not far from mine, she explained that it was not the lateness of the hour, but that her mother could not go to sleep at

night till the daughter had treated her to an anointing medicine that warded off rheumatic pains and enabled the mother to enjoy a comparatively comfortable and painless night's rest. And that was mu cue to inquire why Christian Science wasn't resorted to, and the only answer I got was a shrug of her shoulders. "

COSTUME CARNIVAL.

Without doubt the Costume Carnival held at Our Centre under the auspices of the Deaf Tennis Club on King's Birthday (June 4th) was the most interesting, best managed and altogether happiest of events we have had the pleasure of participating in for a long time. And it was due to the painstaking care, enthusiasm and the attention to detail of Mr. George Newnham (Hon. Sec) that the function was so great a success. From the poster on the Notice Board to the supper at the close of the social, everything was as one wanted it, infact everybody was delighted and generally speaking, Mr. Everybody is a tough party to please.
Our Principal (Mr. Abraham) presided. There were about 170 present, forty nine of whom were masked entered the fancy costume competition. And to choose the prize winners was a task the judges - Mr. J.E.Muir (of Warburton) Mr. E.Burke (late of N.Z.) and Miss Empson (of our Centre) - found very hard indeed. For no sooner did they think the choice was made than another,and still another, would shine out making them wish there were forty prizes to be given instead of five. The final result was as follows : - Ladies. - "Best Sustained" Misses Thelma and Elsie Stephens as " Minuettes". "Beautifully dressed" Miss Mona Stevens as " Night". Gents. - "Best Sustained" Mr. A.W.Sutherland as " Egyptian Hawker". "Most Humorous" Mr. T.A.Nelson as " Hen pecked husband". A special prize was awarded to Master Tom Elwin who came as " Felix the Cat". He was a perfectly dressed Felix and in every way acted his part well. Many hearing friends attended the Social and after paying all expenses the Tennis Club will benefit to the amount of £7-.

STATUS OF THE DEAF.

When moving the adoption of the Annual Report of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Mr. E.R.Peacock (President) said that the progress of the Society and of its important work was most gratifying. The whole status - physical, social, intellectual and spiritual - of the deaf and dumb of Victoria had been advanced greatly in the last forty years. "Argus".

DEAF COMMITTEE.

The Officers of the Society, all of whom are well acquainted with the language and needs of the Deaf and Dumb, their training and possibilities, are supported by a body of enthusiastic deaf mutes under the direction of a Deaf Committee, of which the Principal is chairman.
It is under the auspices of this Committee that the Religious, Educational and Social Work of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre is carried on. The occupation by which the members of this Committee earn their livelihood may be interesting - Coach Builder, Dental Mechanic, Cabinet Maker, Carpenter, Canvasser, Gardener, Glass Worker, Nurseryman, Missioner and Picle Manufacturer.
The means by which the education received at the special school is continued, and the moral and disciplinary uplift of the deaf is given, is

through meetings, lectures, classes, socials,etc., organised by the various deaf guilds and clubs, each having its own committee, the meetings of which are educational in themselves. The Tennis, Cricket, and Lacrosse clubs are also controlled each by its own committee.

- Report, Vic Adult Deaf & Dumb Society.

BRISBANE.

Lady Goodwin is to distribute the prizes at the Annual School Sports of the Brisbane School for the Deaf.

ADELAIDE.

On the 16th of June, the Adult Deaf Lacrosse team (B.Grade) beat the Adelaide University by 27 goals to six.

In the new Church Hall for the Deaf, a Memorial Window is to be installed to commemorate the memory of the late Mr. Samuel Johnston, founder of the S. A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

HOBART.

The Board of Management of the Tasmanian Institution for Deaf and Dumb and Blind will welcome the teams from the various States taking part in the Cricket Tournament, to be held at Hobart at Christmas, also delegates attending the proposed Conference.

SYDNEY.

A Social Evening was held in their new Institute, Elizabeth Street, Sydney on the 19th of May, by the members of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in honour of Mr. A.L.Lonsdale who has acted as Honorary Superintendent for upwards of eight years. Mr. Lonsdale is also Deputy chairman of the Society and it is admitted on all sides that his help and advice in all matters pertaining to the financial side of the work has been invaluable. The Hall was attractively decorated. Mr. H.T.S. Hersee the recently appointed Welfare Officer presided, and referred to the valuable work of Mr. Lonsdale, to whom an Illuminated Address was presented and a large framed photograph of Mr. Lonsdale hung in the hall. A replica in miniature was presented to Mrs. Lonsdale. The Hon. W. Brooks M.L.C., and others spoke during the evening.

At the laying of the foundation stone for the additions to the New South Wales Institution for Deaf and Dumb and Blind on the 22nd of June, the Acting Premier, Mr. Buttershaw, said that the Government would make a Grant of £2,000 toward the cost of the buildings.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has pledged itself to purchase 2,000 tickets for an Entertainment in aid of the N.S.W. Blind and Deaf and Dumb Institution to be held at the new theatre Bondi Junction on July 5th.

VIC. ADULT DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, on the 27th of June. Mr. E.R. Peacock (President) in the Chair. There was a large attendance. Rev. B. Newport White opened with prayer and Mr. R.J.Oehr read the report and balance sheets which were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensiung year : - Patrons. - His Excellency, the Governor, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. President - Mr. E.R.Peacock; Vice-President, Mr. A.A.Peverill; Hon. Treasurer, Councillor J.G.Murphy (Mayor of Box Hill) Hon. Sec. Mr. R.J.Oehr; Board of Management - Councillor E.L.Morton, Councillor N.Armstrong, Mr. A.E.Atherton, Mr. A. H.Spencer, Mr. E.H.Peacock, Mr. K.McDonald, Mr. Geoff. Fethers, Mr. F. Frewin, Mr. W.A.Paterson, Mr. J.McLean, Mr. G.Newnham and Mr. A.W. Sutherland.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

At the last four meetings of the Women's Guild interesting and instructive papers were prepared and read by the members. The names of the readers and the subjects chosen are as follows :-
March 13th "What is a Lady? " by the President, Mrs. Frewin
March 31st " Wilheim Tell of Switzerland" by Mrs. T. Peters.
April 10th " The story of the Willow Pattern and its Legends" by Miss Ball
April 24th " A story of an Artist's studio " by Miss D. Wood.

The Annual meeting of the above Guild was held on the 10th of May when the annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. Both showed the Guild to have passed through an excellent year. The office bearers are : - President , Mrs. Frewin (re-elected) Vice-President, Miss M. Gibson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss M.Dow; Hon. Secretary, Miss E.O'Gorman (all returned unopposed) Committee - Mrs. T.Peters, Misses Empson, D.Hickey, R. Dow and L.Sanders. The evening terminated with supper.

The Rambling Club under the auspices of the Women's Guild had an outing at the Zoological Gardens on the 12th of May. Owing to the bleak weather only the following six were present, - Mrs. Frewin, Misses E.O' Gorman, M. Ball, E. Read, E.Smith and Mr. Abraham - but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves inspite of the weather. The party returned to our Centre for tea.

CINEMA PICTURES.

Further excellent screenings of pictures have been made after the Thursday night Scripture Classes. On the 3rd of May, a very exciting picture entitled " The Sign of the Claw" featuring Peter the Great was shown and on the 10th of May, a comedy picture featuring Ford Sterling and Dorothy Revier in " Stepping Out" was very much enjoyed. May 17th, " Sun Up" was shown featuring Pauline Starke and Conrad Nagel, a dramatic episode. May 24th, a most laughable comedy " Painting the town" by Glen Tryon proved to be the best shown so far. May 31st, another comedy " Wrong Mr. Wright" featuring Jean Hersholt. On June 7th, an exciting racing film called " Racing Blood" featuring Robert Agnew was shown and on 14th of June, " Man in the Shadow"(with David Torrence) a very good dramatic picture was screened. June 21st, a very lengthy historical drama "Yolanda" was shown featuring Marion Davis, on June 28th, we were treated to a comedy " Cheerful Fraud" by Reginald Denny, which proved to be a very clever and laughable picture.

MEN'S GUILD.

An excellent paper on " The making of the Earth" by Walter Wood, the youngest member, was delivered to the members of the Men's Guild on the evening of 15th May. He was complimented on his splendid maiden effort.

R.H.Lambert, late of Edinburgh, Scotland, treated the members to a "sign rendering" of the Shakespearian play " Romeo and Juliet" which was also much enjoyed on the 29th May.

On 12th June, W.Bladier entertained the members with a paper on the " Historical Flight of Commander Byrd across the Atlantic" which was very good.

On 26th June, a "Pioneers Night" was listed and the members were

MEN'S GUILD - continued.

entertained to stories of the birth of the Deaf and Dumb Society and Deaf Clubs of Melbourne. Messrs. F.E.Frewin(the oldest pioneer present) and M.G.B.Mortimer were the principal speakers of the evening.

At all the meetings of the above Club, the President, Mr. J.M.Johnston presided.

DEAF WORKERS CLUB.

The Deaf Workers Club held a Novelty Evening social on Tuesday May 1st. There were about forty present. Mr. A.W.Sutherland acted in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies. The programme was made up of the following competitions and games : - " Tree Guessing" arranged by Miss Gibson, winners - Miss Leber and Mr. Luff. " Bowling" by Mr. Mortimer,winners - Miss Cosser and Mr. Luff. "Guessing somebody's name" by Mrs. Ashby - and " Penny race" by Miss C.Ball were played with enjoyment.
Excellent recitations " Little Bill" and "The Rajah and the lion" were rendered by Mr. R.Lambert, and " Three Fisherman" by Miss G.Hawkins received much applause.
Mr. Mortimer (Vice-President) donated the prizes to the winners of the " Bowling" game which were distributed by the President, Mrs. Frewin,and light supper brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

DEAF NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

There are several Clubs for the hard of hearing in the United Kingdom, including Clubs at Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Sheffield.

Mr. J.H.Greenslade, Principal of the Yorkshire Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Doncaster, England, has relinquished his position and was recently ordained by the Bishop of Lichfield for special work amongst the adult Deaf of Staffordshire. Mr. Greenslade is 65 years old.

Mr. A.J.Wilson, President of the National Deaf Club of London, England, we are informed, is paying a visit to his daughter in Australia.

Mr. Hayward, a Roman Catholic ex-soldier who lost his speech and hearing through shock has now recovered and is to be ordained as a worker for the Deaf in connection with St. John's Institution, Boston, Spa, England.

Accousticons have been introduced into many of the British Churches, including the St.John of Beverley Church for the Deaf, Finsbury Park, London.

A curious double trial of a deaf mute named Hentsbridge was held at Devizes England, recently. In addition to being tried for a criminal offence, he was also tried to ascertain whether he was a deaf mute by " Act of God " or through malice.

Our old deaf mute friend, M.Henri Gaillard of Paris, France, has been invested with the Cross of the Legion of Honour in recognition of his services to the Deaf of France. His deaf friends throughout the World will be pleased at this news.

There is a small school for the Deaf at Rangoon, Burma, under the control of Miss Chapman with Miss Walden as head teacher and Ma Sein Tha certified Karen teacher.

In connection with the Royal School for the Deaf, Margate, England, a farm was recently opened by Lord Eustace Percy.

A new Guild of the deaf-blind has been started in Staffordshire, England, called " The Deaf-Blind Helpers League".

The Blackpool and Fylde Adult Deaf Society has purchased an old Golf Club house which will be altered for use as an Institute and head-quarters of the local Society.

Mr. C.M.K. Balbi has just issued a book " Deafness explained". Mr. Balbi is Hon. Consulting Electrical Adviser to the National Institute for the Deaf (London). He classifies deafness under three headings - congenital, organic and senile.

LOST LABOUR.

I know a man who is very deaf. One day he was loading dirt into a dray on the Geelong road near Footscray. He was standing with his back to the dray, throwing the dirt over his shoulder into the dray. He had hardly started to load it when the horse moved away, but the deaf man did not hear it, and continued to throw the dirt over his shoulder. When he thought he had the dray nearly full he looked round and saw the dirt lying in a heap on the ground behind him. He threw his hat on the ground and kicked it across the road. A.K., Sunshine."Herald"

A LONG TRAMP.

W.Bladier writes :- I went to Neerim Junction on May 26th for a week's holiday and on purpose to gain some knowledge. It was a pretty long tramp from Nayook to Collins Bros. Mills. I stayed at the bottom Mill for a few days and then had another tramp to the top Mill which is worked by water power. It struck me with wonder. I must appreciate the Collins Brothers for their wonderful achievement in building mills and tramways over difficult country. After seeing them I tramped back to Nayook and stayed for a night at Mr. Robertson's place and next day, caught a car to Warragul, thence by train to Melbourne with my mind well satisfied. I am looking forward to another adventure like Birtles.

THE LATE MR. JOE ALLEN.

It is with deepest sorrow that we record the death of a bright young life, the late Mr. Joe Allen. He was ill only a few days and was hurried to the Alfred Hospital where he died following an operation on Sunday June 16th. He was buried at Footscray Cemetery. A number of his deaf friends, as well as Our Principal(Mr.Abraham) and Missioner) Mr. Johnston) attended at the graveside. At the close of the Service Mr. Abraham gave a short address. Wreaths were sent from the General Board, Deaf Committee and the Principal, Adult Deaf Athletic Club and Launceston Deaf School Mates.
Joe Allen was born in Tasmania and educated at the Deaf School in Hobart. He came to Victoria two years ago, was employed at Sunshine and boarded with his brother. To his father, mother, sister and brother we extend our deepest sympathy, for knowing how sad we all feel at the loss of such a favourite member and pal, can realise how much he must have been to them as son and brother. His cheery smile and happy personality will long be remembered by us.
A Memorial Service, conducted by Our Chaplain(Mr. Abraham) on the evening of June 23rd was held at Our Centre, when a large number of deaf were present to pay their last tribute to their friend, Joe Allen.

LACROSSE.

The best game was played at Blackburn Park between the home team (Adult Deaf & Dumb) and Hawthorn. Deaf and Dumb fulfilled the promise of a successful season for this enthusiastic club by a meritorious win by 11 goals to 6. The game was fast and the stick work of both teams was frequently most attractive. " Australasian " May 12th.

A very stirring struggle was witnessed in a match against Brighton at Blackburn on 12th of May under favourable weather conditions. Both teams were on level terms throughout the match. We were leading 4 goals to 3 at the first change over. At half time, the tea,s were on level terms with 6 goals each and at the final change over 8 all. Brighton netted 2 goals and looked winners but costly mistakes by the seasiders enabled us to level the scores at bell time. W.Ashby and G.Henry netted 3 each, H. Puddy 2, J.Retallick and I.Guthrie 1 each.

Our Boys scored another victory against Coburg on May 18th, and although the losers offered stout resistance in the earlier stages of the game, they were gradually worn down. Sectional scores were 4 - 4, 9 - 5, 12 - 7, and 15 - 9. The Winners total was compiled by W.Ashby and H.Puddy 4 each, W.Donnellan and G.Henry 2 each, J.Retallick, W.McMillen and G. Edwards 1 each.

Camberwell (May 26th) put up a surprisingly strong game which placed them winners in a rather easy style. They scored 12 goals to our 7. Both of our back and forward play were weak that day. H.Puddy netted 3, W.Ashby, J.Retallick, L.Sutton and J.O'Gorman 1 each.

On June 2nd. our team gained another victory, this time at the expense of University 12 to 3. The game was played under the worst possible weather condition. G.Henry was most outstanding, scoring 7 goals. W.Ashby came next with 2, H.Puddy, J.O'Gorman and W.Donnellan 1 each.

Still another great game was that between Caulfield and our team on the 9th of June at Caulfield Cricket Ground, which Caulfield won just on time scoring 12 goals to our 11.

On June 16th, our team defeated the Malvern team by 11 goals to 10. This was Malvern's first defeat this season and reduced their lead considerably on the Premiership List. Malvern appeared to be hopelessly defeated when at half time the scores were 7 goals to 3 in our favour, although Malvern made a good recovery in the 3rd quarter, they failed to pass our score in the final term. The goal throwers were H.Puddy 6, W. Ashby 3, J.O'Gorman 2,
A sensation was provided at the Malvern Cricket Ground on Saturday June 16th when the Adult Deaf defeated the home team by 11 goals to 10. This was Malvern's first defeat this season " . Australasian.

Our Team opposed Williamstown on the 23rd of June, but the compulsory absence of G.Henry and the inability of W.McMillen, through injury, to take the field proved too great a handicap for us. The first quarter was an evenly contested one, each side netting twice. At half time both were still on level terms with 5 goals each, but the seasiders prevailed in the 3rd quarter, scoring 5 goals to our 1 thus securing a winning lead. Williamstown won by 13 goals to 8. Goal throwers, J.Retallick 3, J.O'Gorman 2, F.Reesl, W.Ashbyl and H.Puddy 1.

LACROSSE.

At the Lacrosse Club Committee meeting held on Friday May 11th, 1928, a letter from the South Australian Deaf Lacrosse Club inviting the Victoria Deaf to pay a visit to Adelaide and try conclusions with the local Deaf team, was considered and this Committee decided to accept the invitation. Anyone desirous of joining the team as a playing member is asked to send in his name to the Hon. Secretary, L.Sutton, as soon as possible.

RAMBLING CLUB.

At a meeting on the 10th of May, it was decided to form an independent Rambling Club on the lines previously adopted when the Club came into existence some ten or more years ago. Miss Empson was elected President, Miss Elsie Stephens,Hon. Secretary and Mr. Walter Wood,Hon. Treasurer. Owing to so many Saturdays being booked for Tennis tournaments etc., it has been impossible to fix a Ramble date, but we are looking forward to good times soon. Watch the Notice Board for arrangements.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

We suppose we may take it that our readers are well satisfied with our Newsletter as it is. Not one reader has responded to the offer of a prize for a list of suggested improvements. We have been told, however, that " Our Little World" is a popular feature and that more news about the deaf of other States and Countries would be welcomed.

At a recent luncheon of the Melbourne Rotary Club, Mr. Clarkson who is President of the S.A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and of the Adelaide Rotary also, informed Our Chief that he expects the New Institute for the Adult Deaf of S.A. to be ready for opening by August.

The"Sun News Pictorial" for June 21st, contained the following - Sydney. " There will be no reduction of the month's disqualifications imposed on the Wrestler, Walter Miller " said Mr. Griffiths, Manager of the Sydney Stadium tonight. He said the fine of £50- imposed on Miller would be paid to the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution's Special Appeal.

At Geelong a few weeks back a case at which Our Principal was interpreter was characterised by representatives of the Crown as one of the most remarkable cases that had ever come under their notice.

Messrs. H.Waggett and Foulton both of West Wyalong, N.S.Wales, are spending 3 weeks holiday in Melbourne and are making good use of our Centre facilities. They brought greetings from Mr. T.Kelly.

Miss Florrie Tyzzer of Kingston called at our Centre during her week end stay in Melbourne.

Mrs. Lawson of Adelaide, S.A., spent a fortnight visiting her relatives and friends in Victoria, principally Melbourne and Ballarat, during the month of May. She attended Evening Service on the day of her arrival and also the annual meeting of the Women's Guild on the 15th May. We were told she has been re-appointed caretaker of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission buildings. Congratulations on the appointment.

Mr. Hey, who has become well known to the Australian deaf by his frequent visits as a " sailor man", was present at the Men's Guild meeting on May 15th, whilst his boat was tied up at Yarraville. He has left the long oversea voyages and become an Australian and is at present engaged on "S. S.Yankalilla" bringing in phosphate manures from Nauru, an island in the Pacific.

In the last issue of the Newsletter we stated that J.Dickenson was the first man to essay the three mile swim last March. We have been informed since W. Newton of Werribee claims to be the first deaf to cover the distance in the Yarra, this was four years ago.

David Calder, late of Edinburgh, Scotland, now of Box Hill, has joined the local Soccer Club in the Reserve League Competition. He is placed as inside right in the team and many goals were scored by him.

Miss W.Henry is at present enjoying an extended holiday at Neerim Junction. We trust that the change of air will do her good.

Mr. and Mrs. W.Hair of Willung, Gippsland, parents of Mrs. G.Damman of Warburton and Mrs. J.M.Johnston of Auburn, celebrated their Golden Wedding on Sunday 20th May 1928, at their home under ideal conditions. Mrs. Damman and her son Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. Johnston with their children went down to Willung to celebrate " the day" together with other members of the Hair family, to the total of 32. They reported a most happy gathering. A sumptuous dinner of roast chickens, pork, jellies, trifles, sweets etc., made by the different daughters was served. On the table in front of Mr. and Mrs. Hair stood a giant wedding cake, graced with 50 burning candles, which was afterwards cut up and distributed. To each was presented a moquette covered arm chair and on the back a card was attached with the words " Presented by their children to Mr. and Mrs. W.Hair on their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, May 20th,1928." Mr. and Mrs. Hair were married at Tarraville, South Gippsland, by the Rev. Goundwater on 20th May, 1878, and since then have pioneered the land in various parts of South Gippsland and Warragul, finally at Willung. There were 11 children (2 now deceased) and 26 grandchildren.

Mr. M.C.C.Holtz, Managing Director of the " Argus" is a reader of "Our Newsletter".
J.E.Muir and A.Collins of Neerim Junction were in town during the King's Birthday week end and both were at the Fancy Dress Parade Rally. The former acted as one of the judges of the competition.

Charles Hennessey was down on 2nd June, following up his football team as usual when they played in Melbourne.

Miss E.Cossor has returned from a three weeks holiday at Tallangatta. She looks the picture of health.

Norman Webb has work with the Country Roads Board near Gormandale about 18 miles from Traralgon Railway Station. About 50 men are on the job which will last about three months. Norman sent through the post to Our Centre some samples of wild flowers which he picked up during his first Sunday ramble over the hills.

Robert Ryan of Mailer's Flat (via Warrnambool)sends his kind remembrances. to Melbourne friends per letter to W.O'Bryan. He says he hopes to come dow down to Melbourne soon after the finish of the foothall season of his district and join our boys in Lacrosse. He sent a newspaper clipping from his district wherein his name appeared for 4 goals for his side(Mailer's Flat) against Bushfield. He is a most consistent player. Our lacrosse boys will be glad to have him for a few Saturdays and would like him in the team for Adelaide on the 25th of August. Drop a line Bob, and say you will join us for Adelaide.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Miss G.Mahoney who is at present staying in Sydney attending a sick friend sends kind remembrances to all her Melbourne friends.

Mr. Booth, one time boot instructor to the Deaf boys at the St.Kilda Rd. School for the Deaf has just celebrated his 80th birthday (June 2nd.) Our heartiest congratulations for him. He was the recipient of over 20 letters of congratulation.

W.Bladier spent a few days holiday at Neerim Junction visiting the Collins Brothers Saw Mills. He was much struck with the business way the mills were carried on. He brought greetings from the Deaf there to the Deaf here.

Misses Rose and Mabel Dow spent King's Birthday week end holiday with their married sister at Maryborough, and had a most enjoyable time.

A VERY INTERESTING KEEPSAKE.

Over sixty years ago, a public meeting was held at Collingwood. There were several deaf scholars present and in order to test how they were being educated a blackboard for questions to be written on, was on the platform. Mr. John Pascoe Fawkner, well known in the early history of Melbourne was in the Chair and wrote the following question on the board. " What is Heaven ?" Mrs. S.Moss, the wife of Mr. Moss (our oldest Collector) was then a little girl of 13 years and promptly went and wrote " Heaven is a place of happiness and glory " for an answer.
Mr. Fawkner was so pleased that he there and then, amidst much applause, gave Mrs. Moss his gold ring with his initials " J.P.F." on in appreciation of her ability.
Mr. R.H.Luff recently called on Mrs. Moss and told her of an exhibition of articles and photographs of thenearly history of the Deaf that he proposed to arrange for and Mrs. Moss has lent that ring and some of her school books to help make the exhibition of special interest.
We feel sure all hearing as well as deaf friends will be pleased to see the little ring, and with the history connected with it more than likely the relations of the late Mr. Fawkner would too.

GENERAL BOARD.

The first meeting of the new General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was held at the Centre, on Monday July 2nd at 7.30 pm. The President, Mr. E.R.Peacock, presided and Mr. A.A.Peverill (Vice-Pres) The Mayor of Box Hill, Mr. J.G.Murphy (Hon. Treas) Mr. R.J.Oehr (Hon. Sec) Messrs. E.L.Morton, A.E.Atherton, N.Armstrong, F.Frewin, W.A.Paterson G.Newnham, J.McLean, The Principal, Asst, Secretary and Missioner were present. The business was mainly preparatory for the year's procedure.

THE REV H.W.H. and Mrs. ADENEY.

We were all very pleased to see the photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Adeney in the "Herald" of Friday June 29th, and to read the interesting article published the following evening. Mr. Adeney is now 94 years of age and celebrated the 67th anniversary of his wedding day. He was for many years a member of the Committee of our Society and helped to nurse it into vigorous youth. His photo hangs in our Hall. Mr. Adeney was at Our Centre last week and all the Staff were very pleased to greet him.

W. Ashby now operates our Cinema Machine every Thursday evening.

WHAT EVERY DEAF CITIZEN SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO.

1. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria - 5/. and upwards.

2. Victorian Branch A.D. & D. A. 1/.

3. Our News Letter 1/6

Send your postal note for 7/6 to Mr. George Newnham, Hon. Secretary, Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Mr. G.Newnham acknowledges with thanks from Mr. and Mrs. Monahan (Geelong 10/. subscription to Adult Deaf Society, 8/. for Newsletter Fund and 2/. for A.D. & D.A. Mr. C.Johns (Horsham) 5/. Society, 4/. Newsletter, 1/. A.D.& D.A. Mrs. Moore (Moe) 2/. Newsletter. Mr. Chas Hunt (Ouyen) 1/6 Newsletter, Mrs. Osborne (Cobden) 3/. Newsletter. Rev. H.W.H.Adeney (St.Kilda) 10/. Adult Deaf Society, 2/. Newsletter. Mrs. A.Williamson (Brisbane) 1/. Newsletter. Miss M. Box 3/. Newsletter. Norman Webb 2/. Newsletter and Miss E.O'Gorman 1/6 Newsletter.

WATCH OUR NOTICE BOARD.

For more reasons than one it will pay to keep an eye upon our Notice Board. Important announcements will follow unusually often and the pictorial designs of George Newnham are making the Board an attraction. in itself. At present there are two outstanding posters " The Shrine of Remembrance" and the Lacrosse Club's Salamagundi to be held Tuesday, July 17th.

MEETINGS at the ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE.

Sunday	Divine Worship 11am - 7pm.
Tuesday	Guilds, Meetings.
Thursday	Scripture Class, Lecturettes and Cinema Pictures.
Friday	Clubs night.
Saturday	(Afternoon) Tennis, Lacrosse. (Evening) Social, Bank etc.
Library and Reading room	open all day and every evening, except Wednesday evening.
Office	open daily for advice and assistance.
Holy Communion	First Sunday in April, July, October and second in January at 11am.

Forthcoming Events.

Salamagundi Tuesday July 17th. 7. 30pm.

Lacrosse visit to Adelaide - August.

"OUR NEWSLETTER"

is posted to all Deaf Mutes in Victoria and no charge is made. If you do not receive it regularly or know of any deaf person to whom it is not sent, kindly send word to THE EDITOR, Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2. to whom all communications should be addressed.

" OUR NEWSLETTER " will be sent to hearing friends and deaf in other States for 1/6 per annum, post free. Donations towards the cost of production will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

May 1928.

Tuesday	1st	Workers Club Social.
Thursday	3rd	Scripture Study, Lecturette & Cinema
Sunday	6th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	8th	Vic Branch A D & D. A.
Thursday	10th	Scripture Study, Lecturette & Cinema
Sunday	13th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	15th	Wms Guild Annual Meeting
		Mens Guild Meeting
Thursday	17th	Scripture Study, Lecturette & Cinema
Sunday	20th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	22nd	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	24th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Sunday	27th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	29th	Wms Guild Meeting
		Mens Guild Meeting
Thursday	31st	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema

June 4th 1928 King's Birthday Rally.

June 1928.

Sunday	3rd	Services Morning & Evening.
Monday	4th	King's Birthday Rally (Tennis Club)
Tuesday	5th	Gen Board AD&DA Committee Meeting
Thursday	7th	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Sunday	10th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	12th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	14th	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Sunday	17th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	21st	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Sunday	24th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	26th	Mens Guild Meeting
Thursday	28th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	1st July	Holy Communion at 11. a.m.

Age 28th June 1926

Argus 24th August 1928

DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was held at the adult deaf mute centre, Jolimont, yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance. Mr. F. R. Peacock (president) was in the chair.

In the course of the annual report it was stated that one problem facing the society was the employment of the deaf and dumb. Never before had the society had so many skilled deaf mute workmen out of employment. It was not the object of the society to employ deaf mutes who were capable of earning their own livelihood side by side with normal workmen. It was the society's aim to encourage the deaf and dumb to share all the responsibilities of citizenship with normal citizens. But there was a section of the deaf mute community who could not maintain themselves without direct expert supervision and assistance—the mentally undeveloped. Some were too slow, some insufficiently educated, others sub-normal in varying degrees of mentality. For these occupation of some kind should be provided. In most instances, under favorable conditions, the "failure" could be trained to earn, if not the standard wage, certainly sufficient to maintain himself. Up to the present the society had been able to but superficially deal with this problem, giving the more pressing cases of the sub-normal temporary work and shelter at the Blackburn Home. In every circumstance of life the deaf and dumb were heavily handicapped. In the elementary stage of training a deaf mute child as much time as possible was devoted to the acquisition of language, the power to read and write English—for this was the avenue through which the deaf mute acquired all other knowledge. It was the bridge between the hearing and the deaf, as well as the means by which he must acquire knowledge of the trade that was to support him through life, for the ordinary avenue, hearing, was closed. The society had its own little bank, and the amount deposited by the deaf during the year spoke for itself. No depositor was allowed to have more than £20 in the bank. When that sum was reached he was advised to transfer to the State Savings Bank. Last year 7½ per cent. interest was given on money deposited. The deaf committee (who managed the bank) had a special fund to provide for this interest. It did not come from the funds of the society. Amount deposited, £992 15/9; withdrawn, £893 10/; in bank 31st March, £586 17/.

The board desired to tender grateful thanks for the following special donations:—Mr. J. M. Griffiths, £200, and promise of further £100 to the Deaf Church building fund; the Wilson Trustees, £500 to the general building fund; John Russell Macpherson Trust, £100 to the general building fund; to Australasian Films Ltd., Metro Goldwyn-Mayer, Universal Film Co., for loan of films throughout the year for the society's Thursday evening cinema entertainment for the deaf; Mr. Evans and Bay Steamers Ltd., for passes for annual picnic down the Bay; H. V. McKay Pty. Ltd., £2 2/; Sir Wm. McPherson, Mr. MacPherson Robertson, manager Carlton United Breweries, Myer Emporium Ltd., £1 1/ each; Mrs. E. Lee Neil, Mrs. V. M. Christian, Sir Geo. Syme, Misses E. J. Hearn and Annie Danks, £1 each; Mr. Theo Kitchen and Mrs. K. Ratcliffe, 10/ each towards the expenses of the outing; Mr. W. A. Gibson, of Amalgamated Pictures Ltd., for an advertising film.

In moving that the report and balance sheet be adopted, Mr. Peacock said he was pleased and proud that the physical, spiritual and intellectual status of the deaf and dumb in this State had been raised to a higher level than it was on 40 years ago, when he first became acquainted with the work. The society today was in a sound financial position, and had some valuable assets. It owned a splendid property at Jolimont, and another at Blackburn. The Jolimont property was probably worth £30,000, and had a mortgage on it of approximately £11,000. The Blackburn property was free of mortgage or any other liability.

The motion was carried.

Election of officers:—Patrons: The State Governor, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne; president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-president, Mr. A. A. Peverell; treasurer, Cr. J. G. Murphy, mayor of Box Hill; honorary secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; board of management, Cr. E. L. Morton, Messrs. A. A. Peverell, A. E. Atherton, N. Armstrong, A. H. Spencer, J. McLean, G. Newnham, K. McDonald, F. E. Frewin, W. A. Paterson, E. H. Peacock, A. W. Sutherland; principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; assistant secretary, Miss E. Emm...

DEAF LACROSSE PLAYERS.



The Victorian Adult Deaf Lacrosse team which left Melbourne for Adelaide yesterday to play in interstate lacrosse matches on Saturday. This is an annual event, and the rivalry between the States is very high.

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2nd July 1928

ADULT DEAF TEAM SUSPENDED

Out of Lacrosse Matches For Two Weeks

SATURDAY GAMES

THE V.L.A. on Friday night suspended the Adult Deaf club for two Saturdays, because of the actions of the team's supporters at the match against Malvern the previous Saturday week.

Adelaide Advertiser

24th August 1927

INTER-STATE DEAF ADULT CONTEST.

This match, the fourth held, was played on the Norwood Oval on Saturday. South Australia won the toss and decided to throw towards the northern end. They forced the pace from the outset, and early established a substantial lead. Two excellent tries by Poynter (South Australia) were smartly stopped by the visitors' goalkeeper. McMahon passed nicely to Hocking, who scored South Australia's first goal. This was quickly followed by two excellently timed shots by Juncker (South Australia), which found the net. The Victorians were pressing hard, but they could not make any impression on the local defenders until Ashby came through and opened the visitors' scoring. In the second term South Australia livened up after some desultory play, and Poynter, Simons, and Hocking threw goals. Not to be outdone, the visitors rallied, and through the agency of Ashby added another goal. Poynter soon afterwards got a brace of goals for South Australia, followed by another one by Ashby for the visitors.

Victoria played a more systematic game after half-time and more than held the local men. Spencer (South Australia) scored the only goal in the third quarter, after a long run down centre field. The last quarter was vigorously contested. Two goals for Victoria by Huddy and one by Ashby evened up the scores considerably. The last few minutes were strenuously fought out, but the South Australian team was able to maintain its lead, the final scores being 9 goals to 6 in their favor. South Australia were best represented by Ferguson, Carter, Langley, Spencer, Poynter, Juncken, and Simons. Victoria's best were O'Bryan, Puddy, Ashby, Quinton, Walsh, and McMillan.

On Saturday evening the visitors were entertained at the Mission, Wright-street. Mr. C. H. Martin (president) was in the chair, and speeches were delivered by Messrs. O. B. Redman (superintendent), P. Smith (chairman), W. C. Stanbury (captain of the South Australian team), W. B. Anderson (captain of the Victorian team), and J. Carris (manager of the visiting players).

ADULT DEAF CENTRE

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Come and add your "Voice" to the Welcome. Make it a hearty one.

THE ADVERTISER, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1928.

DEAF AND DUMB LACROSSE.



MATCH IN ADELAIDE TO-DAY.

The Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb team which arrived by the Melbourne express yesterday to play the annual match with the Adelaide Deaf and Dumb side on the Norwood Oval this afternoon.

From left to right:—W. H. Crush (patron), J. Cariss (manager), W. Anderson (captain), G. Edwards (vice-captain), D. Webb, L. Walsh, W. McMillan, H. Puddy, C. Johns, C. Quinton, R. Sutton (secretary), W. Wood, V. Wilson, W. O. Bryan.

—F. M. Gray Photo.

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



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"In the universe an influence is astir and always has been, that develops higher forms of life, purer tastes, nobler aspirations, and makes living things, including men and women, sacrifice themselves, often unconciously, to the heroic. It is veiled and not clearly seen, but exists everywhere. It is the same that was meant in the first book of the Bible, when thewriter said, "The Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters."



VICTORIAN ADULT DEAF LACROSSE TEAM

By kind permission of "The Argus."

OUR FRIENDS.

How the years glide by! And just when you feel you are settling down nicely to the conditions as they are there come changes; new surroundings; fresh faces. Our thoughts often travel over the years that have gone and one by one the memory of the many good friends we have had crowd thick and fast upon us. Some stand out prominently because of their many years connection with our Society and the many times we have had to go to them for advice, direction and assistance.
Yes, we have been fortunate, very fortunate in the men who have given so much of their time and pleasure to help us. It was strenuous work for them, and we, like many others, are sorry to say have not always prized the singer, 'till the sweet-voiced bird has flown'.
Mr H. Sumner Martin one of our first friends, although not an active member now, is still in touch with us in one way or another in his capacity as Hon. Legal Adviser, but we would like to see him more amongst us.
Mr E. R. Peacock, also a friend of many years, we are fortunate in having at the helm at present. Indeed, there is quite a galaxy of names of well remembered men who gave of their best to us for varying periods, guiding the affairs of the Society. Who amongst us can forget the late Mr Edward Newbigin, Mr W. A. Dickens, Mr Frank Tudor and Rev. J. I. Halley. Still our friends though not now often seen are - Mr G. G. Mercy, Mr I. M. Griffiths and the Rev. H. W. H. Adeney who is in his 94th year. Recently, Messrs H. Bickford, J. Dudley, G. Vial, S. Massana and T. Purvis retired from our Board. Mr Bickford was for many years Chairman and Mr Dudley, Hon. Treas. and during times when the Society needed the special guidance of business men, such as the sale of the Flinders St. Institute and the purchase of Jolimont Square, and for the part they played in what has been achieved during the last ten years we sincerely and gratefully thank them.

XMAS CRICKET CONTESTS & FESTIVITIES AT HOBART, TAS.

Whilst nothing definite has been fixed upon outside the Interstate Cricket Competitions for the E. J. D. Abraham Shield, festivities of one kind and another will be found to be no small part of the programme that is going to attract many of us to the beautiful island this Christmas, December 22nd 1928 to January 1st, 1929. There is talk of a Conference, if not of the Deaf, at least of the heads of Adult Societies. Professor Morris Miller (President) and Co. Payne (Supt.) of the Tasmanian Institution for the Deaf & Dumb, and the Deaf of Hobart and Launceston are preparing to give the Deaf visitors from the Mainland a very hearty welcome.
Are you coming? It will cost you about £12 for return by boat to Launceston and rail to Hobart from Melbourne, board etc for 10 days at Hobart.
Write to Mr J. M. Johnston, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont, Melbourne E. for full particulars.

QUEENSLAND NEWSLETTER.

We have missed the Queensland Adult Deaf Society's newsletter for many a month, it has blown in at last and contains an interesting letter to Country Cousins on the Queensland "Show" by Miss M. O. Wilson.

W.A. ADULT DEAF.

The Annual Meeting of the W. A. Adult Deaf Society was held on 28th July at Cottesloe Beach. Mr H. H. Blackmore presided and Mr Love interpreted. The Society was originally founded in 1921 by Mr R. B. Jeffery but lapsed after six months. It was re-organised early in 1927. The following officers were

elected at the recent meeting. Chairman Mr H. Blackmore, Hon. Sec. Mr R. Jeffery, Hon. Treas. Mr R. Haylock. Committee Mesdames Holt, Ransom, Wallace and Jeffery, Messrs Levitzke, Haylock and Ed. Bogan.

N.S.W. SILENT MESSENGER.

The N. S. W. Silent Messenger, the first number of which was issued in July is a very pleasing little messenger. It contains- "Our New Headquaters", "The Welfare Director", "The Director's Letter", "Opening Social", "Official Luncheon", "Welcome and and appreciation with photo, of Mr A. L. Lonsdale".

DEAF MOTORISTS.

A special article in the "Age" of September 10th on motoring and physical fitness of drivers has a word to say in favour of Deaf Motorists. The writer says, "The Motor police are convinced that their method of testing drivers is as good, from the view point of subsequent public safety, as any other system yet devised. One member of the testing squad said recently that some of the best drivers on the road were deaf, or nearly so, because they could not hear, they used their eyes to better advantage than many whose hearing was normal".
The argument of the said police officer is very familiar to us and we think we remember when and by whom it was first used. Its an argument that "gets there", because it is true.
At the present time there are in Victoria 12 or more deaf mutes with Motor Car Driver's licenses and 8 or more with Motor Cycle licenses and we have yet to learn of an accident due to the deaf driver. How many "deaf" and "hard of hearing people" have licenses we do not know.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on August 15th when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed.
The Meeting decided to again enter the V.J.C. Association Competition also arrange for a team to enter for the forthcoming Interstate Matches in Hobart at Xmas.
The following office Bearers were elected-
President- Mr J. M. Johnston, Vice Presidents- Messrs G. Mortimer, F. Rees and F. Lynas, Hon. Treasurer- Mr G. Edwards, Hon. Secretary Mr W. Ashby, Committee- Messrs D. Ashby, J. Carriss, L. Sutton and W. O'Bryan.

HOME FOR THE DEAF, BLACKBURN, VIC.

At the close of our financial year there were twenty nine deaf inmates and employees at our Blackburn Home, the number has since increased to 40 - quite a big family. Our Principal has the general supervision of the work there as well as headquarters, and Miss Empson is Supervising Matron.
Mr E. Burke (deaf) from N. Z. but an old Victorian is the Home Manager and Mr A. McLellan (deaf) - who has been twenty years with the Society, Farm Manager, Miss Brown (hearing) niece of Mr Burke is Matron.

VIC. ADULT DEAF SOCIETY & DEAF EMPLOYEES.

We doubt if there is another Adult Deaf Society in the world giving employment to so many deaf employees. Our Society has the names of no less than fifteer deaf on its permanent pay sheet.

OUR FLOWER FARM.

Our flower farm is at present practically without flowers and the vegetable

garden without vegetables, but there is every sign of that state of affairs being but temporary. McLellan and his men, have in a couple of months made the old plantations smile with promise. Here is a summary of the plantings- 28 beds of chrysanthemums, 12 of dahlias, 13 of violets, 8 of scabious,) of michaelmas daisies, 2 of shasta daisies and two of margurettes, besides hundreds of carnation cuttings and the raising of seedlings including tomatoes The kitchen garden has also had special attention and now looks shapely and "busy" for the seeds recently sown are showing above ground, peas, carrots, turnips, onions, silver beet, cabbages, parsnips, beans,beet etc. The paths all look neat and trim, the gates have been painted, pipes and taps repaired etc. Altogether the whole place has a very pleasing appearance.

CUP DAY PIC-NIC.

Nov. 6th will soon be here. Where shall we spend the day?

THE SYDNEY DEAF.

The Sydney deaf have been in the limelight for some years past and still continue to enjoy uninterrupted publicity. Almost daily one or other of the Sydney papers contains a report of efforts to raise money either on behalf of the school or the Adult Society. It seems only but yesterday the newly established Adult Deaf Society was making a terrific struggle to exist at all, today, through the wonderful organising of Mrs Charles and the keen business ability of Mr Lonsdale, the Society owns a property worth upwards of £30,000 right in the centre of the city. On the resignation of Mrs Charles, another lady of exceptional ability, Mrs Gore Jones, took up the work. Further funds are being appealed for to equip the Building. The new Missioner, Mr H. V. S. Hersee is fortunate in being able to devote the whole of his time to the work itself amongst the Deaf. The Deaf School is also appealing for £30,000.

APPRECIATION.

Mrs E. Pierce (West Preston) writes:-
"Kindly allow me to congratulate you on your recent issue of the Letter. So many are ready to grumble, but few really show appreciation when a good copy does come out. I regret I did not see your call for suggestions earlier, however, I am sending a few now.
First, I am strongly in favor of including short interesting extracts from Interstate and Oversea papers, relating to deaf people, also all deaf readers should be encouraged to send along suitable articles, such as a verse or seasonable joke, the names of those who contribute should appear. At the end of the year the person sending in the largest and most interesting articles should be "Guest of Honor" at the Xmas Rally. To carry out the above suggestions would entail extra expense for printing etc, to meet this a charge of 3d. per copy should be made. If at the end of the year the financial position merited it, small prizes could be donated to budding reporters. Wishing you every success".

Now the "ice is broken" by Mrs Pierce will other readers join in and let us have their views?

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr E. R. Peacock, our President is on his way to Japan.
Mr Edgar Peacock, also a member of our Board of Management is Deputy Consul for Czechoslovakia.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our Vice-President and Chairman, Mr A. A. Peverill because of the death of his brother a few weeks back. Mr A. H. Spencer another member of our Board has just equipped a wonderful bookshop, "The Hill of Content", Bourke St. All who have had the opportunity to see it speak most enthusiastically of shop and stock. Mr Geof. Fethers also a member of our Board has already given us the benefit of his services as veterinary surgeon at our Farm on more than one occasion in the form of a donation to our Farm.

THE DEAF EVERYWHERE.

Henry Ford of Motor Car fame who has many deaf mute employees says that the Deaf at his factory are 100 per cent in their work, attention to business and good behaviour.

"The Silent Worker" of Trenton, N.J., U. S. A. for July 1928 is a George Porter number. George Porter has been the publisher of the Silent Worker ince 1892. Under his direction this handsome and most informative illustrated magazine very rapidly took leading place in the Deaf newspaper world of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the London (Eng.) Royal Association in aid of the Deaf & Dumb was held at the Mansion House on the 16th May. The Dean of Ripon presided.

Mr T. W. Arch, London, has been appointed Missioner of the Winchester Society for the Deaf and Mr A. Barnett, also of London has been chosen for the vacancy at Northampton.

Mr Taylor of Claremont School for the Deaf, Dublin, has retired after 40 years service in the cause of the Deaf.

Mr Cockersole of Derby has been appointed to succeed Mr Brown of the Edgbasta School for the Deaf, Birmingham.

The Vancouver Chief of Police is credited with saying that "Mute motor drivers are safer than hearing drivers".

NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE A.D.D.S. OF VIC.

Patrons - His Excellency the Governor, Col. the Right Hon. Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
President - Mr E. R. Peacock, J.P.
Vice-President and Chairman - Mr A. A. Peverill, Hon. Treas. Mr A.H. Spencer
Hon. Sec. - Mr R. J. Oehr, F.I.C.A., F.C.I.S.
Hon. Physicians- Dr W. J. Craig & Dr F. May.
Hon. Solicitor - Mr H. Sumner Martin, B.A., L.L.B., Hon. Horticultural Advisor Mr Smith, (Public Parks & Gardens).
Board of Management - Messrs N. Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, Counc. E. L. Morton, J. McLean, G. Newnham, Edgar h. Peacock, W. A. Paterson and A. W. Sutherland.

The other day we were shown Certificates awarded to Mr J. Dickinson in 1923 and 1926 for completing the three mile distance swim on each occasion. In his first effort his time was 1 hour 23 minutes and on the second occasion 1 hour and fifty minutes, 18 seconds.

COMMITTEE VISIT HOME.

On the occasion of the first meeting of the Home Sub Committee at Blackburn, Mr Peacock, the President, Mr Murphy, Mayor of Box Hill and Mr Armstrong addressed the employees and inmates and received a hearty welcome. Mr Cork (blind and deaf) also spoke.

DEAF MUTE ASSISTED BLIND BOOKMAKER.

The Melbourne Herald of Sept. 19th contained an interesting article on a blind book-maker named Sam Cashmore, who had as an assistant a deaf mute named Emanuel Solomon who afterwards became Collector for the S. A. Institute for Deaf & Dumb.

DEAF DANCERS.

The latest deaf dancer is a girl of 13, Miss Mobi Hrbanova, born deaf at Prague, she has always shown talent for rythmics and dancing. Miss Helen Heckinan (of America) is a leading dancer at the Opera in Vienna. Mlle Adeline and Mr David Marvel are also still very popular American dancers.

BRITISH DEAF CONGRESS.

The British D.& D. Association Congress was held at Belfast, Ireland, from 4th to 12th of August. The programme was an interesting one beginning with a reception on the 4th, and a Service in the Cathedral on the 5th when the Lord Primate was the preacher. Reception by the Lord on the 6th when the Congress proper opened. The papers included "The Religious Status of the Deaf", "Recreative Side of Deaf Mute Life", "The Education of the Deaf in Northern Ireland" and "The Efficient Organisation of the Deaf". There was an excursion and a dinner.

DEAF NATIONAL CLUB.

Until recently the Deaf National Club (London) was for two years without rooms of its own. It is the only independent club for the Deaf in London. Mr A. J. Wilson, the President, is on a visit to Australia.

The other Wednesday, Mr J. M. Johnston was our Principal's guest at Rotary Luncheon and were called to order by the Captain of their table for shouting so loudly on their fingers.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Members of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society have subscribed £5 to the fund for the Shrine of Remembrance.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

To give our country cousins the opportunity of attending our Principal's Anniversary the date has been fixed for the Public holiday in Show week - Thursday, 27th September. He arrived in Melbourne on the 9th October, 1901 so this will be his 27th year.

Much foreign deaf news has been crowded out of this number and several reports appearing are cut down.

ADELAIDE DEAF.

Our Adelaide deaf friends now possess the best equipped Institute for the Adult Deaf in Australia and it has cost upwards of £10,000. It is to be officially opened in Nov. and the deaf of S. A. have every reason to be proud of their magnificent centre.

Miss Gladys Mahoney, who has been working in Melbourne for some time, left for Launceston, Tasmania on the afternoon of 8th September per "S.S.Loongana" where she intends to stay until Xmas. She hopes to take an active part in helping the Tasmanian Deaf to entertain the Interstate Deaf Cricketers and others during the next Xmas holidays at Hobart.
Mrs C. H. Reynolds has been taking a few weeks holiday up country and we sincerely hope she will be much benefitted by the change.
Miss D. Hickey who has been in indifferent health for some time, spent a week or two at Colac with her friends. She reports grand times.
H. Abbott of Day Trap, Chinkapook, Mallee was down for a week or two visiting his people. He reported dry times up there and stated that if there is no rain before this month the farming prospects will be ruined.
Six of our players made their first trip to Adelaide, which was also their first inclusion in an Interstate Lacrosse match.
The players who represented the Victorian Adult Deaf Lacrosse team in Adelaide were:- W. B. Anderson (Captain), G. Edwards (Vice Captain), W. F. O'Bryan, W. McMillen, O. Quinton, N. Webb, L. Sutton, L. Walsh, W. Ashby, H. Puddy, V. Wilson, W. Wood, C. Johns (Emergency), MrJ.Cariss was acting as Manager of the team. Messrs W. Crush and J. Dickenson as patron and supporter.
R. H. Lambert, late of Edinburgh, Scotland is to be complimented on his election as member of Committee of The Deaf Worker's Club. It is hoped that the Club will be much benefitted by his inclusion. It is the beginning of his effort to give service to the Deaf of our State.
The financial position of the Deaf Worker's Club is very satisfactory as shown at the last Annual Meeting. It showed the balance from last year as £9/5/5 Receipts, £15/-/7 Expenses £12/13/- and Balance to carry forward £11/13/-.

LACROSSE.

Through the action of certain of our supporters who rushed the ground during the Malvern & Adult Deaf Match on 16th June, the Victorian Lacrosse Association penalised our team by suspending the club for two Saturdays, June 30th and July 7th, giving M.C.C. and Coburg a walk over.
On 14th July we met Camberwell and were defeated by 12 goals to 6. W. Ashby 3, G. Henry, L. Sutton, I. Guthrie 1 each were the goal throwers.
On 21st July University, after their meritorious win against Hawthorn the previous Saturday, were confident of their ability to hold the Adult Deaf team but the general eveness and clever stick work of the latter was a dominant factor. The Students rallied in the 2nd half but gave a disappointing display. Adult Deaf won by 12 to 5. W. Ashby netted 6 goals, W. McMillen 3, L. Sutton, W. Anderson and J. O'Gorman 1 each.
On 28th July Brighton received a severe shock from Adult Deaf and only prevailed in the last few minutes. The 3rd quarter was a bitterly contested one. Brighton just got home on the bell, scoring 7 to our 6. W. Ashby 3, J. O'Gorman 2 and W. McMillen 1.
On 4th August Hawthorn scored 14 goals to 9 against our team. Our side played a man short. W. Ashby, L. Sutton and H. Puddy scored 2 each, W. O'Bryan, J. O'Gorman and G. Henry 1 each.
On August 11th Malvern avenged their only defeat by outplaying our boys. Malvern won by 17 to 7. W. Ashby netted 4 goals, G. Henry, H. Puddy and Rees 1 each.
On 18th August Williamstown defeated our team who had to rely on three substitutes given by Williamstown, by 18 goals to 5. H. Puddy, F. Rees and W. Ashby each netted a goal while a substitute scored 2 for us.

LACROSSE NOTE.

On September 1st, the final round of Lacrosse matches was played and our team found itself very much weakened, some because of injuries received the previous week in Adelaide, were only able to field a skeleton side (8 substitutes) against Caulfield and the result was as expected, Caulfield piled up a huge score of 42 goals whilst our boys managed to net 12 goals. W. O'Bryan 4, W. Ashby 3, L. Sutton 2, V. Wilson 2 were the successful goal throwers.

INTERSTATE DEAF LACROSSE MATCH - VIC. v S. A.

This match which was the fourth of the series between the two States was played on the Norwood Oval (Adelaide) on the 25th of August, under ideal conditions resulted in a win for S. A. A fairly large crowd of Deaf and hearing friends including Mr Abraham gathered at Spencer Street to give the Victorian team a hearty send-off.
On arrival in Adelaide we were met by Officials and supporters of the S. A. Deaf Lacrosse Club and after exchanging greetings escorted to our Hotel where we managed to snatch a couple of hours sleep.
Part of the afternoon of Friday August 24th was spent inspecting the new building for the Deaf & Dumb Society of S. A., about five minutes from the city and we were amazed at its fine settings and beautiful surroundings. It faces lovely Park lands.
The rest of the afternoon passed with Lacrosse practise. At night we were entertained by the S. A. Deaf Lacrosse Club at a social evening and speeches of friendship and goodwill were made by both teams.
Then came the day of the big fixture. We visited a studio in the morning and a photo of the team was taken. As the hour of the match approached both teams were eager for the fray.
From the start off S. A. were first away and made a dash towards the Victorian goal but our defence was equal to the strain and turned them back. The ball travelled from end to end at a terrific speed till Victoria getting possession of it and finding an opening netted first goal. S. A. came on again with great dash and threw 3 goals in succession before the first change over.
S. A. attacked with characteristic vigor and method in the second term outclassing the Victorians in all departments of the field throwing 5 goals to 2 and at half time S. A. held a handy lead by 8 goals to 3. Hurling themselves into it relentlessly in the 3rd and final quarters, Victoria in general play had thrown S. A. out of their usual stride and playing and passing cleverly they threw goal after goal. S. A. were now fading out of the picture and Victoria kept up the attack and the pace and were trying hard to over-take the S. A. score and also to keep up the honour of their state but the final bell saved S. A. from defeat and thus won a hard fought game by 9 goals to 6. Victoria's best were O'Bryan and McMillen who played a solid game in defence. Quinton (in goals) and Edwards and the rest performed splendidly. W. Ashby 4 and H. Puddy 2 threw the goals.

Victoria was a tired team after the match and at night were again entertained as guests of the S. A. Club where various kinds of games were played, followed by supper. We were free on Sunday and visited places of interest or went out with friends. The whole team attended Church services in the S. A. Deaf Church at night before departing for our home State on the 10.30 p.m. express and a very large crowd saw us off. Those who stayed on till Monday visited the Deaf school and were interested in all they saw. The team was in all a very happy one and the writer is pleased to state that every member upheld the honor of his Club.

A Boot Repairing Depot has been opened at "Our Centre" giving employment to unemployed Deaf. Mr Alf Tyzzer is at present in charge of it and his workmanship is High Class. Pumps are his speciality. It is sincerely hoped that the readers of the Newsletter will give him a trial and if satisfied, canvas amongst their friends on his behalf. Repairs can be left with the Hallkeeper any time during the day and evening.

The Tennis Club has again entered the St. Kilda District Tennis Association Competitions. Our Court has been given a top dressing and we hope to have a successful season.

RAMBLING CLUB.

This Club is again in full force with Miss Empson (President) Elsie Stephens (Hon. Sec.) and Walter Wood (Hon Treas.) responsible for its activities. The first outing was held on the afternoon of August 11th at our Blackburn Farm and Home and a real happy time was spent there. After a short ramble the members found themselves at our Sports Ground keenly watching the lacrosse match between Malvern and our Boys. Later tea was partaken of in the Women's dining room at the Home, the members bringing the eatables and the Home providing hot water, tea, milk and sugar. Crockery etc. had to be sent from our Centre owing to a shortage at the Home, that has now been made good. Then followed games and jolly conversation with the Inmates who much enjoyed the visit of the Ramblers.

The Principal, Miss Empson, Mr Johnston, Mr E. Burke and Miss Brown were of the party and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to our sweet little Hon. Secretary, Elsie Stephens, upon the success of the first ramble. We can see the Club growing in numbers while she has the arrangements in hand.

OUR VETERAN COLLECTOR.

Mr Solomon Moss, affectionately known as "Mossie" has the longest and best record of the Collectos of our Society. For twenty eight (28) years he has consistently canvassed the territory belonging to him and amounts paid in show the work has been done thoroughly. For many years past his total for the year has topped the list. But now that his advancing years make it imperative for him to lessen his stride, the General Board of the Society has transferred the larger portion of Mr Moss' territory. Mr Moss still battles along but we learn that his cheery smile is much missed among his old supporters. He received a nice letter of appreciation of his services from the General Board of the Society.

Keep going "Mossie" for we all will miss you should you retire.

A. T. STORY & THE DEAF.

Mr A. T. Story, Secretary of the National Institute for the Deaf, writing in the Journal of the Glasgow League of the Hard of Hearing says, "No one can affirm that the blind are the only class who, because of affliction, suffer social and industrial hardships. Deafness sets up these ills in large numbers. The deaf and dumb and the deafened, or those who lost their hearing after speech had developed, are the victims of social losses far graver in nature than those of blindness."

"SALAMAGUNDI".

A very successful "Salamagundi", was held under the Lacrosse Club's auspice in aid of its fund on 17th July. The attendance pleased the promotees. Eighteen table games set round the hall were all contested for and almost all entered the competition. The admission tickets which were 1/6 each held a lucky number and the luck went to Mr William Chapman (Blind Deaf) who received a large box of cigarettes. Mr T. Peters and Miss R. Peters were the fortunate winners in the competition and received prizes of a Copper Tobacco Jar and Copper Vase respectively. Supper brought enjoyable evenirg to a close.

WELCOME SOCIAL TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD.

A Welcome Social to the Members of our Board and their wives was arranged for Monday, August 20th after the usual monthly business meeting. The Deaf arrived in full force, and early, to give them a hearty welcome but owing to the big agenda that had to be gone through they did not see the new members till late in the evening. Games, however, progressed merrily in the meantime. Welcome speeches were made by Mr Abraham and Mr Frewin on behalf of the Deaf. Mr E. R. Peacock, Mr N. Armstrong and Mr G. Fethers responded. It was a pleasure for us to meet Mrs Armstrong and we hope to see her here often. More games in which all joined were the order of the short time left but all are looking forward to seeing them again in the near future.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Annual Billiard Tournament amongst the members of our Society is in progress. Forty entries were received and excitement is beginning to show as the final is approached. The first two rounds have gone. Our Principal, sprang a surprise on us when he entered for the Tournament. Because of his lack of practise he did not survive the first round.

MEN'S GUILD.

An excellent and interesting paper on "The House Fly" was given by W. McMillen to the members of the Men's Guild on 10th July. Many members spoke to the subject afterwards.
On 31st July Walter Wood again gave a very good paper on "Wealth under your feet," explaining that everything we find under our feet has its use which brings wealth.
August 14th was devoted to "Fable Stories" contributed by members who, after delivering the subject, explained the meanings and purposes. Many stories were very amusing, others very pointed.
An interesting Debate was held on the evening of 28th August, on the question "Can the Deaf manage our Society themselves?" Mr J. P. Bourke took the affirmative side but he repeatedly strayed from the real question.
Mr F. E. Frewin answered in the negative which proved to be more in order. Various members gave their views on this question and finally the vote was unanimous in favour of a hearing dictorate.
A neatly typed syllabus of future meetings is at present pinned on the Men's Guild Notice Board and shows a full and interesting programme.

September 11th	"Mining Experiences" Part 2 by Mr Retchford (Hearing)
" 25th	"The Gods of Mars" by Mr R. H. Lambert.
October 16th	"Civilisation" by Mr E. Johnson.
" 30th	"The Rotarian" by Mr A. Hull.
November 13th	"Shakespearian Tale", The Winter's Tale" by Mr Frewin.
" 27th	"Chat on Sports" by Members.
January 15th	"Pound Night" and Paper by Mr Guthrie on "Forging Ahead."
" 28th	A. N. A. Day Annual Picnic.
" 29th	Discussion Night "Are we treated childishly?" by Members.
February 12th	Nomination Night and Short Stories.
" 26th	Annual Meeting.

It has been agreed that a Boxing & Wrestling Competition be instituted during 1929 season which it is hoped will be a big draw to the Guild's membership.

CINEMA PICTURES.

Still more excellent screening of pictures have been made after the Principal's Thursday night Scripture Classes and Lecturettes.

On the 5th July, a Comedy picture entitled "Irresistible Lover" featuring Norman Kerry was shown, and on the 12th July one featuring Charles Delaney in "College Days". Then came some very exciting episodes on the Mexican Border featuring Fred Thomson in "Hands across the Border" on 19th July, followed by a "Slave of Fashion" featuring Norma Shearer on 26th July, also "Howdy Judge" (2 reels) and Pathe Gazette.
On August 2nd, another Comedy showing "Silk Stocking" featuring Laura La Plante was enjoyed and on 9th August, a dramatic picture, "Held by the Law" featuring John Murray was very good and exciting at the end.
On August 16th, a very clever and mystifying picture entitled "Obey the Law" was screened. A laughable Comedy showing "Bachelor's Baby" was shown on 23rd August and on the 30th of August, "The Beauty Prize" featuring Viola Dana was displayed with Pathe news, New Zealand scenic, snapshots, and crossword puzzle as side lines.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A very happy birthday party to wee Ruth Peters was held on 7th July at the home of her father and mother at Ivanhoe. Twentyfour Deaf were present. Answers to question and post card guessing competitions were the two principal games which were won by Mr J. M. Johnston and Miss T. Stephens respectively. After a short conversazione, the guests adjourned to the dining room where supper was partaken of. At the head of the table, was a lovely birthday cake graced with 4 fancy lighted candles, which little Ruth after many puffs succeeded in extinguishing. It was then cut up and handed round. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

M. G. B. MORTIMER.

M. G. B. Mortimer, our suburban collector, is celebrating his 25th anniversary as a collector of our Society and lacks nothing of his original activity. He is to be heartily congratulated on his sterling tenacity. His returns today are as good as ever they were. He is a battler. Adversity of by gone years only schooled him for the successes of his mature years.

OUR BANK.

The Outing Fund & Bank has received from the State Savings Bank the sum of £22 - 4 - 3 as interest on deposits for the year and out of this, together with some reserve fund money, the Deaf Committee was able to distribute 5% interest to Deaf depositors up to £20 and 4½% to Clubs and to those many deposits over the prescribed sum.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The re-opening meeting of the Women's Guild took place on the 12th June when a series of papers were given and enjoyed.

"Hidden Treasures" by Miss D. Wood.
"What is a book and how to read it." by Miss R. Dow and
"What is a friend" by Mrs T. Peters.
On the 10th of July, Miss M. Gibson gave a paper on "Las Palmas".
The same night a good poem on "Rain" was recited by Miss R. Dow.
On August 14th, Miss G. Hawkins entertained the members with a paper on "Nigger Haven" which was very good.
A beautiful but sad story, "Mary's Call" was recited by Miss E. O. Gorman.
Members are reminded to watch the notice board for dates of meetings and subjects of papers.

DEAF WORKER'S CLUB.

A small Social was held on 3rd July under the auspices of Deaf Worker's Club and in aid of its benevolent fund. Mr G. B. Mortimer was the Chairman and an enjoyable round of competitions was gone through. Ball Balancing Race, Trade Advertisement answers to questions, flower guessing, and circular musical arms were the items.
At the termination a light supper was handed round.

During the month of August, 1928 Mrs Frewin and Miss Empson were deputed by the Principal to purchase material for many necessary church adornments. Mrs Frewin, Misses C. Ball, G. Hawkins and D. Wood undertook the making of same and spent three Saturday afternoons at the Centre in so doing.
It must be very gratifying to the above ladies to see such excellent results of their work and all join in thanking them very sincerely for what they achieved. It is a pleasure to all.

The Deaf Worker's Club held its fifteenth annual meeting on Tuesday, 4th of September. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:
Mrs Frewin, President, re-elected; Mr Frewin, Vice-President;
Mr Mortimer, Hon. Treasurer; Miss C. Ball, Hon. Secretary, re-elected;
Committee, Mrs Ashby, Miss Hawkins, re-elected, new members, Miss Woods, Messrs Ashby, Puddy and R. Lambert.
About 35 members were present. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr and Mrs Swain were presented with 2 sets of stainless knives on the occasion of their marriage. They acknowledged the gift with thanks. Supper brought the evening to a close.

WEDDINGS.

On Saturday, 18th August, at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Boortz, Elsternwick, Mr Percy Swain was married to Mrs E. Smith of Glen Iris. Rev. J. Frewin was the officiating minister. After supper, a social evening was held at the same place where deaf friends helped to celebrate the happy event.
Mr and Mrs P. Swain spent their honeymoon in Adelaide. We wish them much happiness in the future.

Mrs Ethel Dempsey was married to Mr H. Sutton of Wentworth, New South Wales in May and they are at present in Melbourne. If Mr Sutton can secure employment here, they intend to stay for good.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Hon. Sec. to Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following donations towards "Our Newsletter" Fund:-
S. A. Deaf Readers £1/4/-, Mrs F. Johnson (Tasmania) 5/-, Messrs S. Moss, (Melbourne), A. Collins (Nocrim Junction), R. J. Oehr, N. Webb and Chas. Crompton 2/- each, Messrs E. Daniels and R. Lambert 1/6 each.

TENNIS.

In order to stimulate interest and enthusiasm in the tennis and to improve the standard of play among the Deaf ladies, the Club arranged an Open Singles Championship Tournament which began on the 28th of April and concluded on 4th August.
There were 14 entrants who were arranged in 2 sections - namely "A" which consisted of players who had played in tournaments previously and "B" which consisted of beginners.
The Tournament proved to be very enjoyable and successful and some very

excellent court play was witnessed.
The results of the Tournament were as shown under.

"A" Section

	W.	L.	For.	Agst.
Miss M. Dow	6	0	54	25
Mrs J. M.Johnston	5	1	52	26
Mrs T. Peters	4	2	42	40
Miss D. Wood	3	3	49	37
Miss L. Sanders	2	4	36	40
Miss T. Stephens	1	5	22	52
Miss R. Dow	0	6	16	54

"B" Section

	W.	L.	For.	Agst.
Miss P. Johnstone	6	0	54	22
Miss B. Higgie	5	1	53	19
Miss E. Stephens	4	2	40	33
Miss R. Peters	3	3	39	34
Miss T. Darragh	2	4	33	44
Mrs G. Newnham	1	5	23	51
Miss E. Leber	0	6	16	54

The final match was played in adverse weather conditions between Miss M. Dow and Mrs J. M. Johnston before a large gallery. Each player took her own service until a faulty mis-timed hit cost Mrs Johnston the game. Miss M. Dow is to be complimented on her fine effort. The Dow sisters entertained the players and visitors to an afternoon tea for which they were heartily thanked. There is not much difference in play between the two top-notchers in the "B" Section. Both, Misses P. Johnson and B. Higgie proved themselves equal to some of the "A" Section players.
The Tennis Club has entered its mixed team for 1928-29 St. Kilda District Association Competition and there is every prospect of a much improved record than that of last season. The first match is fixed for on Saturday, 1st September and we are to play Middle Park "A".

Recently our Club has accepted the tender of The Sims Paving & Road Construction Pty. Ltd., for the top dressing of our tennis court, which has just been completed and is now in a fine playing condition.

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr A. Hart of Bendigo lost his mother on the 26th of April last and Mr J. M. Johnston lost his mother on 1st August. They both have our sympathy. Mr J. M. Johnston desires to thank all Deaf friends and local organisations for expressions of sympathy, cards and letters received during his recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of his deep gratitude.
Miss Mabel Ball of Parkville has just lost her father. He passed away on 1st September after a long illness, with bronchial pneumonia. We extend to her our heartfelt sympathy.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Our Missioner, Mr J. M. Johnston, was in Ballarat for two days and visited the following deaf friends:-
Mr R. Miller, Mr & Mrs J. Butterworth, Mr & Mrs P. Cunningham, Misses E. Doney and G. Caldwell who sent greetings to the Melbourne Deaf. Unfortunately, Mr Marks was not at home when Mr Johnston called, but the latter much appreciated Mr Miller's company whilst on his round of visits.
Warrie Ashby has received a letter from Vernon and Cecil Griffiths of Rainbow who send their greetings to the Melbourne Deaf. They both report good health and are playing members of Hazeldene Football Club in the Rainbow Country District Competition. Enclosed in the letter was a local newspaper cutting showing both brothers playing, well especially Vernon who scored 2 goals - Hazeldene Club is well up on the list for premiership honours.
Colin Johns of Horsham accepted the invitation of some of his fellow schoolmates to join them on a trip to Adelaide with the Deaf Lacrosse Team.

He acted as "trainer" for our players during the Interstate match. He enjoyed his short stay in Adelaide immensely.
J. Dickenson of Ivanhoe also joined the Lacrosse Team on their trip to Adelaide. He stayed for a fortnight and came back by boat.
The Missioner is in receipt of a letter from Bryon Taylor of Hobart, Tasmania who is looking forward to the Xmas Cricket Competitions to renew acquaintances with the Deaf of each State. He regretted very much the passing of Joe Allen.
Mrs J. E. Muir of Warburton was in town for two or three weeks, on business as well as pleasure, during the month of July.
Mr S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest was in town for about a week during the later part of July.
We hear that Walter Grant of Myrtleford is doing well on the Pine Plantatio at Ovens Valley under the State Forestry Department. He states that he and 42 men were digging and planting young pines over the 12,000 acres of hill country which is very arduous, owing to the steepness of the hills. He expects his job to finish somewhere in September but it is to be renewed next year during the winter months. He says it is healthy work for the deaf and sincerely hopes that some of them will try it next year, also that he may have the company of fellow deaf after working hours. The wage is 16/- a day - 44 hour week. Application for this kind of work should be made through the State Forestry Dept., Treasury Buildings, Melbourne. On Saturdays he plays football (half-back) for Myrtleford Football Club in the Ovens & King Association Competition.
Miss Maisie Reiffel of Ballarat spent a happy fortnight in Melbourne during the 2nd week of July. She paid calls at the "centre" on two or three occasions.
Mrs A. Williamson has returned to Brisbane after visiting Sydney for a week or two. She felt much benefitted after her lenghty stay with her Melbourne friends.
W. Burge of Glen Iris was in Melbourne Hospital for 2 weeks during the later part of July suffering from blood poisoning. Soon after leaving hospital he went to Mirboo for a fortnight to recuperate. We are glad to see him back looking much improved in health.
Miss Myrtle Groves of Ballarat was in Melbourne for a week recently. She says work is constant in Ballarat. We were pleased to see her, also at our Sunday Services during her visit here.
Harold Sutton of Wentworth, N. S. W. is at present residing in Melbourne, hoping to secure employment here.
J. Dickenson informs us that the last season's swim was not his first try. It was, in fact, his third effort. The first one (a Yarra swim) was done six years ago and he laughingly admits that he was not in the limelight at the finish.
David Cornish is at present in Melbourne looking for a job to his taste. He relinquished his position on a boat trading to and from New Zealand. While the boat was in a New Zealand port, he took the opportunity of visiting his uncle there whom he had not seen for a number of years.
Messrs Waggett and Fulton of West Wyalong, N. S. Wales, have at last returned home after a very lengthy stay in Melbourne. They both felt quite at home with the Melbourne Deaf and are looking forward to another re-union with us soon. They report that the coming harvest and wool season are very bright.
Miss Vera West of Traralgon Gippsland was down in Melbourne for a few days to witness the Flower Shows held here. On 5th September, Mrs J. M. Johnston accompanied her to the Canterbury Horticultural Society's Spring Show where they saw a wonderful display of daffodils and carnations. In that Show Miss West's uncle of Casterton won many 1st and 2nd prizes for blooms. Miss West is herself an enthusiastic daffodil grower and has many fine blooms at home. She regretted very much that she did not send some of them to this Show for she believed she could have won some prizes. At the close of the Show, her uncle gave prize blooms to Mrs Johnston.

July 1928.

Sunday	1st	Holy Communion 11. A.M.
Tuesday	3rd	Worker's Club's Social
Thursday	5th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	8th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	10th	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting
"	10th	Deaf Women's Guild Meeting
Thursday	12th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	15th	Services Morning & Evening.
Tuesday	17th	Lacrosse Club's Salamagundi
Thursday	19th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	22nd	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	24th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	26th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Sunday	29th	Services Morning & Evening
Tuesday	31st	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.

August 7th Worker's Club Annual MEETING.

August 1928.

Scripture Class & Cinema
Ladies Winter Tennis Tourney Final
Services Morning & Evening.
Deaf Worker's Club Committee Meeting
Scripture Class & Cinema
Rambler's Club's Outing.
Services Morning & Evening
Men's & Women's Guilds Meetings.
Cricket Club's Annual Meeting
Scripture Class & Cinema
Recreation.
Services Morning & Evening.
Welcome Social to Members of G.B.
Deaf Committee Meeting.
Scripture Study & Cinema
Interstate Lacrosse Match in Adelaide
Services Morning & Evening.
Men's Guild Meeting.
Scripture Study & Cinema
Rally Sept 27th 1928

September 1928

Opening of Tennis Tournament.
Services Morning & Evening.
Deaf Worker's Club Annual Meeting
Scripture Class & Cinema
Recreation
Services Morning & Evening
Guild's Meetings.
Scripture Class & Cinema
Recreation
Services Morning & Evening.
Deaf Committee Meeting.
Scripture Class & Cinema
Recreation.
Services Morning & Evening.
Men's Guild Meeting.
Anniversary Rally
Recreation
Services Morning & Evening.
Oct Holy Communion.

Herald
Sept 14th 1928

BLIND BOOKMAKER

Deaf and Dumb Assistant Booked Wagers

(By "KHEDIVE")

Joe Thompson was "King of the Ring" in Australia when Sam Cashmore, a man who had been blind since five years of age, carried on business as a bookmaker with the help of a deaf and dumb clerk.

Crowds of curious punters used to hang around Cashmore at Melbourne meetings, and the efficiency with which he fielded is talked of with amazement still by veteran turf followers. Thompson unsuccessfully endeavored to persuade Cashmore and his side-partner to visit England, where, he claimed, they could amass a fortune. "You would have the patronage of royalty," represented Joe.

VALIANT NATURE

Now 81 years old, Mr Cashmore is the son of an early colonist, who for a long while conducted a draper's shop at the intersection of Collins and Elizabeth streets. The site was known as "Cashmore's Corner" then, but has been occupied for a long time past by Mr B. H. Altson, tobacconist.

In his home at South Melbourne Mr Cashmore loves to yarn over bygone days. He has the physique and mentality of a man of 50. A cold and fever, contracted in infancy and improperly treated, caused complete decay of the optic nerve. Under a cousin's charge young Cashmore was taken to England, but specialists could do nothing for him.

After having received three or four years' education in the Old Country, he returned to Melbourne, and eventually became a teacher at the Blind Asylum, St. Kilda road. On the occasion of the Duke of Edinburgh's visit in 1867 he escorted a blind young woman and a blind young man to the Treasury Buildings, by way of Bourke street, without accident on the forward or return journey.

REMARKABLE FEATS

Mr Cashmore has been a great traveller. He first visited Sydney at the age of 23. A friend provided him with a map of the city, on which the streets had been pricked out with a pin. These were memorised so faithfully that Mr Cashmore, unattended, could find his way all over the place. While strolling down George-street one night he was accosted by another blind man, who complained that a daughter had forgotten to call for him. Ascertaining that the sufferer lived near York street, Mr Cashmore led him to the designated spot, and remarked: "You will be surprised to hear that a blind man has been your guide." To which his companion replied: "Don't mock. The calamity might fall on you some time." Mr Cashmore experienced difficulty in proving his bona-fides.

Mr Cashmore can play any game of cards, and is particularly fond of solo whist. The cards are not marked on the Braille system, but in a manner designed by Mr Cashmore. He continues to take out-of-door exercise, but is greatly bothered by motor cars, and has a profound dislike for motor-cycles.

FINGER TALKING

The deaf and dumb clerk who helped Mr Cashmore in his business as a bookmaker was a cousin named Emanuel Solomon, known on the turf as "Bonny Phillips." Mr Cashmore would call the odds and convey instructions by "talking" on his fingers. In all the years of their association a mistake never was made.

"Bonny Phillips" eventually went back to Adelaide and became collector for the Deaf and Dumb Institute. He died about three years ago. Mr Cashmore highly appreciated the ability of this relative, who was addicted to lucky hunches. Phillips persuaded his employer not to lay Blink Bonny for the Caulfield Cup of 1884. He took a fancy to the horse because of his own nickname being Bonny.

Mr Cashmore used to run a £500 double on the Derby and Cup and a double of equal size on the two Cups. He stood to win £15,000 over Sardius and First Water in the Derby and Melbourne Cup of 1883. Each horse ran second to Martini-Henry.

Herald
Oct 25th 1928

FOUNDERS OF MOTOR BENEVOLENT FUND HERE

Pioneer London Business Woman

Two interesting visitors from England, Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson, founders of the Motor and Cycle Traders' Benevolent Fund of Great Britain, are staying at Scott's Hotel. Mrs Wilson, who was a pioneer business woman in London, was one of 20 women to be granted the freedom of that city.

Mr Wilson, who has always taken a great interest in the affairs of cyclists and motorists, was himself a champion bicycle rider, although he has been deaf since he was a child—as the result of an illness.

Mrs Wilson—then Miss Sayer—first worked for her husband as a stenographer 32 years ago, when the idea of women being in business was generally frowned upon.

SPEECH BEFORE PRINCE

Mr Wilson says it was a lucky day for him when his wife flouted convention and went to business. She has been his "right-hand man" for many years, and interprets his speeches.

"On one occasion my wife made a speech for me before the Prince of Wales," he said today.

They were associated in the work of the fund for many years, and were married six years ago.

Before leaving for Australia Mr Wilson was presented by Sir Charles Wakefield on behalf of the society which he founded, with a cheque for £3500, and a beautifully bound book containing the signatures of more than 1000 leading citizens of England. Mr and Mrs Wilson are keen on arousing interest in their benevolent fund among the motor and cycle trades in Australia although Mr Wilson's main object in coming here was to visit a daughter by a former marriage who has settled in the Mallee.

Sun
Oct 25th 1928

Mr. Arthur J. Wilson, president of the National Deaf Club of England, an independent institution for the educated deaf, and Mrs. Wilson arrived from London this week, and are staying at Scott's Hotel.

Herald Argus
Oct 26 Nov 2nd 1928

WORK FOR DEAF MUTES.

At a social held at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont, last night, the adult deaf and dumb residents of Melbourne extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson, of London, who are visiting Australia. Mr. Wilson is president of the National Deaf Club in London, and the founder of the Motor Trades' Benevolent fund. Mr. Wilson was welcomed by Councillor Morton, who presided; the principal of the centre (Mr. E. J. D. Abrahams), Mr. J. M. Johnston, Mr. G. Newnham, and Mr. F. E. Frewin. In reply, he said that he had been impressed by the provision for the adult deaf which had been made in Melbourne.

WELCOME TO MR. ARTHUR J. WILSON (deaf)

(President of the National Deaf Club London)

and Mrs. Wilson

Thursday November 1st at 7.45pm

at the

Adult Deaf Centre,
Jolimont Square,

Come and give him a real Australian Welcome.

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Argus Nov 2nd 1928

WORKERS AMONG THE DEAF.





Mr. Arthur J. Wilson, president of the National Deaf Club, London, and Mrs. Wilson, who were welcomed at the adult deaf centre, Jolimont Square, last evening. Mr. Wilson is the founder of the British Motor Trades' Benevolent Fund. His wife on one occasion interpreted for him during a conversation with the Prince of Wales.

Herald
Oct Nov 3rd 1928

A Woman "Freeman"

COUNCILLOR MRS ETHEL M. WILSON, who holds the unique honor of "Freeman" of the City of London, and Mr A. J. Wilson, were shown over the Melbourne Town Hall yesterday by Cr. E. L. Morton.

Mr and Mrs Wilson are touring Australia for the first time, and on Monday they will visit Mr Wilson's daughter (Mrs E. H. Walker) at Redcliffs.

Mr Wilson, who has been deaf for the past 12 years, is president of the National Dumb Club of London, and a freeman of the City of London. He is also the founder of the Motor Trades Benevolent Fund, and on his departure from London the members made him a presentation of £3500 in recognition of his services.

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Illustrated

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The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria



CENTRAL OFFICE, ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East

OBJECTIVE

To bring into existence conditions that will, so far as is humanly possible, open to our Deaf and Dumb citizens the opportunities already available to the normal citizen, i.e.:

- A Secondary Educational Institute, Social Hall and Club House for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Vocational Training Workshop for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Hostel for Deaf Mute Young Men and a Hostel for Deaf Mute Young Women.
- A little Church specially designed for Services for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes.
- A Training Farm for Mentally Defective Deaf Mutes.
- An Office (open all day) for Employment, Relief and Advice.

In brief, to make so complete the equipment and activities of the Society that it will be EVERYTHING to our Deaf and Dumb citizens except a school for children.

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AND BLIND DEAF MUTES
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Our Deaf Mute Citizens

More or less submerged among all peoples are individuals composing a peculiar race, with a language bearing somewhat the same relation to speech as the earliest picture-writing bears to modern script. In them an imaginative mind may recognise representatives of our pre-historic ancestors, at the epoch when they conversed mainly by gestures, and before their inarticulate grunts and cries began to be shaped into a language. This submerged remnant dwells in a world of its own. From its scattered members nature withholds that glorious sense which enables us to enjoy the exquisite raptures of sound. Life passes before them like the views of a cinematograph—living, but silent. Much knowledge that is made easy for us by our hearing has to be gained by them in the same tedious way as our knowledge of the moon and stars—by the unaided sense of vision. I refer to the Deaf and Dumb.

In the State of Victoria there are about 1000 fellow citizens who are known as Deaf Mutes, that is, people who are deaf, and consequently dumb—dumb, not because the organs of speech are missing or imperfect, but because speech is an acquired art—an art we begin to learn in our childhood, and acquired by means of the sense of hearing—imitating sounds heard.

Deprived of hearing, they are dependent upon sight for practically everything which gives interest to life.

The Deaf and Dumb are educated through THE EYE by means of writing, lip reading, finger spelling and signs. And it is by means of the eye, assisted by the hand, that the Deaf and Dumb are able to participate with their fellow afflicted in social intercourse and the pleasures of life open to them.

Yet it was not until 1860, when sufficient public interest being aroused, that the first school for the Deaf and Dumb was founded in Australia. These schools were known as Asylums, and resulted to a large extent in the general public believing that such afflicted people were put in these "asylums" for their own protection, and there remained for the rest of their lives. There are thousands of people, unfortunately, who think in like manner to this day.

The fact that the deaf were merely "dumb" because they could not hear—speech being an acquired art—and that mental deficiency did not necessarily go with deafness, only began very gradually to be understood when the deaf started to leave school and to establish themselves. These first pupils were joined by adult deaf mutes from Europe, and became the pioneers of the **Adult** Deaf and Dumb Societies. In those days, some forty-odd years ago, the only meeting places for the Deaf and Dumb were convenient lamp-posts or quiet hotel parlors. There were no churches, institutes or clubs for them; it was also most difficult to persuade employers to give them work.

When still more pupils reached the age of sixteen and left the "asylum" and still more arrived from Europe, the need of Spiritual Guidance and the means for social intercourse was more apparent and became an urgent necessity.

A cricket club was founded by the Adult Deaf of Melbourne, out of which, soon after, grew what is now known as **The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.** At first, services and meetings were held in rented premises; then, twenty-four years ago, an Institute for the Adult Deaf was erected in Flinders Street. The activities of the Society were almost yearly added to, and the number of deaf mutes taking advantage of the provision made for them also grew, until the accommodation of the Flinders Street premises became inadequate. Years were spent in the search for a more suitable site or building. Four years ago the Board of Management of this Society purchased Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, and a large house in the Square has been altered and adapted to the needs of the Adult Deaf and Dumb, and is the administrative centre of the Society pending the erection of the necessary buildings needed to adequately house the various activities of the Society.

At Blackburn the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society also has a Home for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective and Blind Deaf Mutes.

Normal people have numerous organisations established for their benefit. The necessity of making similar provision for the Deaf and Dumb will surely appeal to you.

Our small hall at Jolimont Square is used for numerous purposes: Sunday mornings and evenings for Divine Worship, and upon week days for lectures, classes, entertainments, socials, and the meetings of the Men's and Women's Guilds, Workers' Club, lacrosse, cricket and tennis clubs; also for weddings, birthdays and other social functions of the deaf. All are looking forward to the day when they will be able to hold Divine Worship in their own specially erected Church, and when there will be a separate institute for the educational work, freeing the present Centre for use as a club house.

The Manual Alphabet

As used by the Deaf and Dumb.

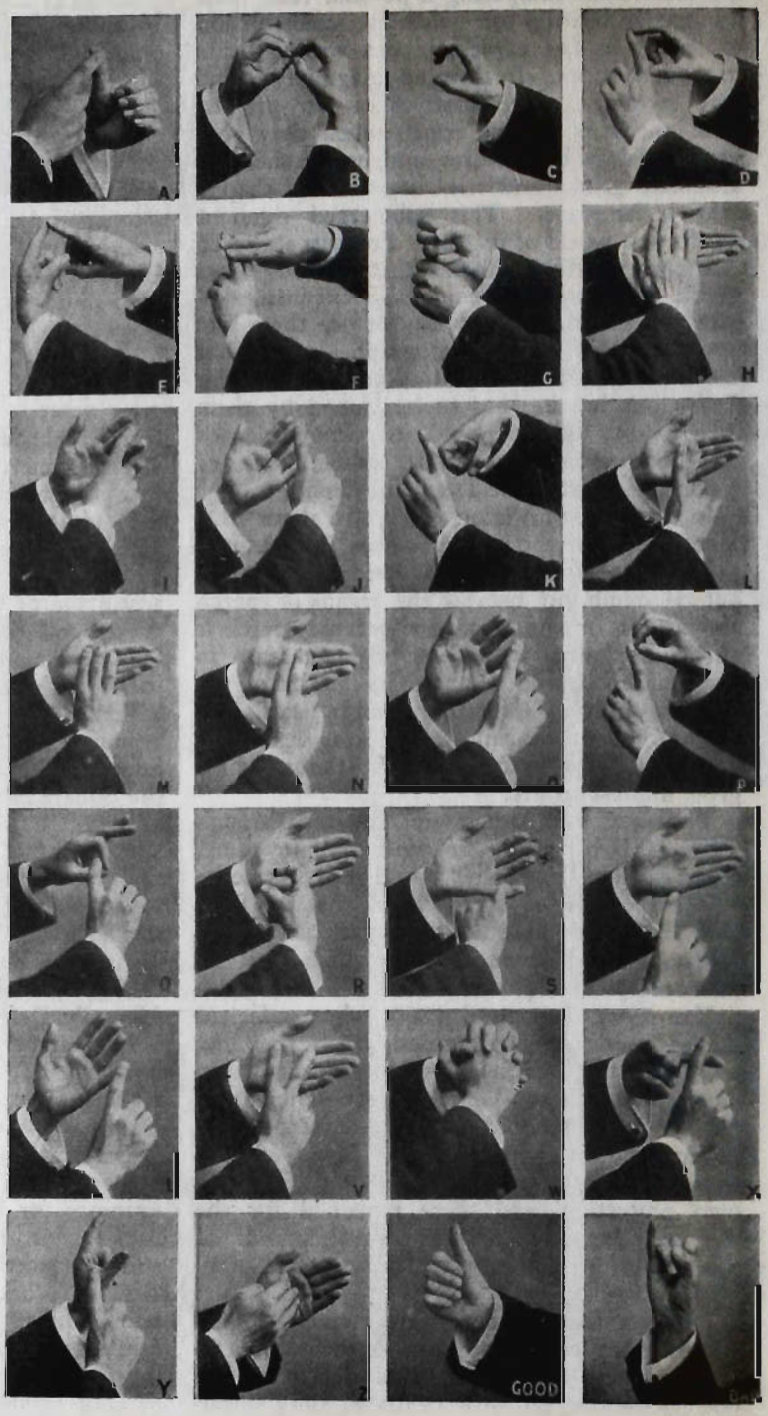
The origin of the ancient art of dactylology, or manual spelling, is not known, but evidences of its existence have been traced to the Assyrian antiquities upon monuments of art. The Venerable Bede described finger spelling more than a thousand years ago, and three manual alphabets are figured in an edition of his work printed in 1532. These are based upon finger signs for numbers, which were used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Monks, under rigid vows of silence, and other scholars who had special reasons to prize secret and silent modes of communication, beyond doubt invented and used many forms of manual alphabets. Rossellius, a Florentine monk, figured no less than three one-hand alphabets in 1579. Two-hand alphabets or mixed alphabets of various forms were in use among the school boys in Spain, France and England centuries ago.

The first finger alphabet adopted in teaching spoken and written language to the Deaf and Dumb was the Spanish one-hand alphabet, which contains certain forms found in the Florentine plates of 1579. The happy thought of this adaption is attributed to the pious and learned monk, Pedro Ponce de Leon (1520-1584).

The Spanish alphabet, somewhat modified, was introduced into France by the brilliant Pereire, where it speedily supplanted the alphabets employed in teaching the deaf by the Abbe de l'Spee.

Finger spelling is to the deaf a borrowed art. It was originated neither by them nor by their teachers, yet its value to the deaf can hardly be overestimated.

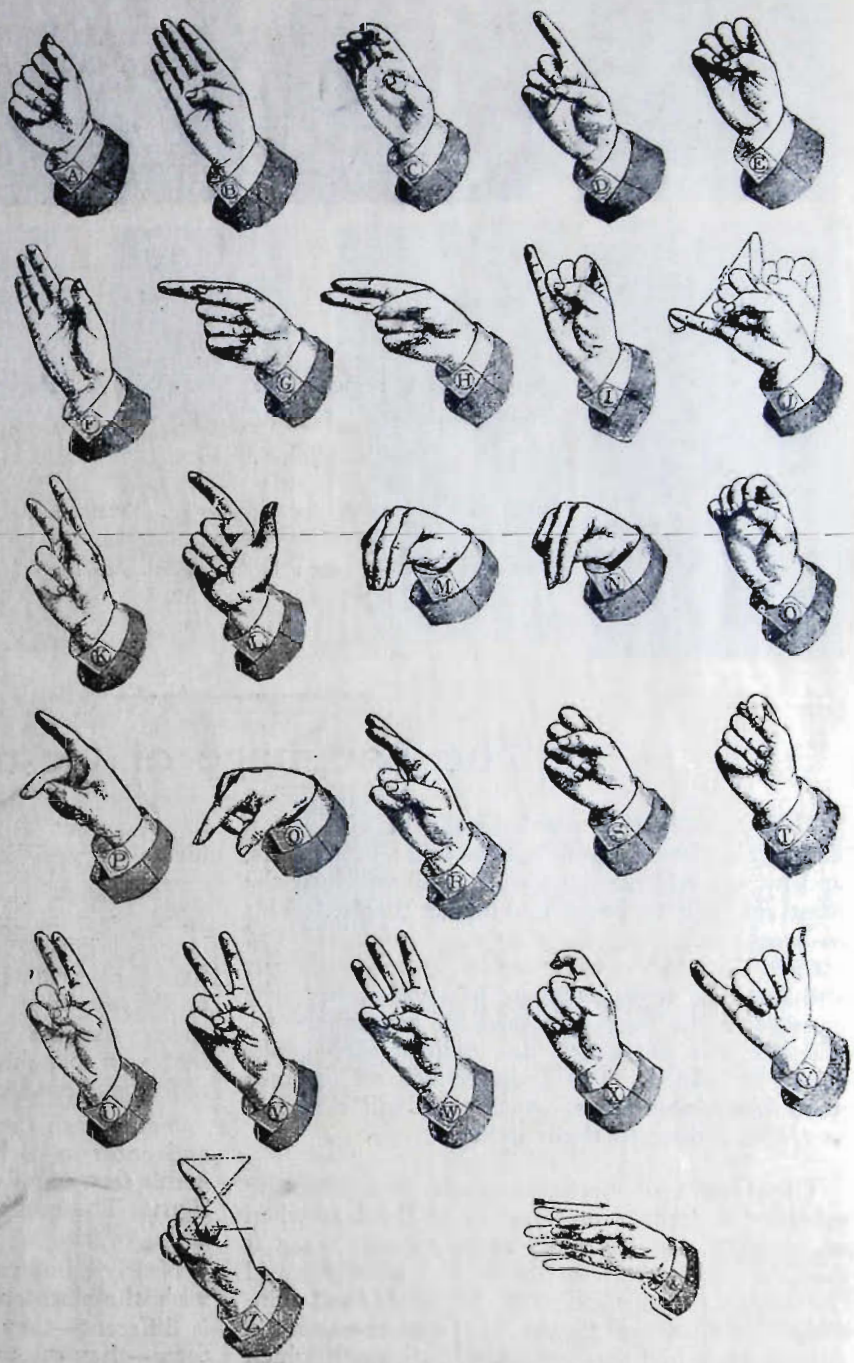


POPULAR FALLACIES

Whilst the work of caring for the Deaf and Dumb is one of the noblest ever undertaken by man, it is also one of the least understood. Persons that are suffering from an affliction that can be seen, such as the blind and the lame, call forth our ready sympathy and help; but, because we see no infirmity, no physical difference in the Deaf and Dumb when we pass them in the street, we conclude that they do not need any special provision.

Schools for deaf children are spoken of as "Deaf and Dumb Asylums" and confused with institutions for deaf **adults**, and both mixed up with asylums for idiots. It is commonly supposed that the Deaf and Dumb are life-long "inmates" of "asylums." Also that a deaf and dumb married couple invariably have deaf and dumb children, although nearly every deaf and dumb married couple can furnish conclusive evidence to the contrary. Nearly all the deaf are the offspring of hearing parents.

The Single-hand Alphabet









Some of the poses of Mr. W. A. Paterson, the Deaf Mute Humorist, in "Women of the Victorian Era."

TOP ROW.—A Quiet Evening—Sewing. Plaiting her hair. Hair pins. Curling her fringe.

BOTTOM ROW.—A very tight fit. Putting on her veil.



The Language of Gesture

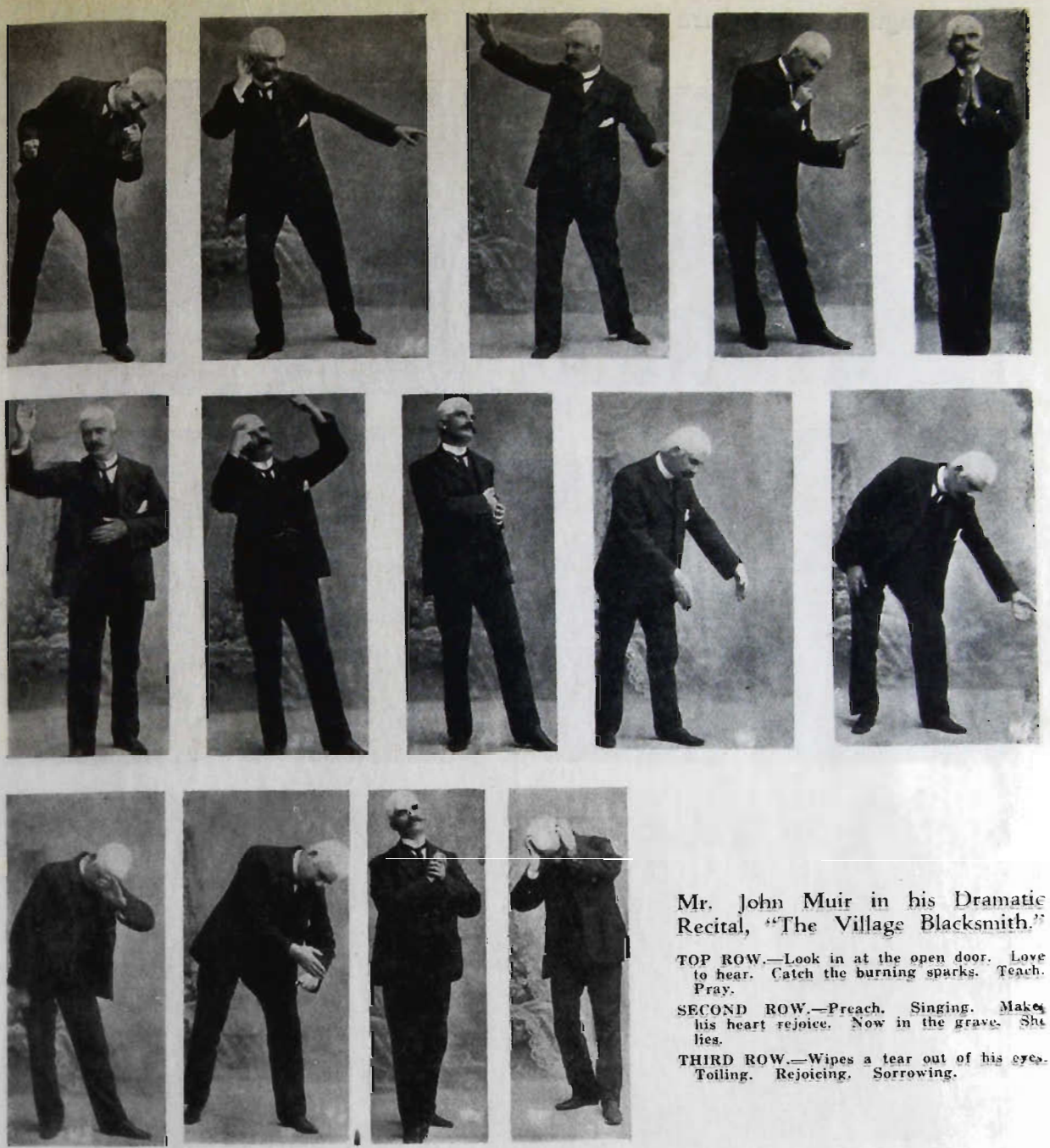
Give a master of the language of gesture an audience representing all nations and all languages, and he will address them so that all will hear the message, each in his own familiar tongue. This audience, too, may be a mixture of the most learned and the most ignorant of all lands, yet will they all, from scientists to savages, hear the message in the languages they are accustomed to, whether the languages are difficult or simple, coarse or refined. The audience will see the outward and visible signs, which they will clothe in words according to their ability.

The Origin of Language itself is a tempting subject for speculation—and none the less when we consider that we really know so little about it that even the greatest philologists usually avoid the question altogether. But, although the fascinating idea that the gesture language represents a distinct stage of human expression, through which man passed before he came to speak, has no substantial support from facts; yet we have facts that give strong ground for holding that, whilst infant man was still in his stammering or "baby talk" stage, gesture was far more important as a means of eking out expression than since the development of speech it has become.

The language of gesture is the language to which we all resort when words fail us—the language in which even animals and babes indicate to us their wants, and the language in which we make our first communications to men whose spoken tongues we do not speak or understand. It is nearer to naked thought than any other; it is the most literal representative of thought.

Signs reach the mind more quickly than words, and occur to us before words; and this is why a man's first impulse in time of danger is to make signs. The mind works in signs ten times as fast as in speech.

Nearly all of you, however, think in words. But with the untutored savage and the deaf-mute it is different—they think not in words but in pictures—they see with the mind's eye, whereas you hear with the mental ear; and of the two modes of thought I consider the mental seeing as the more beautiful as well as the more rapid. And yet we all think in pictures sometimes, as when we are asleep and dreaming; and there are all



Mr. John Muir in his Dramatic Recital, "The Village Blacksmith."

TOP ROW.—Look in at the open door. Love to hear. Catch the burning sparks. Teach. Pray.

SECOND ROW.—Preach. Singing. Makes his heart rejoice. Now in the grave. She lies.

THIRD ROW.—Wipes a tear out of his eye. Toiling. Rejoicing. Sorrowing.

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degrees between the pure picture-thought of the deaf-mute and the pure word-thought of the literary man.

The Deaf and Dumb are the great masters of the sign language, in using and understanding which they surpass all hearing men. They are most self-reliant travellers; by signs they easily make their wants known to all peoples, and penetrate safely to the remotest parts of the earth. They are excellent interpreters. A deaf-mute conveyed a ship-builder's instructions to some Japanese workmen when the ship-builder himself was quite at a loss how to make himself understood. A man may make himself master of many elaborate languages, yet be outdone as an interpreter by a deaf-mute with his one primitive yet universal tongue.

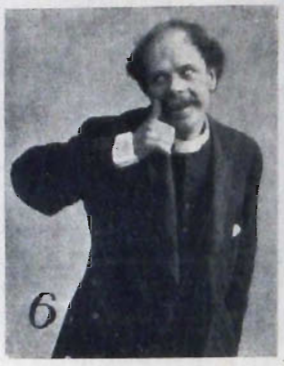
























Gestures that tell their Meaning to all.

1. Love. 2. Hate. 3. Sweet. 4. Sour. 5. Jealousy. 6. Sly. 7. Guilty. 8. Spurned. 10. Clever. 11. Ignorant. 12. Pleading. Bottom Row—Oh! Dash it. A good joke.



LIVING STATUARY.—A popular mode of entertaining hearing guests by the Deaf and Dumb.



SPRING. As arranged by Ernest J. D. Abraham, Principal Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.



WINTER. As arranged by Ernest J. D. Abraham, Principal Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE

as used by the Deaf and Dumb.



OUR



FATHER



WHICH ART IN



HEAVEN

The Lord's Prayer in the Language of Gesture (*continued*).



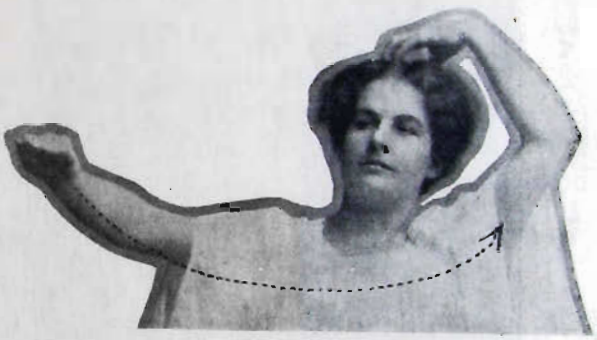
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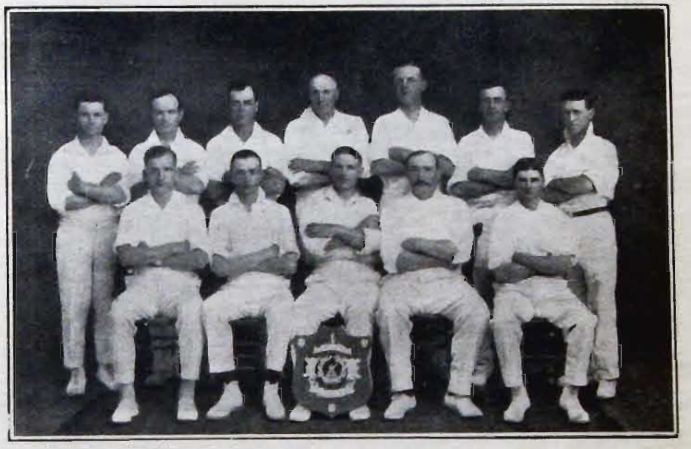


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DEAF MUTE CLUBS



DEAF MUTE LACROSSE CLUB



DEAF MUTE CRICKET TEAM



DEAF MUTE TENNIS TEAM



DEAF MUTE WOMEN'S GUILD

TRADES OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

There is a greater variety than is generally supposed of trades suitable for the Deaf and Dumb. I need hardly tell you there is nothing to hinder the deaf from working as artisans, sculptors, tailors, shoe-makers, bakers, farmers, gardeners, compositors, and as artisans and labourers of all descriptions; but it may surprise you that the deaf have succeeded in trades and professions that, at first thought, we would think absolutely closed to them. Thus, deaf persons have succeeded as physicians, dentists, lawyers, insurance and book agents, commercial travellers, managers of large businesses, foremen, merchants and traders. We are apt to forget how much can be done by using writing as a means of communication.

CAUSES OF DEAFNESS.

According to the best recent statistics—those collected by Dr. Fay in his "Marriages of the Deaf in America"—fewer than ten out of every 1000 deaf persons are the children of deaf parents, less than one per cent. About half the cases of deafness are congenial, due to obscure causes only beginning to be made out. The remainder are due chiefly to disease, including scarlet fever, measles, congestion of the brain, influenza, typhoid fever, convulsions, whooping cough, colds, mumps, and teething disorders. In very many cases skilled medical care and nursing will avert this said consequence; but there is reason to think that with some there is a latent tendency to deafness that even a slight constitutional disturbance will bring to the surface.

DEAFNESS.

Deafness is relative, ranging from absolute inability to hear to slight dullness of hearing. The degree of deafness often determines the system or method of instruction employed. The deaf may be classed as follows:—

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Semi-mute.—Those who have lost their hearing after the acquisition or partial acquisition of speech.

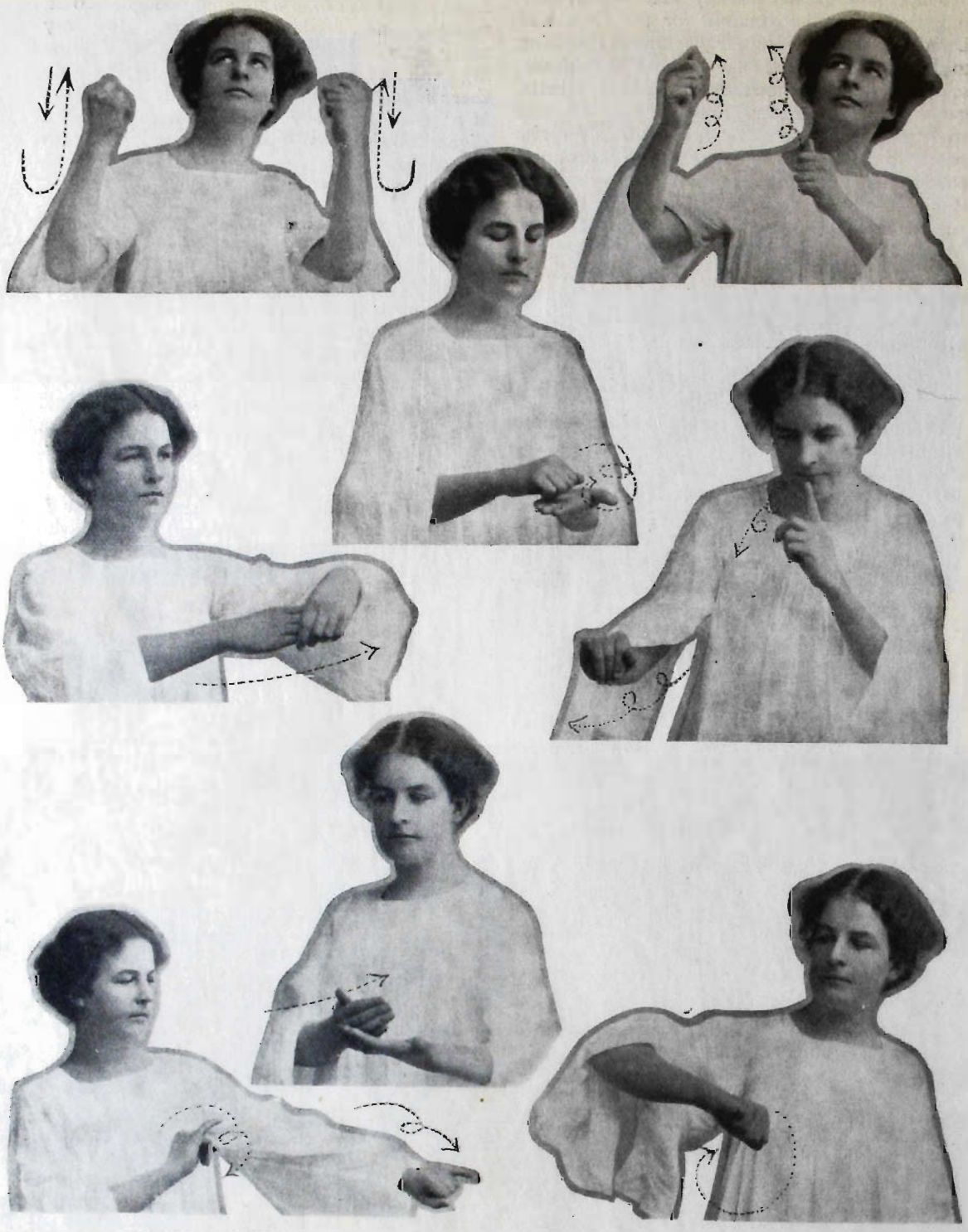
Semi-deaf.—Those whose hearing power is sufficient for oral conversation, and who are generally spoken of as "hard of hearing."



VICTORIAN INTERSTATE ADULT DEAF LACROSSE TEAM

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Some Expressive Gestures



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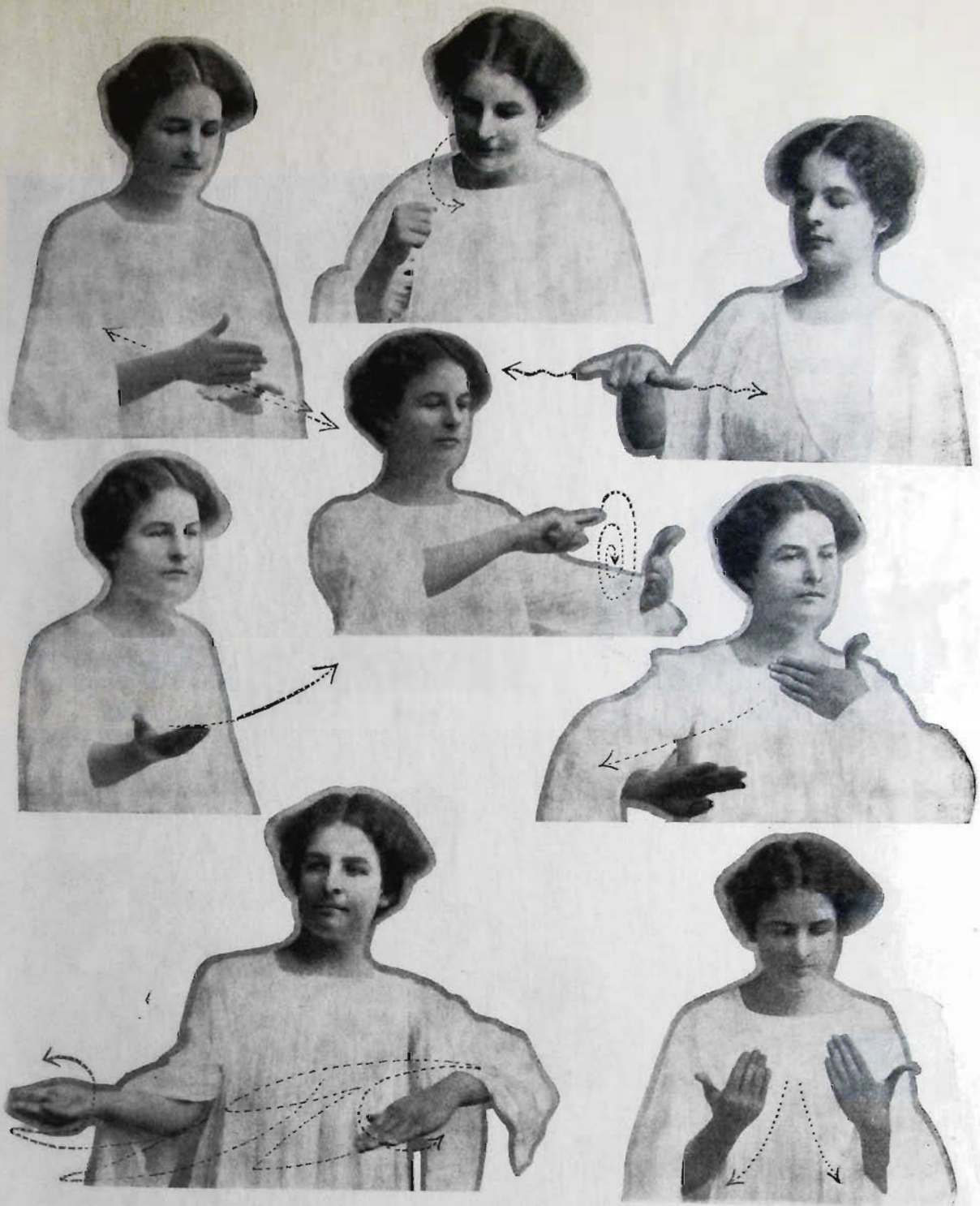
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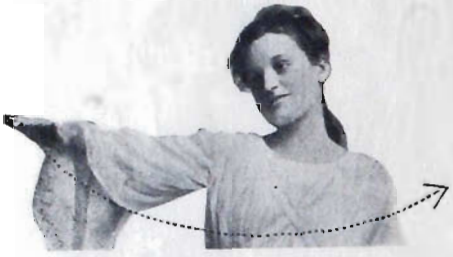
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per E. GLANVILLE HICKS, Secretary.

October 1928.

Tuesday	2nd	Worker's Club Committee Meeting
Thursday	4th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Saturday	6th	Recreation.
Sunday	7th	Holy Communion.
Tuesday	9th	Vic Branch A.D.D.A. Committee
Thursday	11th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Saturday	13th	Recreation.
Tuesday	16th	Guild's Meetings
Thursday	18th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Saturday	20th	Recreation
Tuesday	23rd	Deaf Committee Meeting
Thursday	25th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Saturday	27th	Recreation
Tuesday	30th	Men's Guild Meeting
Every Sunday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Services Morning & Evening.

TUESDAY Nov 6th ANNUAL CUP DAY PICNIC.

November 1928.

Thursday	1st	Welcome Social to Mr & Mrs A J Wilson
Saturday	4th	Recreation.
Sunday	5th	Services 11. a.m. & 7. P.M.
Tuesday	6th	Deaf Congregation Annual Picnic
Thursday	8th	Benefactor's Day Social.
Saturday	10th	Recreation
Sunday	11th	Services 11. a.m. & 7. P.M.
Tuesday	13th	Guild Meetings.
Thursday	15th	Worker's Club's Social
Saturday	17th	Recreation
Sunday	18th	Services 11. a.m. & 7. P.M.
Tuesday	20th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	22nd	Scripture Class & Cinema
Saturday	24th	Recreation
Sunday	25th	Services 11. a.m. & 7. P.M.
Tuesday	27th	Men's Guild Meeting
Thursday	29th	"Welcome Home Social" to Pt. Cove. ~~Scripture Class & Cinema~~

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December 1928.

Saturday	1st	Recreation.
Sunday	2nd	Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday	3rd	Annual Meeting Vic Branch A.D.D.S.
Thursday	6th	Scripture Class & Cinema
Saturday	8th	Recreation
Sunday	9th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday	11th	Deaf Wm's Guild Meeting. "Colour" Meeting.
Thursday	13th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Saturday	15th	Recreation.
Sunday	16th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday	18th	Christmas Rally
Thursday	20th	Dinner to Blackburn Inmates.
Friday	21st	Vic Team departs for Tasmania.
Saturday	22nd	Tennis.
Sunday	23rd	Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Monday	24th	Closed for Holidays
Tuesday	25th	
Wednesday	26th	
Thursday	27th	Open Evening.
Friday	28th	Closed.
Saturday	29th	Tennis & Open Evening.
Sunday	30th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





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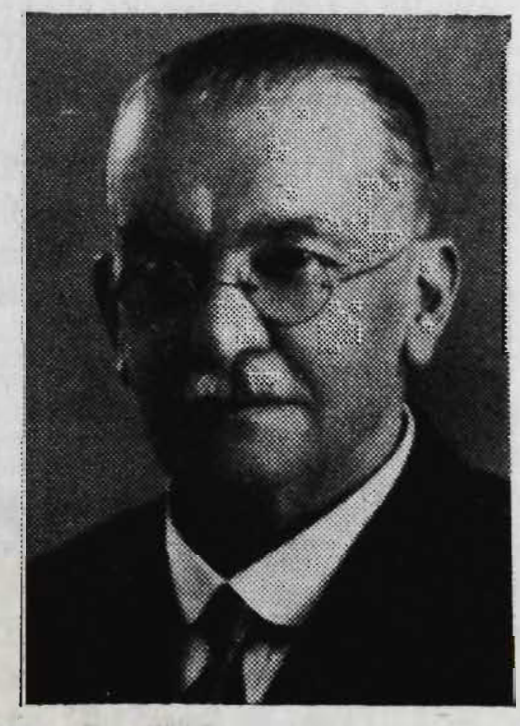
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL.

OUR GUESTS - MR & MRS ARTHUR J. WILSON.

The Melbourne Deaf were delighted to have as their guests on November 1st Mr and Mrs Arthur J. Wilson of London, England. Mr Wilson is deaf and has been a prominent personage in the Deaf Mute world for close upon fifty years, as athlete, successful business man, philanthropist and above all sympathetic English gentleman. He bubbles with wit, therefore, has always been popular and that explains why he is the President of the National Deaf Club, London. Mr Councillor E. L. Morton of the City of Melbourne, and member of the Board of Management presided and welcomed Mr and Mrs Wilson





Mr and Mrs Arthur J. Wilson.

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to the city and our midst, and in doing so said he had been told that Mr Wilson had always held the affection and esteem of the British Deaf.

In his youth he had all unconsciously raised the status of the Deaf by becoming prominent in the athlete world, but that he was best known as a benefactor of the deaf, both from a knowledge of their needs and the generosity of his purse. Mr Wilson was the founder of the Motor Trades Benevolent Fund and upon his recent departure from England for a pleasure trip to Australia, the British Motor Trades had presented him with a testimonial which included a cheque for £3,500, but it was because Mr Wilson was a deaf friend of the deaf that they were all so anxious to greet him and bid him and his talented wife, welcome.
Mr Abraham (Principal) said it was a pleasure to him to meet Mr and Mrs Wilson and adds words of welcome to those of Mr Counc. Morton. Since his boyhood he had known Mr Wilson, his earliest recollections were of Mr Wilson riding a 56 inch gridiron, when he was riding a fifty two, the difference between them was Mr Wilson was a great and popular prize winner whereas he was not. He also knew of his good work amongst the deaf and how much he had always been esteemed by them. He was pleased to meet Mr Wilson after all the years that had passed and to find him with the spirit of youth and it was an additional pleasure to meet Mrs Wilson. Messrs J. M. Johnston and George Newnham voiced the welcome of the Australian Deaf. Mr Wilson, who was received with prolonged applause, in a short humorous address told us that he lost his hearing at the age of 12, and had never attended a school for the deaf and although self-taught, he had prospered well. Referring to the National Deaf Club of London, of which he was President, he said perhaps they would expect a Club for the Deaf of London to be a rich Club, but really it was but a poor club house in comparison with that of the Deaf of Melbourne. The London Club rented two small rooms, for social intercourse, billiards etc., he wished he could take our fine building with him and plant it down in London, altogether the Deaf of Melbourne were a lucky lot and they were fortunate in having as their Principal a man like Mr Abraham who did so well for them. Mrs Wilson also responded in a witty vein and afterwards joined her husband in greeting all of us personally.

On the 26th October, Mr and Mrs Wilson accompanied by the Chairman of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society (Mr A. A. Peverill) and Mr and Mrs E. J. D. Abraham visited the Blackburn Home and Flower Farm for the Deaf, when they lunched and conversed with the inmates.

Mrs A. J. Wilson, who is not only wife and companion but guide and interpreter to her husband, is also Councillor Mrs Ethel M. Wilson and a "Freeman" of the City of London. We were all glad to meet her and hope to have the pleasure of her company again before she leaves Melbourne for England.

WELCOME TO MR & MRS F. G. BARNES.

We were honoured by the presence of Mr and Mrs F. G. Barnes at our Center on the 15th November. They arrived by the S. S. Anchises on Monday November 12th and expected to leave on the Wednesday and, having prearranged engagements were unable to fix a date to meet the deaf of Melbourne. Fortunate for us the boat was delayed and equally fortunate, the Deaf Workers Club were holding a Social at our Center and by the courtesy of the President, Mrs F. E. Frewin, and Deaf Members, the deaf generally were enabled to extend to Mr and Mrs Barnes an impromptu welcome.
The Principal (Mr Abraham) and the Missioner (Mr Johnston) in the name of the deaf welcomed our distinguished guests and Mr Barnes acknowledged the welcome.

PRAYER.

Give Thy blessing, O, Father, to the church to which we belong. Where it is corrupt purify it, where it is weak strengthen it, where it is in error enlighten it. Fill it with Thy Spirit, the holy spirit of charity and truth. So guide its members that they welcome knowledge as Thy gift. Preserve them from the bitterness that is born of ignorance and self-love, and fill them all with zeal to preach in act and word the gospel of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. - Amen.

THERE IS A POWER IN THE UNIVERSE.

There is a Power in the Universe vastly beyond our comprehension; and we trust and believe that it is a Good and Loving Power, able and willing to help us and all creatures, and to guide us wisely, without detriment to our incipient freedom. This Loving-kindness continually surrounds us; in it we live and have our real being; it is the mainspring of joy and love and beauty, and we call it the Grace of God. It sustains and enriches all worlds, and may take a multiplicity of forms, but it was specially manifested to dwellers on this planet in the life of Jesus Christ, through whose spirit and living influence the race of man may hope to rise to heights at present inaccessible. - Sir Oliver Lodge.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND THE DEAF.

In the House of Lords in June last, Lord Charnwood, President of the National Institute for the Deaf, called attention to the position in industry of the congenitally deaf and dumb and of those who are wholly or partially deafened in later life by disease or accident, and to the limitations of the present provision made for their training and for securing employment for them; and asked his Majesty's Government whether they would (by means of an Inter-Department Committee or otherwise) inquire into the whole matter.

Terrible as the situation of the deaf person was, he said, it did not immediately appeal to the compassion of everyone as was the case in regard to the blind. Those who were, unhappily, deaf from their birth or early days numbered in Great Britain about 40,000. Magnificent work was being done in the education of deaf and dumb children in the schools but further specialised training would be of great benefit. The Deaf were enormously handicapped in obtaining work.

He did not desire lavish expenditure, but this was one of the matters in which voluntary effort could cover the ground well if there was co-operation between Government agencies and that voluntary effort.

The Duke of Montrose mentioned that he suffered from complete deafness. The deaf man was, perhaps, cut off from the world more severely than the Blind man. As apprentices had, under trade union rules, to be paid according to their age and not according to their experiences, employers, therefore, naturally preferred a normal boy who at 17 would have three years' experience behind him.

Viscount Gage (Lord-in-Waiting) said it was one of the greatest difficulties from a ministerial point of view, to know where activities in connection with physical affliction should end.

Before the Ministry of Health came into being, a great deal of this work was done by voluntary Adult Deaf Associations which still carried on.

It was not the intention of the Ministry to interfere with the magnificent work which these associations were doing. The Board of Education was under the impression that in the case of the deaf child who had attended a special school up to the age of sixteen and had been properly taught, that child was able to obtain reasonable and remunerative employment.

Viscount Haldane expressed regret at the Government reply. This was a difficult subject which required thinking out, and all that Lord Charnwood asked for was a little careful thinking in the shape of a Committee.

The Archbishop of Canterbury also complained that their lordships did not get from the Government reply the kind of information desired. They wanted all the statistics available, and yet the reply of the Government was so unstatistical that they were left empty of the kind of information needed.

Earl Beauchamp said they wanted to know the number of people prevented by deafness from getting a livelihood.

Viscount Gage said the difficulty must be apparent in connection with giving statistics about the deaf. The Ministry of Labour, he understood, had no really accurate statistics of the number of deaf people who were applying for unemployment relief, on account of the difficulty of classing them as wholly or partially deaf. But as regarded the Board of Education he could say that at the present time there were fifty special schools for the deaf certified by the Board, of which thirty were day schools and twenty board schools. It was impossible for him to make any promise which would bind the Minister, to whom he would submit the question regarding an inquiry. His instructions did not allow him to concede it that day.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF S.A. & THE DEAF.

The following is part of a letter from Mr A. E. Clarkson, President of the S. A. Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, to our Principal,(Mr Abraham) and refers to the opening of the new Institute. "The building is in every respect a wonderful adornment to the city's architecture. It was greatly admired by everybody. The building and furniture will cost in approximate figures £12,500, plus £5,000 for the acre freehold, and we opened the building free of debt.
His Excellency, the Governor, was exceedingly gracious. He moved amongst the Deaf, shaking hands with all with whom he came in contact to the evident delight of the Deaf.
On Sunday Mrs Samuel Johnson turned the key in the new church, and unveiled the memorial window in honour of her husband, and the Rev. C. W. T. Rogers preached the dedication sermon. Every seat was occupied and a most interesting service was held."

S.A.'s NEW DEAF INSTITUTE.

The new building is at last completed. Facing Osmond Gardens, it commands a beautiful view of the hills and parklands. On the ground floor is a large hall, to be used for special occasions, such as entertainments, pictures, lantern lectures and tea meetings. There is also a large room known as the billiard room, with space for a table tennis game, and where the congregation can gather in the evenings for conversation etc. A large entrance hall runs from north to south. On the ground floor is the Superintendent's office. At the back is a kitchen that will meet the requirements for all who wish to stay to tea on special occasions.
On the second floor are two large rooms that will be for the use of the ladies exclusively - a board room and library. On this floor are wide balconies, both at the front and the rear. Ascending a further flight

of stairs, one enters the beautiful Church, one of the best of its kind in Australia. Adjoining the church is a large room that can be used for Bible Study and also a small room adjoining this that is set aside for the Minister's Vestry. - South Australian Deaf Notes.

OPENING OF S.A. ADULT DEAF INSTITUTE.

The opening ceremony of the Adelaide Deaf & Dumb Mission's new building on Saturday, November 17th, was performed by the State Governor, Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., who was received by a guard of members of the Mission. He was welcomed by the President, Mr A.E.Clarkson, Sir Wallace Bence, the President of the Brighton Institution for Deaf & Dumb Children, Mr H.Phillipps, and the Supt. of the Mission, Mr O. R. Redman.
Mr Clarkson said the new building would be a beautiful addition to that part of the city. They had secured an acre of ground at a cost of £5,000 and some of their sports grounds were directly opposite. He referred in the highest of terms to the work of the architects and builders, and the Vice President, Mr C. H. Martin, whom he said had almost lived on the building premises, superintending the work. The building was entirely free from debt.
The Governor said there could be no object more worthy of the whole hearted support of the community than the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission. The object of the Mission was to help the Deaf & Dumb to help themselves, and to teach them despite their afflictions, they were still useful and valuable members of society.
The Mission had made marked progress, it was started in 1901 with about 20 members, now he believed it catered for about 170 deaf mutes. Mr C. H. Martin moved a vote of thanks to the Governor and the Rev. C. W. T. Rodgers dedicated the building. Subsequently, the Governor was shown over the building by the Superintendent and afterwards partook of afternoon tea in the large dining room.

MEMORIAL WINDOW TO MR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

On the afternoon of Sunday November 18th, Mrs Samael Johnson, widow of the late Mr Johnson for many years Superintendent of the S. A. School for the Deaf and founder of the S. A. Audlt Deaf & Dumb Mission, unveiled a memorial window to her husband, in the presence of a large congregation, in the Church of the New Institute for the Adult Deaf. Mr A. E. Clarkson, President of the Mission, said all those who had passed through Mr Johnson's hands cherished his memory with the deepest reverence and affection.
Mr W. H. Phillips, President of the School for the Deaf, said 45 years ago, Mr Johnson took charge of that Institution. He had the deepest respect for him as he showed a remarkable way of imparting knowledge to the deaf children.
A hymn board, erected to the memory of Mr Leslie Walker was unveiled by Mr A. L. Walker, his father.

SOUTH AFRICAN DEAF.

A conference of workers amongst the Deaf & Dumb in South Africa was recently held at Bloomfontein
Rev. J. de la Bat opened the proceedings with prayer. Rev. A. W. Blaxall welcomed the Mayor who on behalf of the Town Council welcomed the delegates to the city. The Rev. W. Blaxwell on being voted to the chair explained that their agenda was only of a tentative nature, that their proceedings would cover two days and asked that the representatives of the existing institutions for the Deaf & Dumb in South Africa would explain their

difficulties quite friendly. Brother McManus (Kimberley) spoke on behalf of the Grimsby Institution at Cape Town which was the first Institution for the Deaf and Dumb to be founded in South Africa. Rev. J. de la Bat, Principal spoke on behalf of the Worcester Institution. Mother Mary Alscoque for the Kingwilliamstown R. C. School for the Deaf. Miss Davis, Principal, for the Johannesburg School for the Deaf.
The conference recommended to the Government that a thorough examination should be made of all children at school and that all existing deaf schools be systematically examined with a view to detecting all aural defects.
It was further agreed that the fairest way of grading schools was on the basis of the circular of the Board of Education, which regarded a deaf child as equal to four normal hearing children. In regard to vocational training the conference agreed to recommend that the Government should allow a minimum of two years of additional vocational training after the age of 17 and to ask the Ministry of Labour to remit some period of the term of apprenticeship.
Dr Louis Van Schalkwyk of the Union Educational Department said he agreed that the salaries of the workers were not on a satisfactory basis, but he had reason to believe that the position would soon be righted.
He believed that compulsory education would within a few years have to be introduced for the deaf and dumb.

MENTALITY OF THE DEAF.

Speaking at the Bloemfontein (South Africa) Conference of Workers amongst the Deaf and Dumb, Mr F. G. Barnes (National Institute for the Deaf) stated that in his experience, about 25 per cent of the deaf and dumb were feeble minded. In the normal school about one per cent were feeble minded. That without compulsory education from 40 to 50 per cent of the deaf received no education in England. Education was compulsory in England (since 1894) from the age of 7 to 16 years.

MR F. G. BARNES, M. A.

The other day we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr and Mrs F. G. Barnes of London at our Center and now the Melbourne deaf want to know all about Mr Barnes. That's a big order but we will endeavour to give such particulars of his career as space will permit.
Mr F. G. Barnes was for 42 years a teacher of the deaf and for the greater part of that time a headmaster. He has filled most of the positions of honour in connection with the profession of teaching the deaf. He has been a member of the executive of the National Association of teachers of the Deaf since its inception in 1894 and has filled the offices of Chairman, Secretary, Examiner, Lecturer and Registrar. He was for thirty years Superintendent of the London County Council's Home for the Deaf at Homerton. He is Chairman of the College of teachers of the Deaf, Lecturer and Examiner of the College, and Lecturer and Examiner to the Manchester University (Training of Teachers of the Deaf) and world-wide Hon. representative of the National Institute for the Deaf (London) of which he was also Secretary. In 1907 he was awarded the decoration of Officer d' Academie by the French Government and during a visit to America had the degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him by the Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington.

OBJECTIVE OF MR BARNES' WORLD TOUR.

Referring to the visit of Mr and Mrs Barnes to West Australia the W. A. Sunday Times says, "They are acting on behalf of the National Institute

for the Deaf in England which wishes to acquire as much information as possible as to the incidence of deafness in the British Empire and its social and educational treatment with a view to ascertaining what means there are of prevention and where prevention is impossible, to discover every available avenue of amelioration of the condition of the sufferers."

AMERICA. CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPALS.

The fourteenth Conference of Principals of American Schools for the Deaf was held at Knoxville, Tennessee, October 30th to November 2nd. Amongst the subjects dealt with were Deafness as a Social Problem. Supt. F. M. Driggs spoke to "The Industrial Side", Dr C. B. Coughlin, "The Physical Side", Supt. E. McK. Goodwin, "The Mental Side", "Our Ultimate Aims" by Supt. A. E. Pope, "Problems of the Deaf" by Dr Knight Dunlop.

AEROPLANES & DEAFNESS.

The Washington Star (U.S.A.) of September 10th last contained an editorial under the title of "Deafness and Death". It seems that aeroplane stunting has become quite a practice in America as an alleged cure for deafness. Here is an extract from the Washington Star.
"Three more persons have paid with their lives in a senseless attempt to do what eminent medical authorities have repeatedly stated is impossible, to cure deafness by stunting in an aeroplane. This latest tragedy occurred Friday at Springfield, Mass. A six year old boy was taken to a flying field by his father and the pilot with whom he was to fly, was instructed to loop the loop and perform other manoeuvers in the hope of effecting a cure for the lad's deafness. From two thousand feet the plane crashed to earth, killing the boy, the pilot and another passenger, while the father, horror-stricken stood by."

TRYING TIMES.

Victorian Charitable Institutions are facing trying financial times. We noticed in a morning paper that the Ladies' Benevolent Society had to stop relief. The Blind Institution spoke of financial difficulties and at the Annual Meeting it was announced that the Deaf & Dumb Institution had an overdraft of £1,000 and the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society also has a large adverse balance.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Mr E. R. Peacock, President of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria, was at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Prague elected an honorary life-member in appreciation of his services to the young men of Czechoslovakia, whom he instructed by a series of lectures, in salesmanship and business methods. The Certificate of Membership is most artistically designed and in the center is a beautiful etching of Prague, autographed by the artist. Mr Peacock is at present in Japan.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

At the Annual Meeting of the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution held on 14th August last, Mr E. A. Edmanson said the past year had been a strenuous one for the Committee, as many alterations and improvements had been effected in the school buildings. The institution was faced with an overdraft of £1,000. Mr C. F. Crosby said it was an exceedingly difficult matter to teach deaf and dumb children, in many cases they did not at first wish to attend, and their parents were not anxious for them to do so. A few weeks at the school, however, made a great difference.

The annual report stated that a t present there were 131 pupils in attendance at the school, 66 boys and 65 girls, of this number 66 were full boarders, 49 weekly boarders and 16 daily pupils.
Tributes were paid to Mr J. H. Maddock, who has been connected with the Institution for 38 years and to the Superintendent and Secretary, Mr J. Adcock.

AN APPALLING CALAMITY.

In the course of an interview with a representative of the West Australian" Mr F. G. Barnes, M. A., (National Institute for the Deaf, England) is reported to have said, "My experience has taught me that the public does not realise what an appalling calamity is deafness. If they did, much more attention would be paid to those suffering from it. Whereas people are always sympathetic towards, and willing to help the blind, it frequently happens that the deaf, who are very much more socially isolated, on account of their affliction, are neglected."

"TALKIES" AND THE DEAF.

Deaf folk, at any rate, will be very disconsolate if the talking film entirely supersedes the ordinary variety (says the London "Daily Chronicle"). The cinema is practically the only form of entertainment they can thoroughly enjoy, and in which they can forget their handicap. Quite apart from the interest of the film there is a tremendous mental uplift and satisfaction in the comforting knowledge that, for once, they are not "out of things". For their sake I hope that explanatory passages will still be thrown upon the screen.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr F. G. Barnes is touring the world combining business with pleasure; making enquiries on behalf of the National Institute for the Deaf, England. He has already spent three months in South Africa, intends to remain a similar period in Australia and will then go on to the United States and Canada. Whilst in Melbourne, he delivered a short course of lectures to the teaching staff of the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Prahran. Mr Barnes was officially welcomed by the Acting Chairman of the Institution, the Rev. J. Danglow, the Superintendent, Mr J. Adcock and the Headmaster, Mr J. Burchett.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

At the Annual Meeting of the N. S. W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, the President Hon. W. Brooks, M.L.C., said that a profit of £5,000 had been made on the sale of De Mestre-place premises. The assets of the Society now stood at £30,400. The Society's new home in Elizabeth Street would require certain alterations before it would fully meet the needs of a welfare center.

"Deaf" writing to the Sydney Evening Sun says,-
"A man, however keen, cannot get a start in N. S. W. if he is deaf. He is lucky to get civility if he tries for a job."

"The men who never make mistakes never make anything worth making."-General Booth.

An appeal for books suitable for children between the ages of six and sixteen is being made by the N. S. W. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb to stock the library which is to be a feature of the new building.

PLEASE DON'T.

Dame Rumour is not always accurate. She has been very busy telling folk that "Our Bi-monthly" will shortly appear in a new dress of "type" and our hearing friends are bombarding us with "Please don't", not always in these words but to that effect. Certainly the matter was discussed at a recent Deaf Committee Meeting but for the time it ended at that.
Now reader - here is your opportunity. Shall "Our Letter" be type written or type printed - which?

RAMBLING CLUB.

The second outing of the Ramblers Club was held on Saturday afternoon, 22nd September, 1928 at Wattle Park. The trip was made by tram and a good ramble was enjoyed over the Park Land, at the same time noting the many improvements that had been made, among them a fine cricket ground and an imposing kiosk. Through the kindness of the Manager, we were allowed to inspect the Kiosk and admire the view from the balcony. All were charmed with it. The enjoyment of this ramble was cut short by a sudden downpour which made all scuttle for the first tram cityward. The members then assembled at the "Center" for tea at the invitation of the Principal, Mr E. J. D. Abraham for which he was heartily thanked. The attendance including the President of the Rambling Club, Miss Empson, the Principal and Missioner was 21.

The third outing was held on Saturday afternoon November 17th 1928 at Hampton. Fifteen ladies and eight gents were in the party. The weather was warm and the sea was in its best mood with the result that all with the exception of six went in for a bathe and a very happy time was spent. Tea was partaken of among the ti-trees on the cliff top, after which games were played till the time for breaking up. Our President Miss Empson and the Principal Mr Abraham apologised for their non attendance owing to pressure of work. Mr J. M. Johnston was with us and entered whole-heartedly in the events of the day.

THE DEAF AND DANGEROUS CROSSINGS.

From time to time there have appeared in the European and more especially the American press various suggested devices for the deaf and hard of hearing to adorn themselves with so that drivers of motor cars etc. might be warned to "drive with caution". Deaf humorists have found material to tickle the funny bone of fellow deaf in suggesting more or less workable devices, such as a red tail twisted round the hat which by the manipulation of a wire, would stand erect and twist about whilst the deaf person was crossing a danger spot; another was a white cross, full length on the back of the deaf pedestrians coat; yet another, a revolving light fixed to the crown of the hat. The simple fact is deaf mutes very seldom get knocked down. They are far more careful than hearing folk, depending upon the eye which is far more reliable than the ear.

CINEMA PICTURE SHOWS.

Further interesting screenings of pictures were shown after each Thursday evening Scripture study. On September 6th, a clever and tense moments picture entitled "Cheating the Cheaters" featuring Betty Compton and on 13th September, Dorothy Reviers starred in "Sealed Lips". The following week a very dramatic picture was screened entitled "Hell bound for Heaven" featuring Ruth Miller and John Harrow. A long ten-reel dramatic picture called "The Sea Beast" featuring John Barrymore was shown on 4th October

and on 11th October, "The Exquisite Sinner", then comes "That's my Daddy" a comedy by Reginald Denny on 18th October. On 25th October a tense cowboy action picture called "The Silent Rider" featuring Hoot Gibson was much enjoyed. A comedy picture featuring Marjorie Daw in "Redheads Preferred" was shown on the 22nd November.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

An interesting story of "Mining Experiences" (Part 2) was given by Mr W. Retchford (hearing) to the members of the above guild on the evening of September 11th. Mr E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. Mr Retchford exhibited a number of plans in conjunction with his lecture. The speaker was afterwards bombarded with questions.

Mr R. H. Lambert entertained us to a fine rendering of Rider Haggard's story called "Heart of the World" on 25th September. The audience was held spellbound till the end.

"Civilisation" was the title given by Mr Edwin Johnson on 16th October. A very good and interesting subject. The lecturer brought us to the very dawn of creation then up to Adam and Eve and then on to the time of Christ and on to the present day.

On 30th October, Mr A. Hull opened a discussion night on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of an All-Australian Paper for the Deaf". The argument was a lengthy one and the meeting lasted till 10.30 p.m.

On 13th November, "A Chat on Sports" brought out many interesting incidents, suggestions and sportsmanship. The attendances have been well maintained throughout these meetings.

WORKERS' CLUB SOCIAL.

A very happy social evening organised by the Workers' Club was held on Thursday evening November 15th in aid of Xmas gifts to inmates of Farm and Home. Many novel games and competitions were introduced. The takings at the door amounted to five dozen handkerchiefs and £1/15/- in coins.

C. Haynes won the 1928 Billiard Tournament defeating J. O. Gorman by 11 points and the record break during the tourney was made by both of them, 21 points each.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr G. Newnham, acknowledged with thanks the following subscriptions towards our Newsletter Fund. Mrs E. Smith, Moulamien, N.S.W. 5/-; Mrs D. Ashby, Mr J. Dickenson 2/6 each; Mrs Sharp, 1/6; Mrs De L. Wright, 6d.

SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTRY DEAF.

Our Principal expects, early in the new year to complete arrangements for services and lectures at regular intervals for, and the visitation of, the Country deaf residing in centers where a fair number can be got together. He also hopes to make provision for a "Travelling Library".

HOBART CONFERENCE, CRICKET CONTESTS & FESTIVITIES.

The Tasmanian Deaf are looking forward to the invasion from the mainland with excited interest and are determined to make the visit live in the

happy memory of their deaf guests. The members of the recently established Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, and the local Deaf Cricket Club together with the Board of Management of the Tasmanian Deaf & Dumb Institution, Prof. Morris Miller (the President) and Col. Payne (Superintendent and Secretary) are making every possible arrangement for a hearty welcome to, and the entertainment of, the visitors.
There is every indication of the forthcoming gathering of the Deaf at Hobart during the Christmas and New Year holidays being one of, if not, the most successful pleasure carnivals of the Deaf held in Australia. The programme is to include a Conference of Superintendents of Adult Deaf Societies, Cricket Contests for the E. J. D. Abraham Shield (at present held by New South Wales) between deaf teams from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania, and the festivities will include a banquet, socials, river picnic, motor trips etc. There will also be special services for the deaf. Large parties including the Cricket Teams, and pleasure seekers, have booked passages from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Queensland, we understand, will also be represented. For full particulars write to the Superintendent of your Adult Society, the Hon. Secretary of your Cricket Club or to Col. Payne, Institution for the Deaf & Dumb, Hobart, Tasmania.

THE DEAF AND MOTOR CAR AMENDMENT BILL.

In the Motor Car Act Amendment Bill shortly to come before the Victorian State Parliament there is a clause making defective hearing a bar to obtaining a motor car driver's license. Whilst we are not in a position to speak on behalf of the defective hearing against whom there may be reasonable arguments for the bar, we certainly can speak with confidence in favour of the deaf being granted driver's licenses. We know of at least twenty Victorian deaf mutes who hold or have held of recent date such licenses and we have yet to learn of an accident.
Writing us on this subject Mr Arthur J. Wilson of London, England says:-
"The threatened attempt to legislate against deaf men being allowed to drive motors is farcical. What reasons can be advanced in its favour? Have you had any case in Victoria of an accident caused by a driver's deafness? In England, we never had any. Periodically, for years past, some obscure senile magistrate has uttered portentous complaints against licenses being granted to "deaf or blind men" - as though any parallel could be drawn between a deaf and a blind driver. The only case in which I can recollect a deaf man being fined was for having left his license at home - an inadvertance that occurs with hundreds of hearing drivers every day, what had deafness to do with forgetting one's license?
Happily the press in England has realised the absurdity of these magisterial fulminations, and has pointed out that a motor driver does not drive with his ears but with his eyes, and that the very fact that a driver is deaf renders him all the more cautious.
I have been driving cars for 29 years. I am stone deaf. Yet I never did harm a living being. The only two occasions upon which I had collisions were when (1) a tramcar swerved off a loop on to a single track and dented my front mudguard, and (2) when a motor-bus skidded on the asphalt; drove my car into a shop-front and knocked down an electric light standard; the omnibus company admitted liability, paid for my repairs and indemnified me against their party claims
If every driver were deaf, motoring would be safer!"

TWENTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Adult Deaf Center, Jolimont Square on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the coming of our Principal.

Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham, "the guest of the evening" received a hearty welcome from the very large assembly of deaf and hearing friends, Mr Archie McLellan who presided said - Mr Abraham arrived in Melbourne on 9th October 1901, but as many Country Cousins came to Melbourne to visit the Show, the Anniversary Rally was fixed upon a date convenient to them. In referring to Mr Abraham's services for the deaf, he thought he could not do better than to quote Mr H. Sumner Martin, who was Hon. Secretary at the time of Mr Abraham's arrival, and who presided at the Anniversary dinner in his honor two years ago. Mr Martin said Mr Abraham laboured wholeheartedly in the interests of the Deaf and with remarkable success. When he arrived the Committee were in the habit of thinking in half crowns but Mr Abraham soon had them thinking in pounds, then in hundreds and finally in thousands of pounds, Mr Martin also said there was one great outstanding fact, and that was that without Mr Abraham the Society would never have had the Jolimont Square or the Blackburn properties, and they all know this is perfectly true. It is Mr Abraham's one ambition now to complete the buildings at Jolimont Square, and the work of the deaf to help him. In the name of the deaf he heartily welcomed Mr Abraham there that evening.

Mr Abraham briefly responded, thanking all for the many years of loyalty, they had had great times together, yet he looked forward to still greater times in the near future for the deaf of Victoria.
Then competitive games followed and were entered into with much enthusiasm. Many novelties were introduced. Messrs D. Calder and W. Ashby won the Leap Frog Race for Men. Miss Elsie Stephens claimed the Marbles and Spoon Race. Mr W. Anderson scored in the Soccer Race, so did Miss Cottom in the Ladies section. Miss D. Armstrong, a daughter of a member of our Board won the children's Soccer Race. Musical Rings brought much merriment and excitement, the game being finally won by Miss W. Henry and Mr N. Webb. A good few of our Country Cousins were present.

Messrs Atherton, Armstrong, Oehr and E. H. Peacock together with their wives and children were present, representing the General Board and they enjoyed themselves, we think we may claim, quite as much as ourselves. Supper, under supervision of the Worker's Club, terminated the happy evening. A case of Jonathan apples was offered as a prize to the winner who guessed the right number of apples and Mr J. Dickenson won it, guessed the correct number.

A UNIQUE EXPERIMENT.

The General Board of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria acting on the advice of their Principal, last July entered upon a unique experiment, an experiment that, so far as we know, has never been attempted anywhere. The Board has approved of the engagement of a deaf mute staff, the only hearing assistants to the Principal are the Assistant Secretary, a lady who has been with the Society for twenty years, and the Matron of the Blackburn Home, both these ladies can talk in the language of the deaf almost as freely as the deaf themselves. At the time of writing the deaf staff includes Missioner, Home Manager, Farm Manager, five Collectors, Center Gardener and Hallkeeper, Home Wardsman and several deaf farm employees. The arrangement is regarded purely as experimental therefore, subject to alterations, and the progress is anxiously watched. The Principal believes that given the right atmosphere success is attainable but it is a big thing to accomplish.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
At the ordinary Meeting of the Deaf Women's Guild held at our Center on 16th November, Miss Empson, Assistant Secretary to our Society, was given

a pleasant surprise. She was specially invited to be present at this meeting and believing that her services were needed in some particular way, at considerable inconvenience she, as usual, gladly attended with her ever smiling willingness, to undertake whatever was asked of her. Mrs Frewin, the President, was in the chair, and presently whilst Miss Empson sat wondering what was required of her, Mrs Boortz was seen to be speaking and before her was a very handsome handbag which she had much pleasure in presenting to Miss Empson, not only in recognition of the many personal kind services to herself at times when such thoughtful help, advice and attention was especially valued, but for her many acts of helpful kindness to very many, in fact all, deaf women who had sought her advice and assistance.
Mrs Boortz's thoughtful act was appreciated by all, and the burst of clapping was spontaneous showing how every one joined in approval of the happy thought.

NEW ADORNMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH.

To Mrs Frewin, President of the Workers' Club, Miss C. Ball, Hon. Secretary, Misses Gwen Hawkins and Doris Wood we extend congratulations on the success of their splendid achievement in making the new adornments for our Church, which consist of a beautifully braided Altar Table Cloth, cushions, reading and prayer desk cloths, book marks etc.
It meant a lot of work for these ladies and the giving up of several Saturday afternoons to sew at our Center, but we are sure they must feel well satisfied with the result when they view them from their places in the Congregation during Church services.

BENEFACTORS' DAY.

November 8th was"Benefactors' Day" amongst the Deaf and the Victorian branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Association celebrated the event with an illustrated lecture and social, at the Adult Deaf Center, Jolimont Square. A large number assembled to do honor to our Benefactors. Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham opened with an address on "Why do we celebrate the Day?" He said the occasion ought to be the 'speech night' of the year and every ex-pupil of a deaf school should be prepared to say something on that night. They could all recall at least two or three reminiscences of their school days. Someone had the bright thought of an "F. J. Rose" anniversary day, and a year or two after, to someone else came a still brighter thought, "All Benefactors" day. Their presence that evening was in itself an expression of gratitude on their part for their education and all the benefits education meant to the deaf. He spoke feelingly of the many fine men who gave their lives to the deaf, naming a large number, beginning with - De l'Epee, Heineicke, Braidwood and Gallaudet and ending with F. J. Rose, S. Watson and S. Johnson.
We ought ever to remember our school and our teachers, he said they were our greatest Benefactors. In concluding Mr Abraham said, "Do not wait until your benefactors have past"west" before honoring them. Let them see that you appreciate, and are grateful and have affection for them whilst they live. The deaf of Victoria had a great Benefactor still living in their midst, the ex-headmaster of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and ex-pupils should let him see that he still has a very big place in their hearts."
The lecture, also by Mr Abraham was illustrated by about 100 slides, portraits of past and present Headmasters of schools for the deaf in various parts of the world, and of Missioners to the Adult Deaf.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

The Hospital Sunday Collection in our little church at Jolimont was £9/11/-.

SATURDAY NIGHTS.

To stimulate enthusiasm in the Saturday Night gatherings, the Deaf Committee have had made one dozen card tables for use of members and has also introduced tournaments. On Saturday 24th November the tables were used for the first time opening with a Euchre Tournament.
Much excitement was created and Leslie Owen came out the winner with 8 wins out of 10 games. Prizes are to be awarded to winners on each succeeding Saturday after each tourney.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC.

A very successful Congregational Picnic was held on Cup Day, November 6th at our Blackburn Flower Farm when the deaf to the number of close on 100 attended, including Mr and Mrs J. E. Muir and Mr and Mrs G. Damman of Warburton who came down by car. The morning was spent inspecting the Farm and Home. Lunch was partaken of on front lawns and under shady trees at the side of the Home. In the afternoon a programme of races was the most popular attraction, it included 100 yds. Championship won by L. Sutton with W. Newton runner up, 50 yds. Ladies Championship - Mrs J. M. Johnston and Miss T. Darragh, Old Buffers Race - R. Beattie and D. Ashby, High Jumping - W. Grant and L. Sutton, Siamese Race - Mrs J. M. Johnston and W. Newton, Hop, Step and Jump - L. Sutton and W. Ashby, for ladies M. Ball and - Burge, 35 yds. children's race - Burge and - Michelson, Threading Needle Race - T. Stephens and T. Darragh, Boot Scramble (Men) J. Dickenson and W. Utber, for ladies- T. Stephens and Mrs F. Rees. Trophies are to be distributed at the Xmas Rally. All the staff were present, Principal, Asst. Secretary, Missioner, Home Manager, Farm Manager and Matron. The day was ideal and everybody happy.

OUR HOME FOR THE DEAF.

For the past few months our Home at Blackburn has been full, housing many more inmates than it was built to provide for. Some of the women are in the Administrative building and even the Cottage Hospital had to be made over for sleeping accomodation. Now that the winter has passed and many of our unemployed are returning to work the unusual conditions may ease off a little. Notwithstanding the crowded state it is a very happy and contented family. Employees and inmates alike are looking the picture of health and ere long we shall see our gardens once more a mass of bloom. The kitchen garden is already supplying the house with vegetables and promises to do so throughout the winter, potatoes included.

THE POULTRY FARM.

This section of the Blackburn Deaf Farm which is under the charge of Mr W. L. Anderson (Deaf) is the most successful feature of the farm just now. For three months prior to present management no eggs went to market, for the past four months a very satisfactory output has been marketed weekly and the home has had all the eggs required to satisfy the needs of forty deaf employees and inmates.

Mr and Mrs F. G. Barnes received a great welcome in Sydney. They were met by Mr and Mrs Earlan (N.S.W. Institution for Deaf Children), Mr Hersee (Welfare Officer of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society) and entertained by Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies' Board of Management, the Adult Deaf and the Tennis Club. Writing to our Principal Mr Barnes says, "We like your premises at Jolimont and we were also deeply interested in your Blackburn scheme."

THE DEAF AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

No one can affirm that the blind are the only class who, because of affliction, suffer social and industrial hardships. Deafness sets up these ills in large numbers. The deaf and dumb and the deafened or those who lost their hearing after speech had developed, are the victims of social losses far graver in nature than those of blindness. Large numbers of them are forced into unemployment and often poverty because they are no longer able to hear. The social and industrial hardship of these cases is undeniable; and their claim to whatever relief is possible is equally as strong as that of the blind, and on similar grounds. The deafened, in many cases, are too deaf to continue the work in which they have become efficient, and are often unable to secure employment in any other. Unlike the blind, of whom 67 per cent are unemployable, practically all the deafened are employable, but many become unemployed through deafness alone. This enforced idleness of capable workers is a direct loss to the community as well as to themselves. It is, of course, true that in some occupations deafness is a barrier. The question of enabling the nation's deafened people to gain their position in society is too big and too serious to be solved by local efforts here and there. It demands, as it merits, the attention of the State, and can only be effectively met in that way. The blind, in practically every case, have to be provided for permanently. The deafened would need assistance only for a period, and they would then merge into the ordinary working life of the community.
- "J. A. Story, Sec. National Institution for the Deaf, England."

"It is well that we remind our subscribers and the public generally that it is not the object of this Society to employ deaf mutes who are capable of earning their livelihood side by side with normal workmen. It is our aim to encourage the Deaf and Dumb to share all the responsibilities of citizenship with normal citizens. But there is a section of the deaf mute community who cannot maintain themselves without direct expert supervision and assistance - the mentally undeveloped. Some are too slow, some insufficiently educated, others sub-normal in varying degrees of mentality. For these, occupation of some kind should be provided. It is beneficial to them and to the rest of the community that these be provided with work under the supervision of an expert officer, at a wage sufficient to maintain themselves, or boarded and allowed a certain sum weekly according to their actual earnings. Otherwise, after trying to obtain permanent work, and in many instances leaving a wrong impression behind them as to the capabilities of the normal deaf, they become casual labourers, pedlars, etc., and finally a charge upon the community - this through no real fault of their own, but owing to the lack of instruction and supervision. This is a serious question, which should be dealt with immediately, as it involves the matter of the employment of the whole deaf mute community. One or two deaf mute "failures" passing from workshop to workshop do incalculable harm to the skilled deaf mechanic. In most instances, under favorable conditions the "failure" can be trained, if not to earn the standard wage, certainly to maintain himself. Up to the present the Society has been able to but superficially deal with this problem, giving the more pressing cases of the sub-normal temporary work and shelter at the Blackburn Home." - Vic. A.D.& D.S. Annual Report.

AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL GAMES FOR THE DEAF.

The International Games for the Deaf, held at Amsterdam, Holland, August 18th - 25th were a great success. Britain beat Czechoslovakia in the football final by 2 goals to 1. Twenty five British Deaf took part in the various games which took place in the magnificent new Olympic Stadium, the opening event being the football match. Seven nations sent teams. At Tennis, Misses Dawson and Durlacher (London) won the ladies' doubles. In swimming, Mr Burge (Bristol) got third prize. Altogether the British took part in four sections and were first in football, second to France in tennis, third in athletics to Germany and fourth in swimming to Holland.

KEEP TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER "ENGAGED".

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S O M E T H I N G E X T R A S P E C I A L.

ALL KINDS OF SURPRISES

LOTS OF FUN.

Also Father Christmas with toys for children of Deaf parents.
Ice cream, Supper, etc. etc.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES to winners of Cup Day Picnic Races, Billiard Tournament, Tennis Tournament, etc. etc.

H E A R T Y W E L C O M E T O A L L.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

This number of Our Bi-Monthly Newsletter will be posted to all deaf mutes residing in the country and can be obtained by the city and suburban deaf after Divine Worship on Sundays at the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square. Extra copies 6d. each.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Patrons:
His Excellency the Governor Col. The Right Hon. Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.
The Right. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Headquarters: Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

To the Hon. Treasurer,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

I have pleasure in enclosing the sum of £....., being a donation to the funds of your Society.

Name.....

Address.....

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For the Maintenance Fund.
For the Building Fund.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath the sum of £.....to the Treasurer for the time being of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria for the use of the said Society, for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

The disability of the Deaf and Dumb is not obvious, although very real.

IN URGENT NEED OF FUNDS. WILL YOU HELP?

Terrible as the situation of the Deaf person is, it does not immediately appeal to the compassion of everyone as is the case in regard to the Blind.

—Lord Charnwood, in the House of Lords.

The Deaf man is, perhaps, cut off from the world more severely than the Blind man.

—The Duke of Montrose.

My experience has taught me that **the public does not realise** what an appalling calamity is deafness and dumbness. If they did, much more attention would be paid to those suffering from it. Whereas people are always sympathetic towards and willing to help the blind, it frequently happens that the Deaf, who are very much more socially isolated on account of their affliction, are neglected.

—F. G. Barnes, M.A., National Institute of the Deaf. and 40 years a Teacher of the Deaf.

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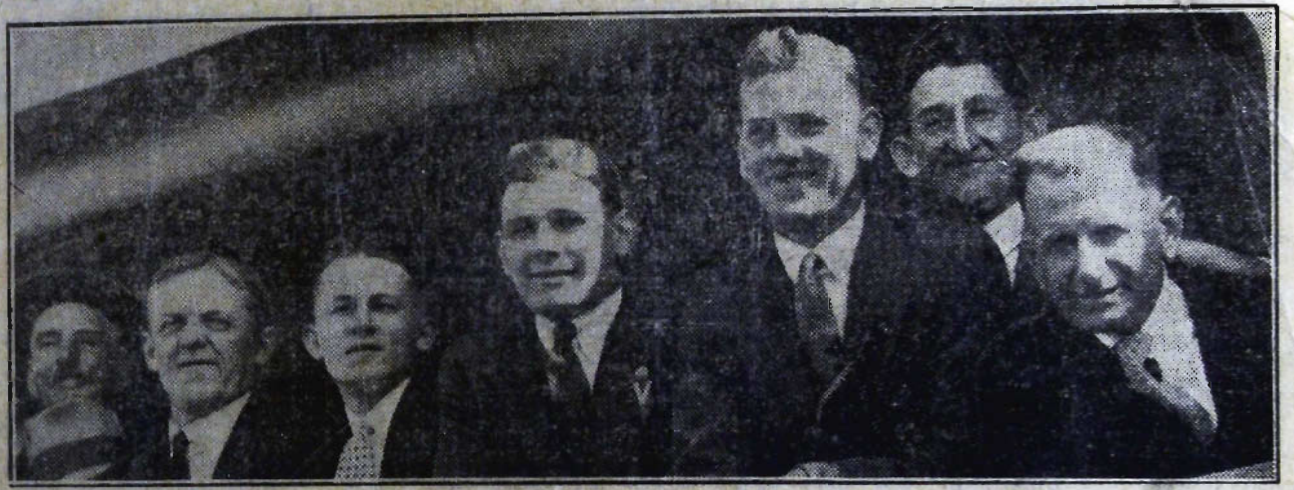
ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,

Principal

A TRIAL SOLICITED

D. CALDER

Deaf Mute Boot Repairer



WILL PLAY CRICKET IN HOBART.—The Victorian Deaf Mute Cricket Team, which sailed in the Nairana for Tasmania yesterday, where they will play in interstate matches for the Ernest J. D. Abraham Challenge Shield, now held by N.S.W. Four States—Victoria, N.S.W., S.A., and Tasmania—will compete.

Herald Nov 20th 1928

Mr F. G. Barnes, one of the secretaries of the National Institute for the Deaf, and for more than 40 years superintendent of the Home for Afflicted Children at Homerton, England, controlled by the London County Council, has left for Sydney, after having spent several days in Melbourne. While here he discussed questions relating to the welfare of deaf mutes with Mr E. J. D. Abrahams, principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute, and the deaf mutes entertained him at a social at their centre in Jolimont Square. Mr Barnes, who is accompanied by Mrs Barnes, is making a world tour to investigate the conditions under which the deaf and dumb are living in the British dominions. He has expressed himself as especially pleased with the manner in which they are cared for in Australia.

Sun News Pictorial Nov 21st 1928

Mr. F. G. Barnes, one of the secretaries of the National Institute for the Deaf in England, and for more than 40 years superintendent of the Home for Afflicted Children at Homerton, is in Melbourne this week. [redacted] what he has seen in Australia, says he is impressed with the manner in which the deaf and dumb are cared for.

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Age Dec 10th 1928

Adult Deaf and Dumb Association.

At the annual meeting of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Association, held at the Deaf Mute Centre, the following office bearers were elected:—President, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; vice-president, Mr. F. E. Frewin; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. A. Paterson; hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnstone; committee, Messrs. Mortimer, Luff, Edwards, Carriss, McLellan and Bourke. All the members of this association except the president are deaf, or deaf and dumb. This association is connected with, but distinct from, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, its aim being to maintain interest in objects for the welfare of the deaf within the States, and to prevent social abuses and injustice to the deaf and dumb.

January 1929.

Tuesday	1st	Closed.
Wednesday	2nd	Closed.
Thursday	3rd	Open Evening.
Saturday	5th	Recreation
Sunday	6th	Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	8th	
Thursday	10th	Scripture Study & Cinema
Saturday	12th	Recreation.
Sunday	13th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Tuesday	15th	Guild's Meetings
Thursday	17th	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Saturday	19th	Recreation
Sunday	20th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Tuesday	22nd	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	24th	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Saturday	26th	Recreation
Sunday	27th	Services 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Monday	28th	Mens Guild. ANA Day Picnic.
Tuesday	29th	Guild's Meeting.
Thursday	31st	Scripture Study & Cinema.

Age Jan 3rd 1929

FIRE-FIGHTERS INJURED.

Struck by Falling Tree.

WANGARATTA, Tuesday.—A fire broke out in the hill paddock of Mr. T. Brown's property at Whorouly East at half-past 10 o'clock this morning. A large number of fire fighters were soon on the scene, and managed to get the flames within control in the afternoon. Two well-known residents of the district suffered injuries of a more or less serious nature. Mr. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, and Mr. E. Nicholl, of Whorouly, were working with a water-cart at a tree when another tree fell. Part of it struck the rear of the water-cart, otherwise the consequences might have been more serious. Mr. Ferguson received more of the force of the tree than his companion, and after temporary aid had been given they were motored to Wangaratta to a doctor. It was found that Mr. Ferguson had suffered severe abrasions about the face and head, and a deep cut over the eye. He was taken to Lister Hospital for further treatment. Mr. Ferguson was wearing spectacles at the time of the accident, and the glass may have caused one of the wounds. Mr. Nicholl had his left arm severely bruised.

Sun News Pictorial Jan 3rd 1929.

At one time it was thought that Samuel Ferguson had been cut off, and a party, comprising J. and M. Molony, J. F. Dundas, jun., and G. McDonald, made three plucky attempts to get to his home, which lay along the main Everton road, both sides of which roared with fire.

At the third attempt they ran into a tree, so, abandoning the car, got to the house on horseback. Ferguson, however, had found his way out.

February 1929

Saturday	2nd	Euchre Tournament.
Tuesday	5th	Workers Club's Social
Thursday	7th	Annual Bay Trip.
Tuesday	12th	Deaf Mens Guild meeting
"	12th	Deaf Womens Guild meeting.
"	19th	Deaf Committee Meeting
"	26th	Deaf Men's Guild Annual Meeting
Every Sunday	3rd 10th 17th 24th 28th	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Scripture Study & Cinema.
Every Saturday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd	Recreation.

March 16th Garden Party ?

SATURDAY EVENING NEXT JANUARY 5th 1929

WELCOME SOCIAL

to

INTERSTATE CRICKETERS & VISITORS

including Mr. &. Mrs. O.R. Redman (South Australia)
Mr. &. Mrs. H.V. Hersee (New South Wales)

You are specially asked to come and help to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

SUPPER

Ernest J.D. Abraham

PRINCIPAL

April 1929.

Tuesday	2nd	Vacant.
Thursday	4th	Tennis Committee Meeting Scripture Class & Picture
Sunday	7th	Holy Communion. 11 A.M.
Tuesday	9th	Tennis Clubs Annual Meeting
Thursday	11th	Presentation to Miss Empson by K. G's. & Cinema.
Tuesday	16th	Mens Guild Meeting
"	"	Womens Guild Meeting
Thursday	18th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Tuesday	23rd	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	25th	ANZAC DAY Annual Meeting of Congregation (Postponed to 27th May)
Tuesday	30th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Services Morn & Evening
Every Saturday	6th 13th 20th 27th	Recreations.

Workers Clubs Social 4th May.

March 1929

Tuesday	5th	Cricket Club's "Salamagundi"
Sunday	10th	Harvest Thanksgiving Services.
Tuesday	12th	Deaf Men's Guild meeting.
-	12th	Deaf Women's Guild meeting.
Saturday	16th	Garden Party.
Monday	18th	Worker's Club's Annual Picnic to "Warrandyte".
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee meeting
Tuesday	26th	Deaf Men's Guild meeting.
Friday	29th	Good Friday
Saturday	30th	Easter Saturday
Sunday	31st	Easter Sunday.
Every Sunday	3rd 10th 17th 24th.	Services Morning & Evening
Every Thursday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Every Saturday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Recreation.
Sunday	7th	April Holy Communion

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

AND HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND BLIND DEAF MUTES

(INCORPORATED)

PHONE, J 1270

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ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE,
JOLIMONT SQUARE,
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Very Sincerely Yours
Ernest J. D. Abraham

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria.
Jolimont Square . East Melbourne C.2.

Church for the DEAF.

Members are reminded that our financial year ends on the 31st of March 1929.
Your Contributions per Envelope System up to Feb 28th amounted to £ - - . If you wish, and we hope you will, to increase this Amount, please do so before 31st March.

Subscribers of 5/- and upwards are entitled to a vote at the Annual election of Church Officers and are also eligible for a seat on the Deaf Committee.

Yours Faithfully
W A Paterson
Hon Treasurer
to the Deaf Committee.

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Deaf Workers' Club,
Jolimont Square,
JOLIMONT,
East Melbourne. C.2.

Sir or Madam:

ANNUAL PICNIC

You are respectfully informed that a char-a-banc will take a picnic party to Warrandyte on 8 Hours Day, Monday, 18th March, 1929.

Anyone wishing to join the party, is kindly requested to let the Hon.Sec. Mr. R. H. Lambert know before Saturday, 9th March.

The Secretary and his Committee look forward to your presence which would greatly help to make the picnic a most successful one.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. LAMBERT.

Hon. Sec.

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DEAF WORKERS' CLUB

Annual Picnic

To Warrandyte, on 8 Hours Day, Monday, 18th March, 1929

Picnic Party meet the Motor Coach at Jolimont Square, at 9 a.m., and return from Warrandyte at 7 p.m.

Ticket, 4/9

Ticket to be given up before entering Coach
R. H. Lambert, Hon. Sec.

"Argus" April 15th 1929

Along 100 members of the adult deaf community gathered at the Deaf Mutes' Centre at Jolimont yesterday evening to do honour to Miss Eileen Empson, the assistant secretary to the society, on the occasion of the completion of 21 years as an officer of the society. Councillor E. L. Morton presided, and Mr. E. H. Peacock, on behalf of the board of management, made a presentation to Miss Empson. The board of management was represented by Mr. W. A. Patterson, Mr. F. E. Frewin Councillor E. L. Morton, Mr. N. Armstrong (chairman of the home committee), and Mr. E. H. Peacock, all of whom spoke in high terms of the great services given to the society by Miss Empson. The deaf members also presented Miss Empson with a writing desk.

A House Party.

Dear M

You are invited to join in the above in aid of The ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB, at 26 Auburn Grove, Auburn, on Saturday, the 4th May, 1929, from 7.45 till 11 p.m., and hope you will be able to come.

Subscription not less than 1/- each. Please reply as soon as possible, saying you will come.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Johnston,
President Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club.

"Sun News Pictorial" April 16 1929

By Word of Hand

OFTEN when the adult deaf mutes have been quitting their pleasant headquarters in Jolimont o' nights I have watched friendly little scrimmages among the girls to capture Miss Eileen Empson as companion for the walk, and some lively chatter by word of hand station-wards down Flinders Street. One of them has been telling me in a letter how pleased they were the other day to show Miss Empson what affection she has created during the twenty-one years she has just completed as a most devoted officer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. One hundred of them gathered to do her honor.



Miss Eileen Empson

Cheery Walks and Talks

SINCE she was a girl of seventeen or so Miss Empson has been at the right-hand of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre's principal, Ernest J. D. Abraham. In its administration. She has made it her life work to see that the girls are happy with their drill classes and other pursuits. The Girls' Guild is one of her chief activities, and as president of the Ramblers' Club she walks them and talks them into a cheeriness many fully vocal people must envy.

ADDRESS TO DEAF MEN

Adult Deaf Mute Centre,

Jolimont Square,

MELBOURNE EAST C-2

Mr. E.R. Peacock, Our President, invites you to attend a meeting at which he will give an address to Deaf Men on

Thursday next May 23rd at 8.pm.

He expects you to accept this invitation

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D.T.C.

1929.

DEAF TENNIS CLUB 36

will hold a

Novelty Theatrical Evening

(In aid of the liquidation of Tennis Court Expenses)

on Monday, 3rd June at 7.30 p.m.
in the Hall of the Adult Deaf Victorian Society,
Jolimont Square.

A Lucky Number Prize Given ! - - Supper, Etc.

36 Tickets, 1/6 Each.

G. H. Newham,
Hon. Secretary.

Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club.

1929

Please help Us to help Ourselves.

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ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB

Will hold its

Own Luna Park Evening

In the

Hall of Adult Deaf & Dumb Society

Jolimont Square, East Melbourne.

On Tuesday, 2nd July, at 7.30 p.m.

Prize to Winner of each Game. Lucky Number Prize.
Supper, etc.

Gents 1/6 each. No 1
Ladies 1/- each.

L. Sutton, Hon. Secretary.

To my "Boys" and Girls

Book Sunday Evening. Sept. 15th
as definitely engaged
for your attendance
At Our Church
Jolimont Sq. Melbourne
I want to have a talk
About Many things
of great interest to you
and to our Society

Do not disappoint me -
- Come

Yours Faithfully
Ernest J. W. Newham

Hospital Sunday Fund

Office: TOWN HALL

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Melbourne, 29. 10 1929

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Melbourne, Oct 29th 1929

Paid to the Credit of THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY COMMITTEE, at THE COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY LIMITED (with which is amalgamated) THE BANK OF VICTORIA LIMITED, MELBOURNE,

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The President and Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society
are looking forward to the
Pleasure of Seeing You
at the
CHRISTMAS RALLY
to be held at the
Adult Deaf Centre
Jolimont Square. Melbourne East.
On Thursday. Dec. 18th at 7.30 p.m.
Come Early.
Parents bring your children.
Lots of fun - Competitions - Games
— Prizes - Novelties -
Christmas Tree - Supper

NEW CHAPEL FOR DEAF MUTES.



The erection of a chapel is included in plans for the improvement of the quarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at Jolimont square, East Melbourne. This aerial photograph shows by a white square the land owned by the society. Inset is shown the architect's drawing of the chapel, which will be erected on the site marked with a cross on the aerial photograph.

The Sweetest Message for ALL Time -
- Glory to God in the Highest
On Earth Peace, Goodwill toward men.

My Dear People
Christmas is with us again and wherever we go notwithstanding the general depression we see and feel the power of Christ spirit all about us. The hunger for peace and goodwill was never more evident, man's desire to help man was never greater nor ever before so sincere.
Our present difficulties are but temporary and like the storm will pass and be forgotten in the Sun-shine of happy days and too, we shall all be better for the experience.
We shall emerge not only with a Kinder Under-standing of one another but we shall know ourselves better and our share in the duties of Citizenship. Now, the present duty of good Citizen-ship is to wish each other, with the Sweetest of Smiles, and the heartiest of hand grips "A Very Happy Christmas" and I bring you that uniting Message from our Board of Management and the Staff of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria and join in most heartily myself.

We are expecting you at The Christmas Rally on the 18th Dec, really we are always expecting you and wanting to see you at your Church & Club House, You cannot Come too often but especially do we want to see you with us at this time of Festivity and Goodwill.

We are looking forward to a bright New Year with you and to many a happy gathering. If you have any suggestion that may add to the attractiveness of Our Club House please let us know it, for we want to attract, entertain and help you and all the Deaf. If you will Co-operate with us we may with all Confidence look forward to a happy & prosperous future. If we can help you personally Come and tell us how. We promise to do our best. To know you and your needs is the first step. Come and talk things over with us. You will at least find Very willing friends who are in the Name of the Lord JESUS, most anxious to be of Service to you.

God Bless You all

Yours Affectionately

Ernest J. D. Abraham



Two Sudden Deaths at Koroit.

KOROIT, Tuesday.—Two sudden deaths occurred to-day.

Mr. George Paton, aged 57 years, who was deaf and dumb and a member of a well-known family, went out shooting at 6 a.m. in the vicinity of Tower Hill Lake, 4 miles from Koroit. Two hours later his body was found near his bicycle. A post-mortem examination showed that death was due to a sudden seizure.

Mr. Charles Sansom, 61 years, also died suddenly this afternoon at his home. Death was due to heart failure.

Boy Could Not Answer Any of Nine Languages Tried by Police

POLICE and three interpreters, fluent in eight foreign languages, could get no answer from an apparently lost boy, aged 10, taken to the City Watchhouse yesterday.

Two strange coins in the boy's hand indicated that he was a foreigner.

The first interpreter, a Hungarian, plied questions also in Greek, Czecho Slovakian and Russian. A German interpreter tried French, and an Italian Spanish.

More linguists were being sought when an official from the Deaf and Dumb Institute in St. Kilda Road called for the boy, who had run away from the Institute in the morning.

The boy got the coins from a Norwegian sailor in the street.

INTERPRETERS PUZZLED.

Dumb Boy's Language Difficulty.

When a deaf and dumb boy, aged about 10 years, who was found on an electric tram from St. Kilda road in Swanston street early yesterday afternoon, was taken to the city watchhouse for identification he made inarticulate noises which the constables at the watchhouse believed were a foreign language. An Hungarian interpreter was sought, who, after questioning the boy, said that he was a German. A German interpreter was then brought to the watchhouse, but he affirmed that the boy was an Italian. An Italian interpreter having been found the boy was again questioned, but he gave no signs of understanding the questions. Several foreign coins found in the boy's pockets, which it is believed were given to him by Norwegian sailors, seemed to indicate that he was a Norwegian. Before a Norwegian interpreter could be found, however, a telephone message was received from the Victorian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, St. Kilda road, stating that a deaf and dumb boy had wandered away from the institute early in the afternoon. Soon afterwards the boy was taken back to the institute by his teacher.

EDITORIAL.

ONWARD.

Much of the best energy of the world is wasted in living on the past and dreaming of the future.

Some people seem to think any time but the present is a good time to live in, but the men who move the world must be a part of it. They must touch the life that now is and feel the thrill of the movement of civilisation.

It is not living in the world of yesterday, nor the world of to-morrow, but in to-day's world that counts. We must know the world and the day we are living in and keep in responsive touch with the great movements of civilisation.

We are going onward and nothing will stay the spirit of youth. Youth has formed a Hockey Club. and there is also to be an Automobile Club, probably an Horticultural Club.

Blackburn Farm will soon change its face, instead of acres of flowers, there will be acres of plants, shrubs, ferns and seedlings. Blackburn has heeded the voice of supply and demand, and thus the change over and Jolimont Gardens will look as it never looked before.

ARE THE DEAF SUSPICIOUS?

Someone asked that question, which will be answered in the next editorial issue.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

People will differ in opinion on every subject. As the old proverb has it, "Many men, many minds." We cannot expect the deaf to be an exception to this rule. It is perfectly natural that they should differ. These differences of opinions in themselves would do no harm. What does injure the deaf, and does cause them to appear to disadvantage is, that so many of them have not learned to criticise temperately and courteously, and to accept fair and courteous criticism in good temper. The principal way in which we learn to correct our mistakes is by listening to criticism—often pretty sharp criticism. For this reason our columns are open for fair criticism or anything to do with the interests of the deaf. But we will not allow any criticism that imputes dishonesty or base conduct or motive. Honest expression of difference is always good. The only thing that is depressing is blank, stolid, stifling indifference. You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your fingers.

PERSEVERANCE.

Blest is the man of high ideals
Who fails to-day, to-morrow and for days to come,
But never lowers his standard nor surrenders to defeat
Till hard and fort, till eye and ear
Till mind and heart are disciplined
And all abilities of body and soul are marshalled by the will
And more onward to the Drum-beat of perfection.

DIVINE SERVICE.

References in the Bi-Monthly Letter of November, 1929, and the Epitomised History, given with the Service of Consecration of our new church to the part played by Mr. A. C. Muir in founding the society, are of part interest. Many older members, while not doubting the great help given by Mr. A. C. Muir, were surprised that he claimed to be the actual founder of religious services for the deaf in Victoria.

It was understand that in 1879, Mr. Hesketh, who was head teacher at the St. Kilda Road Deaf and Dumb Institution, held the first service at the former Young Men's Christian Association Rooms in Russell Street. He took the responsibility of the hall and frequently conducted services on Sunday morning. About twelve months later, a well-educated deaf, Andrew Clarke, came to Melbourne from Montreal (Canada). He ably conducted service on Sunday evenings at St. Matthew's School Hall, in Prahran. The Committee responsible at that time consisted of Messrs. Hesketh, W. Bond, W. P. Muir, D. Piper, and A. Wilson, with G. Moore, our hon. secretary, and A. C. Muir hon. treasurer.

These services continued for a considerable time with an average attendance of twenty. An Association was founded about six months before Mr. Hesketh left for America. Later Mr. Clarke was obliged to go to America, also, and the sum of £35 was given to pay his fare.

The divine service then lapsed for about two years, until Mr. S. Johnson came from Ireland to be head teacher at the Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road. Through his influence our Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission was founded, the Board of Management being composed of reverend gentlemen representing the different churches, with Rev. W. Moss as hon. secretary and Mr. E. Newbiggin hon. treasurer.

Mr. S. Johnson founded the Deaf Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, while Mr. Luke was the founder of the Deaf Girls' Friendly Society in the Baptist Class Rooms, Little Collins Street.

Mrs. Lewis, who was the stepmother of Lucy Lewis, who is now Mrs. S. Moss, had a great influence on the lives of the early deaf. She conducted Bible Classes at her home in High Street, Prahran, until the Deaf Mission was formed. She provided a large Bible and hymn books for the use of the preacher.

Mr. A. C. Muir also wrongly stated that he was a correspondent to the British "Deaf Times." It was Mr. D. Piper who was the correspondent and agent to the "Times." Mr. D. Piper was the first deaf-collector to the Deaf Society on the half-time for some years before he resigned on account of constant work. Mr. Alex. Williamson took his place and held the position for several years.

Mrs. C. E. Frewin.

WEEKLY EVENTS.

Sunday: Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: Scripture Class and Lecturettes at 8 p.m.
Saturday: Recreation.

COMING EVENTS.

Holy Communion Service: Sunday, 6th April.
Men's Guild Meeting: Tuesday, 8th April.
Tennis Club's Annual Meeting: Thursday, 10th April.
Deaf Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 15th April.
"Centre" closed for the Easter holidays, except Saturday and Sunday, on 18th, 21st and 25th April.
Men's Guild Meeting: Tuesday, 29th April.

SYLLABUS FOR MAY NEXT.

Carnival Social Evening: Tuesday, 6th May.
Women's and Men's Guild Meetings: 13th May.
Deaf Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 20th May.
Men's Guild Meeting: Tuesday, 27th May.
(See date of the Society's Annual Meeting on Notice Board at the "Centre.")

CHRISTMAS SPORTS' CARNIVAL.

If you wish to participate in the Carnival, we advise you to join up and hand your name at once to either Mr. J. M. Johnston or Mr. W. Ashby, the Hon. Secretaries.

The subscription (gentlemen) is £2/2/-, and (ladies), £1/11/6. This entitles you to all the functions and festivities.

Mr. J. McLean, the Hon. Treasurer, will be glad to receive any weekly sum towards the subscription, so please start off now.

DEAF MOTORISTS.

A proposal has been recently made to form an Automobile Club for the deaf. All interested in this movement are kindly requested to forward their names with addresses to us. Further particulars will be announced later.

ANNUAL BAY TRIP.

On Wednesday, 5th February, the Blackburn Home inmates and their deaf friends, had their annual trip down the Bay. Through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., they were treated each to a free pass for this trip, which was very much enjoyed under the spell of glorious weather. The seaplane-flying display was to all the most attractive of the day's programme on board.

WORKERS' CLUB.

The Quarterly Social, organised by the Workers' Club, in aid of the forthcoming Christmas Carnival Funds, took place on Tuesday, 4th March, and realised over £2. A series of games competitions were arranged by Mrs. Frewin, Mrs. Ashby, Misses O'Gorman, and Hawkins. There was a fair company present, and some excellent performances were witnessed, and also appreciated.

Annual Picnic.

The members and their friends spent a most pleasant day on Eight Hours' Day at a picnic at Portarlington.

Great pleasure was expressed at the attendance of a few Geelong visitors, amongst whom were Miss Fisher, Mr. J. Hennessy and his brother with a friend, who quite enjoyed their day's outing.

PERSONAL.

We are pleased to have Mr. H. Puddy, one of our most promising athletes, back again, after his convalescence at Warburton, following a rather bad illness last month. He has happily recovered, and is as energetic as ever.

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Miss A. Graham, the deaf philanthropist, has just returned from Tasmania to her home at Toorak, after two months' well-earned holiday.

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Mrs. S. Ferguson, the well-known deaf-farming figure, of Bowman's Forest, had a two weeks' enjoyable holiday with us.

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Miss Jean Solomon, of Devonport, enjoyed her last Christmas holiday on her motor run to Launceston and Hobart, and had the pleasure of meeting some Melbourne deaf friends.

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Miss G. Mortimer, of South Gippsland, spent a most happy annual holiday in Melbourne for a month.

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Mrs. Crompton, of Flemington, is home again after an enjoyable holiday in Tasmania.

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Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Sydney, have just returned home after the close of two months with us.

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Miss D. Hickey is breaking her journey at Adelaide on the way home from West Australia to Melbourne.

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Mr. A. Hatley, of Terang, was in town for a brief period, and was looking well.

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Miss Salvado paid us a call prior to sailing back to Hobart to resume school duties.

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Messrs. Hart and Tonkin, both of Bendigo, were in town for a short stay, and reported that business there was very dull.

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Mr. Geo. Ashley, of Geelong, has been a frequent visitor to the "Centre." * * * *

Mr. Colin Johns, of Horsham, motored 194 miles to Melbourne to spend his two weeks' holiday, which included a visit to the Garden Party at Lake Park, Blackburn.

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Mr. F. Cummins is on a sheep station, 10,000 acres in extent, at Boorooraban. He reported in his letter a fair season, and gives kind regards to all.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland, with their baby son, spent their annual holiday at Mordialloc. They were fortunate in having ideal weather, and had a dip every day in spite of the shark scare.



JAPANESE SCULPTOGRAPH.

Mr. E. R. Peacock, Consul for Czecho-Slovakia in Victoria, had a bronze bust made of him by a photographic process when he was a delegate to the Pacific Rotary Conference in Japan in 1928. The Japanese inventor of the process worked on his idea for fifteen years, and so far only three sculptographs has been reproduced. The bust was brought to Melbourne by delegates to the Pacific Rotary Conference at Sydney. Mr. Peacock, President of the Board of Management, has been an active member for forty years.

By courtesy of "The Argus."

Mr. and Mrs. Boortz will probably join again with their married daughter in Sydney for the Easter holidays.

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Mr. Bert Hague sends greetings to all. He is at present engaged on the work of road construction, sixteen miles from Albany. In his letter he draws an interesting comparison between Government and private contracts. He reports the absence of a fair deal from the Government, but that the private contractor places him on the level with the hearing workers in view of the risk of the motor-traffic danger.

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A CORRECTION.

We apologise for two mistakes occurring in the last issue, so we reprint the following amended particulars:—

Mr. Utber, of Kew (in place of Mr. J. Leber) has bought a Baby Austin de-luxe saloon car.

In the Marriage column, it should read "Bladier—Gladman. At St. Mathias's Church, North Richmond, by Rev. Ernest Frewin M.A. (eldest son of our Mr. F. E. Frewin), on 21st December, Walter Bladier to Winnie Gladman (hearing)."

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"MANY HAPPY RETURNS."

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby were the host and the hostess at an enjoyable social party at their home at East Brunswick on 8th February, held to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Eileen O'Gorman, one of our indefatigable committee-members of several clubs. A birthday cake was the centrepiece to some lovely floral decoration aided by shaded lights presented a very pretty effect. Miss O'Gorman was a recipient of numerous presents and best wishes for the future.

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Mr. S. Moss, one of the Society's oldest deaf-members, who celebrated his 79th birthday on 15th March, was kindly remembered by Mr. N. Armstrong, Chairman of the Board of Management, who in the course of his speech, wished him "Many Happy Returns of the Day" on behalf of those present at the Annual Garden Party at Blackburn.

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Our sympathy is extended to Miss C. Ball, who suffered a bereavement by the death of her father, and to Miss R. Cram for the loss of her father.

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Mrs. Thomson had the misfortune to lose her cousin, Ray Neville, aged 20, in the recent air-crash at Essendon.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Holmes, of Sydney, lost their ten months' old baby. They have our deepest sympathy.

GUILDS.

The Ladies' Guild spent a very happy picnic at Black Rock on Saturday, 15th February.

On Tuesday evening, 11th March, the Guild read "Just Names," which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all members.

The subject, "The Advantages of a Hostel to the Deaf," unexpectedly came under rather severe criticism at an amalgamated meeting of the Young Women's and Young Men's Guilds, held on the evening of 11th February.

The charge was made that the object of hostels for the deaf is the restriction and conversation of the deaf with the hearing, especially in young life, as there are numerous hostels in the city open to either hearing or deaf.

The criticism was used in the extravagance of finger and sign language, that there may be a germ of truth in it is indicated by the resolution of the meeting where possible to prevent "the digging up of big ideas" by those concerned in the "Vision of the Future" plan becoming the "graves of mental benefit" of the deaf, and particularly, the consequent exhibition of themselves and thus, boosting the plea of further charity.

The Progress of the Guild.

There was a gratifying attendance of members at the Guild's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 25th February. Mr. J. M. Johnston (President) occupied the chair.

The Secretary's (Mr. W. Wood) report showed that during the past year much useful work had been accomplished, and the services of lecturers, debaters and others had been a welcome to deaf affairs, thereby helping in a valuable way to train up the Guild.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as:—President, Mr. R. H. Lambert; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. W. Wood (re-elected) and F. Kendall; Committee, Messrs. F. E. Frewin, O'Bryan, G. B. Mortimer and E. Johnston.

Prohibition.

"That liquor licences be abolished" was the affirmative argued by Mr. D. Dodson in an entertaining debate against Mr. F. E. Frewin at the same Guild on the 11th March. No decision was announced, but it was a debate worth attending.

The diehards of Temperance were present in dozens and they applauded with the frenzy of unconscious humor, which has distinguished them from their fellow-members since Prohibition in America became an accomplished fact.

Both Messrs. W. Ashby and E. Johnston proved to be able debaters, who deserved encouragement from all present.

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The fruits of success depend on the seeds of study.

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Don't expect life to be all flowers. Every beautiful rose represents good hard digging on somebody's part.

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Put your back to the wall by all means, but don't let it hold you up!

NEW GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

The formation of the above Club took place on Saturday, 1st March. Miss Empson was elected to take the chair, and very ably conducted the meeting.

The election of new office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. E. R. Peacock; Vice-President, Miss Empson; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Misses E. Stephens and R. Dow; Committee, Misses O'Gorman, Alice Smith and B. Heggie.

It is understood that the new club will be under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A., who kindly lent their ground for a practice game on a Saturday. We hope to see all rapidly become experts, and able to field a good class team this coming season, with a good reserve.

Miss E. Stephens, a bright young deaf enthusiast, is to be complimented upon the success of forming the new Girls' Hockey Club, and is assured of our appreciation for her enterprising service to the athletic circle of the deaf, as well as of the hearing.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The above club held its annual meeting on the 8th March, when Mr. J. M. Johnston occupied the chair. The meeting was the most enthusiastic in the history of the Club. The number present was sixty, being a record for many seasons.

Hearty congratulations were duly accorded to the Malvern Club on attaining the honor of the present premiership. Much credit is due to the Deaf Club for fighting so hard to obtain a lead with the fortunate club. This has raised high hopes for a successful season for the Deaf Club next season.

During the past season our team played eighteen matches, out of which fourteen was won, losing four and received one "walkover." They scored 241 goals against 148 of our opponents.

The meeting unanimously resolved to record in the minutes their high appreciation of twenty years' service rendered to the club by Mr. W. Anderson, who has been a most loyal and conscientious playing member.

For the coming season, the prospects of the team seem to be bright, as the possibility of forming a second team is anticipated.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Anderson, G. Mortimer and W. Ashby; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. L. Sutton and F. Kendall; Committee, Messrs. W. O'Bryan, H. Puddy and W. Wood.

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Don't grumble at being "between the shafts." After all you might be "in the cart"!

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Success never comes by request, but only by conquest.

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Determination will sweep the biggest obstacle aside.

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES. BLACKBURN. VIC.

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"There are few on earthfree from Cares, none that do not carry burdens of sorrow, and if all were asked to make a package of their troubles, and then throw that package on a common pile, and then were asked to go and choose a package which they were willing to bear, all would select their own package again. Your heartaches may be great, your burdens heavy, but look about you, and with whom would you change?

ADULT DEAF SOCIETY - ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was held in the Melbourne Town Hall on the 6th. June at 3 p.m. The Lord Mayor presided over a large audience. Amongst those present were the President, Mr. E. R. Peacock, Captain L. A. Cleveland, Mr. Councillor Morton, Mr. N. Armstrong, Mr. Edgar Peacock, Mr. A. E. Lonsdale (N.S.W), Mr. R. J. Oehr, Rev. Dr. Strong, Rev.W . Adeney, Rev. Newport White,. The Hon. Sec. read the report and financial statements.

The Annual Report recorded a year of exceptional usefulness, but one of the most trying in the annals of the Society and for the time being much needed additions for the housing and accomodation of the Society's varied activities had to be held in abeyance. The Financial Statement was a matter for regret. For the first time in thirty years the board was faced with a heavy deficit in the management accounts, and there was still a debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont property, and the need of buildings to house the Societys many activities grew more acute every year.

The balance sheet showed that the receipts for the year ending 31st. March 1929, totaled £5888 and the expenditure £7222. Moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the Lord Mayor expressed gratification at the progress the society had made during the 45 years of its existence. The society now catered for practically all the adult deaf and dumb in this State. The only matter for concern in regard to the activities of the society during the year was that expenditure had exceeded income, but this had been due to extra costs inseparable from the work of all institutions at this period when the high cost of living and industrial troubles had interrupted the usual flow of subscriptions. The community was indebted to the board of management for the fine work it voluntarily did on behalf of those not able to help themselves. (Applause) Mr. E. R. Peacock, president, seconded the motion, and declared that although the year's finances had not been as favourable as they might have been, the society had good assets, particularly the head quaters at Jolimont, and the property at Blackburn. Some people seemed to think that if finances were not too good the board should sell these assets to make a profit, but he emphasised it was the declared policy of the society not to sell its assets. The board was not a trading concern, but the trustee of the money subscribed by a generous public for a specific purpose.(Hear, Hear.)

He paid a warm tribute to the work and enthusiasm of the principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and added that the day was coming when the society would have to engage subordinates to carry on the grand work Mr. Abraham had started, and thus release Mr. Abraham for the work of national secretary for Australia. Several inter-State societies needed the advice and guidance of an experienced and capable organiser such as Mr. Abraham. (Applause.) The motion was carried. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, of the New South Wales society, briefly addressed the meeting, paying a tribute to the excellent manner in which the Victorian society was managed. He said N.S.W. was indebted to Victoria. In a time of difficulty, some fifteen years ago N.S.W. sent for Victoria's Principal and he succeded in placing the N.S.W. Society on a firmer basis, and this year through the Victorian Society's president N.S.W. again benefited by his timely assistance. Rev. H. W. H. Adeney, recalled the early days of the Society, when it was just a little mission to the deaf, and the coming of this Principal some thirty years ago. He congratulated the Board upon the wonderful progress made during these years. An address, signed by 200 deaf and dumb folk, was presented to the chairman, expressing appreciation of the work of the board and loyalty to the society. Board Members expressed gratification at this tribute, and said it would encourage them to still better efforts. The following officers were elected:- Patrons, Lord Somers, the Lord Mayor; president, Mr. E. R. Peacock; honorary secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; honorary treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland: committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, Cr. E. L. Morton, E. H. Peacock, W. A. Paterson and G. Newnham; auditors Mr. O R. McDonald.

ONE OF THE PIONEERS.

There was a murmur of surprise at yesterday's annual meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in the Melbourne Town Hall, when a man of small stature, aged and bent, was led forward and presented to the Lord Mayor, who presided. "This is Rev. W. H. Adeney, who was a very prominent worker in the interests of our society many years ago, "declared the president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, in introducing him to the Lord Mayor. Mr Adeney, who is 90 years of age, was asked to say a few words, and there was another murmur of surprise when he began to address the meeting in a loud, clear voice that could even be plainly heard outside in the passage. After expressing pleasure at being present, Mr. Adeney congratulated the board upon the great progress that had been made in recent years. He contrasted the present attitude of compassion and sympathy towards the deaf and dumb and that which prevailed years ago, when an impression existed that they were in a hopeless position, and practically nothing could be done for them. How different it was to-day, when they were helped and encouraged to engage in useful and interesting employment, and a wonderful system of signs had been invented, so that they were no longer cut off from all communication with fellow human beings. After the meeting a number of people surrounded Mr. Adeney and heartily congratulated him upon his little speech, and upon his appearance at the society's annual meeting. "Age" 7th. June.

DEAF MOTORISTS. STICK THIS IN YOUR HAT.

Instead of being a menace on the roads, persons suffering from deafness are the safest drivers, statistics show. In the State of Pennsylvania (U.S.A) there are 177 deaf mutes holding driver's licences, and not one of them has ever been involved in an accident. There are also 1980 drivers classified as "deaf" but accident reports from them are rarities. The explanation is that, knowing their disabilities, they do not take chances.

All Lands are fair to him who knows Content,
All Skies are sunny and all fields green."

A NEW SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN CHINA.

A little over sixteen years ago a school for the blind was founded at Shanghai, China, through the efforts and through the financial backing of Dr. John Freyer, Professor Emeritus of Oriental Languages and Literature of the University of California. His son, George B. B Freyer, became its Superintendent, Recently through the same influence, a new school for the deaf was founded at Shanghai, with Mr. and Mrs. George B. Freyer as its Honorary Superintendents. Twelve pupils from the School for the Deaf at Hangchow, which was closed for lack of funds,

and five girls from the School for the deaf at Chefoo were its first pupils. The first annual report of this new school has just been received, and its contents are very interesting.

THE DEAF AND VIBRATION.

Here is something of interest to the Australian Deaf. We borrowed it from the "Daily Express". What do you think about it? "Hearing is one of the greatest of blessings. One has to be deprived of the ability to hear to realise that. Having lost the power to hear as normal persons do, how do deaf persons hear? They hear by vibration. The fingers become super-sensitive. Every part of the body becomes susceptible to waves of sound. A deaf man who is a joiner went into an ironmonger's shop to purchase a door bell. The shopman opened the box containing the bell, extracted it, and held it up to the deaf man's ear. "Give it to me," the deaf man said, "and I will show you how the deaf hear." He took it and manipulated it with his fingers, saying, "Yes, that will do nicely; it rings true." He heard the ringing of the bell with his fingers by vibration. No calling, no noise would awaken a deaf man from sleep. He would slumber peacefully and calmly through a violent thunderstorm, but at a touch of the hand, a movement of the bed, would be wide-awake. A deaf man is perfectly safe with machinery, and can test the easy working of the gear with precision. The normal man listens for the whistle of the shaft or bearing when it requires oil. The deaf man can tell in a moment by touching the shaft with his hand. It is not only possible, but an ascertained fact, that a deaf man can find the mortar spaces between bricks in a wall that has to be plugged quite as quickly as the man who can hear. They both follow the same method. They knock the wall lightly with a hammer; the normal man knows by the distinction in sound where to plug; the deaf man also knows by vibration. In domestic life the deaf man does not incline his head towards the kettle, but hears the water in the kettle singing with his hand. Some deaf persons carry a little box made of wood in one hand when they are moving about the streets. The vibrations received by the box are communicated, and the traffic can be recognised, its dimensions, its direction, its nearness.

WATCH YOURSELF GO BY.

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I".
Pick flaws, find fault, forget the man is you,
And strive to make your estimate ring true;
The fault of others then will dwarf and shrink,
Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link,
When you with "he" as substitute for "I"
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

Sandy.
in the "Herald".

THE KING'S LEGACY.

The above is the title of a book published by the Sheldon Press, London, England. The author is Kate Whitehead, a totally deaf woman, and her story, based on historical events is of absorbing interest. It centers around the school of the Abbe de l'Epee, during the reign of King Louis XVI, with the Abbe Sicard as one of the chief characters. The preface is by the Rev. C. C. Watts M.A., a former Archdeacon of Switzerland. In the concluding paragraphs he says: "And the author of this tale has dug deep into the mine of history and unearthed a very interesting story full of pathos and dignity. And in the unfolding of it she plays upon our emotions with rare skill. Having been herself completely deaf from early childhood she has been thrown much upon thought and study for companionship. And this is the result, "She has been able to enter into the difficulties and inner mind of those shut out from much of the life of the busy world of those around them. It is this power of sympathy with her hero which makes him live before us. Her characters are not mere puppets on a stage. They are living men and women and hold us full of interest till the end. And surely this is literature: to unfold for us the thoughts and lives of living men and women - real and living though they may be characters in a book."

THEN LAUGH.

Build yourself a strong box, Fashion each part with care; When its strong as your hand can make it, Put all your troubles there. Hide there all thought of failure, And each bitter cup that you quaff; Lock all your heartaches within it, Then sit on the lid and laugh. Tell none else its contents, Never its secrets share; When you have dropped in your care and worry, Keep them forever there. Hide them from sight so completely, That the world will never dream half; Fasten the strong box securely, Then sit on the lid and laugh. Odie W. Underhill (Deaf)

THE SILENT CHURCH.

The stillness of an empty church is dear beloved by me, Although no greeting work is said, His presence there I see. Alone I pray my silent prayer; The Nave is large and dim, And there I feel a peace that steals Within my heart from Him. And yet I go at service time, To worship with the rest; When they ingather in His Name I love the still church best. Francis Van Fleet Lyman (Deaf)

IS A DEAF AGE COMING?

Are we becoming deaf through the constant noises of modern life? Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, inspector in music in training colleges, lecturing at the summer course in music teaching at Oxford, said that "though most of our senses have developed, the sense of hearing has dropped behind and has become somewhat blunted." Mr. A. J. Story, secretary of the National Institute for the Deaf, told a reporter that he was inclined to agree with this statement. "I was told by a well known medical man the other day," he added, "that one-third of the population of this country are suffering more or less from deafness. "There is no doubt that the noise of everyday traffic and other noisy components, has affected the hearing of many of us. "It is quite true to say that thousands of people are yearly becoming deaf because they neglect their ears. If they were to consult a specialist immediately their hearing became affected in the same way as they do their eyes ot throat, I am convinced that there would be far less permanent deafness in the world." A West-End aurist says "People are becoming more deaf, and I think if things go on there will be a very real danger in time. "The noise of traffic and the general din of everyday life is mainly responsible."

A DEAF BOY'S PRAYER.

He was such a little tot, The youngest in the school year, And he knelt beside his cot, I drew near that I might hear What his baby lips were saying, For I saw that he was praying. Only three words, the names of his toys, Had he been taught to say. But he had watched the other boys As they knelt each night to pray; And his little soul in darkness bound, Was seeking the light the others had found. Surely on breath of angels borne, The Prayer he uttered ascended above, And the Christ, who pitied the lamb new shorn, Looked down on the child with wondrous love. These words I heard, all that he knew, "Afish, a top, a shoe."

SPEAKERS FIND INTERPRETING DISTRESSING.

When one does not know how to convey to an audience incapable of hearing the words and meaning of an ordinary speaker the task is not easy to the uninitiated. The art, however, has been completely mastered by Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, who gave a striking display of his abilities when he interpreted the words of the Premier and Mayor yesterday to the members of adult deaf societies visiting Hobart. Mr. Abraham's fingers worked incessantly, and a lot was conveyed by dumb show. The Premier is a fast speaker, but what he said was made as plain as could be to those who could not hear a word or hear very little. That was apparent from the facial expression of those to whom the speeches were made, but precisely how it was managed is puzzling to the ignoramus in "sign talk." Incidentally speakers in such circumstances find it distracting, for of course the eyes of deaf persons are fixed on the interpreter the whole of the time instead of their attention being concentrated on the speaker, as is the case normally.

THE ONLY WAY TO WIN.

It takes a little courage And a little self control And some grim determination If you want to reach a goal. It takes a deal of striving, And a firm and stern-set chin, No matter what the battle , If you're really out tocwin. There is no easy path to glory, There's no rosy road to fame. Life, however we may view it, Is no simple parlor game; But its prizes call for fighting, For endurance and for grit, For a rugged disposition And a "don't-know-when-to-quit." You must take a blow or give one, You must risk and you must lose , And expect that in the struggle You will suffer from a bruise. But you mustn't.wince or falter If a fight you once begin; Be a man and face the battle- That's the only way to win.

INAPPROPRIATE GESTURES.

Certain strange and inappropriate gestures have crept into the sign-language of the deaf, just as there are local idioms and slang phrases in spoken English. A recent editorial in the Deaf-Mute's, Journal, a weekly newspaper for the deaf, thinks that the language has deteriorated from the weight of many such colloquialisms and excrescences. The editor commends and encourages any literary society which will "take up the effort to preserve the language of signs in all its clarity and beauty of expression, as it was first taught, and carry on the heritage. Silent Missionary.

A DEAF PRINCE.

Prince Jaime, the second son of King Alfonso, is to visit London to undergo a new form of treatment for his deafness and speech impediment. He will, it is stated, be under the care of an eminent London masseur, whose patients include Peers and industrial magnates, and whose cures are claimed to include cases of paralysis and other diseases which have been pronounced incurable. The course of treatment for Prince Jaime, who is nearly 21 years of age, will ex tend over several weeks. The Prince has frequently visited England for treatment, and has undergone many operations to his ears; but this will be the first time he has been in the hands of a masseur. He visited England in March, 1926, and again in the autumn of that year, to consult an ear specialist, and seemed to derive much benefit from the treatment.

THE DEAF MUTES HOME.

Don't think our lives are drab, my friend, because we're deaf and dumb, A fallacy that's held by quite a few, For though our world's a silent one, we're never sad or glum- We have our pleasures just the same as you, We take an interest in our jobs, have three good meals a day, Our "quarters" too, are of the very best; In fact, there's nothing humdrum, whether working or at play, We're ever ready with a quip or jest. We have our "small talk" just exactly as you hearing folk, With finger signs and gestures we convey Just what we have to chat about, and crack some little joke, And thus our lives pass pleasantly each day. We join in sport of all kinds, "do" the pictures to the full, (But here we have to pause and say just this) That when it comes to music, it is there you have the pull, But what we've never had we never miss. Thomas Bennett in "The Box Hill Reporter."

MODERN INVENTIONS AND THE DEAF.

The movietone and vitaphone are rapidly bringing abour such a change in the technique of the silent drama as must eventually debar the deaf from its enjoyment. The movies have been one of the few forms of enjoyment in which the deaf could share on equal terms with the hearing. Now they are approaching the legitimate stage in its dependence on the spoken word. How many have been the evenings, when, after yawning through the evening paper, we could casually remark to the wife, "How about a movie?" and in the word of the garrulous Samuel Pepys, "so to a 'movie palace'" to be lulled by the easy sophistries of a silver sheet. But there are other compensations. For what we may be losing in one medium, we may be gaining in another. The more sanguine prophets predict a time when television will enable deaf to use the spelled or signed word at long distances. This consideration aside, however, the pleasure of seeing far-away friends and relatives will be no small gain. Most deaf people know that the

telephone was invented as a direct result of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's experiments to devise an instrument to help the deaf. It proved a boomerang, and laid upon those it was intended to benefit, an added handicap in the industrial world. Yet, this is only one side of the picture. Through the gracious assistance of strangers, as well as friends, the telephone has often proven of great assistance to them. Thus the deaf look expectantly forward to these new inventions, knowing that they are not altogether deprived of their benefits.

HELEN KELLER NOT BORN DEAF.

Mr. H. A. Keller, of Knoxville, U. S. A., a cousin of Miss Helen Keller, after reading a news story in a Knoxville paper to the effect that Miss Keller was born deaf, dumb and blind, wrote the following statement to the editor of the Knoxville Journal:- "The writer of the press dispatch in the Journal recently has made the same mistake about Helen Keller that others have made, as she was not born deaf, dumb and blind, and at birth was a normal child, and at the age of eighteen months could see, talk and hear, but a severe illness caused the loss of these faculties. Her father was Captain Arthur H. Keller, of Tuscumbia, Alta. I attended a re-union of the Kellers at his home at the time she was sick, and was kept in a dark room on account of her eyes."

WORLD CONGRESS OF THE DEAF- 1930

The World Congress of the Deaf, to be held at Buffalo, U. S. A., in the summer of 1930, is expected to attract more than 10,000 deaf persons from all parts of the United States, Canada and Europe. And to culminate the convention a huge statue of the Abbe Charles de L'Epee, the French priest, who made the first attempts to educate the deaf, by founding a school for them, in Paris, and who invented a sign-language for them, will be erected on the lawn of St. Mary's School for the Deaf, at Main and Florence Ave. Local members of the National Association of the Deaf, headed by A. L. Sedlowsky and J. J. Coughlin, are making tenative arrangements for the convention.

The deaf Polish artist, Maurice Minowski, has been made an Officer of the Legion of Honour as a special recognition of genuis. This is a magnificient achievement, and reflects the greatest credit on both himself and those who taught him.

In Atlanta, Ga., U. S. A., the colored deaf have recently formed a club called "The Silent Unity Club," and are holding weekly meetings which are helping to keep their class together in friendly unity, and is also building up quite a neat sum of money in their treasury, to be used to help each other.

King Albert of Belgium has conferred the Order of the Crown upon Henri Gaillard a noted deaf man in France, editor of La Gazette Des Sourds-Muets, the leading organ of the deaf in France for his aid in establishing organizations of the deaf in Belgium.

"'Tis easy enough to be pleasant When life flows along like a song, But the man worth while is the man who can smile When everything goes dead wrong."

DEAF MOTORISTS GIVE THIS A THOUGHT.

Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, London, Vice-President of the Royal Automobile Club, declared that a man who was completely deaf was well able to drive a motor-car. He was being cross-examined at a sitting of the Royal Commission on Transport when he made the statement. Such statements coming from so high an authority in the motoring world are valued by deaf motorists, and while the present situation in regard to the Deaf being granted road licences is so favourable it is up to all deaf drivers of motor-cars to take care that they preserve the good opinion of the public, and to continue to demonstrate that they are good and efficient drivers and not a menace to the safety of the public. One reckless deaf driver might be sufficient to destroy this good opinion and precipitate a struggle for our rights that would prove costly and long drawn out. The number of deaf or hard-of-hearing users of the road must extend into thousands, but so exemplary has been their conduct that it is indeed a rare

occurance for a deaf person to come in conflict with the authorities as the result of a breach of the law of the road. Caution, it would seem, is the watchword of the Deaf. British Deaf Times.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

During his visit to Western Australia our President, Mr. E. R. Peacock showed his interest in the Adult Deaf and Dumb of the State by attending the monthly meeting of the Committee in March. The meeting comprised about 12 members, the Chairman, Mr. H. H. Blackmore, the secretary, Mr. R. Haylock, and most of those present being deaf mutes, and with three or four hearing and speaking members. It appears the society has total funds to the extent of about £200, and several sites for a building are under consideration. It was reported that four or five Deaf Mutes were out of work, and much time was spent in discussing the details and of securing police permission to conduct a sweep to raise further money. In responding to a welcome from the Chairman our President suggested that the management should be strengthened by the securing as members some leading business men with vision and imagination to study the whole position and make the conditions and needs of the Adult Deaf and Dumb adequately known to the community. He was sure the public would give the money if successful work was being actually done in the interest, of their handicapped fellow-citizens. What a transformation our superintendent could make in their position if the Melbourne Board could make his services available to Perth for a few months.

Adult Deaf Routed. "Deaf Adults who are obviously out of their class suffered another heavy defeat on Saturday when Guildford beat them by 30 to 4. Westrals had a comfortable victory over Perth by 12 to 2 and Fremantle 16 beat East Fremantle 9. In the B grade Meylands had still another victory, this time over Fremantle by 17 to 1. North Perth defeated Westrals; Swans beat Perth and East Fremantle downed Guildford." West Australian Call.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

At the Women's Guild meeting, held on the 12th. December, Miss M. Gilson read a paper on "The Negro's wedding" and Mrs S. Peters gave "The Merchant of Venice."

A Social opened the Women's Guild meeting for the year 1929, and was held on the 12th. January. A kitchen tea was given by the members to Miss M. Ball who was married on the 26th January. Games were played. Miss Ball thanked all for the useful presents she received. Supper brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The 12th. February was a question box night. Miss Hicky and Mrs T. Peters were appointed to answer the questions at the next meeting of this guild. The same evening Miss G. O'Gorman read a paper on "The Idea League on boy or girl", and Miss E. Stephens read a paper entitled "The fruit of the Spirit is Joy". Both papers were much enjoyed.

On the 16th. February the members of the Women's Guild journed to Darebin by electric train, and finding the weather wet returned by the next train to the Center, where good games were indulged in, finishing with tea on the verandah.

On the 12th. March Miss D. Hickey gave the "Answers to Questions" submitted at the prior meeting, and on the 16th. April Miss D. Hickey also gave a paper on "China's Customs", which was very interesting.

On the 14th. May The Annual Meeting was held, and there was a large attendance. The Report and Balance Sheet were read and adopted. The election of Office Bearers resulted as follow: President, Mrs T. Peters, Vice President, Miss E. Empson, Hon. Treasurer Miss R. Dow, Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Higgie, Committee, Mrs F. E. Frewin, Miss D. Hickey, Miss E. O'Gorman, Miss M. Dow, and Miss Elsie Stephens. Supper was partaken of at the termination, to which members of the Men's Guild were invited.

DRAUGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

A Draught's Tournament was played on two consecutive Saturday evenings for a prize (a Nickel Silver Sugar Bowl donated by a "Well-wisher"). The First Night there was no haadi cap, but the second was handicapped, and it brought forth much excitement and eventually Mr. Dodson came out the winner by 2 points.

TENNIS CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Tennis Club was held on 9th. April 1929, when the usual routine of reading the Annual Report and Balance Sheet was gone through. The following are the Office Bearers:- Patron, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, Vice-President, Miss Elsie Stephens, also Messrs. G. Mortimer and H. Puddy, Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Dow, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Geo. Newnham, Committee, Messrs. T. Peters, R. H. Lambert Misses L. Sanders and B. Higgie.

THEATRICAL EVENING.

The Deaf Tennis Club staged a nevel evening called "The Novelty Theatrical Evening", on the King's Birthday evening, at the Hall of our Society. A sketch "The Town Party" performed by an all deaf cast consisting of Messrs. A. Smith, Elsie Stephens, B. Higgie, P. Johnson, and Messrs. Newnham, W. A. Paterson, T. Peters, J Dickenson, H. Puddy and W. Wood was an unique attraction. A short comedy "Casey at the Dentists" was also given by the same cast which was much enjoyed. Recitations were also given in the Sign-language, by Miss M. Dow, and Messrs. H. Puddy and R. H. Lambert. The Club benefited to the extent of £11. Mr. G. Newnham the Hon. Sec. of the Club is to be congratulated, for it is mainly due to his enthusiasm, tuition and organising ability that the entertainment was so great a success.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Our Usual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday 10th. March 1929, when appropriate Sermons were delivered by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham at both morning and evening worship. The Rostrum and its surroundings were handsomely decorated by Deaf Members and a very large and varied consignment being the produce of our Blackburn Farm. Many of the vegetable specimens were of Mammoth size. The goods, were ultimately distributed to the needy Deaf, which they very much appreciated.

GARDEN PARTY AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday 16th. March 1929 a Garden Party given by the General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, to the Victorian Deaf and Dumb and their friends was held at our "Square" under ideal conditions. The principal attractions during the afternoon were the Tennis games and Conversazione. At 5.30 p.m. a sumptuous cold collation was served to 118 diners and in the evening a Social Evening was held when the hall was packed. Miss E. Empson, Asst. Secretary of the Society, was made the receipient of a handsome writing bureau from the Deaf Mutes. Mrs F. E. Frewin occupied the chair and said many nice things of the good work done by Miss Empson and how much she was esteemed by the Deaf. Miss R. Dow also spoke and the presentation was made by Miss Graham amidst great applause, Miss Empson feelingly responded and sincerely thanked the members for their wonderful appreciation of her 21 years service amongst them. Hearty cheers were given, also one for her Mother who was present. Games followed until closing time.

WORKERS CLUB'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

Forty-two Deaf availed themselves of the Annual Workers Club's Picnic to Warrandyte on Eight Hours Day. The outing proved very successful and enjoyable and much credit is due to Mr. R. H. Lambert, in whose hands the whole arrangement rested. The Picnickers were conveyed by Char-a-bancs. The day was wet, but provision was made for this and a very large hall was hired for the party and good use was made of it during their stay there.

SALAMAGUNDI.

The Evening of the 5th. March turned out a damper after a violent dust storm and it prevented many from turning up at the Cricket Club's "Salamagundi". Nevertheless a fair number got through and a very happy evening was spent. The usual "Crowdiness" was noticeably absent at this social. Eighteen games were gone through which brought forth keen rivalry. Miss E. O'Gorman was the fortunate woman and won the Stationery Outfit and Mr. J. M. Johnston won the men's section and received a pair of ties. Mr. W. Bladier held the lucky number ticket and won a handsome clock. Supper, under the supervision of Mrs D. Ashby brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

CINEMA PICTURE SHOWS.

Further interesting screenings of pictures have been shown after each Thursday evening scripture class. On 6th. December a very exciting and tense picture featuring Tim McCoy "Winners of the Wilderness". A Comedy Drama featuring Billie Dove in "Sensation Seekers" on the 10th. January 1929, together with "Newlywed Neighbours" and "Empire News". January 17th. "Millionaires" featuring Louisa Fazenda, a Comedy, and "There you are", 24th. January, another comedy "Thanks for the Buggy Ride" featuring Laura La Plante and Glen Tryon together with Buster's Home Life and Empire News. 31st. January a dramatic picture "Paying the Price" featuring Mary Carr and Bonner Sisters was much appreciated on 14th. February. 21st. February "Stop that man" featuring Barbara Kent, a comedy drama. March 7th. a beautiful comedy drama featuring Barbara Bedford in "Sunshine in Paradise Alley" 14th. March "Gay Deceiver" and Geln Tryon and Patsy Miller featured in "A Hero for a Night", 4th. April. "Romantic Age" by Eugene O'Brien, 11th. April. 18th. April a thrilling picture of Ariel acts in "Sky Skidders" featuring Al Wilson, followed by a most stirring picture of the High Sea called "The Blood Ship" featuring Hobart Bosworth 9th May. "The Altar of Desires" 16th. May featuring Mae Murray and Conway Tearle, together with Felix the Cat hunts the hunter.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A happy house party assembled at Barkley Street, Brunswick, the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ashby, to celebrate the coming of age of their son Warrie, on the evening of the 7th. February 1929. The rooms were gaily decorated with the colors of the Lacrosse Club of which Warrie is a member (Royal blue and gold). For the entertainment of the guests, which numbered almost forty, there was an amusing programme including Cricket query, Motor car names, choosing card partners, Education jumble. Aeroplane rides, etc.. Before opening the games Miss Elwin, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs D. Ashby presented her uncle with a mammoth key symbolising his freedom from family ties. At the conclusion of games etc. the party were entertained at supper, the table being gaily decorated with carnations and ferns. A huge birthday cake, with twenty-one kewpies predominated, which was soon cut up and distributed.

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The Hon. Secretary to the Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following donations towards "Our News-letter Fund", "A Friend", Northcote 10/-. Mr. N. H. Smith Kew, Mrs E. Smith Moulamien N.S.W, 5/- each. Mr. B. Taylor Hobart 4/6. Mr. J. Brooks Lockleys 3/-.

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WELCOME HOME.

A happy "Welcome Home Social" was tendered to Mrs Cove, on her return from an 11 months

sojourn in West Australia on the evening of November 29th. 1929 at the "Centre". In the unaviodable absence of the Principal, Mr. Abraham, Mr. J. M. Johnston, the missioner spoke on behalf of the Deaf welcoming Mrs. Cove back to our circle, remarking that the Deaf had missed her radiating smiles from their gatherings. He hoped that Mrs Cove had much benefitted by the change. Mrs Cove suitable responded, thanking everyone for the kind welcome extended her.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS SERVICE.

On the 11th. April the Deaf Members and several hearing friends were invited to participate in the evening's enjoyment, when the General Board made their presentation to Miss E. Empson in recognition of her twenty-one years Service with the Society. Mr. N. Armstrong was in the chair and said many nice things of the work done by Miss Empson. Councillor E. L. Morton also spoke in the highest terms of appreciation and the presentation of a cheque was made by Mr. Edgar Peacock, Miss Empson's oldest friend on the General Board. Messrs. W. A. Patterson, F. E. Frewin and S. Moss also spoke expressing the high appreciation of the Deaf of Miss Empson's efforts on their behalf. Miss Empson amidst hearty applause, responded. Miss Mabel Dow interpreting her speech to the Deaf friends. After a Cinema Show the evening was brought to a close with a dainty supper catered and paid for, by a number of deaf girls as a further token of their love and appreciation for Miss Empson. Many letters of congratulations and messages were received, including three from a Deaf Society in another State, also from present and ex-members of the General Board. A small paragraph of the event appeared in the Personal Columa of the "Argus" and another with a photograph of Miss Empson in the "Sun".

RAMBLERS CLUB.

On the 20th. April the Ramblers to the number of thirty, at the invitation of the Director of the Zoological Gardens, enjoyed an afternoon at the Gardens. Tea was partaken of at the "Centre". Ringwood was the rendezvous on the 25th. May. The day was a bit showery but it did not mar our outing. Upon arrival at Ringwood we were met by Mrs Miller and her deaf daughter, who escorted us through the town and on to their residence, where they entertained us at afternoon tea, for which they were heartily thanked. A ramble through the bush followed, many plucking young gum shoots on the way. We were caught in a sudden downpour and the way down became very slippery, eventually we arrived at the station in good time for our train. Notwithstanding the rain, we had a thoroughly pleasant outing. In the next issue we hppe to give a better account of our doings.

HOUSE PARTY.

A highly successful House Party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs J. M. Johnston on the 4th. May in aid of the Lacrosse Club's Fund. Novel games and competitions were gone through for which prizes were given. Forty-five deaf attended this party and the sum of £3-14-0. was realised from admission and donations. A dainty supper wound up the happy evening.

WORKER'S CLUB.

The Worker's Club held a social in aid of the Xmas treat fund on the 7th. May, when the usual round of pleasures were gone through. The whole arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. H. Lambert.

CRICKET.

The Cricket season has closed and the clubs record is not to our credit. Not one match was won by our Club during the season. The Bowling attack is weak and the same may be said of our batting strength. Our fielding too, needs to be improved. Much has been said against the unevenness of the ground that mitigated against good fielding, but that cannot be the excuse for bad catching. It is hoped that next season, players will get experienced, so to play successfully even under adverse conditions.

DEAF MENS GUILD'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

The best yet if not the most successful Annual Picnim of the Men's Guild was held on A.N.A. Day 28th. January 1929, at Frankston. The weather was ideal. The first batch of about 20 went by the 9.29 a.m. train from Flinders Street. More than a dozen stripped for the briny before lunch and an hour after lunch there were 30 or more bathers, who afterwards joined in the sports on the hard sand. Cricket, Leapfrog, Water rounders and Swimming were entered into with much vim. Then followed tea and after tea short rambles and then train for home. When the count-ip was made it showed 46 deaf 5 hearing and 1 baby had been present. Many members brought their Cameras and many amusing holiday snaps were taken.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

Fred E. Frewin entertained us with a rendering of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale", which was a very good work, on the 27th. November 1928.

15th. January 1929 was pound night. "Forging ahead" was the subject for the evening, by I, Guthrie, was freely discussed.

On 29th. January R. H. Lambert opened a discussion night on "Why do the Public treat the Adult Deaf in so trifling a manner?" which brought forth spirited talks on the part of the members. The meeting closed half an hour later than usual.

Nominations and short stories was the programme of the 12th. February 1929. Record nominations were received for positions. Many of the stories given were both humourous and amusing.

On 26th. February the Guild held its Annual Meeting when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. Elected:- President, J. M. Johnston, re-elected Vice President F. E. Frewin, re-elected Hon. Treasurer W. McMillen, unopposed Hon. Secretary W. Wood, Committee Messrs. W. Bladier, W. Ashby, W. O'Bryan and R. H. Lambert.

On March 12th. a President's night was held when Mr. J. M. Johnston gave some homily advice from "Today is the day", "Forget" and "Manners maketh the man".

On March 26th. talks on "Easter Customs" made an interesting programme, many members participating.

On April 16th. there was a discussion on "Are Strikes justifiable". It brought forth many interesting views and the meeting ended up with the majority against strikes.

On April 30th. a very interesting paper on "Tea" was given by Mr. G. Edwrds who carried us through its various stages, beginning with botany on to climate, cultivation, picking, drying packing and export.

On May 14th. "Sea Waves" was the title of a paper given by Mr. Walter Wood, who explained their wonderful powers and usefulness.

On May 28th. a hearing gentleman Mr. W. Retchford entertained us to the 3rd. part of his Lecture on his Mining Experiences explaining how gold was won in various ways. Mr. J. M. Johnston interpretted throughout.

LACROSSE.

The Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on the 20th. march last. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The election of officers resulted as follows:- President Mr. J. M. Johnston, Vice-Presidents Messrs. G. B. Mortimer, W. B. Anderson, F. Hees, Hon, Treasurer, Mr. W. Ashby, Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Sutton, Committee, Messrs. J. Cariss, W. O'Brien, H. Puddy and J. O'Gorman. Mr. H. Puddy to act as Hon. Sec. pro tem for

Mr. L. Sutton who will be at Bendigo during the duration of the strike in the timber industry. The Association placed Our Team in the "Junior A" Section this year owing to the clearances granted by our Club to three of our best players: Messrs. W. Ashby and H. Puddy to Coburg Senior team and G. Henry to Williamstown Senior Team. The Season opened on the 27th. April when we were pitted against Malvern on our ground and our boys not having their legs, lost the match by 4 goals to 23. On 4th. May we did better, against a newly formed team the "24th. Battalion" scoring 10 goals to their 5. On May 11th. we met another new team the "Old Collegiate Grammarians" and beat them by 19 to 6 goals. On 18th. May we scored another win at the expense of another new team "Artillery" by a walk over. They failed to get up a team owing to drill and influenza. On May 25th. we received our second set-back, this time by Caulfield who scored 11 goals to our 7. On June 1st. we had a very narrow win over Ivanhoe, by a goal. The final scores were Adult Deaf 9 Ivanhoe 8. On June 8th. Essendon was vanquished on their own ground by 15 goals to 8. On June 15th. we had our respite. Many new boys were given tries and they are proving themselves most adaptable to the game and their future is most promising.

DEAF CONGREGATION - ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation was held on the 2nd of May and there was an exceptionally large attendance; deep interest was shown in the proceedings throughout.

The Principal, Mr. Abraham was in the chair. Mr. Newnham read the Annual Report and Mr. W. A. Paterson submitted the balance sheet, both of which were adopted. The Chariman's address was an appeal for Unity, enthusiastic and team work on the part of the members. The Officers for the year 1929-30 are:- Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice Chairman Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary Mr. G. Newnham; Hon. Treasurer Mr. W. A. Paterson; Committee- Messrs. F. E. Frewin, G. B. Mortimer, A. W. Sutherland, J. McLean, W. O'Brien, R. H. Lambert, H. Puddy and A. Hull. Messrs. W. A. Paterson, F. E. Frewin and G. Newnham were the nominated representatives of the Deaf Committee for the Grand Board of the Society.

EPHPHATHA SUNDAY.

This year Ephphatha Sunday falls on the 18th. of August, being the 12th. Sunday after Trinity in the Curch of England prayer book. This Sunday is called Ephphatha Sunday on account of the fact that the Gospel for the day in the Church prayer book describes how our Saviour healed the Deaf Man who had an impediment in his speech. St. Mark VII, 31.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

J. Brock of Lockesley, Victoria is now the proud possessor of a "Citroen" car.
Arthur Stephens of Lakes Entrance, who has been away from Melbourne for about 3 years, is now back with us having taken employment with Our Society.
Mrs E. Damman and Mr. and Mrs J. E. Muir of Warburton were in town at different times during May and June.
An enlarged framed photograph of the Late Matthew L. Miller, who was the Society's Assistant Treasurer for 20 years, is now amongst the photographs of benefactors in the entrance hall of our Centre.
Mr. and Mrs Monahan and their two daughters came from Geelong for the Garden Party and were much pleased with the beauty of the Square. Mr. and Mrs Monahan had not been to Melbourne for many years, and missed many of their old deaf friends. New faces had taken their place.
W. O'Bryan went to Bright during the early part of the strike and stayed there for nearly a month.
Leslie Sutton has also been away for more than 5 months. He went home to his people at Bendigo. One day he had the misfortune to get shot in the foot when out rabbiting. He is back in Melbourne working again.
Miss H. Harford of Adelaide is in regular occupation at Thornbury. She likes her work very well.
Mr. and Mrs A. Stokes have returned from New Zealand after a 16 months stay and are now residing at Trafalgar, Gippsland.

The Annual Meeting of the Vic. Branch of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Association was held at the Centre on the evening of the 4th. December. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The Officers were re-elected.

As usual a very successful Christmas Rally was held on the 18th. December when nearly 200 Deaf attended. Fred. E. Frewin was the Chairman of the evening. G. B. Mortimer acted as Father Xmas and presented toys to the children present.

A very sumptuous Xmas Treat to the Inmates of Blackburn Farm and Home, was given by the Worker's Club on Thursday 20th. December at our Centre. The Hall was gaily decorated with streamers etc. The dinner was served at 6 p.m. to 48 persons including staff and helpers. Hearty thanks were tendered to Mrs Frewin and members of the Workers Club to whose enthusiastic efforts the success of the evening was entirely due. Each inmate received a small gift from Mrs S. Moss.

A very happy Social Evening to the visiting Missionaries of the Deaf and members of the cricket team, from South Australia nd New South Wales was held at the Centre on January 5th. 1929. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham opened the proceedings with speeches of welcome. Messrs. O. R. Redman of S. Aus. and H. Hersee of N.S.Wales responded.

The Quarterly Social under the auspices of Workers Club was held on the 5th. February, 1929 there was a very good attendance. R. H. Lambert acted as M.C. and many interesting and novel games were gone through.

Messrs. A. Collins, R. White and C. Robertson have been on a visit to Melbourne, making the best of their time while the timber strike was on. They all came from Neerim Junction where they were engaged in saw mill business.

James Anderson has finished with Mr. B. Chaffey of Oakland Junction and is seeking employment in Melbourne.

W. Grant was here for a few days and then went on to Bairnsdale. But on his arrival was recalled to Myrtleford to start work. He is again on the Pine Plantations in the Oven Valley Ranges.

Miss A. Graham has been spending some time at Appollo Bay and Lorne. She was enraptured with the scenery.

Mr. R. H. Lambert took charge of the pulpit during the absence of the Principal and the Missioner, who were with the Deaf Party in Hobart for the Conference. Mr. O. R. Redman of Adelaide occupied it on January 6th. morning and evening.

Mr. Nicholson of Sydney evidently knows correctly which is the best beauty spot in Victoria for he spent his holidays at the Gippsland Lakes as the guest of Mrs Stephens and family.

Marks of Ballarat, W. Grant (Myrtleford), R. Ryan Warrnambool, W. Hately Camperdown, were in Melbourne during the 3rd. Test Match.

Since the last issue of our News-letter, we have had in Melbourne, Mrs J. Collins of Neerim Junction, W. Malone of Culgoa, Jack Anderson of Swan Hill, A. Hae and T. Tonkin of Bendigo, S. Ferguson of Bowmans Forest, A. Collins Neerim Junction.

Mr. and Mrs P. Cunningham of Ballarat, have celebrated their silver wedding. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

O. Quinton came out with flying colors in the "Red Indian Motor Cycle Reliability Trial", and the other week a 24 hours run through the Western district and the result was, he gained the first prize trophy for "A" Class Reliability, with full points. Congratulations to him.

J. Dickenson again essayed the three mile swim in the Yarra on Saturday 2nd. March but failed to amongst the leaders. He finished somewhere about 28th. Time 1 hour 45 minutes 15 secs.

Word is to hand that Mr. and Mrs Hugh Smith of Koondrook wish to be remembered to the Melbourne Deaf. Both are doing well.

J. Hunt was in Melbourne for a week on business bent. He reported that all are going along O.K. at Mildura.

Mrs Moss of Erica and Miss E. Doney of Ballarat were in Melbourne during January and both had pleasant times.

Miss G. Caldwell of Ballarat was also down and reported happy times.

The Timber Strike has seriously affected our deaf tradesmen. More than a dozen were out of work during the dispute.

Sam Ferguson of Bowman's Forest was most fortunate to escape with his life whilst fighting a bush fire near his home. He was working with a water cart at a tree when another tree fell fell on top of him. Part of it struck the cart, thus breaking the force of the fall. It was found that Mr. Ferguson had suffered severe abrasions about the face and head and a deep cut over the eye. He was taken to a private hospital in Melbourne, where he was visited by

some of his deaf friends. He has quite recovered and is looking his good old self again.
Mr. Crompton of Flemington passed away on the 4th. January 1929. after a very long illness and was buried at Ballarat. He leaves a grown up fai . Mrs Crompton has our sincere sympathy. At present she is in Perth, West Australia staying with her married daughter.
J. W. Briner of Camberwell passed away on 26th. December 1928, and was buried at Box Hill. Our sympathy is with the bereaved.
With pleasure we announce a daughter to Mr. and Mrs G. Quantock on the 21st. January 1929, a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Vivian on the 23rd. January 1929 and a son to Mr. and Mrs F. Holmes on the 10th. March 1929. Congratulations.
Miss Esme Cossor is in Sydney. She went over with the extention of settling there to work on similar lines as in Melbourne. We are informed that she has taken up house work instead.
Mrs J. Boortz has enjoyed a happy 6 weeks sojourn with her married daughter Mrs Taylor in Sydney.
W. Bladier has been to Sydney in search of employment but luck did not come his way. He returned much benefitted by the trip.
A quiet wedding took place at Elsternwick on 16th. December 1928, when Miss M. V. Crawford late of Ballarat, was married to Mr. W. A. Paterson. They spent their honeymoon on the Australian Alps, going and returning by car. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs S. Ferguson for a few days before returning to Melbourne.
Through the kindness of three ladies of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, who brought their cars out to the Blackburn Home, one afternoon recently, ten of the inmates accompanied by Miss Empson, motored to the Cheltenham Homes and paid a surprise visit to our ex-inmate - Miss Margaret Lithgow. Her joy was unbounded when she beheld her old friend Miss Whitelaw and as her gaze travelled to the rest of her deaf friends her excitement was intense. It was a most happy afternoon for her, also for our Home folk, who enjoyed every minute of the motor drive. The inmates heartily thanked the ladies who gave them the pleasure, and are looking forward to another trip in the near future

CRICKET CARNIVAL AT HOBART.

The long looked for Cricket Carnival and Conference of Principals of Deaf Missions, convened for in Hobart, came and is now long since gone again. The Victorian Team, together with Our Principal Mr. E. J. D. Abraham and the Missioner Mr. J. M. Johnston, who acted as Manager left Melbourne on Friday the 21st. December per the S.S."Nairana", arriving in Hobart on Saturday 22nd. after an overland train trip from Launceston. We were met by Col. Payne, Supt. of the Tasmanian Deaf School and Mr. W. Limbrick, Hon Sec. of the Tasmanian Cricket Club, who directed us to our places of abode, at the Institution and a private residenc near by. After a good wash and tea in the evening, we began exploring round the City of Hobart. On Sunday the 23rd. Sunday resorts were visited, principally the "Zoo" and Sandy Bay. On Monday the 24th. an official welcome to the visitors was made on the North Hobart Cricket Ground at 10 a.m. by the Premier of Tasmania the Hon. J. C. McPhee, the Mayor of Hobart, Mr J. J. Wignall and the President of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Institution, Professor E. Morris Miller in the presence of many members of the Board of Management, Mr. Abraham acting as interpreter. Suitable replies were made by managers of each State team to the warm welcome extended to the visitors. Soon after cricket began which lasted till Friday evening 28th. December. Scores and results will be seen elsewhere. Then comes the delightful river trip up to New Norfolk per S.S. "Marina" on Saturday the 29th. Soon after our arrival lunch was partaken of and then under the guidance of the Hon. C. Shoolbridge M.L.C., we were taken to a look-out on the outskirt of the Town, where a wonderful panorama was unfolded to our gaze. In the evening, soon after our arrival, we attended a sumptuous banquet, presided over by Professor E. Morris Miller, and attended by the Hon. W. A. Woods M.L.A., the Hon. C. Shoobridge M.L.C., Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham, H. V. S. Hersee, O. R. Redman, T. Parkinson, and Colonel Payne, all of whom made after dinner speeches. On Sunday 30th. December a very enjoyable day was spent at the National Park at the invitation of the Government, per the Premier, with free railway passes. Lunch was partaken of at the entrance gates and then long and short rambles into the fern and bush glades were made. Russell Falls, Horse Shoe Falls, and Lady Barrow Falls were visited. The City was reached again about 6 p.m., where we had a hurried tea and then attended the Church Service at the Melville Street, Wesley Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Williams and interpreted by Mr. Abraham and Mr. Hersee. After Service we were shown over the Museum, attached to the Church, which housed many inter-

esting and historical articles. On Monday December 31st. we all went to South Arm by the launch "Arcadia" which was specially hired for the Deaf. Before lunch the party divided, one half went for a swim near by, whilst the other took a long walk through several farms and orchards and over the hill to the Roaring Beach, which indeed was well worth seeing. Sports occupied most of the afternoon. The principap race of the day was the 100 yards championship, which was won by Mr. Hook of N.S.W., with Mr. W. Ashby of Victoria second. In the evening the Carnival was concluded with a demonstration in the Hobart Town Hall where presentations were made including the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield which was won by New South Wales. The Victorian and South Australian party took train for Launceston where we travelled overnight. After breakfast at a Coffee Palace, the whole of the returning party went through the "Gorge" and on to the "Power House" which is a walk of about 3 miles. We were shown over the building and saw how electricity was generated. We were struck by the cleanliness, as there is no coal furnace, for the whole power is worked by a waterfall. On the return we looked over Launceston and afterwards boarded our boat S.S. "Nairana", for the return home. Whilst in Hobart Port Arthur and the far famed Eaglehawk Neck were not overlooked for parties visited both places during the progress of cricket matches. Mt. Wellington was also"done". Through the kindness of the Mayor of Hobart, Mr. J. J. Wignall, the visiting Deaf were allowed to travel on the trams at their pleasure during the progress of the Carnival, and good use was made of this concession to visit many outlying suburbs. The Victorian Deaf extend to one and all in Tasmania their gracious thanks for a most enjoyable time. Before taking leave of the Institution, the staff and helpers were presented with mementos of our stay. J. M. J.

SCORES AND RESULTS OF INTERSTATE CRICKET MATCHES PLAYED IN HOBART DURING THE 1928 XMAS SEASON.

1. December 24th. at North Hobart C. ground. Victoria versus Tasmania. Tasmania 1st innings, 63 runs. T. McGrath top-scored with 28 runs, C. Robertson took 5 for 20 runs. 2nd. innings, 103 runs. T. Collins was the best with the ball taking 4 wickets for 10 runs. Victoria 1st. innings, 138 runs. C. Robertson 48, R. Beattie 26, E. Ashby 22, R. Best 5 for 11 runs. 2nd. innings, no wickets for 31 runs. C. Robertson, 24 not out. Victoria won by 10 wickets and 3 runs.

2. At Newtown Oval. Sth. Aus. versus N. S. W. Sth. Aus. 1st. innings, 114 runs. C. McRae, 40, A. Hocking 19, H. Emerson 8 wickets for 60 runs. 2nd. innings 22 runs. A. Berry 6 wickets for 5 runs and A. James 3 wickets for 17 runs. N. S. W. 1st. innings 194 runs. H. Emerson 97, J. Williams 46. A. Hocking 2 for 4. C. McRae 4 for 60. N.S.W. won outright by an innings and 58 runs.

3. December 26th. & 27th. Sth. Aus. versus Tasmania, at North Hobart. Sth Aus. 1st innings 80 runs. R. Crouch 19, B. Taylor 2 for 7, Suckling 2 for 11, T. McGrath 2 for 38. 2nd. innings 73 runs. E. Juncken 25, W. Abbott 15, B. Taylor 4 for 13. F. Williams 5 for 13.
Tasmania 1st innings 163 runs. B. Taylor 59 not out, B. Linnell 21, A/ Hocking 4 for 54. 2nd. innings 36 runs , Suckling 21, C. McRae 7 for 20. Tasmania won

4. N.S.Wales versus Victoria. Newtown Oval. N.S.W 1st innings 134 runs. A. O'Callaghan 44 not out, R. Fairhall 25. G. Edwards 4 for 31. 2nd. innings 201 runs. A. O'Callaghan 50, A Berry 26, E. Williams 22, H. Brownbill 21, R. Beattie 2 for 14, E. Martin, 3 for 46, C. Robertson 3 for 66. Victoria ist. innings 106 runs. F. Edwards 45, H. Emerson 5 for 63, A Berry 2 for 24. 2nd. innings forfeited to N.S.Wales as Victorians were called upon to make 230 runs with 1½ hours play. They cancelled it, thus giving N.S.Wales the full 4 points win.

5. On December 27th. & 28th. Victoria versus Sth. Aus., at Newtown Oval. Sth. Aus. 1st. innings 63 runs. A. Hocking 17, R. Crouch 20, T. Collins 3 for 7, C. Robertson 3 for 19, Victoria 1st. innings, 3 wickets for 160 runs. Declared C. Robertson 37, T. Collins 50, G. Edwards 61 not out. Crough 2 for 11. Sth. Aus. forfeited 2 innings play thus Victoria won by an innings, 7 wickets and 97 runs.

6. N.S.Wales versus Tasmania at North Hobart. Tasmania 1st innings 169 runs. F. William 82, T. McGrath 37 not out. A Berry 7 for 51. 2nd. innings 63 runs. C. Webb 19, J. Williams 2 for 5, A Berry 3 for 17, R. Fairhall 2 for 10. N.S.Wales 1st innings 244 runs. H. Emerson 57, A Berry 56, R. Fairhall 44. W. Limbrick 3 for 8, T McGrath 3 for 64. F. Williams 2 for 46. N.S.Wales won by an innings and 12 runs. Total Result. N.S.Wales 12 points. Victoria 8 points. Tasmania 4 points. South Australia 0 points. The next Cricket Carnival is to be held in Melbourne during 1930 Xmas Season.

TO THE COUNTRY ADULT DEAF.

Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
Joliment Square,
MELBOURNE

Dear Friends,

After reading the "Appreciation" printed below I am sure you will wish to attach your own name and thus join the Melbourne Deaf in this expression of gratitude. Please write your signature on a slip of paper and forward it to me at once.

With kind regards,
Yours Faithfully,
J. M. Johnston,

Signature.

To the PRESIDENT and MEMBERS of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of the DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA.

The Deaf Mutes of Victoria desire to express their grateful appreciation to the Public of Melbourne for their generous financial support which has enabled the Society to secure for their benefit the Farm and Home for Aged, Infirm and Feeble Minded Deaf Mutes, and Recreation and Sportsgounds at Blackburn and the Property at Jolimont with facilities for Religious, Educational and Social purposes. They also acknowledge the services rendered by the Hearing and Speaking Officers and Members of the General Board both past and present, who have devoted so much time and effort voluntarily during so many years in directing the Management of the Society through the Principal and paid staff. They consider the present is an opportune time to give testimony of their loyalty and devotion and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may continue to attend the efforts of the Society in the interest of the Deaf and Dumb of this State, and from this Centre to fender Service and Counsel to Societies in other States throughout the Commonwealth.

SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING DEAF:-

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May 1929.

Thursday	2nd	Congregational Annual Meeting
Tuesday	7th	Deaf Workers club's Social.
Thursday	9th	Scripture Study, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	14th	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
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Thursday	16th	Scripture Study, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	23rd	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	28th	Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	30th	Class, Lecturette & Cinema.
Every Sunday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Services Morn & Even.
Every Saturday	4-11-18 25.	Recreation

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June 1929.

Monday	3rd	Novelty Theatrical Evening by Tennis Club.
Tuesday	4th	Vacant.
Thursday	6th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Tuesday	11th	Men's & Women's Guilds Meetings.
Thursday	13th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	18th	Deaf Committee meeting
Thursday	20th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	25th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	27th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Every Sunday	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Saturday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Recreation.
Tuesday	2nd July.	Lacrosse Club's Social Evening.
Sunday	7th July	Holy Communion

July 1929.

Tuesday	2nd	Lacrosse Club's Social Evening
Thursday	4th	Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Tuesday	9th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings
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Sunday	14th	Holy Communion 11 a.m.
Tuesday	16th	Vacant.
Thursday	18th	Dr Brook Nicholl's Lecture "New Guinea"
Tuesday	23rd	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	25th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Tuesday	30th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday	7, 14, 21, 28	Services Morning & Evening
Every Saturday	6, 13, 20, 27	Recreation.
Tuesday	6th August.	Deaf Workers' Club's Annual Meeting.

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TO THE COUNTRY ADULT DEAF.

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Dear Friends,

After reading the "Appreciation" printed below I am sure yo
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Please write your signature on a slip of paper and forward it to me at

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With kind regards,
Yours Faithfully,
J. M. Johnsto

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To the PRESIDENT and MEMBERS of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of the DEAF and DUM
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Thursday September 26th 1929.

Anniversary Rally

THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES. BLACKBURN, VIC.

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CHURCH for the DEAF

to be erected at

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.



PROPOSED CHAPEL for the ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA

Wash Drawing by George Newnham.

THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH.

Although, as through the World he plodded,
It's said that Homer sometimes nodded;
Note this about that poet-roamer -
It wasn't nodding made him Homer!
Caesar had weaknesses galore:
He revelled and he drank and swore;
He had his foibles such as these are,
But - weaknesses did not make Caesar!
Washington too, its plain to see;
Had all the faults of you and me;
But when all this is said and done,
They didn't make him Washington!
So let decriers do their worst -
When all their stories are rehearsed,
They only serve to prove afresh
The Spirits mightier than the Flesh

OUR PIONEER - MR. A. C. MUIR.

It is exactly half a century, since the first religious service for the deaf and dumb was conducted in their own language in this City, the preacher being Mr. A.C.Muir, a deaf and dumb young man who had been educated at the Glasgow Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Scotland. It is altogether appropriate that this year, the 50th anniversary of that simple little service, that a Church specially designed for worship through the avenue of the eye, in contradistinction to the normal way - the ear, is to be built on the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's beautiful property - Jolimont Square, someday, perhaps to be looked upon as the Cathedral of the deaf and dumb of the State.

Just on 70 years ago too, another deaf mute, the late Mr. F.J.Rose established a small school, then called the Asylum, for the education of deaf and dumb children, and afterwards, with the assistance of the late Rev. W. Moss, the present Institution for Deaf and Dumb children St.Kilda Road, was erected, Mr. Rose being for many years its Superintendent.

It was in 1878, that Mr. A. C. Muir and his twin deaf mute brother, William P. Muir, having completed their education, returned to Victoria, Having become familiar with the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Missions of Great Britain, and realizing the great benefits the deaf were receiving therefrom, they were greatly disappointed, on their arrival home to find that absolutely nothing was being done for the adult deaf and dumb of Australia. Becoming a member of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. A.C.Muir approached Mr. W.G.Marsh, (then General Secretary, now Rev. W. G.Marsh of Adelaide) who sympathetically interested himself and granted the use of a room for services, the first of which was held on the 20th of July 1879. Mr. Muir also started evening services for the deaf and dumb in the Church of England schoolroom, Prahran, by the kindness of the Rev. W. A. Langley.

In 1880, an association of the Adult Deaf and Dumb was formed by the deaf mutes themselves, and in 1883, with the help of influential hearing friends, the present Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, (then known as the Deaf and Dumb Mission), was established. Amongst the first friends of the Society were Chief Justice Sir W. Stawell, Sir James McBain, Hon. W. Bates, Messrs. C.M.Officer, M.L.A., J.M.Bruce, S. Mullen, Edward Newbigen, H. Sumner Martin B.A. L.L.B. Revs. H. W. M. Adney, J.J.Halley, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Cairnes Lloyd etc.

In all his efforts Mr. Muir's two deaf brothers John and William gave enthusiastic support, as did also Messrs. M. L. Miller, S. Salas, F. E. Frewin, and other deaf mutes.

Those were days of very earnest effort on the part of the deaf and dumb, but slow progress. Their great ambition was to possess a little Mission Hall or Church of their own, and when, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Luke, £100 was raised by means of a Bazaar, there was great rejoicing. At the end of 17 years, sufficient funds were in hand to warrant the purchase of land, and a site in Flinders Street was secured. During those seventeen years the deaf had many earnest friends and to none is honour and gratitude more due than Messrs Peter Holt, Fred Frewin and R.R.Paterson who succeeded each other as Missionaries to the deaf of Victoria.

In 1910, Mr. A. C. Muir became an officer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and is still a member of the staff.

In 1901, a leading advocate of the deaf and dumb in England, accepted the position of Chaplain & Organiser of the Mission, and arrived in Victoria in October of that year. In 1904, a Church and Institute for the Deaf and Dumb was erected in Flinders Street, and in 1909, the Home for aged infirm, mentally defective, and blind deaf mutes at Blackburn, was opened. In 1924 the Flinders Street Institute was sold, and Jolimont Square East Melbourne purchased. It is upon this site that the new Church is to be built. There are plans also for administrative buildings, club house, and hostels to house the many activities of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, which is today, one of the most all-embracing organisations for the after school care of the deaf and dumb to be found in any part of the world.

What an enormous debt we all owe to our forerunners, to our pioneers, to the men with vision, to the men who bore the burden and the heat of the day that the deaf of the generations following them might enjoy the fruit of the harvests. Little did Adam Muir dream that his simple little services for the deaf would be the parent of our all embracing Society. The seed sown by him has indeed fallen into good ground and brought forth Onehundred fold.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

In this issue we are able to print a wash drawing by Mr. George Newnham, of the Church for the Deaf; to be erected in Jolimont Square. The plans have been approved by the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria and the Architects - Messrs Gawler & Drummond are proceeding with the work, so look out for an early announcement of the laying of the foundation stone. In designing the Little Chapel the Architects have kept in mind that the preacher must been seen and therefore the acoustic provisions are not a ruling element in the arrangements, but the light is. There must not be any light behind the preacher but plenty of light immediately in front, and over him, so that every movement of face, lips, eyes and hands may be clearly seen. The seats in the Church are to be arranged so that each member of the congregation sees the preacher without having to turn or lift the head.

A PRIZE FOR A NAME.

The Deaf Committee offer a prize of 10/- for the most appropriate name for the new issue of our Newsletter. The Newsletter is to be printed and published bi-monthly. The first number will make its appearance in February 1930. Here are a few names to guide you: "Our Silent Visitor", "The Deaf Argus" (The Many Eyed Deaf) "The Victorian Deaf Times", "Our Bi-Monthly" "The Deaf News Gatherer" "Banner" "Friend" Companion" "Forerunner" "Storehouse" "Ephphatha". It is possible that you may have a name that is strikingly original and just the very name that would be unanimously approved of. Anyway have a try. Send your choice to The Editor, Our Newsletter, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, not later than November 23rd 1929.

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR GENERAL BOARD.

We want it to be known that we appreciate and believe ourselves fortunate indeed in having such interested members on our General Board. For one and all are ever ready to grasp the opportunity to help. At the farm, our fruit trees needed pruning and the tender for the work was £10. Mr. Geof. Fethers at once volunteered to save that sum and brought along local orchardists who kindly did the pruning. He has too, in other ways shown personal interest. Mr. Simpson Hill, a scientific farmer with an expert's knowledge of soils, who recently joined our Board at once got busy and has taken up the spare land problem at our Blackburn Farm with enthusiasm and we are looking forward to splendid results. Our Hon.Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, F.C.I.S. who by the way is just now a much occupied member of the Bread Royal Commission is giving a very generous share of his time to the financial affairs of Our Society. We are continually being reminded of Mr. A. E. Atherton when a drink is being enjoyed at the fountain he so kindly donated and erected at our Centre. Mr. Edgar Peacock like his father, Our President, is ever willing and ever doing.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Our President, Mr. E. R. Peacock is a President in every sense of the word. The success of our Society means much to him and he is very jealous for our good name. He is out to do the right thing whatever the cost.

THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR SOCIETY.

Since Our Newsletter last appeared the Chairman of Our Society has been elected to the Council of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham, and immediately afterwards to the Presidential Chair. We heartily congratulate Mr. Councillor Armstrong and wish him a most successful year. Since Mr. Armstrong joined Our Board he has taken a live interest in Our Society and all that pertains to it. In addition to being Chairman of the General Board he is Chairman of the Blackburn Home Committee and is a frequent and welcome visitor to the Home.

NEW COMMITTEEMEN.

Mr. Simpson Hill and Mr. Hoath recently joined the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria, both gentlemen are also on the Home Committee.

A GIFT OF SEEDS.

Mr. Thos. Purves an ex-member of the Board of Management has still a kindly interest in our success and a very tangible wish it is too, - another splendid contribution of Seeds for our Blackburn Farm. Mr. Simpson Hill called upon the firm with an order, the order was fulfilled with extras, but no payment accepted. We much appreciate it and thank Mr. Purves.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

Notwithstanding trade depressions, the many unemployed, a stormy day and consequently small Congregations our Offertory at Morning and Evening Services on Sunday Oct. 27th for the Hospital Sunday Fund was £8.15.0. Our Principal was the preacher.

THEY CAME AND PRUNED OUR ORCHARD.

We gratefully acknowledge the kind services of the following gentlemen who came and pruned the little orchard at our Blackburn Home:- Counc. J.Stephens, Messrs. A. Course, F. Crowther, F. Garfield, G. Sheahan, H.S. Tainton and W. Wilcox.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

There was a good attendance at the quarterly communion service on Sunday Oct. 13th. Our Chaplain officiated.

OUR MOST GENEROUS MEMBER.

Miss Alice Graham never fails to respond when help is needed.

Financially we are passing through difficult times. It was never an object of past or present Boards of Management to create reserve funds, but to give the deaf the full benefit of the income subscribed by the people of their time. These exceptionally hard times have increased our responsibilities and the Society is shouldering them in faith that the necessary additional income will be forthcoming. In addition to unemployed the number benefitting by the provisions of the Blackburn Home has nearly doubled.

Hence a cheque for £25 is a very welcome gift and for this handsome donation we thank Miss Graham most heartily. Her contribution to the Hospital Sunday fund was also on generous lines and every other fund of Our Society is indebted to her ever-willing help. Miss Graham too is one of the most regular in attendance at Morning Service, and always appreciative. Miss Bessie Graham (Miss Graham's sister) is another of our liberal friends. We acknowledge with kind thoughts her donation of £10.

AN EVENING IN NEW GUINEA.

"Tramping in New Guinea" was the title of an address given by Dr. Brooke Nicholls to a large audience of deaf and hearing friends in our Hall on the evening of July 18th. It was a most instructive and interesting programme. A large map was used and the lecturer proceeded with the account of his travels from place to place, so clear was his description that we felt we were actually travelling along too. To further add to our enjoyment Dr. Nicholls had during the day arranged some hundreds of curios including Native weapons, dress, cooking utensils, beads and etc. etc on tables round the Hall.

Mr. Abrahams interpreted and Mrs Brooke Nicholls, who accompanied her husband on the trip, played no small part in the pleasure of the evening by adding her experiences.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to Dr and Mrs Nicholls for their kindness in providing such an enjoyable evening. It was indeed good of them for the bringing and taking away of the exhibits entailed a large amount of work and careful handling.

OUR MISSIONER.

Our Missioner, Mr. J.M.Johnston, has been enjoying strenuous times of late. He is here, there and everywhere. The unemployment problem has added greatly to the calls upon his time and in these days of multiplicity of Functions, Guilds, Clubs, Socials and "Specials" it is no easy task to keep all the wives in a glow and up to standard pitch. To do everything really properly as one would desire, just now one needs to be endowed with the number of lives allocated to the cat, and the powers of a genii. Mr. Johnston is in training for both.

A MELBOURNE VISITOR.

At the weekly Friday social on June 21st Mr. E. R. Peacock, President of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, paid a friendly visit to the Welfare Centre of our Society. Mr. Peacock, in an interesting address to the Deaf, spoke of the early beginnings of work amongst the Deaf and Dumb, and traced the progress of that work, particularly as he had seen it in Victoria, from the very first very small efforts up to the present time, when the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society held valuable properties in Melbourne, and had developed into a large and influential organisation under the greatly valued direction of Mr. E.J.D.Abraham.

The time was near at hand, Mr. Peacock suggested, when the various Deaf and Dumb Societies throughout the Commonwealth should be linked together in a Federal bond of brotherhood.

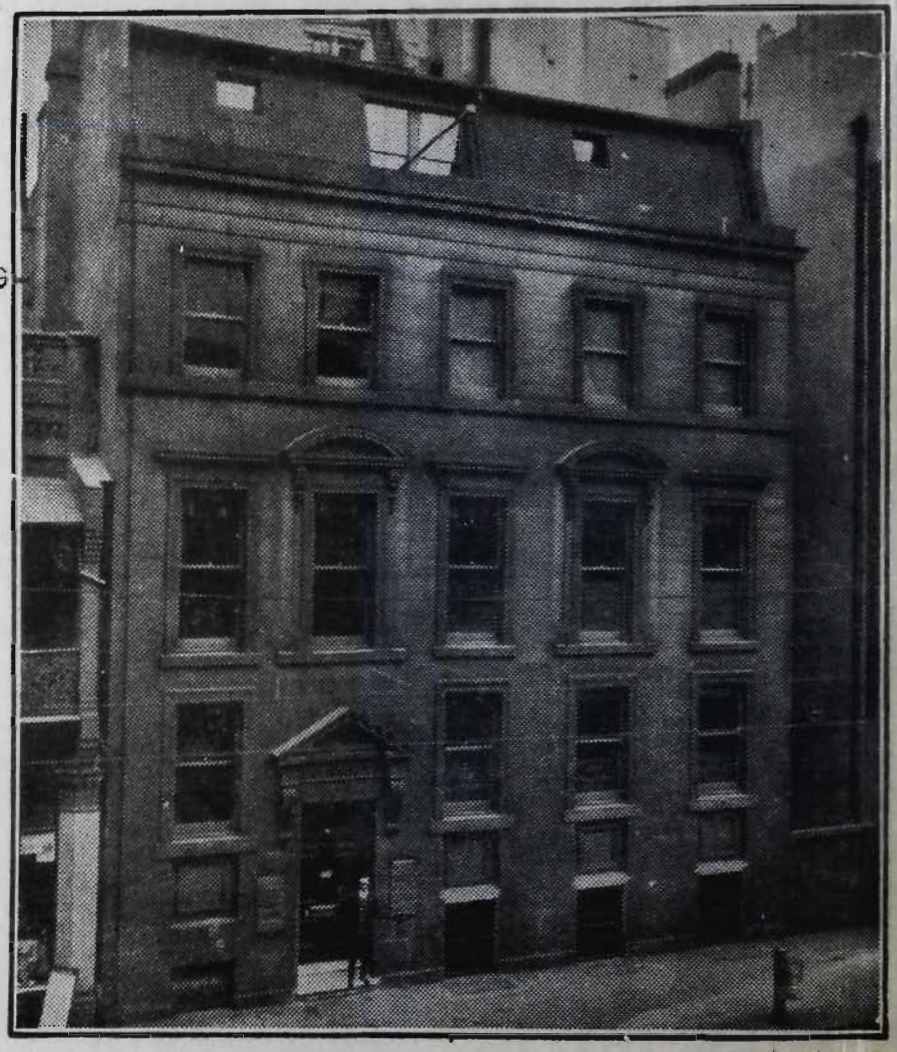
Mr. Peacock was thanked very warmly for his sympathetic address.

(N.S.W. Silent Messenger).

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

On June 11th the Women's Guild opened the New Year1929-30 with a very interesting address by the New President Mr. T. Peters and amusing stories by the Members. Mrs Frewin performed the unveiling of Mrs Moss' enlarged photo in the Women's Room, and spoke of her past work as the first Hon.Secretary of the Deaf Women's Friendly Society. Mrs Moss is the wife of our old Collector, Mr. S. Moss. Supper was afterwards partaken of.

On the 9th of July Mrs Frewin gave a most interesting paper on "Humanity cannot do without wood." Afterwards the members entertained Miss Thelma Stephens to a Kitchen Supper because she was getting married on Aug. 1st.



N.S.W.ADULT DEAF & DUMB INSTITUTE.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD (Contd)
She pleasingly thanked the members for their gifts. An enjoyable supper brought the meeting to a close.

13th August was a debate night, when "Bush Fires" and "Floods" were discussed by Misses R. Dow and M. Gibson respectively then afterwards fully debated by the members present.

A Humorous Evening was spent on 10th Sept. when each member was asked to answer the Question on "What did you do on your 21st Birthday?"

RAMBLERS.

Saturday August 24th a small but happy party set out for the monthly outing of the Rambling Club. Our Blackburn Home was the objective and soon after arriving there they were to be seen merrily conversing, and doing their best, to give pleasure to Our Inmates. Later the party had the pleasure of seeing Our Lacrosse Team score a victory over the, up to then, undefeated Malvern Team. Owing to so many fixtures the next Ramble will not be held till Saturday November 16th. Swimming in the afternoon and tea on the beach is expected to make this Ramble popular.

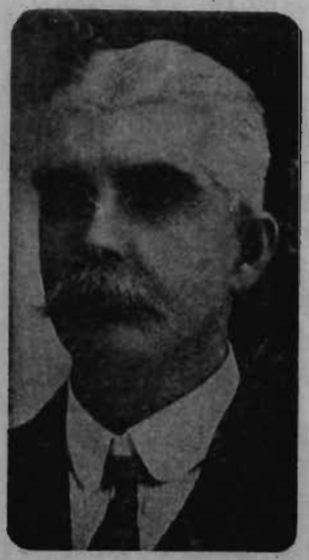
Watch Notice Board at Our Centre for particulars.

ANNUAL CRICKET MEETING.

The Cricket Club held its Annual Meeting on 13th Sept. when the usual business routine was gone through. The Election of Office Bearers for the next 12 months were as follows:- President, Mr. J.M.Johnston, Vice President Messrs G.Mortimer, F.Rees, D. Ashby, Hon.Secretary and Treasurer Mr. W. Ashby. Committee: Messrs W.Anderson, J. Cariss, L.Sutton, and W. O'Bryan. Prizes for Best Batting (F. Lynas) and best bowling averages (F. Lynas) and best all Round Player (W.Ashby) of last Season's matches were presented.

THELMA.

The title might give you the impression that it is the novel by Marie Corelli but it is not. It is the title of the announcement of the marriage of Our Thelma. Saturday August the 10th saw a very sweet and daintly attired bride Miss Thelma Stephens of Melbourne make her marriage vows to Mr. Lodavia Nicholson of Sydney. It was a pretty ceremony. Our Church in Jolimont Square which was packed with well wishers was beautifully decorated with floral arches, bells, etc. by the school friends of the bride, a truly fitting setting for such a popular match. Miss Elsie Stephens was the bridesmaid and looked charming in her dainty frock of pale blue. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. O'Callaghan of Sydney. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hoban and Our President, Mr. Abraham interpreted.



MR. A. C. MUIR.

After a visit to the photographer, the wedding breakfast was partaken of in Our Upper Hall where between 50 and 60 guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding tea prepared by Mrs Bootz. Mrs Ashby and many girl friend helpers. The tables were prettily decorated with quantities of iceland poppies and violets from Our Farm and a happy spirit of harmony prevailed throughout.
After the usual toasts had been honoured the bride and bridegroom left to start their new life together as Mr and Mrs Nicholson. Because their home was to be in Sydney many arrangements had to be made which gave Thelma's friends the opportunity of seeing her several times, before a large party farewelled them on the 14th August, when they left by boat for their future home - Sydney.

We were very sorry to part with Thelma but she is happy in the knowledge that she takes with her many good wishes, and a live interest in her future happiness.

MENS GUILD.

June 11th 1929 was "Suggestion Night" when many members came forward with various suggestions for future meetings etc. which proved interesting and a good few were recommended for adoption.

Mr. A. Hull gave us a paper on "Self Confidence" which was very good, mainly inspiring the Members to make themselves active and useful.

Mr. W. Bladier entertained us with an account of "The Cruise of the Seeadler" a German Sea Raider during the Great War which showed many daring incidents.

On 30th July Mr. Edwin Johnson opened the Discussion Night on "How to improve Oneself at One's Trade" and many useful hints were given.

On Aug. 13th "Grammar" Night proved instructive when English was explained to the Members.

Mr. J. Leber gave a very good paper on "Jewish Customs" on 27th August. He brought some articles that were used by the Jews even to the presant day and explained their uses and purposes which were most interesting.

"Philatelic Evening" was the title on 10th Sept. when Mr. J. M. Johnston explained the mysteries and fascinations of Stamp Collecting. Some members brought their collections and albums for exhibit and an interesting exhibition it was.

Mr. R.H.Lambert entertained the Members with an Optimistic Paper on "Laugh at Life" on 24th Sept.

On Oct. 8th saw the members discussing the Question "Should Federal Arbitration Court be Abolished?" As usual members were divided on the question.

"Mind-Instinct and Constructive Thought" was the title of a Lecture by our Principal on the 29th Oct. His illustrations of instinct in animals and humans and the power of mind over body and body over mind kept our attention for an hour and a half.

LUNA PARK EVENING.

A very successful Social Evening was spent under the Auspices of the Lacrosse Club, and carrying the attractive title of "Own Luna Park Evening" on 2nd July. There were various novelty games which created much merriment and for which prizes were given. The same good old supper followed.

EUCHRE TOURNEYS.

On the evenings of Saturday 17th and 30th August Euchre Tournaments were held. The first night Mrs Edwin Johnson won the ladies prize and Mr. Joe Retallick the Gent's. On the second night Miss Eileen O'Gorman and Mr. Richard White claimed the respective honours. Miss L. Cotton and Mr. J. Cariss won theirs on 5th October.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

On August 30th The Athletic Club staged a farewell social evening to bid Our Popular Member Mr. Gerald D. Edwards "Bon Voyage". He left Melbourne on Saturday Sept 7th for England per S.S."Neckar".

LACROSSE CLUB SOCIAL.

A very happy wind up Social was given by the Lacrosse Club at the "Centre" on 22nd Oct when the Members were entertained to a wonderfully good display of Juggling by Mr. Darry, a friend of One of Our Players for which he was heartily thanked. The rest of the evening was spent in playing new games. Supper supplied by Hearing friends and supporters brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

BOOK NIGHT SOCIAL.

A Novel Social was arranged by the Deaf Committee and called the "Book Night Social" on 19th Oct. when an admission charge was made to augment a fund for purchase of new books for Our Library. Mr. A. Hull the Chairman of the Evening explained the purpose of the Social and then set the games in motion which were varied and interesting.

TENNIS CLUB - JOLIMONT SQUARE.

The Tennis Club has again joined the St.Kilda District Competition and at its first match had a win over Parkview A. on August 31st scoring 44 games to theirs 27. Since then the team has had varying fortune, some wins and some losses. There are two grades in the above Association and our Club entered the 2nd Grade Mixed Section.

LACROSSE. The Lacrosse Season has come to a close and Our Team is well to the fore again. Results of Matches played are as follows: June 22nd against Camberwell, our team lost scoring 10 to their 20. 29th June won against Box Hill 11 to 6. July 6th. another win at expense of North Fitzroy 11 to 2. 13th July ditto against Old Caulfield Grammarians 29 to 6. 20th July ditto against Essendon 17 to 6. 27th July Ditto Ivanhoe 20 to 8. August 3rd ditto Caulfield 18-7. 10th Aug. ditto Box Hill 13 to 12. 17th Aug. 24th Battalion 17 to 0. 24th Aug. Malvern 11-7. Out of the Season's result our team attained the second position to Malvern on the premiership list and on 31st August we were drawn against North Fitzroy for the Semi Final and won, scoring 11 goals to their 7. On 7th Sept. we met Malvern for the Final on the Caulfield

G. Ground and with the loss of G. Edwards (who left for England that same morning) our team was no match for Malvern who won the Premiership scoring 15 goals to our 9.

GEELONG DEAF.

On the 12th of February our Principal by kind permission of the Vicar the Rev. J.J.Booth conducted services for the Deaf of Geelong in St.Paul's Church, Geelong, when most of the Deaf residing in Geelong and district were present. The attendance was so encouraging, and the Deaf so enthusiastic to have regular gatherings that a fortnightly visit was planned, and through the kindness of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club we are enjoying the free use of their Club room every alternate Tuesday. Some very happy gatherings have been held. After service there is a Lecture which is followed by a jolly little all round talk. Hearing friends sometimes attend and are very welcome. The Misses Monahan, daughters of Mr and Mrs Monahan, have attended every meeting and render helpful assistance. Mr and Mrs Hood drive in from St.Leonards, a distance of 20 miles, that in itself proves how much the meetings are enjoyed. Encouraged by the success of this one, we hope to establish branch meetings in many of the large towns of Victoria.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of Deaf Workers' Club was held on the evening of 6th August. There was a gratifying attendance of members, presided over by Mrs Frewin.

The Annual Report of the Hon.Sec. Mr. R.H.Lambert, showed that although there had been no event of outstanding importance, the work of the club had been progressive and satisfactory.

The Committee wish to tender their best thanks to all who have assisted them so willingly during the past season, and also to all who contributed towards making social and Xmas parties so marked a success.

The Hon.Treasurer Mr. M.G.Mortimer reported a credit balance of £7.17.10.

The election resulted as follows:- President Mrs Frewin, Vice-president Mr. Frewin. Hon.Sec. Mr. R.H.Lambert. Hon.Treasurer Miss Hawkins. Committee: Mrs Ashby, Misses O'Gorman and Gibson, Messrs Ashby and Mortimer.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year are now due. Membership is open to all, and any one wishing to enrol, is invited to apply to Mr. R.H.Lambert, the Hon. Sec.

OUR TASMANIAN TRIP - by Miss M. Gibson.

With the Victorian cricketers Misses R. Peters, M. Stevens, G. Hawkins and I left Melbourne on the 21st of Dec. for Tasmania per S.S.Nairana. After a rough trip across the Bass Strait, Launceston was reached about 8.30 a.m. on the 22nd. We left for Hobart by the boat express an hour later. Reached Hobart about 3.30 p.m. On the morning of the 23rd Mona, Gwen and I with Mr Damman went a motor trip to Mount Nelson and Browns River and had a splendid view of Hobart and the coast line through the telescope at the Signal Station on Mt. Nelson.

The afternoon was spent at the Zoo, the evening at the Sunday Service at the Institute. Dec.24th we were at the North Hobart Oval where the Victorians and Tasmanian teams were playing, and the morning of Xmas Day at Fern Tree Tower and the Springs at

Mount Wellington. The afternoon at Sandy Bay. Dec.26th and 27th. at the cricket matches. Dec. 28th in company with some Victorians and South Australians we 4 girls went by charabanc to Eagle Hawk Neck and the historic Port Arthur where the penal settlements were visited.

Dec.29th. to a river picnic per S.S.Marana to New Norfolk, at National Park and the Russell Falls. Evening at Wesley Church. Dec. 30th a trip to South Arm by motor launch S.S.Arcadia. Evening at the demonstration at the Town Hall and afterwards saw the cricketers off for Launceston at the Hobart station. The other free days were spent sightseeing the suburbs on free tram passes kindly given by the Government. Friday Jan. 4th Messrs Dickenson, Mortimer and Damman and Crush and myself (the last Victorians to leave Hobart except Miss G. Hawkins) said Goodbye to Hobart and left to spend a night at Launceston. After arriving there Mr. Dickenson and I went to the beautiful Cataract Gorge. Next morning the 5th we walked to the Launceston Electric Power Station a distance of 3¾ miles each way. Afternoon Miss R. Peters and Mr. H. Puddy who stayed a few days in Launceston joined us at the boat "Nairana" for the return trip to Melbourne which was reached after 9.30 a.m. on the 6th of Jan. after a most enjoyable holiday in Tasmania.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mrs J. Boortz has been spending a holiday with her daughter Mrs A. Taylor at her Home in Sydney.

Mr. Walter Grant is again working on the Pine Plantation in the Ovens Valley. He stated that he has bought a new A.J.S. Motor Cycle 2¾ H.P. and hopes to come to Melbourne as soon as his work is completed.

Mr. Byron Taylor of Hobart who sent some copies of "Sports Weekly" which mention the Adult Deaf over there has formed a Badmington Club and has entered for Premiership Competition amongst the Hearing Clubs. Names he mentioned in the teams were B. Taylor, W. Limbrick, S. Rennie, F. McGrath, and Misses U.Salmon, I. Salvado, W. Murray and T. Wilson. We hear of enthusiastic Comments being made on Mr. B. Taylor's brilliant game and the bright prospect of him becoming one of the star players.

Mr. G. Edwards has sailed for England where he intends to stay for 3 or 4 years. He left Melbourne on 7th Sept. by S.S."Neckar" which will go by way of Suez Canal. A large number of Deaf friends saw him off.

Mr. Reginald Gilbert had the misfortune to meet with an accident a couple of months ago. He was knocked down in Bourke Street by a car and taken to the Melbourne Hospital with a broken leg where he remained till he was drafted on to the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. Now he is back at Our Blackburn Home and although still on crutches is making good progress towards recovery.

Mrs Cross was operated on at St.Vincent's Hospital and later transferred to the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. She is, we are pleased to say, much benefitted in health.

Mrs Hartley had a sharp attack of pleurisy and pneumonia a short time back. She was a patient at Nurse Hodgeson's Private Hospital in Middle Park and now has gone to Sydney to recuperate.

During the past month or two we have seen at our Centre the following deaf friends - Mr. John Anderson from Swan Hill, Mr. W. Maloney from Culgoa, Mr. A. Collins, Neerim Junction. Mr. Colin Johns, Horsham, Mr. Marks, Ballarat, Miss V. West, Traralgon, Mr. H. Wilson, Sale, Mr. Ferguson, Bowman's Forest, Mrs Damman, Warburton, Mr. J. Hunt, Mildura, Mr. C. Hunt, Ouyen, Mr. and Mrs Winn, Sydney, Mr. J. Kenworthy, Pakenham.

Mr. W. McMillen was down with Dry Pleurisy and Bronchitis during the winter. We are glad to see him among us again.

We learn that G. Henry met with an accident to his foot whilst chopping firewood and had to have four stitches put in. It is good to know he is doing well.

The Country Deaf are reminded to send in the Loyalty form sent to them with the last issue of Our Newsletter.

Miss L. Sanders is at present taking a month tour of our Northern Capitals, Sydney and Brisbane. She left Melbourne on the 21st Sept. per S.S.Ormiston.

Thank you Mr. Moss for the very nice pencil sharpener you gave to Miss Empson. She has it fixed on the office table and we all find it very useful.

Miss M. Aram has left Melbourne on a six month's visit to her relatives in Tasmania.

Mr. Warrie Ashby has been to Perth, West Australia, by the Transcontinental Express as a member of the Victorian Interstate Lacrosse team which went over to participate in the Lacrosse Carnival there. His team returned home victorious, after having defeated all the teams from various States. Mr. Ashby spoke very highly of the good times received at the hands of officials. The Deaf of West Australia gave a "Welcome Social" on his behalf.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To Mr. & Mrs J. Hunt of Mildura - a daughter. Aug. 14th.
To Mr. & Mrs W. Rees of Wonthaggi - a son - 13th Sept.
To Mr. & Mrs D. Driscoll of Collingwood - a son - Oct. 1st.

OBITUARY.

It is with sorrow we record that Mr and Mrs A. Tyzzer lost their eldest daughter Daphne from Meningitis in the Children's Hospital on 28th June 1929. She was buried at the Burwood Cemetery. They have our sincere sympathy for little Daphne was loved by us all.

That Roy Martyr of Port Melbourne, one time inmate of Our Blackburn Home passed away on 20th June 1929 at the Austin Hospital and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery. Mr. E.J.D.Abraham officiated at the graveside.

That Miss Emily Anderson of Cooroy, Queensland, late of Geelong passed away on 30th August after a long illness.

That Mr. Pat Cunningham of Ballarat passed away on 17th October.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

CINEMA MACHINE FOR BLACKBURN HOME.

Thanks to our Principal and generous friends our Blackburn Home is now in possession of its own Cinema Machine. Several shows have already been given to the delight of the residents. Our Principal gratefully acknowledges the following donations toward the cost of the machine - Mr. E.R.Peacock, J.P. £5. Mr. Armstrong (President, Shire of Blackburn & Mitcham) £1.1.0.

CINEMA PICTURE SHOWS. At Centre and Blackburn Home.

Further interesting screenings of pictures have been shown. On 20th June a thrilling picture featuring Rin Tin Tin "Hounds of the Silver Creek" was shown then "Irish Hearts" featuring May McAvoy on 29th August, and an Amusing Comedy "Four Flushers" was screened on 5th Sept. featuring Marion Nixon. At our Blackburn Home two screenings were given for the Inmates. A Cow Boy Action Picture featuring Hoot Gibson "Hey Hey Cowboy" was shown on 24th July, followed by one on 2nd August showing Reg. Danny in "Out All Night" and then "Irish Hearts" featuring May McAvoy on 29th August. May McAvoy again featured in the "Four Flushers" shown on 5th Sept.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

On the 26th of September last a most pleasing and enthusiastic audience was seen at a Social in Our Hall at Jolimont Square, in honour of the 28th Anniversary of the coming to Australia of our Principal and Leader Mr. Ernest J.D.Abraham. The function was under the auspices of the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society and Mr. A.C. Muir - the oldest deaf member - was in the chair. The President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; the Chairman, Mr. N. Armstrong; Messrs M.J.Hoath and A.E.Atherton represented the General Board and apologies were received from Mr. E.H.Peacock and other members.

Mr. A.C.Muir who was one of the first to greet Mr. Abraham on his arrival in Australia and has been a loyal friend ever since said this function is under the auspices of the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society representing and giving expression to the feeling of the Deaf Community. We have met together tonight to do honour to our Chaplain who has enthusiastically spent 28 strenuous years in our welfare. Mr. Abraham was known throughout the Deaf World (Great Britain, Europe, America and Australia even China, Japan and India) as editor of the British Deaf Monthly for which I acted as correspondent for many years. I can go back to days of fifty years ago when I first started the Sunday morning services for the Deaf which gradually progressed and became the foundation of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, now this Society.

Mr. Abraham arrived here in 1901 being appointed Our Leader. Six months after who will ever forget that great demonstration - held in the Town Hall Melbourne, March 1902 when the Deaf rallied round our leader Mr. Abraham, we had the biggest of crowds almost surrounding the Town Hall in Swanston and Collins Streets. Police Troopers had to be called to clear the streets in order to allow the trams to pass, which were stopped for a quarter of an hour or so. In 1904 our Church was opened in Flinders Street, and in 1909 the Home at Blackburn, both of which speak volumes for Our Leader, Mr. Abraham as a great organiser. No man could

accomplish more in the short time of 5 years which meant the raising of so many thousand pounds. By continued and steady progress Our Society has out distanced anything the Deaf have in Great Britain or elsewhere. We have now two beautiful properties Jolimont Square, and Blackburn which we are very proud of and thankful for.

Remember we must not overlook the fact that Mr. Abraham had been a great leader for many years amongst the Deaf in Great Britain but owing to ill-health through many years of strenuous work he had regretfully to relinquish his responsibilities as leader and editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" and under medical advice he came out to Australia for health reasons. It was indeed a great loss for Great Britain but a great gain, and blessing indeed to us in Australia especially Victoria. He very soon regained his health here, and is still going strong whilst entering upon his 29th year with us.

The President Mr. E.R.Peacock endorsed all that Mr. Muir had said, and added many pleasing incidents of Mr. Abraham's career. Mr. Abraham briefly but feelingly thanked one and all for their hearty appreciation of his services, and assured them of his continued devotion to them. He said he had been exceedingly fortunate in having succeeded men who had done excellent spade work, laying sound foundations. The Society and the deaf owed much to the late Mr. Peter Holt, the late Mr. R.R.Paterson, and Mr. Fred Frewin, and amongst the deaf themselves the three Muirs - John, Will and Adam, Matt. Miller, F.E.Frewin, W.A.Paterson, R. H. Loff, and others.

After a conjuring entertainment and happy conversation the evening terminated with supper, under the supervision of the "Workers Club." Among the hearing friends present were Mrs E.J. D. Abraham, Mrs Spiers Jackson and her little daughter Pat, Mr. & Mrs Douglas Abraham and their little son Doug. Mrs E.H.Peacock, Mrs Atherton and Mrs Hoath wives of the Members of the Board.

Several pleasing paragraphs about Mr Abraham appeared in Our daily papers both before and after the function of the 26th.

THESE GREAT DAYS OF OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Character in each of us is a force that, for good or evil, is perpetually touching all other characters. In the great realm of moral forces no man lives to himself. A fearless, upright soul reinforces goodness in every soul he touches. An evil man taints the general conscience. He makes goodness harder and evil easier for every one about him.

The profound teaching a Christianity will yet transfigure the world and recreate society. Our acts towards each other reverberate to the very throne of God. Service to each other is service to God. Neglect of each other is neglect of God. The denial of another's need is a refusal that runs up to the Crown of the universe, and sends its echoes forward to the Judgment seat itself.

"Who hates, hates Thee, who loves becomes therein to Thee allied.
All sweet accords of heart and homes in Thee are multiplied."

We must think more than imperially in these great days of our opportunity. We must think in cosmic terms. We must consent to feel ourselves part of the whole system of things, touching all lives and all forces, and touched by all. We must think of

the universe not in fragments but as its Maker planned it, as a unit, an ordered Kingdom knitted together through all its forms and to its utmost boundaries by relationships so close that they cannot be escaped. Yet so subtle that they can hardly be realised.

General Smutts thinks the most important study of the future will be human personality, and that the new science will be called Personology. Artists, Saints and Poets are the most interesting people to study, because they have developed a real personality, a rich glowing inner life. It is no use, says General Smutts, to study a business man, or an administration, they are too busy with worldly affairs to have any personality!

SILENT PAT.

In a room where the clatter of presses almost drowns the spoken word, 24 employees of the Government Printing Office in Brisbane communicate in the deaf-and-dumb alphabet, so that messages which could not be shouted pass easily as signals the whole length of the room.

The man responsible for that is Patrick O'Keefe, of Constance Street, The Valley, a deaf-mute who 46 years ago entered the printery as a "fly-boy" and has been a worker there ever since.

Good-humored, efficient, a clever mimic, and enormously popular with his mates, Pat gives them the idea of employing sign-language, and it saves time and effort, and makes for smooth working.

Pat "hears" with his heels. If anyone wishes to call his attention, it is only necessary to stamp twice on the floor, and he feels the vibration at once.

His mimicry he sometimes employs in burlesquing what he has seen at the movies. Pat's pantomimes are voted a treat.

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SERVICE BEFORE SELF.

What are you doing to help your Society and fellow-members?

CUP DAY PICNIC - TUESDAY Nov. 5th 1929.

AT LAKE PARK, BLACKBURN. (Our Park)

Games, Novelties, Sports, Prizes. Tea, Milk and Sugar provided. Bring your own Tucker. There was a great muster last year, make it greater still this year. A HAPPY DAY FOR EVERYBODY.

SATURDAY, Nov. 9th. ALL COME.

Distribution of Cup Day Prizes, and a Prize Game Night.

Illustrated Lecture on "Astronomy"

Watch the Notice Board at the Centre for date of Mr. Wadsworth's (late Librarian to the Federal House of Parliament) Lecture on Astronomy.

S P E C I A L A N N O U N C E M E N T.

Christmas Rally, Thursday, Dec. 19th. 1929.

AN EXTRA GREAT DAY.

September 1929.

Tuesday	3rd	Worker's Club's Quarterly Social.
Tuesday	10th	Women's & Men's Guild Meeting
Tuesday	17th	Deaf Committee
Tuesday	24th	Men's Guild Meeting
Thursday	26th	Anniversary Rally.
Every Sunday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Services Morning & Evening
Every Thursday	5th 12th 19th 26th	Scripture Class, Lecturette & Cinema
Every Saturday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Recreation.
Sunday	13th	October Holy Communion Services

October 1929.

Tuesday	1st	Vacant
Tuesday	8th	Men's & Women's Guild meetings
Sunday	13th	Holy Communion 11 A.M.
Tuesday	15th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Saturday	19th	"Book Night" Social Evening
Tuesday	22nd	Lacona Club's "Wind Up" Social.
Sunday	27	Hospital Sunday Services.
Tuesday	29	Men's Guild Meeting
Every Sunday	6, 13, 20, 27,	Services Morning & Evening
Every Thursday	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Scripture Class & Lecturette
Every Saturday	5, 12, 19, 26,	Recreation.
Tuesday	November 5th	Annual Picnic at Blackburn.

November 1929.

Tuesday	5th	Cup Day Picnic to Blackburn
Thursday	7th	School Display Pudsey Town Hall.
Tuesday	12th	Womens + Mens Guild meetings
Thursday	14th	"Rose Day" Celebration.
Tuesday	19th	Deaf Committee Meeting
Tuesday	26th	Mens Guild Meeting
Friday	29th	Young Folks Social Evening
Thursdays	21st 28th	Scripture Class + Lecturette & Cinema.
Every Sunday	3, 10, 17 24	Services at 11 a.m. & 7 P.M.
Every Saturday	2, 9, 16 23, 30.	Recreation:

X-mas Rally.

Thursday Dec 19th 1929.

Mrs S. Jeanes of Jindevick, Gippsland with her two children, was over in Sydney duding October and November visiting relatives. She joindd the Melbourne Deaf at their Annual Picnic on Cup Day at Blackburn.

Mr D. Cornish after a long period of idleness had a position on the S. S. "Nairana" trading between Melbourne and Launceston. The latest heard of him was that he is no longer on the S. S. "Nairana" but in Sydney.

Miss A. Graham had the misfortune to lose her brother during the last week of September. She has our sympathy.

Mr J. Brook of Longwood, Victoria reports a busy time lately with his sheep and lambs. Mr R. H. Luff, our country collector, was there for a night with them. Both he and his wife are well and send kind remembrances to Melbourne folks.

Mrs Hartley of South Melbourne was in Sydney for two weeks and spoke of grand times there.

Mr B. Linnell of Huonville near Hobart, Tasmania popped in at "Our Center" on the morning of 8th October soon after his boat touched wharf at Victoria Dock from Sydney where he had spent three weeks holidaying but was unfortunate in not being able to find the N. S. Wales Adult Deaf Headquarters. The Deaf School at Newtown was visited. Mr Linnell will be remembered by the interstate cricketers when he visited Adelaide with the first Tasmanian team in 1926. He is looking forward to meeting the Deaf when they visit Hobart at Xmas.

Mr Williamson, late of New Zealand and Melbourne left for Java in March last and recently returned to Melbourne owing to having contracted malaria. He said the heat was terrific. After a short stay here, he left for his native home New Zealand, per S. S. "Marama".

Miss Lydia Sanders spent her three weeks holiday during October with her relatives in Bendigo.

Mrs J. M. Johnston was at her sister's place at Warburton for a week during October.

Mr Byron Taylor of Hobart, Tasmania sends greetings to Melbourne Deaf in a letter to the Missioner, Mr J. M. Johnston. He stated that the Tasmanian Deaf are looking forward to the visit of the Interstate Cricket team and assured us that the teams will have a royal time there. He enclosed a newspaper cutting showing that he was with the Newtown Football team which toured the North East coast of Tasmania, soon after the close of Premiership Matches in Hobart.

In a letter from Mrs M. Williamson, who is at present in Brisbane, Queensland, she sends her kind remembrance to all the Melbourne Deaf and in the same letter she did not omit to have a good word for our Newsletter and reminded us not to forget her when distributing same. She stated they were having a hot spell and had had no rain since July last. All were anxiously waiting for the change.

Country visitors to Melbourne during Show week were Messrs S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest, A. Salmos of Merrigum, J. Anderson, Oakland Junction, Colin Johns of Horsham, W. Duncan of Baddinginnie, W. Rees and his wife from Wonthaggi, J. Hennessey, Geelong, J. Mills, Waaia, Mrs G. Damman of Warburton.

Mr J. Cambell, Mrs Noonan and Miss R. Lampkin were over in Sydney for the Eucharist Congress and reported most glorious times.

Mr Walter Grant of Myrtleford was in Melbourne for the first cricket match between England and Victoria and was with the Deaf Congregation at their Annual Picnic at Blackburn on Cup Day. He carried off a prize for a high jump at that picnic.

Mr and Mrs A. Sutherland spent a week or more at the popular seaside resort, Queenscliff during the middle of November. We trust they are much benefited by the change.

Mrs Cove of Murrumbeena who has been away in West Australia since last Xmas returned home on 24th November per S. S. Katoomba. We are pleased to see her with us again.

Mr Robert Brownlie of Fisherman's Bend, Port Melbourne, after a long illness at home passed away on 10th October 1928 at the age of 23. He was buried at the Coburg Cemetery where a number of his deaf mates and friends including the Missioner, Mr J. M. Johnston were present to pay their last respect. Mr Brownlie was of a retiring disposition and his favourite hobby was motor cycling of which he was the owner of an "A. J. S." We frequently found him among the other Deaf Cyclists going for trips during week ends.

Mr G. Oakley lost his sister, Mrs Hucks of Caulfield during the middle of October, aged 90 years and 7 months. She was a colonist of 73 years. He has our sympathy.

A very happy birthday party for Miss Esmice Cossor was held at Mrs Quinlivan's home at Reservoir on the evening of October 20th. A large number of Deaf attended. The "fun" began very soon after the usual formalties and many hilarious and exciting games and competitions were gone through. The following were the games and winners:- Guessing number of beads in a jar, T. Peters, Answer to Question Competition, H. Puddy, Peg Race, Miss W. Henry and others. A very dainty supper brought the evening to a close all too soon.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the courtesy of the "Argus" which enables us to present to our readers the photos of Mr and Mrs Arthur J. Wilson of London.

Our friend the Rev. T. E. Ruth had a most interesting article on "The Experiences of a Blind Deaf Mute" in the "Adelaide Mail" recently. Extracts from this article on the sense of smell will be found on another page.

"Think What It Means" is the title of another article by Nora Frost in the "Sydney Sunday Times" on the same blind-deaf young lady.

But for the kind help of Messrs Peacock Bros., Printers, this issue of our Bi-Monthly and the last one too, would have been very much delayed. The whole of this and the last number was typed by a member of the staff of Messrs Peacock Bros., to enable us to reach our readers in good time.

Mr and Mrs Barnes accompanied by Miss Empson met Mr Abraham at our Blackburn Home on the 15th November. They inspected Home and Farm and conversed with many of the inmates, having quite a long talk with Mr Cork (blind and deaf).

The "Morton Bay" was a dance hall afloat on the 27th November when a gala night was held in aid of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society's Equipment Fund.

An anonymous donor, through the Perpetual Trustees Co. Ltd., has made a gift of £500 to the building fund of the N. S. W. Deaf & Blind Institution.

A children's party is to be held on the steamer "Marella" on the 6th Dec. in aid of the Equipment Fund of the N. S. W. Adult Deaf Society.

Squadron Leader Kingsford Smith's Southern Cross art union in aid of the N. S. W. Deaf & Dumb Institution Building Fund was a great success. 130,000 people purchased tickets and there is £6,500 in the bank to the credit of this effort.

The N. S. W. School for the Deaf & Blind was founded sixty six years ago. At present there are 170 Deaf and Blind children on the roll.

The Sydney Institution for the Deaf & Dumb is appealing for £30,000 and much is being made of Alice Betteridge, a blind-deaf young woman, 26 years of age, in the Sydney newspapers. She is referred to as the Helen Keller of Australia.

The organisors of the Appeal for Sydney Institution for the Deaf are to be congratulated upon their wonderful effort on behalf of that Institution, they have not only gained the unanimous voice of the press but the enthusiastic assistance of practically everybody who is anybody. You cannot pick upaa Sydney paper without some reference to a function of some kind being or to be held in aid of the School. The £30,000 asked for seems assured already and this, too, right on top of the big appeal made by the Adult Deaf Society.

The Sydney Deaf School is to share in £35,000 with the Children's Hospital, the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the Sydney Hospital from the estate of the late Mrs Caroline Moore, a Darlinghurst hotelkeeper.

'The N. S. W. Institution for the Deaf & Dumb is by no means an "Institution" in the generally accepted sense of the word, nor is it anything in the nature of an asylum. It is a school." Thank you, Sydney Sunday Times. It is within our recollection when a certain benefactor of the deaf made this statement in almost these identical words that he was severely censured by the Superintendent of an Institution of a Sister State.

The N. S. W. "Sun" in its issue of 28th October says, "The final objective of the N. S. W. Adult Deaf & Dumb Society is a small flower and vegetable farm reasonably near the city, where those who are not suited to trades and other industrial work may find an outlet for their energy".

WEST AUSTRALIA.

Taking as a basis general figures he had gathered, Mr F. G. Barnes is of opinion the deaf mute population of Western Australia ought to be about 400 and of that number 50 or 60 ought to be of school age. There are only 20 deaf and dumb children at the W. A. School for the Deaf.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mr F. G. Barnes was but for a brief time in Adelaide, he paid a rush visit to the Brighton Institution for the Deaf on the morning of Saturday, 12th November and was received by Mr Alex. C. W. Cox, the Superintendent.

The last service was held in the old Church for the Deaf, Wright Street, Adelaide on Sunday 11th November. The preacher being the Rev. E. Gratton, one of the Hon. chaplains who is now in his 91st year. Mr A. C. W. Cox acted as interpreter.

The new Institute for the Adult Deaf of South Australia stands in an acre of land, on which in addition to the Institute, there is a residence for the Superintendent and tennis courts.

The General Board of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission has taken over the management of the "S. A. Deaf Notes", the local magazine for the Deaf.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. McLELLAN.

A very happy gathering at the Home for Deaf Mutes, at Blackburn, was present on Monday, 5th November, to do honor to Mr Archibald McLellan, the deaf manager of the Farm Section of the Home, on his completion of 21 years with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, first as overseer, and during the last few months as farm manager. The general board of the society gave Mr McLellan a dinner at the home, and the chairman of the Home Committee, Mr N. Armstrong, on their behalf, presented him with a cheque for £5/5/- in appreciation of his long service. From the principal, staff and inmates of the Home, Mr McLellan received a splendid watch, and Mrs McLellan a jardiniere as a token of affection and esteem. The principal, Mr E. J. D. Abraham (founder of the Home and Farm), and the missioner, Mr J. M. Johnston, also spoke. The dinner was much enjoyed and the tables attractively arranged. The dining room was gaily decorated with flags, flowers, etc. Bursts of happy laughter and applause followed a participation in the games. After a light supper a very tired, but very happy family of inmates trotted off to bed.

VICTORIA.

A son to Mr and Mrs Alf. Christensen on Thursday 15th September, 1928. Congratulations.

Mrs G. Newnham had a bad time during September and was forced to stay in bed. We are glad to see her amongst us once more in much improved health.

Mr H. Sutton, late of Wentworth, New South Wales, who came down to Melbourne some time ago with his wife, nee Miss Ethel Dempsey, went back north again as far as Broken Hill in search of work. Times were bad in Melbourne owing to the wharfmen's strike. We hear he has secured work at Mildura.

Mr G. Edwards spent three weeks up country (Arcadia) during the month of October helping at the shearing sheds. He stated the country looked great after the rains.

Mr Fred Johnson went to try his luck up country but returned two weeks after. He is at present doing odd jobs and canvassing.

Mr A. Hately of Camperdown was in town for a few days during September. He brought his sister with him. He was compelled to make his stay as short as possible and in consequence was unable to see the Royal Agricultural Show which was opened a few days afterwards. His sister secured a position in St. Kilda and is often to be seen at Our Club.

Mr. J.M. Johnston

Adult Deaf Mute Centre,

Jolimont Square,

MELBOURNE EAST C-2

TO THE COUNTRY DEAF.

See last page of July "Monthly Letter".

APPRECIATION to BOARD of MANAGEMENT

Attach your signature here * .....

and post this paper to me in stamped envelope sent you but do not close down envelope.

Yours faithfully

J.M. Johnston

Adult Deaf Mute Centre
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THE VICTORIAN DEAF

OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



NEW ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE.





HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, AND BLIND DEAF MUTES. BLACKBURN. VIC.

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CHRISTMAS 1929 - NEW YEAR 1930.

To my Friends of the A. D. & D. SOCIETY.



GREETING - The end of the year is a time for reflexion, with much cause for gratitude to Almighty God - difficulties and anxieties behind us. Many and serious problems ahead - But unity and confidence restored. Plans and Policy are visualised - Courage, determination, and patience can achieve great advances in every department. Our New Church as the central pivot of all our Community life will soon be materialised. Fifty years retrospect, beginning with a religious service, developing into Community, Social, Educational, and Industrial activities make a good foundation for building the next Fifty years programme. Trusting in the same Divine Love which has guided and blessed us in the past we face the future work of constructive Statesmanship with confidence and hope, in the interests of those who are with us now and others following on.

E. R. PEACOCK,

President.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN.

Dear Friends,

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be the Chairman of your Board of Management during the year which is fast drawing to a close, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the greater co-operation and support you have given the hearing and speaking members of the Board during this period. We have all had a strenuous time in trying to make ends meet, and at the same time give you additional comforts and service. Let us hope we have succeeded in some small way.

Two outstanding occurrences during the year are the commencement of the erection of our Chapel at Jolimont Square, and the very fine report of the Inspector of Charities upon the work of the Society's Home at Blackburn. I am only sorry that the Chapel will not be complete for your Christmas Services.

Friends - On behalf of myself and the Board I sincerely wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Year of happy days during 1930.



Sincerely yours,
N. ARMSTRONG.

My dear People,

I rejoice with our President and with our Chairman of Committees over difficulties vanquished and the clear promise of happier times. Not that we have not had happy times in the past. We have; many of them. And always there has been a brighter future. And the future grows brighter every day. The only thing necessary is for you and I to open our eyes and we will realise this. Just a little prayer in the morning when we wake up and it will all come to us. Christmas is a time for rejoicing. So let us rejoice.

Christ! The "Word" is symbolic for everything sweetly soothing and radiantly uplifting; for giving, for smiling, for kind and generous thoughts and actions.
Christ! The wonderful, wonderful wonders that that one word means to the initiated.

"Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus! Blessed Jesus!"

A Merry Christmas! Dear, old, familiar greeting. Let us be merry. A Happy New Year, we have exchanged with each other ever since we can remember. So "let's" be happy. Start the New Year with a happy outlook. See things from the aspect of sun, moon and stars when looking up, and when we are compelled to look down let us just see the trees, green fields and flowers and keep our nostrils extended for the perfumes and only the perfumes. Think a lot this coming year. Cleanly and rightly, of course. I take that for granted. Time is short and we have so very much to learn in this

beautiful, little, kindergarten school, that we call "The World." So very many beautiful things to see and talk about. We don't even have to look for them, they are everywhere.

The General Board, you and I can do great things for our fellow deaf of today and tomorrow if we pull together. Bother that word "if". I don't like it. We will. The General Board will. I will. And you will, I am sure. So here we are starting the New Year with a great ideal. You and I, and all of us are going to climb and climb until we get there, and we will get there. God bless you all.

Affectionately yours,
ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

INSPECTOR OF CHARITIES AT BLACKBURN.

The Inspector of Charities who recently visited the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society's Home for the Deaf & Dumb at Blackburn reported "Proper considerate and sympathetic treatment is accorded the inmates. All those with whom I came into contact expressed themselves as happy, content and well treated. The Home in my opinion is a credit to the Society".

(Signed) C.L.McVILLY, Inspector of Charities.

ROSE DAY.

"Rose" or "Benefactor's" Day was celebrated at Our Centre on the 14th Nov. Mr. A.C.Muir was the principal speaker and gave a very interesting outline of the early days of both school and mission also reminiscences of many of the identities of Melbourne's Deaf World. Our Principal and Mr.F.E.Frewin also spoke. Lantern slides followed showing portraits of benefactors and prominent deaf together with views of schools and Institutes.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

The Annual Cup Day Picnic held on 5th November last was a success in spite of the drenching rain in the morning, and the absence of a more promising outlook for the afternoon. The rendezvous was Our Blackburn Park and Home. The morning being wet, was spent in looking over the property and talks with the inmates. The weather having cleared at lunch time the sports were successfully held, including 100 yds Championship, 50 yds Ladies Championship, High Jump, Marathon race, Throwing Cricket ball, Potato race, etc. After tea, games were played on the lawns. The party was forced to disperse for home earlier than usual on account of the weather getting much colder.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT.

Another Euchre Tournament was held on the Evening of Saturday Nov. 9th and there was a large attendance. Mrs A. Stokes of Trafalgar and Mr. D. Ashby were the winners in their respective sections.

MEN'S GUILD.

Impromptu Stories and Queries took up the evening of Men's Guild Meeting on 12th November. Many puzzling questions were asked and satisfactory answers given.

On 26th November Mr. J. Leber gave us another paper. This time it was on "Highroad of History from B.C. to 1900 A.D." recounting to the members of the lives of various great Men and Kings during those years.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

A Meeting was held on 12th November when recitations and stories were given by various Members and on 10th December "Talks on Christmas Customs" was much enjoyed. Happy general conversation followed while the members sat round the table enjoying a light supper.

LECTURE ON ASTRONOMY.

There was a large and appreciative audience at our Centre on the 5th December when Mr. A. Wadsworth, ex-Librarian of the Federal House of Parliament, delivered an illustrated lecture on Astronomy. We were brought to see how inconceivably great and how vast the distances of the heavenly bodies and how very tiny, how very insignificant are we mortals in comparison.

"AXEMAN SAVE THAT TREE"

Plans approved, site chosen and men digging for the foundations of our new Church. Right close up is a beautiful elm tree and our Principal has been trying to save its life. Actually there have been weeks of argument and expert evidence called in, for, of course, everybody is in sympathy with such an object, but, well, its got to be admitted however much it hurts, we fear the poor tree will have to go.

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF"

The Magazine Sub-Committee Messrs Newnham Hull and Lambert met on the 3rd of Dec. Our Principal presided and the Missioner was also present. Quite a large number of names for the new issue of our Newsletter were sent in by six competitors for the 10/- prize, but as none sent in the name chosen by the Committee, it was decided to award free copies of the new Magazine for twelve months to each of the six competitors. The name chosen by the Committee is "The Victorian Deaf". Mr. A. Hull was appointed Editor, and Mr. Lambert, Manager. The first number will appear in February.

YET ANOTHER YEAR.

Another year is waning. We would do well to reflect on the past 12 months to check up our victories and failures, determined that such success shall be the forerunner of further advancement, and that our failures guide us from similar errors in the future. With the coming of the New Year give encouragement. It is a most necessary stimulant. For only along constructive ways can we hope for success.

Encouragement is essentially constructive, it helps. Encouragement we know is desirable, is needed by all of us. As you give - so you receive. The law is perfect. As you sow you shall reap. Do you wish for the aid necessary to give you strength to travel on your way? Turn and help your brother, your sister, whom you see in need, only by helping others are we ourselves helped - (only as we give out thoughts of constructive nature, words of constructive nature only as we show in our actions, the knowledge of constructiveness, of the value of co-operation, - only in the way can true progress be attained.

Give encouragement at every opportunity. Give it in full measure and same shall be returned to you.

We hope all deaf will subscribe to the "Victorian Deaf".

YOUNG FOLKS' NIGHT.

What was most appropriately called a Young Folks' Night was given at our Centre on Friday, 22nd November, by invitation of Mrs. E. Spiers Jackson and Mr. and Mrs Douglas Abraham (Elsie, Doug. and Lillian, daughter, son and daughter-in-law of our Principal). There were a few over 100 present, and some of our younger married folk responded to the thoughtful suggestion that they bring their children, for whom a special little party had been provided, under the supervision of Mrs. Frewin, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Boortz and Mrs Swain.

Our dainty hall was daintily decorated and equally dainty were our young folk guests, the men in their blue and black tamoshantas and our girls in evening and sweet little pink and blue, early Victorian bonnets, with the streamers that held up their dainty chins. There were dances and games and supper, all of which were dainty too.

A "bunch of girls" a few evenings after, said; "It was a lovely night." It was. And everybody present was happy, and many who work for and love our young folk, who were present, were very, very proud of them -- including our President.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY.

The children had a lovely time as well as the grown ups. They played with the little tram (which was great fun) and there were some toys laid out on a table for them to play with too. There were many other games as well, and some were Blindman's buff, Hide-and-seek, Hunt the Whistle, and other ball games. They had a supper just the same as the grown ups had. Ice cream was one of the most popular things. Mr. Peacock came up to see the children in the evening, and they all rushed up to him to sit on his knee, but only a few could fit on, so the others had to stand round him.

We all want to thank Mrs Frewin, Mrs Boortz, Mrs Ashby, and Mrs Swain for giving their time in trying to amuse the children and they succeeded.

I am going to try and remember all the girls names, but if I have forgotten some I hope they wont be offended. There was Joan Brown, Joyce MacKenzie, Ruth Peters and Dorothy Johnston. I wish I could remember all the other girls names. I am sure that they were all very very sorry to go home.

PATRICIA SPIERS JACKSON
Age Ten.

CINEMA PICTURES.

"Painted Ponies" featuring Hoot Gibson, "Snookum" a 2 reeled Comedy and Empire News comprised the programme shown in the Hall of our Centre, on evening of 21st November.

SOCIAL AT OUR BLACKBURN HOME.

A very interesting gathering took place at the Blackburn Home on Wednesday, November 27th. It was to officially open the Cinema Machine, subscribed for by friends, specially to provide pictures for the inmates of the Home.

Councillor N. Armstrong, President of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham and Chairman of Committees of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, was in the chair, and amongst those present were the President of the Society, Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., Mr. Hoath, Councillor Gray, Mr. Simpson Hill, Mr. & Mrs Bishop, Mr. & Mrs Course, Rev. Mr. Leslie, Mrs. E. R. Peacock, Mrs N. Armstrong, Mrs E. Peacock, Mrs E. S. Hill and Miss Empson. Mr. Armstrong, in welcoming the visitors, said it was fitting that so many local friends of the Institution should be present as the contributions toward the purchase of the machine had mainly been made locally.

Mr. Peacock spoke of the general work of the Society of which the Blackburn Home was a part. With its spacious grounds it had room for development. Mr. Abraham said the date chosen for the function was fittingly appropriate as it was the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Home. He thanked all who had subscribed toward the purchase of the Cinema Machine.

After the visitors had been shown over the building they joined the inmates at the picture show, when some very good films of the Home, the work done there, and the many clubs connected with the Society were screened.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB OF VICTORIA.

P O L I C Y.

To erect a CHURCH. Money has been specifically subscribed for this purpose, and the building is being proceeded with. The original scope of the Society, when established 45 years ago as a Mission, was Religious.

TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE and all round advancement of the whole of the Adult Deaf and Dumb of the State, by providing facilities for SECONDARY EDUCATION and VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL and WORKSHOPS. HOSTEL for the boarding of young men while learning Trades or otherwise away from home. HOSTEL for the boarding of young women working in the City or learning occupations. (In this way also to care for the shelter, protection, moral training and discipline of the neglected.) CLUB HOUSE with Library, Reading Room, Billiard Room, Baths, Gymnasium and general conveniences for the various Clubs (already there are Lacrosse, Tennis, Cricket and Rambling Clubs). CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING containing Offices, Employment Bureau, Social Hall, Kitchen, etc. TENNIS COURTS AND BOWLING GREEN etc. The money for Tennis Courts and other sporting equipment is provided by the Deaf and Dumb themselves. HOME for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective and Blind Deaf Mutes.

OUR NEW CHURCH.

Quite an imposing sketch of our Church recently appeared in "The Herald" and the following is the letterpress that appeared beneath it.

A chapel to be erected in the society's ground at Jolimont Square, has been designed by Messrs Gawler and Drummond, FF.R.V.I.A., of Queen Street, Melbourne, architects to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Work is to start immediately.

The chapel is, of course, planned on entirely different lines from those in which acoustics have to be carefully considered. The plan to suit the deaf and dumb must have a wide "auditorium", wider than it is deep.

The floor is raised and with a good slope to the front, and there must be no posts or obstructions to distract or interfere with the full view of the pastor. The rostrum is raised only slightly above the main floor, sufficient to take the communion rail and step.

Both daylight and artificial lighting have to be so arranged that they are directed with the intensified rays on to definite vital spots on the rostrum by reflectors, etc.

The design is based on the Romanesque style, being in clinker brick with a deep brown tile roof. The entrance steps approach the narthex through a picturesque arched brick doorway and wrought metal grillage doors.

Over the door entrance the eye is invited to contemplate the tower, the main feature of which is a large cross in molded brick, which is intended to suggest through the eye for the heart to meditate the Christian symbol prior to entering the chapel proper.

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE.

Jolimont Square, MELBOURNE EAST.

SUNDAYS:
Divine Worship 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
Holy Communion 1st Sunday, Jan. April, July, Oct.

MONDAYS:
Library, Reading Room, Billiards.

TUESDAYS.
Men and Women's Guild and Committee Meetings.

WEDNESDAYS.
Library, Reading Room, Billiards.

THURSDAYS:
Scripture Study, Lecturette. Cinema Pictures.

FRIDAYS:
Club Nights.

SATURDAYS:
Social Evening.

OFFICE - Open Daily from 9 a.m. for advice and assistance.

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CHRISTMAS RALLY.

Thursday, Dec. 19th. 7.30 p.m.

Plenty of Fun. Games. Ice Cream. Supper.

Hearty Welcome to all.

Children's Party - Upstairs. Bring your little ones.

A Jolly Time for them too. Father Christmas with toys for the Kiddies.

December 1929.

Tuesday	3rd	Deaf Worker's Club Committee Meeting
Thursday	5th	Mr Wadsworth's Lecture.
Tuesday	10th	Special Deaf Committee Meeting Deaf Women's Guild Meeting
Thursday	12th	Scripture Class & Cinema.
Tuesday	17th	Inmates' Xmas treat by Worker's Club.
Thursday	19th	Christmas Rally.
Every Sunday	1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Services Morning & Evening.
Every Saturday	7th 14th 21st 28th	Recreation.

Men's Guild Annual picnic to "Frankston".

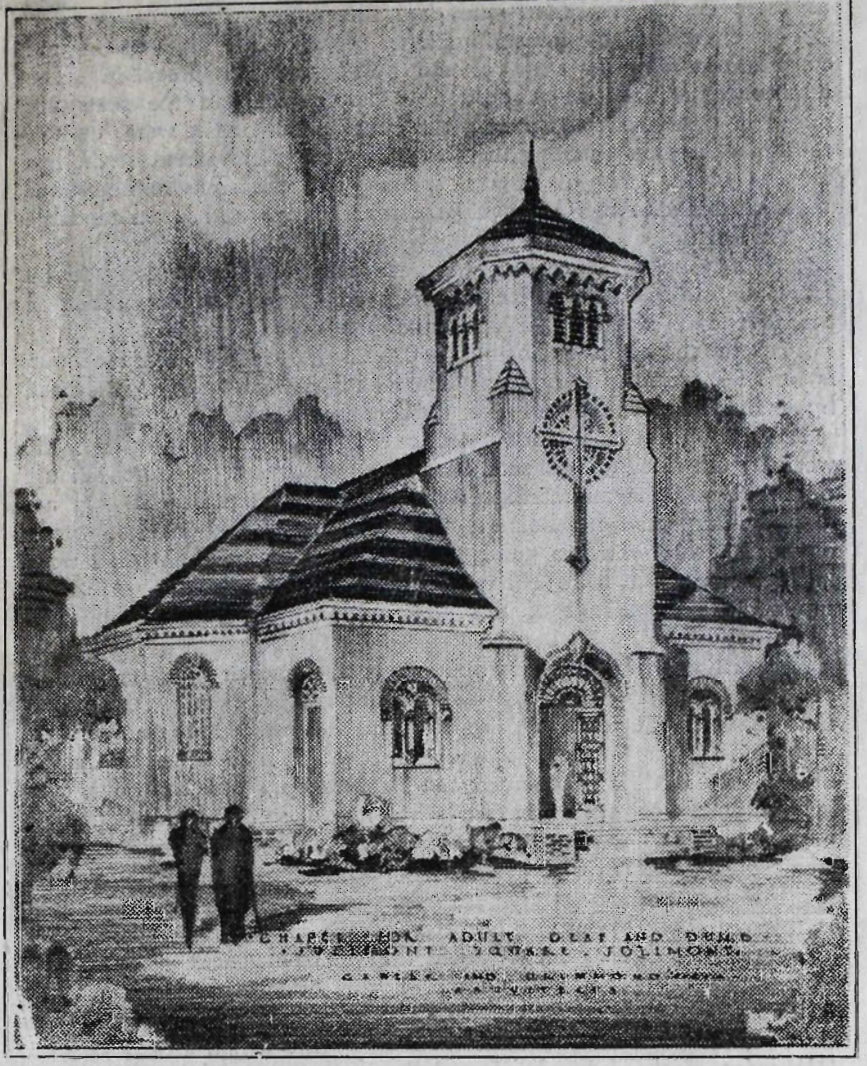
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NEW CHURCH FOR THE DEAF---JOLIMONT SQUARE, EAST MELBOURNE.
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CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

On Monday, 13th January, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a ceremony unique in the history of Australia, was the Consecration by the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Head), of the ground upon which a church for the deaf is in course of erection at Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, and the laying of the Foundation Stone by the State Governor (Lord Somers). The Rev. F. Haganour (Presbyterian), and Rev. Dr. Hoban (Methodist), also took part in the Consecration Service, which was most impressive, and attended by a large congregation of hearing sympathisers as well as those chiefly interested---the deaf themselves.

The church is of unusual design. giving each member of the congregation a clear view of the pulpit and the preacher. The auditorium is wide in proportion to its length, and the seats are raised in a semi-circle, bringing the congregation, as it were,"up to" the preacher, thus enabling them to follow every movement of the lips as well as the play of fingers, spelling and the signs and gestures that, combined, make a language comprehensive and understandable to the deaf.

The lighting arrangements also, are quite unlike anything to be found in other churches, being composed of flood lights hidden in the roof and concentrated upon the pulpit and preacher.

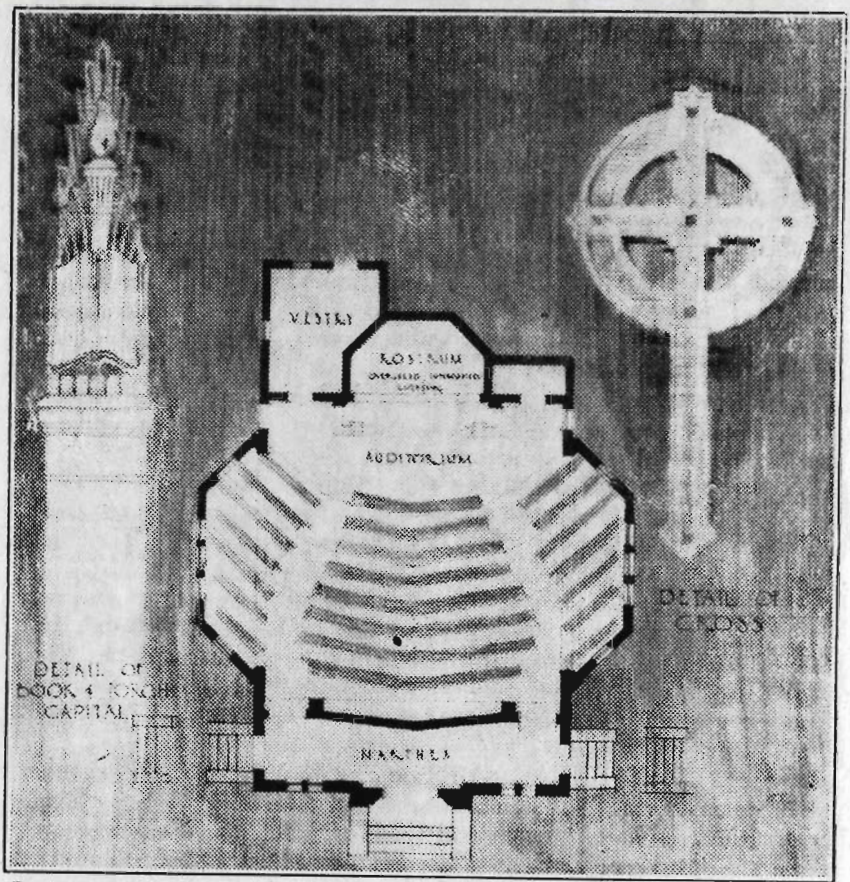
The church will cost about £3,000, and the seating accommodation is for 214 persons. It is anticipated that every seat will be purchased by individual members of the deaf congregation.

After laying the Foundation Stone, Lord Somers said that the work of the Society was such that any community or church should be proud to take an intelligent and practical interest in it. "I am glad," continued Lord Somers, "to have laid the Foundation Stone of this church, which is going to be the Centre of more good work in Melbourne. I hope I have many more opportunities of seeing my name on buildings of this kind, and so feel humbly connected with the work."

Archbishop Head said the building of the church had the support of nearly all the Christian denominations. The late Archbishop Less had commended the appeal and he wished to support it. The church was intended to give the deaf a full, rich, and happy life. "You and I," continued the Archbishop, "can shut our eyes to the needs of others of we wish to do so, and think of our own needs, but if we do that we shall never really achieve the greatest happiness for ourselves. I don't know of anything that has lifted me out of myself so much since I came to Melbourne as my visit here to-day." The Rev. Dr. S. J. Hoban congratulated the Board of Management upon the commencement of the first strictly interdenominational church in the State, and Mr. Abraham (the principal and chaplain, who acted as interpreter) upon the achievement of a long cherished dream. Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., (President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria), drew attention to two interesting figures in the history of the Society, both of whom were present. Mr. A. C. Muir, Australian born, but educated at a school for the deaf and dumb in Scotland, who conducted the first service for the deaf in Melbourne, on the 20th

July, 1879, and the Rev. H. W. H. Adeney (aged 96), for many years an active member of the Board of Management. Mr. Peacock, on behalf of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, also thanked the Archbishop for taking charge of the ceremony and arranging the order of service and the Governor for his share in the ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony, a mallet which was used in the laying of the Foundation Stone made of wood, formerly used in the construction of old St. James Cathedral, was presented to the Governor, and the commemorative Souvenir, bound in boards which had seen service in the same grand old edifice, was presented to Archbishop Head. The beautiful souvenir, containing the Order of Service, and many interesting illustrations and historical particulars of the work of the Society, was presented for distribution by Messrs. Peacock Brothers, Printers. One of the illustrations is an "Airspy" view of Jolimont Square. the gift of Mr. W. H. Handsom, and another, "A Vision of the Future," a sketch of the church, surrounded by stately and impressive looking buildings, intended to house the present and future activities of the Society, the work of Gawler & Drummond, architects of the Church for the Deaf.



Plan of the interior of the Church for the Deaf, the tower-cross and the ornamentation round windows and rostrum---the open book and the torch of light. By Courtesy of the "Argus."

OURSELVES.

It is twenty-five years ago---a quarter of a century---since "Our Monthly Letter" first went a-visiting the deaf.

It was originally patiently and carefully written and afterwards typewritten, and to-day you see yet another change, and we hope you will all like it.

The old typewritten style became very familiar and very dear to many of us and were reluctant to make the drastic plunge which the change into printers' type meant. We managed to muster up courage at last, and here we are.

How do you like us? Have we improved? We believe we have, and hope you think the same.

We have kept to the title "The Victorian Deaf," but our dress and get up are changed and we hope to your liking.

And now a few words about our policy, that is what we intend to try to do.

We want "The Victorian Deaf" to be a welcomed visitor in every home of the deaf in the State and a link between the whole of the deaf of Victoria, and it is our intention to make our magazine of service to the deaf in every assistable way.

We propose from time to time to insert articles of interest and help to the deaf, and we invite you to write for our magazine. Tell us about your farm, your work, your opinion, anything that occurs to you. We assure you whatever you write will be welcomed.

We want our magazine to be your newspaper, to keep you informed of the doings of your old school friends, and as they are sure to want to know all yourself, let us from time to time have news about your own doings.

We shall talk about the past and what we may learn from it; the present and what is being done; the future and what we hope to do, and what we hope you will do, for you are part of our little world; it is not **complete without you.** Please remember that and remember it always.

"The Victorian Deaf" will be published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October and November, and the subscription is 2/- per annum, post free.

Now the very first thing for you to do is to post 2/- to us at once, and the next, to visit all your deaf friends and acquaintainces and show them this copy of "The Victorian Deaf" and invite them to subscribe.

If you will collect their two shillings and post on to us with names and addresses you will be helping the whole of the deaf community, and we shall be very grateful to you for the help.

All articles, news, etc., should be sent to the "Editor," and subscriptions and orders to the Manager, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

EDITORIAL.---MESSAGE OF YOUTH.

The old pioneers and senior workers of our Society find opening before them vistas of growth and work of which they little dreamed. They are, therefore, anxious to develop new schemes and are eagerly looking forward to the young deaf to come forward and fill their places. There are certain regular activities that must be carried on, such as the inner workings of the Society and all the propaganda

necessary for familiarising the public with our ideals. The elders are now doing this, but they want youth to come and assume their responsibilities. They look to youth to produce Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers for this inner work, and Authors for our magazine. The sooner youth comes and asks the elders to slip down the better pleased they will be, so my young brothers and sisters get busy---do not spend so much time as the elders are sometimes apt to do in mere talking, but go and do it.

Eternal Youth is character of Divinity. Be examples of pluck, grit, and heroism, and make the elders rejoice in seeing you come forward. We hope youth will give whatever support it can to movements, both within and without our Society, working for comradeship amongst the deaf, for there are many directions in which youth can give active and practical expression.

Comradeship is good for you and good for all the deaf.

Membership of the Society and subscription to this magazine will definitely help you individually, will encourage those who are your fellow members and will certainly influence the Society for good.

If youth must criticise, let it be constructive criticism. Nobody's problem is ideal, nobody has things just as he would like them;--- the thing to do is to make a success with what material we have--- it is sheer waste of time to imagine what we would do if things were different. They are not different, but we can be different.

Most of us make a mistake in expecting too much of life, but this is a mistake of youth. There is no need of us to settle down in a narrow groove, because we have not great advantages; let us do what we can to be happy, to learn to keep abreast of what goes on, even if we are, through our deafness, somewhat removed from the world. Some day we may have wider opportunities and our efforts of to-day will have kept us in practice for what would otherwise be entirely beyond our powers. Let us all learn to be good for something.

1930.

As has been done by most people when a year has passed, I have been running back over the events of the past twelve months. The result is doubtless similar to that of the majority. A lot of work indeed done; a success here, and there; some disappointments; many happy moments and a few less happy ones.

That is really the story of most years for the most of us, is it not? And if every one is careful to recall all the events of the year---to overcome any tendency to remember only the failures and disappointments and not the good things which have occured---we must admit that the year has not treated us unkindly.

So, because we are optimists of the right sort, we are looking forward to 1930 as a year certain to bring us still better things. That is the right spirit, for if we go ahead imbued with the belief that good fortune will be ours, we have gone half-way towards ensuring it.

Let us clear the decks. The New Year is here with all its promise. Whatever came our way in 1929, that year is ended.

A new church for the deaf is at least one promise for 1930, so all the hopes, the possibilities, are before us---that may 1930 prove to be. A Happy and Prosperous New Year.



His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, the Right Hon. Lord Somers, attended by Captain R. C. T. Speir, A.D.C., and Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P. (President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society). (Photo taken by one of our deaf members, Mr. W. Wood.)

PERSONAL.

Mr. N. Webb succeeded in obtaining a motor-car driver's licence, and he is now going the rounds in an Overland Whippet, supplied by the Society.

Mr. O. Tyzzer is the latest member to receive a licence to drive. He owns an Indian motor-cycle and side car, and carries two hearing passengers daily, to and from the M. & M.B. Works, some 15 miles out. It speaks volumes for the passengers' implicite faith in his ability to carry them safely in view of his being totally deaf and dumb.

A report came to hand that Mr. K. Best, of Launceston, Tasmania, has been granted a licence, and has now a motor-cycle.

Mr. Leber has bought a Baby Austin de-luxe sedan car; Mr. McMillen, a Baby Citroen car, and both have made good use of them during the holidays.

Miss Aram returned to Melbourne to resumme her work after a well-earned rest of six months in Tasmania.

Mr. C. Buck arrived here in the morning of 18th November per "S.S. Karoola" from Sydney, after having a rough experience in three states. He is temporarily at our Blackburn Home, an a constant visitor to our "Centre."

Mr. Alan Graham reached Melbourne late in the evening of December 19, after a trek of 19 days from Sydney in pursuit of work, having been without it for five months. He anticipates having a try at his luck in the country, and in the event of failure, he will come back for another try in the city.

The widow of the late Rev. Dr. J. I. Halley, recently died in South Australia, aged 93. Mrs. Halley was a very interested reader and regular subscriber to "Our Monthly Letter," and the Rev. Dr. Halley, was, for many years, a member of the General Board of our Society. His portrait enlarged and framed is in our picture gallery.

Mr. H. Somner-Martin, B.A., LL.B., who was for years Hon. Secretary of our Society, and was present at the laying of the Foundation Stone of our church, has sent a cheque of £10/10/- to the Building Fund

There was quite a distinguished gathering at the Consecration Service of our church, including many clergymen representative of the different denominational churches.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. Puddy, also Mr. N. Webb, spent a most enjoyable Christmas holiday at Launceston, where they arrived on 24th December by "S.S. Niarana," and were invited to a picnic party at Swan Point, also a fishing party at Headspin, and the Badminton Club.

Mr. Puddy paid a visit to Mrs. Thomas's place, and had a number of deaf visitors eagerly discussing on our forthcoming carnival.

On New Year's Day, the Tasmanian deaf met for a picnic at Denison Gorge, and spent a most enjoyable day there on the smooth sands.

The visit to "Caratact Gorge and Power Station, destroyed by the flood in March last; also to Punch Bowl, and many places proved very interesting.

Mr. S. Puddy left Launceston by "S.S. Niarana" on 7th January, leaving his girl behind, but bringing a message from the Tasmanian deaf, wishing us a Happy New Year.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer had a most enjoyable and beneficial holiday at Hepburn and Daylesford, famous for their mineral waters, which he reported, effected him a "wonderful cure."

The "Grande," a fashionable guest house, full of lively and merry parties, who entertained him with a few motor spins; also to a fancy dress parade and ball. He organised a series of amusements which were appreciated by all at the "Grande," so much that they presented him with a gold-mounted briar pipe.

Miss R. Peters, on a holiday in Sydney, visited the world-famed Jenolan Caves, which she thought were most magnificent and surpassing in scenery any she had seen in other parts during her holiday.

Miss A. Foster's holiday was spent with her relatives at Purrumberta, 17 miles from the nearest station "Stonehaven," on the Colac line.

Mr. and Mrs. Frewin had a most happy family reunion at their summer house at Beaumaris, a well-selected recuperating resort, and are back with us now with every-smiling faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Halliday, also Mr. W. Donellan, took their Christmas holidays across the border to Sydney and their good time was reported.

The "Stay at home deaf" held two picnics, at Chelsea on Boxing Day, and at Sandringham on New Year's Day; during the past holidays, both being well attended and much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bladier spent their honeymoon at Healesville.

Miss A. Graham is on a two month's holiday in the Apple Isle, with her sister and relatives.

Miss D. Hickey sailed for West Australia by "S.S. Karoola" on the 15th January to benefit her health, and will not be back for two months.

AN ACCOUNT OF MY CHRISTMAS TRIP TO SYDNEY.

By Ossie Ouinton.

It was my third occasion to take the trip to Sydney by road, in my 1927 model Indian Scout with side car.

On Friday, 20th December, Mr. I. Guthrie and I took the first stop at Orbost, 241 miles via the Princes' Highway, and on the route, we met Mr. H. Wilson, of Sale, at dinner, then to Lakes Entrance for tea.

On the following day we made a 274 miles stretch, reaching Bateman's Bay, breakfasted at Cann's River Hotel, dined at Eden, and had tea at Moruya. At this stage of the run, we saw a big wallaby hopping across our track, and passed a number of bush fires in the hills. We registered our bike at Bega, instead of Eden owing to there being no police at the station. We then camped for the night at Bateman's Bay, a very charming place. The next stage was the final, being about 200 miles to Sydney. Breakfast was at Nowra, and dinner at Wollongong. We crossed numerous rivers and creeks before we arrived in Sydney on Sunday at 5 p.m. That same night we called at the deaf church, where we were cordially welcomed. Then, came a round of gaiety during the week's stay in Sydney, which included a visit to the Taronga Zoo, where we saw recently captured sharks; also to Balmoral Beach, where a picnic party, numbering 125 met, and the seaside resorts of Bondi, Coogee, Rose, Manly and Narreebeen. The Spit, Middle Harbour, The Gap, and the National Park were further visited, which proved very interesting.

On New Years's Eve, we had an evening with the Association of the deaf to see the passing of the Old Year, and the welcoming in the New Year. A most enjoyable night was passed off until early in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Winn entertained us with their motor launch trip round the Harbour, and also to their Baby Cinema Show of the Hobart Cricket Carnival, Melbourne Scenes, and launch trips.

The next visit was Hawksbury River, Palm Beach and Newport Point on New Year's Day. In all 760 miles were covered in and around Sydney.

Then, on the 3rd January, I bid an "adieu" to Sydney, taking on a new passenger, Mr. R. Storey. Kiama with its well-known Blow Hole was the first visit enroute, and luckily for us, the luggage carrier, which gave way under the heavy load, was soon repaired at the local garage. We did not forget to call at the world-famed Bulli Pass, where we "drank in" the sight of our lives. Then came the long run down the hill, which caused the brake to get hot, burning the lining, so we got off again, calling in to get it readjusted.

Bateman's Bay was, once more, the scene of our camp. We rose at dawn, called at Nooruma for breakfast, dined at Bega, and had tea at Genoa.

The next camp was at San Souci, which was our last on the homeward trip, and we arrived in Melbourne at 8.30 p.m.

The total mileage recorded was 2,160. Petrol and oil expenses were defrayed by share of my passengers at £4/14/-.

Christmas Visitors to the "Centre."

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Taylor, of Guildford, Sydney, are having a lengthy stay in Melbourne. Mr. Taylor is at present on a visit to Mr. S. Jeanes, at Jerildie, Gippsland.

Mrs. F. Holmes, nee Miss Tottie Fletcher is making an extended stay with her relatives, and hopes to return to Sydney when she feels fit again.

Miss Esmie Cossor, who has been working in Sydney for a year, came down to see her Melbourne friends. She joined in all our outings, and returned to Sydney well pleased with two weeks' holidays.

Mr. W. Nancarrow returned to Melbourne for a fortnight, looking very much improved in health after six months of solid work in the timbered country, and has gone back to his work again well pleased with his stay here.

Mr. Mark, a keen cricket follower, took the opportunity to come from Ballarat to see Sheffield Shield matches between South Australia and Victoria.

Mr. A. Hunt, with Mrs. Hunt and their bonnie children have just returned to Melbourne, probably for good, and are assured of many a welcome at the "Centre."

Mr. Gillett, of Mildura (Irymple) was also an occasional visitor to our "Centre."

Mrs. T. Ashby, of Trafalgar, came to Melbourne on a visit to the "Centre," and was present at the Laying of the Foundation Stone of our new church.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.

The Christmas Dinner given by the Workers' Club, to the Blackburn Home Inmates, took place on 17th December last. Plenty of fare was the order of menu. A good number of inmates and employees including their friends participated merrily. Mr. E. R. Peacock (president), made an appreciative speech, and Mr. N. Armstrong (chairman) followed.

The presentation of a gift to each inmate, on behalf of the Workers' Club by Mr. E. Simpson Hill, was an outstanding item of the programme.

The result of the Queen Competition of the Workers' Club was announced by Mrs. Peacock, and followed as;—Miss G. Hawkins. 2,000; Miss M. Gibson, 942; Mrs. Ashby, 667; Mrs. Frewin, 643; Miss O'Gorman, 309. Miss Hawkins was duly crowned the Queen by Mrs. Peacock, whose kindness was appreciated by all present.

This dinner was a great success, due to the efforts of Mrs. Frewin and other ladies.

Our best thanks are accorded to all who contributed towards making both the competition and dinner such a success.

R. H. LAMBERT,
Hon. Sec.

CONGREGATIONAL RALLY.

The Christmas Deaf Congregational Rally was held at our Centre on the evening of the 19th December, and it attracted a great crowd once again emphasising the urgent need for a larger hall. It was quite a family party with children and Christmas tree, adults and decorations, and, notwithstanding, the crush, a very merry party. The games were popular ones, the conversation bright and merry and there was plenty of everything including ice cream, so it was "up to" everybody to be merry.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was the recognition of the services to the deaf congregation of Mr. F. E. Frewin and Mr. W. A. Paterson, who have been loyal members of the Adult Deaf Society for 40 and 35 years respectively. The presentations were made by Mr. Edgar Peacock (a member of the Board of Management), on behalf of the Deaf Congregation, and in an illuminative address at times sparkling with humor appropriate to the occasion, complimented the deaf upon their good fortune in having friends like Messrs. Frewin and Paterson, who, for more years than very many present had worked loyally and devotedly in their interests and were still gamely carrying on. The principal (Mr. Abraham) presided.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BLACKBURN HOME.

The inmates of the Blackburn Home had a very happy time on Christmas Day. In the morning the chairman of the Adult Deaf Society (Mr. Armstrong), accompanied by Mrs. Armstrong, distributed presents from the Board of Management and cigars from the President to the men, and Mrs. Armstrong handed presents to the women. Whilst the women prepared the really sumptious dinner, the men played ball games on the lawn amidst much laughter. The dinner was distinctly Christmassy, even to the bits of silver in the pudding. The games were carried on until quite a late hour, under the supervision of Messrs. McLellan and Noble. The matron is to be complimented upon the spread she put before us, which everyone enjoyed. Our principal remained with us and took part throughout the day.

GUILDS.

The Ladies' Guild met on the evening of 14th January to talk on Holiday Stories, which was both most appreciated and enjoyed by all present. The Guild will hold its annual picnic at Black Rock, on Saturday 15th February. The party are requested to meet under the clocks at 10 a.m., and to bring their own eatables. Tea, sugar, milk and hot water will be provided.

The Young Men's Guild also met the same evening to discuss the A.N.A. Day's picnic. It was eventually decided to be held at Parkdale.

A subject "The Advantages of a hostel for the Deaf" was postpone till 11th February on account of Mr. Frewin's unavoidable absence. The ladies of the Guild are respectfully reminded to discuss that paper under the auspices of the amalgamated Guilds on that evening.

SPORTS CARNIVAL.

An interstate sports carnival will be held in Melbourne on December, 1930, and January, 1931. Among the sports will be for a challenge shield. The following representatives of guilds and clubs were elected as members of a council to make arrangements for welcoming interstate visitors;---Mr. E. D. J. Abraham (chairman), Messrs. J. M. Johnston, J. McLean, W. Ashby, W. Woods, W. A. Paterson, W B. Anderson, H. Puddy, F. E. Frewin, G. H. Newnham and R. H. Lambert. Mrs. F. E. Frewin, Misses M. Dow, E. O'Gorman and E. Stephens.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

Master Hiddle, a pupil of St. Kilda school for deaf children, recently won a sand-castle building competition, in connection with the Sun News Pictorial, on the Williamstown Beach. Last year he won a similiar competition. We applaud him very much for his aptitude.

On the afternoon of 13th December, Mr. Cohen, the ex-Minister of Education, accompanied by Mrs. Cohen, distributed the prizes to the winners of various classes, and the Dux of the school to Miss Dorothy Thomas, in presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends, at the St. Kilda school for deaf children.

During the distribution of prizes, the following pupils at their leaving school term;---Misses W. Peters, R. Best, V. Alison, B. McCallough, M. Schreenan, A. McLeish and J. Chapter. Masters;---H. Greensmith, J. Newton, J. Phillips, E. Russell and R. Stevenson received each a bible.

The same evening the pupils were treated with the presence of Father Christmas, who gave a toy to each of them from two big trees planted in front of the school building.

The school broke up on the 19th December, when the pupils dispersed for their respective homes and holidays, which lasts for eight weeks; returning on the 17th February, when school work will again commence.

BIRTHS.

HULL.---At "Belara," Field Avenue, Edithvale, on 26th December, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hull, a son, Ronald Joseph.

SUTHERLAND.---At "Springbourne," Sellwood Avenue, Upper Hawthorn, on 16th December, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, a son, John Carlyln.

MARRIAGES.

BLADIER---GLADMAN.---At church in Elsternwick, by Rev. F. Frewin, on 21st, December, Walter Bladier, of 4 Orban Street, Hawksburn, to Winnie Gladman, of Princes Street, Prahran.

CAMPBELL---LAMPKIN.---On 14th September, James Campbell, of Alexander Parade, Fitzroy, to Ruby Lampkin, late of Launceston, Tasmania.

WALSH---WALDEN.---On 23rd December, Laurie Walsh, of Rosetown Road, Carnegie, to Elain Walden of Melbourne.

DEATHS

BUTTERWORTH---At Barkley Street, Mt. Pleasant, Ballarat East, on the 17th December, John Butterworth, woolscourer, aged 70 years.

CUNNINGHAM.---At Otway Street, Ballarat East, on 17th October, Pat Cunningham, boot repairer, aged 70 years.

CHING.---At Ophir Hill, Linton, Victoria, on 8th December, in her 65th year, after a long invalided life, Mary Ching.

FISHER.---At Geelong, on the 16th January, after an operation, Mrs. Fisher, the mother of Lorna Fisher.

PATON.---At Koroit, on the 29th October, George Paton, late of Quambatook, on his return from a shooting expedition (heart failure).

WEEKLY EVENTS.

SUNDAY.---Services at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.
THURSDAY.---Scripture Class and Lecturettes, at 8 p.m.
SATURDAY.---Recreation.

COMING EVENTS.

ANNUAL BAY TRIP. Early in February.
MEN'S and WOMEN'S GUILDS MEETING, Tuesday, 11th February.
DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday, 18th February.
MEN'S GUILD MEETING, Tuesday, 25th February.
LARCROSSE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING, Early in March.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Sunday, 9th March.
GARDEN PARTY, About 15th March.
WORKER'S CLUB'S ANNUAL PICNIC, Monday, 17th March (Eight Hour's Day).
DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday, 19th March.
MEN'S GUILD MEETING,, Tuesday, 25th March.

REMARKABLE FEATS BY DEAF PUPILS.

English Lads Pass Stiff Examinations.

An extraordinary example of what can be accomplished by deaf and dumb people is reported from Northampton, England, where seven pupils of Mrs. Ince Jones' School for Deaf boys have so far triumphed over their difficulty as to pass the recent Oxford Local Examinations---one the Senior and six the Junior.

These boys, who are nearly all deaf, cannot speak in the ordinary way, but they have acquired speech, and understand the speech of others by lip reading.

Such is the wonder of modern educational methods with these doubly affected lads that had they lived a century ago they would probably have been doomed to become negligible dummies, facing a barren and hopeless future.

These boys strongly resent the description "deaf and dumb." They have their being and live like other boys. They are the senior pupils of a small school, and their examination record is remarkable. It is calculated to make many boys in possession of all their faculties green with envy.

The boys took such subjects as French, Shakespeare, Tennyson, botany, chemistry, physics, arithmetic, history, geography and several branches of art. All except one boy passed in every subject.

Mr. Ince Jones said on this remarkable feat, that several of the boys came to him at the ages of five and six. They could not speak a word---could not hear a sound; but worse still, they had no knowledge of any language.

"A deaf child has no language at all. He has to be taught every word and phrase in connection with objects and actions. It is a very laborious process to build up a knowledge of our own language, and only after that has been done can come the subjects of an ordinary school."

Mr. Ince Jones deserves all-round congratulations for his most painstaking labor in making deaf pupils quite as excellent and useful as normal ones.

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Wednesday	1st	PICNIC AT SANDRINGHAM.
Sunday	5th	Services. Holy Communion at 11am.
Tuesday	7th	Carnival Committee Meeting.
Monday	13th	CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH SITE BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE & LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, LORD SOMER at 3.pm.
Tuesday	14th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	23rd	Cinema Pictures.
Monday	27th	Men's Guild's ANNUAL PICNIC to PARKDALE.
Every Sunday		Services, Morning & Evening.
Every Saturday		Recreation.
Every Thursday		Scripture Class & Lecturettes.

FEBRUARY, 1930.

Tuesday	4th	Xmas Carnival Executive Committee Meeting.
Wednesday	5th	Annual Boys Trip.
Thursday	6th	Cinema Picture Show.
Tuesday	11th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Saturday	15th	Women's Guild's Annual Picnic to BLACK ROCK.
Tuesday	18th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday	25th	Men's Guild's Annual Meeting.
Every Sunday		Services, Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday		Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every Saturday		Recreation.

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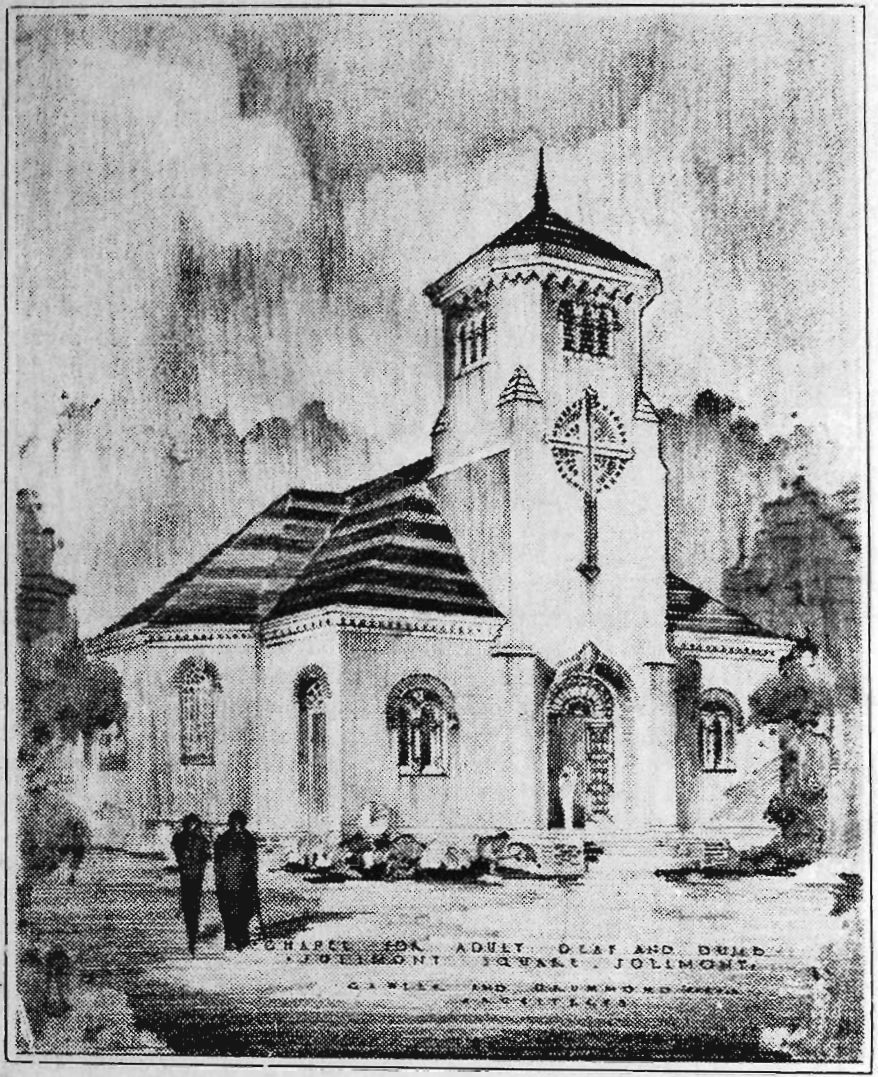
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LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION.

We have received so many letters of appreciation, that space will not permit us enumerating them, but take this opportunity to thank all those who have generously contributed towards "The Victorian Deaf," as well as those who have sent their best wishes for its success. We would like particularly to show our appreciation to Mr. N. Armstrong, Chairman of the Board of Management, for his most encouraging letter.

FOR THE DEAF.

It will be borne in mind that the title of this magazine is "The Victorian Deaf." The endeavor of the first issue was a success, and we trust that this issue will prove a greater success. Whilst it is, first and foremost, a magazine for the DEAF, we hope that we have those who are still interested to take it regularly, although in the circle of the deaf, they may not be themselves deaf.

YOUR COPY.

If you have not already subscribed towards "The Victorian Deaf," please do so at once through post with your name and address and **your 2/- direct to the Manager, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.** We shall be very grateful to you for the effort of getting us more new subscribers, which will be a great help to us to increase the service of our magazine. Helping each other by the means of this magazine would assure us of the future success for such as "The Victorian Deaf."

IS IT TIME YOU WERE DEAD?

When you have grown so old that you can never feel young; then it is time you were dead.

When you have learned so much that you cannot learn any more; then it is time you were dead.

When you have reached the stage when you sit back and say I have done my share; then it is time you were dead.

When you get the feeling that it is too late to change your ideas; then it is time you were dead. Because you will have reached the point when you have lost your ability to ADAPT YOURSELF to the changes of the times, and death alone can save you from an eternity and misery.

MISS HELEN KELLER, the Blind-Deaf Author.

Who, in her latest edition, 'Midstream," it is said to be more amazing than her first book, "The Story of My Life," which was published over twenty-five years ago. She is regarded as the most remarkable woman of the world.

An extract from a magazine follows as: "In Midstream it is the woman who rivets our attention; no longer the radiant young prophetess of sweetness and light; but a spirited, faulty and warmly human intelligence—rebellious, impulsive, sentimental, amazingly honest with herself, amazingly frank with us; bitterly impatient at her own limitations, and quite as bitterly impatient with those of others—a really vivid personality. She is still able to pour out pages on the enchantment of nature and the delights of friendship."

SCHOOL ITEMS.

The School for the Deaf at St. Kilda is once more in full swing after the Christmas holidays. Many new pupils have joined up, thus replacing those who left at the last break-up.

The Annual Picnic was held at Mordialloc, where about 140 pupils were conveyed by char-a-banc. Usual picnic routine was gone through, which was much enjoyed by all.

A Swimming Class has been formed for the elderly pupils, who are taught the art of swimming, life-saving, etc., at the City Baths every Wednesday.

The school will break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday, 17th April, and will resume on Wednesday, 23rd April.

Mr. C. F. Crosby, a member of the Board of Management of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and president of the Victorian branch of the Y.M.C.A., is at present on a tour of Great Britain for twelve months. He went by the S.S. "Comorin." He is one of the most popular and well-liked members among the deaf children.

ROYALTY AND THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Ancient history records a few stories of Royalty with deaf and dumb children. One wonders how much the wealthy Croesus, King of Lydia, put into the coffers of the Oracle of Delphi when he inquired for a cure for his deaf son. "The richest man in the world," as he has been called, would surely be lavish, but the Delphi Oracle could not help him. At the siege of the city of Sardis, Croesus is said to have been at the mercy of an enemy soldier when his deaf son saved his life by shouting, "Soldier, spare the King!" History records the incident, but does not explain the phenomenon.

A Royal Experiment.

An experiment made under the direction of King James IV. of Scotland is recorded by Sir Walter Scott in "The Tales of a Grandfather." Being desirous to know which was the primitive or original language, King James "caused a deaf and dumb woman to be transported to the solitary island of Inchkeith, with two infant children, devising thus to discover what language they would talk when they came to the age of speech. A Scottish historian, who tells the story, adds with great simplicity, "Some say they spoke good Hebrew; for my part I know not, but from report." It is more likely," continues Scott, "they would scream like their dumb nurse, or bleat like the goats and sheep on the island." Nobody can tell whether King James was aware of any case of deafness in his own family history, but Princess Jean, a daughter of James I. of Scotland, was all her life unable to hear or speak. At that period no attempt was made to educate the deaf—not even in the case of the royal princess. Indeed, not until some three hundred years had elapsed did Thomas Braidwood lay the foundation of deaf and dumb education in Great Britain by establishing on St. Leonard's Hill, Edinburgh, the first Academy for the deaf.

DEAF AND DUMB IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Very few visitors to Westminster Abbey, London, know of the existence there of a shrine to the memory of a deaf and dumb princess. Yet under an arch in the wall between the chapels of S. Edmund and S. Benedict a small altar-tomb covers the remains of Katherine, daughter of King Henry III. Princess Katherine, who died at the early age of five, was deaf and dumb. Gentle and affectionate, she was sorely missed by her royal father who, history records, caused a little monument richly decorated with mosaic and precious marble to be erected as a remembrance.

The earliest record of royalty's interest in deaf and dumb education shows that the Merry Monarch found time to associate with the deaf and dumb in his realm. Dr. John Wallis, an Oxford professor, had the honor of presenting to King Charles II. two of his pupils whom he had taught to speak. When Braidwood, in 1783, transferred his academy to Hackney (then a village near London), he was assured of the patronage of King George III. and a subscription of "£100 or guineas" as a royal donation.

Queen Victoria's Interest.

An interesting historical fact it is that Queen Victoria adopted as her protege a deaf and dumb girl whose parents had charge of the post office at Whippingham, Isle of Wight. Her Majesty is said to have defrayed the expense of her education and board at the London Deaf and Dumb Institution, and in later life visited her in her humble cottage. Conversing with her on her fingers, the Queen was able to comfort the poor woman in her last illness. A letter dated 1898 from the private secretary to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany confirms the Queen's interest.

A record of royal deaf and dumb people would be incomplete without a reference to the present King of the Belgians, whose father, the late Count of Flanders, was deaf and dumb. The distress of Spain over the deafness of Don Jaime, son of their Majesties, is known to all. Living in modern times, Don Jaime has been taught to speak. The superintendent of the Volta Bureau has information that "he talks quite well. His voice does not sound natural—it is monotonous—but when one is well acquainted with him one understands him readily.

Whether the deaf be royal or commoners, whether they be rich or poor, whether they can speak or not, one thing is certain—their loss is great. Despite their great loss, the kingdom of happiness is yet open to them as to all mankind. May they so fit themselves to enter into that realm of contentment, kings and queens in their own spheres!—Mag for S.D.

The Present Queen's Interest.—Senor Jose Terry, a deaf Argentine artist, had the honor of his oil painting being accepted by the Queen when she visited his exhibition at the New Burlington Galleries, London.

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Teachers ought to be the best people in the world, the liveliest, the most amusing, the gayest people, the salt of earth, and instead, they are the dreariest.—Miss Netta Syrette's "The God of Chance."

MARCH, 1930.

Tuesday	4thD	Deaf Worker's Club Social.
Saturday	8th	Lacrosse Club's Annual Meeting.
Sunday	9th	Harvest Thanksgiving Services.
Tuesday	IIth	Men's & Women's Guilds Meetings
Saturday	I5th	GARDEN PARTY at BLACKBURN.
Tuesday	I8th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Monday	24th	Worker's Club's ANNUAL PICNIC to PORTARLINGTON.
Tuesday	25th	Men's Guild Meeting
Every Sunday		Services, Morning & Evening.
Every THursday		Scripture Class & Lecturette.
Every S Saturday		Recreation.

SOCIAL EVENING in aid of XMAS CARNIVAL FUND
1st APRIL 1930
Admission 2/-

Coming Events

Watch the Notice Board at the Adult-Deaf Centre.
At the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday March 9th a Series of Beautiful Pictures will be screened. You really must not miss this.
This year the Garden Party on Sat. March 15th at Lake Park will be followed by a Social Evening in the Blackburn Hall. you are invited
On Tues. March 11th the Mens Guild will deal with Prohibition. Womens Guild meet same Evening. Subject "Just Names".
Workers Club Annual Pic-nic. Monday March 24th - Portarlington.
If you wish to participate in the Great Sports Carnival at Christmas, we advise you to join up now. Membership (men) £2.2. (women) £1=11=6.
This entitles you to all the functions & festivities
Hand in your name at once to the Hon. Sec W. W. Ashby and pay when convenient, One Shilling or more per week. But - start off now.

The Board of Management of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society have pleasure in inviting you to the

Annual Garden Party

To be held at Lake Park, Blackburn. on Sat. March. 15th 1930 at 3. p.m. and to the Social to be held the Same Evening in the Blackburn Hall.

Deprived of two of the senses through which we enjoy most of the best gifts of life — hearing and speech — our deaf and dumb fellow citizens have need of a substitute to bridge their loss. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, provides that substitute.

Will You Help to Maintain It?

(Over)

Church for the Deaf
Jolimont Square
Melbourne East.

Harvest Thanksgiving
Services.
Sunday. March. 9th 1930
11 am and 7. pm
a Series of
Beautiful Pictures
will illustrate the
Evening Address

Please bring your Contributions in Kind on Saturday.

Church for the Deaf

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST, VIC.

Furnishing Fund Collecting Sheet



Will you please help the deaf of this State to furnish the little Church specially designed and erected for them?

F. E. FREWIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Church for the Deaf Furnishing Fund

COLLECTING SHEET

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The President and Board of Directors of

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(Incorporated)

request the pleasure of the company of

_____ and friends

at the

Service of Consecration of the Site

by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. J. W. Head

and the

Laying of the Foundation Stone

by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, The Right Honourable Lord Somers

K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

of the Church for the Deaf and Dumb

at Jolimont Square, on Monday, January 13th, at 3 p.m.

R.S.V.P.,
Deaf Mute Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne E.

Afternoon Tea

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

SERVICE of CONSECRATION of the Site

by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne.

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Monday, Jan. 13th. 3 p.m.

My Dear People,

Monday, Jan. 13th is to be a very great occasion to the deaf and the friends of the deaf. It is the beginning of a new era; a new year of happy promise to the deaf of the whole of Victoria.

Every member of the Adult Deaf Society should attend even if it means the sacrifice of half a day from work with the loss of half a day's pay.

Monday is to be a Holy Day to the deaf, a day of especial Blessing. Let <u>all</u> the deaf rise to the occasion and participate in the spiritual joys of this great day.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne will consecrate the site upon which our Holy Place of the Lord is being built, and the Rev.Dr. Hoban and the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer will take part in the service. His Excellency the Governor of Victoria will lay the foundation stone.

And your presence is necessary that you may join in the Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His great mercy and loving kindness to us all.

I want you to visit your relations and friends and invite them to come. We especially want to have them with us. They are part of us and should participate in our rejoicing, and by their presence and numbers help us to show our

appreciation for all that is being done for us. And too, this little church is not all, it is only the beginning of a great ideal. Some of us can see our church surrounded by many kinds of buildings housing the various activities of our Society. We could bring most of this about within two years by a united effort in which all joined. It depends upon you how soon our dream becomes a reality.

But we must leave the Great Scheme for the present. Just now we must concentrate all our attention and energy upon our Church. We have not quite sufficient money to pay the Architect and the builder. We need a few hundred pounds more.

And also we have to obtain the money to furnish our Church.

Our first duty is to attend the Great and sacred Ceremony on Monday and to bring our hearing friends. In the name and for the sake of our Loving Saviour Jesus Christ - Come.

Affectionately yours,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

"The Victorian Deaf"

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SPECIAL NOTICE

This is a Special Number of Our New Magazine, "The Victorian Deaf," issued by the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

We trust that the new way of this issue will meet you with full approval.

Further, that you will be glad to order a regular copy for the ensuing year.

Please fill in and tear off attached form and enclose with your 2/- postal note addressed to R. H. Lambert, Manager, "The Victorian Deaf."

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Adair Deaf Mute Centre
Jolimont Square. Melb.
April 4th 30

My Dear Friend
We have between us to raise about £450.
Of this sum £250 is wanted by the end of
May to pay for the furnishing of our
Church, and £200 by the end of November
to cover the cost of entertaining our Deaf
guests from the Other States who are taking
part in the Great Sports Carnival to be held
in Melbourne Dec. 1930 - Jan 1931.
Let us first Concentrate upon that £250
for our Church, and having got that in.
We can set to work upon the Sports £200
We must all do our bit and the bigger
the bit we do the sooner the job will
be done.
Come to the Services and Gatherings at the
Centre often and thus Keep yourself
well acquainted with the progress/reports
Yours Sincerely yours
Ernest J. S. Abraham

Church for the Deaf.
Jolimont Square,
MELBOURNE EAST.

April 4th 1930.

TO THE DEAF OF VICTORIA.

Dear Friend,

The finishing touches are now being made to our new Church, and in a few weeks it will be ready for the opening. It will cost about £250 to furnish with pews, pulpit etc. It is only necessary for the deaf members of our Society to give or collect £1.5.0. each and we shall have all the money we require. Feeling sure that you would not like to be left out of this effort and that it is your wish to help, we are enclosing a collecting sheet. Put your own name and the amount you intend to give on the top line then pass the paper around among your friends.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Ernest J.D. Abraham.
PRINCIPAL.

F.E.Frewin.
Hon. Sec. to Church
Furnishing Fund.

The President and Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
request the honour of your company at the 46th Annual Meeting,
to be held in the Old Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Melbourne,
on Wednesday, 21st May, 1930, at 3 p.m.

Address by Rev. A. Penry Evans

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor
Councillor Harold D. Luxton
will preside

R. J. OEHR, F.I.C.A., F.C.I.S.,
HON. SECRETARY



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Thursday, 5th June, 1930
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(Scots Church)

REV. W. D. JACKSON, B.A.
(Collins St. Baptist Church)

REV. HARRY CRAWFORD
(Collins St. Congregational Church)

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Order of Service

THE VENERABLE
ARCHDEACON HANCOCK:

Brethren, we are gathered together here this day to ask God to accept from us the offering of this Chapel which we desire to set apart to His honour and glory for every kind of sacred service.

With grateful hearts we thank our Heavenly Father that the task of building is now ended, and that the men who have done the work have been kept safe in all their labours.

Peace be unto this house of God; peace be to those who enter into it and to those who go out from it. Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

REV. W. D. JACKSON, B.A.:

PSALM 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in His holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory: it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and, be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory: even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Then shall be read the Lesson—

Ephesians III. : 14-21.

REV. H. CRAWFORD:

Then shall be said—

PSALM 134

REV. W. D. JACKSON, B.A.:

Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your heads in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

HYMN

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT.

Soloist: MRS. D. KEMP

Organist: MR. W. A. COOK

Lead, kindly Light! amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home:
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path: but now
Lead Thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

THE VENERABLE
ARCHDEACON HANCOCK:

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray in silence for a little while that God may be present to our hearts as this House is being consecrated to His service.

Archdeacon Hancock shall then consecrate the Chapel with these words:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, accept, hallow and bless this place which we now set apart for Thy service.

The Lord send down upon this House His blessing, grace and peace. Amen.

Grant that all who shall be baptised in this Chapel in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end. Amen.

Grant that those who in this Chapel shall be joined together in Holy Matrimony, may continue in perfect love and peace together unto their lives' end. Amen.

Grant that those who in this Chapel shall partake of the Supper of the Lord may realise their union with Him and with one another in Him, and go forth strengthened and refreshed in spirit to their service in the world for Christ our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Grant, O Heavenly Father, that in every act of worship Thy people may remember that life and its duties are preparation for continued life and larger service hereafter, through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. Amen.

ADDRESS.

REV. DR. W. BORLAND

Collection.

HYMN.

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE.

Soloist: MRS. D. KEMP

Organist: MR. W. A. COOK

Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven:
All that Thou send'st to me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

Remember, O Lord, what Thou has wrought in us and not what we deserve; and as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

THE BLESSING.

The Very Rev. G. E. Aickin

Dean and Vicar General of Melbourne

will preach and take the office of

HOLY COMMUNION

on Sunday, 8th June
at 7 p.m.

You are earnestly invited to attend

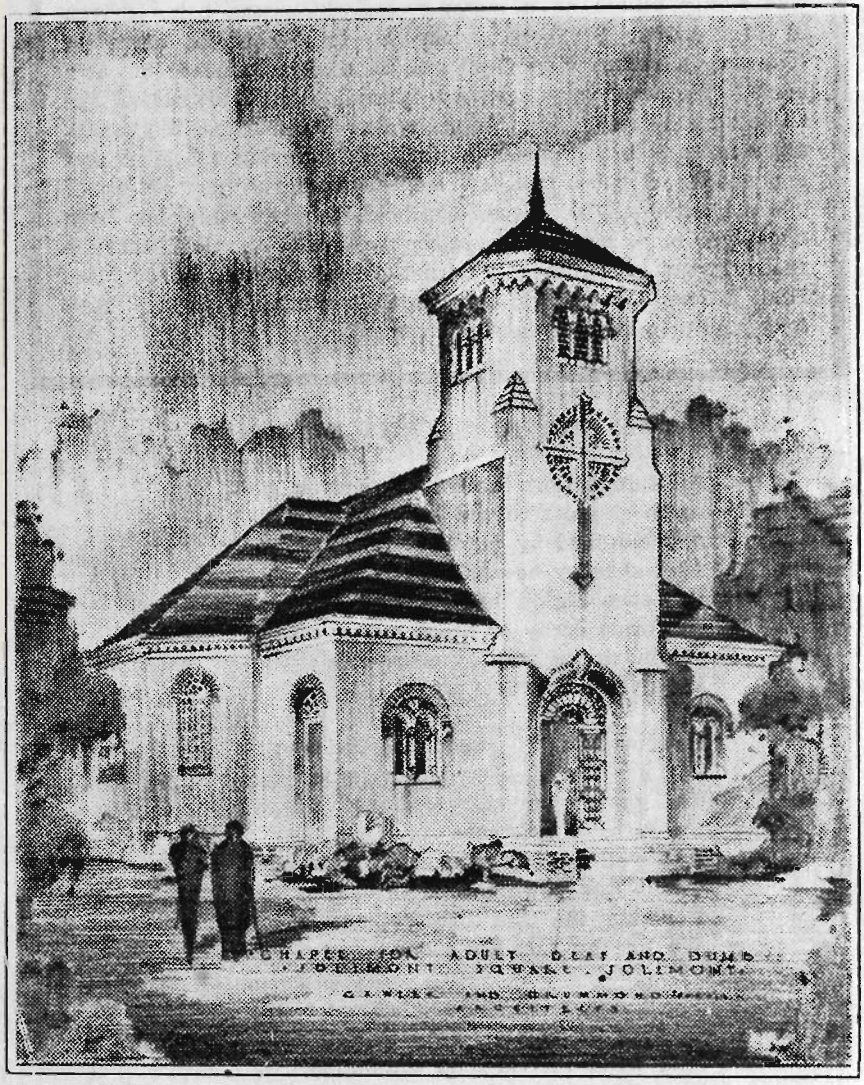
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OBITUARY.

Our Hon. Editor—Mr. Alex. Hull.

While getting our magazine almost ready for the press, we heard with deep regret of the sudden death of our Hon. Editor, Mr. Alex. Hull, of Edith Vale, which resulted from a motor-cycle smash at Tunstall on Friday, 15th June. Mr. Hull was riding pillion on a motor-cycle, which was being driven by Mr. Arthur Stephens, when the fatal accident occurred, following a return visit from our Blackburn Home to his own home. He was very severely injured, and died before the ambulance arrived. Mr. Stephens was taken on to Melbourne and admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering a broken arm and shock. For the last few months since the new get-up of our magazine, the deceased, who held the Editorship, has been always so most enthusiastic in the welfare of the deaf, that we feel a great loss, and will miss the best services of our late Hon. Editor. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hull and family in their great bereavement.

"WE LIVE BY SACRIFICE ALONE."

All things that toward the heaven grow
In the huge struggle earth maintains
Are clutched by power that restrains
As waves by oceans' undertow.
Yet even higher life remains
Or forms decay or death makes moan.
We mark our way by crimson stains;
We live by sacrifice alone.

Betimes high life must feed the low;
Betimes the high by lower gains.
The gnawing mystery ordains
Its cycle of existence so.
And well for him who self constrains
The lesser powers to dethrone,
For thus the One Ideal reigns:
We live by sacrifice alone.

The kingdom of the soul comes slow.
O, long its battles, deep its pains,
And weak inertia loud complains
That life a rugged way must go.
Fooled by the lie "The struggle drains,"
The struggle makes thyself thine own,
Builds thee man high, never saps thy veins:
We live by sacrifice alone.

EDITORIAL.

The venture of our new magazine wholly compiled by our personal deaf has exceeded our expectations; however, we still hope for further efforts to secure a larger list of subscribers, and trust that those becoming subscribers will endeavor to use their best influence with their friends to become one as well, and so help us making our work towards "The Victorian Deaf" a greater success.

The cause of an alarming number of unemployed deaf is responsible for the slowness of getting all deaf available to become subscribers, but we sincerely hope that the undue worry will not last much longer.

Those deaf in regular work are very conscious of being very fortunate at present in view of the general trade depression, and owe their much-felt gratitude to their most considerate employers. Therefore, we appeal to the other employers to recognise the vital needs of giving labor of any kind to those unemployed deaf around us and so ease off the heavy burden of charity.

We thank all our new subscribers for their very best wishes for the success of our own new magazine, "The Victorian Deaf." The next issue (August) will contain a full account of the most impressive and unique ceremony of the opening of a well-designed church for the deaf at Jolimont, which the venerable Archdeacon Hancock will dedicate on Thursday, 5th June.

Those who have not yet become subscribers are invited to send their 2/- subscriptions so as to secure a copy of our next issue. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. R. H. Lambert, the hon. manager of "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

SUSPICIOUS.

The Deaf have always been accused of being suspicious, and it is perfectly natural they should be, but they are no more suspicious than their critics would be under the same circumstances—say that of being situated in a foreign land, amongst people whose speech is unknown to them, with only occasional and imperfect interpretation on the part of another as to what was going on about them in the way of conversation.

Then add to the admission that the Deaf are sometimes taken advantage of because of their deafness—say the necessity of keeping their positions because of the greater difficulty in obtaining another, and we have another positive reason for the fact that we often find the deaf on the defensive as to their real or imagined rights.

But whereever and whenever the deaf are imposed upon because of their inability to help themselves, the real cause lies in that tendency in ordinary human nature, operating everywhere along all lines of business, trade and social life, to slight, oppress, or overburden others to one's own profit when it can be safely done.

Never is it done because the deaf are looked down upon, that is, simply because they are deaf, as they sometimes imagine. And that is not near as much as this slighting of the deaf as they think. It

SUSPICIOUS (continued).

is the operation of ordinary human nature, which so often out in the world uses the helplessness of others to advance its own interests or else ruthlessly passes by the human right of those less favored as to opportunity.

But the education of the deaf at least in Australia is not committed to those who have low ideals of character and conduct.

There may be occasional exceptions, but we feel sure they are exceptions.

Now as the educators and warm friends of the deaf are, as a rule, very high-minded people, it is evident that the deaf must themselves be exceptionally high-minded to be always able to see and understand these friends aright.

DISCRIMINATION.

An official of our society said recently: "I have always said that the deaf are like hearing people." BUT IT IS NOT TRUE. The deaf rightly aspire to be like and thought like hearing people. But what kind of hearing people? This is a large world and there are many kinds of people in it. There are many worlds within this world of ours.

The deaf mostly form their ideas of hearing people from the kind whom they come most in contact.

Deaf people must never get away from the fact that they are surely handicapped to this exent, that to attain unto the same degree of excellence as does a hearing person in the same environment they must necessarily put forth more effort provided, of course, that natural talent and hereditary influences are equal to start with. The sum total of the repeated opportunities to learn presented to the hearing on every hand, based on the simple fact that they can hear, must be made up by the deaf in aggressive efforts to learn now while it is true that the intelligent deaf person shut up in his study will forge far ahead of the mentally idle or indolent among the hearing who live on a lower thought plane, it is not that phase of the subject that we are considering, but the inevitable handicap imposed by deafness where all opportunities are equal except the ability to hear. So is it not an evidence of modesty and sense on the part of the deaf to be ever on the alert to learn more, if not from their hearing colleagues, at least from the same fount at which they drink, or better ones. What! Better ones? Yes, better ones, if possible. Have we not learned, too, this other tendency in human nature, to underrate where one belongs to a less favored class, as that excellence cannot be seen and acknowledged unless it is very superior excellence indeed.

He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with the other; but he that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.—Bacon.

HAVE YOU READ?

Two books, "The King's Legacy" and "For Prince Charlie," which should be widely read, have just been published in England by the Sheldon Press (price 3/6 net). The authoress of these two books respectively is Miss Katie Whitehead (now Mrs. Selwyn Oxley), the wife of a well known friend of the deaf. We shall endeavor to secure the two of these novels, which contain references to some deaf, for the benefit of our Australian deaf.

Mr. A. J. Wilson, well known to the English deaf, and a recent popular visitor to Australia, has just published a neat little booklet entitled "Australia To-day" from a visitor's point of view. It is largely a diary of the writer's experiences during a visit to Australia. It is well written, beautifully printed, and instructive reading for the ordinary book-lover. We have already written for a few more of these booklets, one of which will be shortly laid on the library table.

The 15th April issue of the "Woman's Journal" contained a most helpful article entitled "Living With the Deaf," which afforded the hearing reader some insight into the life of the deaf.

THE CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION.

Principal L. P. Jacks, a leading educationalist in England, pleads for continuity in education. "We are pleading," he writes in an English periodical, "for lastingness, for continuity. We are pleading that education shall no longer be treated as an episode, limited to the few years while the pupil is at school or college, but as a life-long progress that goes on, that continues, to the farthest limits of adult activity."

Are we excluded from improvement? This most interesting point of thought will be left to you and will be found in the Silent Messenger of April issue.

PERSONAL.

We thank the Archbishop of Melbourne, who is on his way to the Lambeth Conference by the "Jervis Bay," for his very touching message of remembrance, sent to our Centre from the sea. He evidently remembered the existence of the deaf by referring to his "friends" at the Jolimont Centre. For the use of this kind expression from a very human heart we sincerely thank His Grace, and wish him a good voyage and hope that with the blessing of God, that the Conference will be a successful one. We look very much forward to his promise of an occasional sermon in our new church.

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The younger set of deaf ladies organised a party to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Emma Reade, at the Deaf Centre on Saturday evening, 5th April. The guests did full justice to the occasion. Many novel games helped greatly to the success of a very pleasant evening, which was terminated by a very dainty supper. Miss Reade was the recipient of many lovely presents.

PERSONAL (continued).

Special towels for the Women's Hospital being sorely needed, Mrs. G. H. Hawkins had the happy idea of a towel shower nicely camouflaged as a musical "at home" at her residence, Danara, Beaver Street, East Malvern, in connection with the East Malvern Branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Hawkins is a member. Over one hundred guests gathered in the reception rooms, charmingly decorated in tones of mauve and rose color, Easter daisies, roses, phlox and dahlias. The excellent musical programme was contributed by Mesdames Victor Trotman, Colin McNutt, Bert Sauvage, and Misses Myrtle Walscott, E. Walker, Lina Virgona and Marjorie Cardwell. The hostess, who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Gwen Hawkins, had the satisfaction of handing in about 150 towels, and in addition a sum of money realised by selling the cakes left over from the dainty tea provided by her.—"Table Talk," April 24, 1930.

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A well-known social service worker, out East Malvern way is Mrs. G. Hawkins, who is ever ready to lend her pretty home in Beaver Street in the cause of charity. She has done much good for the Children's Hospital and in recognition of this, last year she was elected a life governor. She does not confine all her energy to the children, but also finds time to do splendid work in the interests of the women, and is a prominent member of the East Malvern branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary.—"Table Talk," May 8, 1930.

A HOUSE PARTY.

Miss Gwen Hawkins held a very enjoyable evening at her home on Saturday evening, May 17, the proceeds of which went towards the funds of the Sports Carnival. Various games were indulged in by about fifty people who were present.

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Miss M. Gibson was one of the exhibitors at the Victorian Small Dog Club Open Parade, held at the Amateur Sports Grounds on 5th April. Miss Gibson's Orange Sable Pomeranian was awarded a first prize in the Novice Class. It was the first time Miss Gibson had her dog exhibited. Miss Gibson again exhibited her dog at the Pomeranian and Pekingese Club Open Parade at Wirths' Park on 26th April. Her dog was awarded a second prize in the Junior Class, but after a protest from an exhibitor in the same class the second prize was forfeited and a third award was given.

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Mrs. G. Damman, a "Dodge" car owner of Warburton, has been successful in obtaining her driver's licence, being the second woman of our circle to qualify. Mrs. J. Muir, also of Warburton, being the first to gain this distinction.

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Miss D. Hickey is back again after her two months' holiday in Western Australia.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. W. Chapman, our blind and deaf friend and subscriber, writes through Mrs. Gladman, appreciating the general tone of "The Victorian Deaf." Some parts he liked so well that he asked Mrs. Gladman to translate it into braille.

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Mr. J. Boortz decided to spend his annual leave in Sydney. Accompanied by Mrs. Boortz, a very pleasant holiday was spent.

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Word came to hand that Mr. R. White met with a very nasty accident whilst riding his motor-cycle to work one very foggy morning recently. Failing to notice a barrier across a roadway in course of construction he collided with the barrier, injuring himself severely. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Bert Hague is ever ready to send news and keeps in touch with the Hon. Editor. He is now on the Perth Road construction and sends his kind regards to all, and would like someone to correspond with.

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Mr. W. Grant, of Myrtleford, was in Melbourne during the last week of April. He came down on his motor cycle, which, he said, was very economical. He was having a spell after a strenuous time at hop picking at the far-famed hop fields of Panlook's, Bright.

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Mr. R. Jose has returned to Melbourne after working for some months in Bendigo.

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Mr. W. O'Bryan has gone north looking for employment, registered himself for pine plantation work, being hopeful of securing an early start. He sends his best wishes to all the Melbourne folks. He was sorry to learn that our lacrosse team was graded in "B" section, and trusts the young players will acquit themselves well.

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Since our last issue we have had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with Mr. T. Tonkins, of Bendigo; Mr. A. Collins, of Neerim Junction; Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton; Miss G. Caldwell, of Ballarat; and Mr. W. Rees, who regrets that time did not permit him to see all his old friends.

LECTURE.

Czecho-Slovakia was the subject of a most interesting lecture given at a weekly lecturette evening on Thursday, 10th April. During the course of the lecture it was explained how our president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., whose photograph was published n the last issue. was appointed Consul for Vctoria for this new nation declared as an independent nation on the termination of the Great War. It was mentioned, that through Mr. Peacock's eloquent lecture on "Business Methods" at the Prague University, the Government of Czecho-Slovakia invited him to act as their Consul n Victoria. He accepted, and still holds that position.

OUR SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

According to the report submitted at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria on Wednesday, 21st May, the past year has been one of exceptional anxiety for the Board of Management, both in finding work for the unemployed deaf and in the falling off of subscriptions and the heavy cost of maintaining the Jolimont property.

Mr. E. R. Peacock, president, invited the Lord Mayor, who is patron of the society, to preside. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chairman said that there was still a debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont property, and the vendors were pressing for immediate payment. The society had met the Premier and asked for a Government guarantee to tide it over the present difficult period, and they anticipated a satisfactory reply.

Rev. A. Penry Evans gave a short address, which was interpreted for the deaf by Mr. E. D. J. Abraham. Mr. Evans said any community which refused to help those of its members who were physically afflicted would be denying its human heritage and would become sub-civilised. The society made no apology for pressing the claims of its work upon the public, and no member could better serve the society than by begging in its cause. He commended the extension from Flinders Street to Jolimont and the society's excellent work in attending to the immediate needs of its afflicted charges to the fullest possible extent.—"The Age," 22/5/30.

According to the above report of the board of management, held on Wednesday, 21st May, we view with alarm the results of the financial year. We earnestly hope that they will be able to find means for further economy during the next year. In the event of their doing so, we hope that all our members will give them every support to the best of their ability.

THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a small attendance of members of the congregation on 24th April, when the forty-second annual general meeting of the congregation was held. Mr. Abraham presided, and, in the course of his address, referred to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, brought out by the general trade depression, the Deaf community were experiencing. He also spoke concerning the building of the new church. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follow:—Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Newnham; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. McLean; committee, Messrs. F. Frewin, G. Mortimer, R. Lambert, H. Puddy, A. Hull, E. Johnson, W. Ashby and L. Sutton. Messrs. F. Frewin, G. Newnham and J. McLean were elected representatives to attend the general board meetings during the new year.

YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

Items re the Young Men's Guild have not come to hand yet, and will, therefore, be out of date for the next issue. Any matter for insertion should be sent to the Hon. Editor by the 15th of each preceding month of each issue.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 8, Miss Mabel Dow entertained the meeting of the Young Women's Guild to an instructive address entitled "Doing the Right Thing."

On the following Tuesday, May 13, the Women's Guild held its twenty-ninth annual meeting. Thirty-two new members were enrolled during the year, an increase of eight from last year's roll. Their enthusiasm is as keen as ever. ' The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters (re-election); vice-president, Miss Empson (re-elected); hon. secretary, Miss M. Dow; hon. treasurer, Miss A. Smith. The following ladies were elected to the Committee:—Mesdames Frewin, Misses R. Dow, D. Hickey, E. O'Gorman, and B. Heggie. The next Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th June, at 8 p.m.

CINEMA SHOWS.

On Wednesday evening, 2nd April, the staff and inmates of the Blackburn Farm and Home were treated to a cinema picture show depicting scenes of the laying of the foundation stone of our new church at Jolimont Square, and also the garden party celebration held recently. Both of the scenes were very clear and distinct. The above show was augmented with a film kindly loaned by the Universal Film Co., entitled "The Body Punch," which was both humorous and exciting. The inmates appreciated this show and hoped that a regular xture could be arranged in future.

On Wednesday, 30th April, another cinema picture show was held at the Blackburn Home, which was much enjoyed. The titles of pictures shown were:—"Wild Cat Hetty," a comedy, loaned by the Australasian Film Co., and the Commonwealth Government "Know Your Own Country" series—"An Up-to-date Australian Poultry Farm," "The Romance of Cattle Raising," "Australia's Winter Playground," and "Jenolan Caves."

The above films were shown at our Centre on the following night after the usual Scripture lesson and lecturette.

A further screening of "Know Your Own Country" films was made at the Centre on 8th May, whch were as follow:—"The Timber Industry," "His Majesty the Merino," "Cotton Growing," "Hawkesbury College," "Launceston," "Hobart" and "River Derwent and New Norfolk." These same pictures will be shown at the Blackburn Home at a later date.

TENNIS CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf Tennis Club was held on the evening of 10th April, when the annual report, which showed steady progress, and the balance-sheet, showing a surplus of £6, to carry forward after handing over £30 to the society as part payment on cost of court, were read and confirmed. The election of office-bearers were as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; vice-president, Miss E. Stephens, Messrs. G. Mortimer and G. Newnham; hon. treasurer, Miss M. Dow; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Puddy; committee, Misses L. Sanders and B. Higgie, and Messrs. J. Leber and J. Dickenson.

SPORTS CARNIVAL SOCIAL.

On April Fools' Day, under the auspices of the Carnival Council, we held a successful social evening. Paper competitions were the chief features. Results, Mr. D. Ashby, most original paper hat; Miss Phyllis Johnston, prettiest paper apron; and Mr. H. Puddy (chef), white hat and apron, carrying frying pan with imitation of an egg in it, all made of paper. He won the first prize for the funniest make-up.

Another carnival social was held on 6th May. Games and prizes were the features of the evening.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The opening of the present season found our club graded in the "B" section with a very fine bunch of new players, and judging by the form displayed at each match it seems likely that our opponents are going to have a hard struggle to lower our colors.

Mr. L. Sutton was elected as captain of the team, and Mr. V. Wilson as vice-captain. These two players have a great understanding among the new boys, which is the outcome of a splendid team-work.

On May 3 we met our Malvern rivals and played a draw, each side netting 7 goals each. May 17 saw us matched against Camberwell, and playing together much better than the previous match, we managed to run up a big score of 19 goals to 10.

On May 24 we played another drawn game against the improved High School Old Boys' team, each side nding the net 14 times.

Teachers' College team were our opponents on May 31, and after an eventful first quarter, we ran all over them, turning out winners by 15 goals to 4.

It is pleasant to see Mr. W. Anderson stationed at first home after having been our goalkeeper for more than ten years. He is at present our leading goal-thrower, with 23 goals to his credit.

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Early in April, Mr. A. Hatley, of Terang, was with us, accompanied by his father, who was on business bent. On the Saturday, he took the opportunity to take a practice run with our lacrosse boys and he showed no loss of his old-time form. He regretted very much that he is not staying in Melbourne to have the chance of being one of the players in the forthcoming competitions.

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF."

This magazine (published by the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria) is issued every bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December; it is the best paper for the deaf; it contains the latest news and correspondence; and some of the best writers contribute to it.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

There are four things that never come back. 1, The spoken word. 2, The sped arrow. 3, The past life. 4, The lost opportunity.

1. The spoken word.—We have all at some time spoken a word which we wish we had left unsaid. Perhaps we were vexed and spoke thoughtlessly. Then next moment, we see the hurt expression on the face of the person spoken to. How we wish we had not said that word. Yet no power on earth can take it back. We can apologise and so soften the hurt. But still the memory lingers. The spoken word never comes back. Then let us try and guard our thoughts and words, so that we will have as little as possible to regret when we look back and think of all the words we have said.

2. The sped arrow.—This means an arrow shot from a bow. It also means unkind words and uncharitable deeds and thoughts. An arrow once sped may wound fatally. So may an unkind and uncharitable word or deed wound our friends so much that it kills their faith and trust in us. Let us then try to speed arrows of love, kindness and charity to all around us. How much nicer, when we are old, sitting by our firesides, and thinking of old times, would it be to know we had tried and done all we could to make the world better and brighter by sending out arrows full of love and kindness.

3. The past life.—We would all like to live our lives over again. Some will say, how differently I would live? I would not do this or that. I am sure I would do better and live a better life. But that can never be. No one can live his or her life over again. No matter how many mistakes we make, no matter how much wrong we may have done in our past, cannot be altered. But we can begin now and profit by all the mistakes we have made in the past, and when we see ourselves slipping into the old bad habits, stop and think. That same mistakes led me into trouble and sorrow. So I won't do it again. Thus we can strengthen our character. You know, if a child once burns his finger, he is very careful not to go near the fire again, and he profits by his mistake.

4. The lost opportunity. We have all had lost opportunities. The opportunity for doing something comes but once. We are seldom given a second opportunity. So many things that if done in the right time and right place would lead to much happiness. Yet for the want of a little forethought have been lost for ever. Whenever you see the opportunity to do good, grasp it. Don't let it slip by and say I'll do it to-morrow or the next day. Do it now, before the opportunity slips by, and don't wait for something to turn up, but make opportunities for yourselves, look around and see what you can do to help and to make others happy; for in making others happy, you will find happiness for yourself.

The moving finger writes, and having writ
Moves on, nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Victorian Deaf."

Dear Sir,—Permit me to point out that the statements made in your issue of March-April by Mrs. F. E. Frewin in reference to the first services for the Deaf of Melbourne are inaccurate. On my return to Melbourne in 1878, after receiving my education at the school for the Deaf in Glasgow, Scotland, I joined the Y.M.C.A., its headquarters then being in Russell Street, and finding that no provision was made for religious services for the Deaf, I approached Mr. W. G. Marsh, the general secretary, and Mr. Hesketh, the head teacher of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, asking the former for the use of a room, which was granted, and the latter to assist me in conducting services. The first Sunday morning service was held on the 20th July, 1879, in the Y.M.C.A., conducted by myself, and the following Sunday Mr. Hesketh officiated, and afterwards, for some eighteen months, by Mr. Hesketh and myself, alternately.

About six months later I also started Sunday evening services at St. Matthew's (Church of England) School Hall, at Prahran, by kind permission of Rev. Mr. H. A. Langley. We had Mr. Andrew Clark, a Scotch semi-deaf from America, assisting with these evening services for about nine months. During this time, the Melbourne Deaf Association was founded, just a few months before Mr. Hesketh left for America. At this time, too, I was the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with Mr. Clark as chairman. The members of the Committee were Messrs. W. P. Muir, George Moore, A. Wilson, C. Turnbull, J. E. Muir, John Briner and two or three other deaf whose names I cannot remember. The Association was only in existence for about nine months. Messrs. Hesketh, Pipe and Bond were never members of the Committee as stated by Mrs. Frewin who, never to my knowledge, attended these services. Mr. Bond left Melbourne before the Association was formd. These Sunday services had been suspended for about twelve months, when I managed to influence Rev. Mr. Moss, then superintendent of the Royal Blind Institution, and also a director of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, to get the Sunday morning services resumed at the Y.M.C.A. We took service in turns. Mr. F. Rose, the founder of the Deaf and Dumb School, also preached occasionally. These were kept on until the mission, now the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, was established. Rev. Mr. Moss, Mr. Rose, Mr. S. Johnson and I were the provisional Committee with Mr. Newbigin, who also managed to get several well-known business men and clergymen and prominent ladies to assist in the foundation of the Mssion. With reference to the British "Times," I still claim to have been a correspondent for some time to "The Times," and handed the agency to Mr. Piper, as I could not find time to continue, as I was fully occupied with office work and private affairs at that time.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. MUIR.

Adult Deaf Centre
Jolimont
Mar. 12th 1930

Dear Friend
We hope that you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in the Town Hall on the 21st May at 3. o'clock and that you will help to make it a success by bringing hearing friends with you.
Very Sincerely Yours
Ernest J. D. Abraham

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

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WHAT IS IT?

It is **not a school,** but it aims at being everything else that makes for the advancement of this handicapped section of the community. It is the only organisation making provision for the after-school care of the Deaf and Dumb of this State.

At Jolimont and Blackburn the Society has made provision and is catering for as many of their needs as funds will allow. Very much has been, and is being done, in this direction, but there is still very much more to do before it can be claimed that we are giving our deaf citizens opportunities equal to those already available to the normal citizen.

At Jolimont there is a Church specially designed for services in the finger and sign language, a club house, enquiry office, relief and employment agency, a tennis court, provision for social intercourse, indoor and outdoor recreation.

At Blackburn a Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes, with training farm for those who are mentally defective.

THE CLUB HOUSE at Jolimont Square is the rendezvous of the deaf of Melbourne and suburbs, and the Home away from home of the country deaf. So far as the deaf and dumb are concerned, there is no distinction or difference here; nationality, religion, colour, matter not at all; rich or poor, it is all the same. "Come and participate in whatever we have to offer if you are deaf and dumb" is taken for granted, and taken advantage of as a matter of course. There is a small but very artistic and homely Assembly Hall, which will accommodate about 150—a much larger hall is an urgent need—billiard, reading and ladies' rooms, library and administrative offices, kitchen with utensils, gas stove and other requirements for making and serving your own meal, and if you are in the unfortunate position to be without the wherewithal to purchase the commodities for that meal, there is a residential officer in a position to provide you with the necessary funds.

The Club House is also the social centre for all kinds of gatherings, dances, card and birthday parties, wedding breakfasts, and anniversary functions of every description. No charge is made to the deaf members for the use of the hall and conveniences for such gatherings. There are regular cinema picture shows and every imaginable class of entertainment that is likely to appeal to the deaf is introduced from time to time. There are lectures and classes under the auspices of the Men's and Women's Guilds, and the Club House is the head-quarters of the various sports clubs for the deaf—Cricket, Lacrosse, Tennis, Hockey and Ramblers. The Club House is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Hearing friends are invited to "look in" any time, but especially Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 p.m. No ceremony—but a hearty welcome to join in whatever is going on.



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MISS ALICE CAMPBELL GRAHAM

It is with pleasure we present our readers with a portrait of our fairy godmother, Miss Alice Graham, who has again waved her magic wand to help those of her fellow Deaf who are finding the present unemployment condition a little too much for them to battle against.



MISS ALICE CAMPBELL GRAHAM

For years past Miss Graham has in a quiet way assisted many and helped the various activities of our Society very generously, but now her munificence has assumed such large dimensions that her benevolence can no longer be hidden.

One of Miss Graham's greatly appreciated gifts is the beautiful furnishings of the Sanctuary of our new Church, and the cost of the upkeep of the Church lawn and garden. Another very useful gift is a motor wagon, used by the unemployed in an effort to make a living by the sale of goods during the depression. It has also been of service to our Society in other useful ways; and now Miss Graham is giving for a period the sum of £25 monthly for distribution by our Principal to deserving cases in relief and relief-employment to the Deaf of both sexes.

We cannot express in words the gratitude we feel toward Miss Graham, nor do we know how to thank her. Already her thoughtful kindness and timely generosity has brought comfort and consolation to many participants, who will doubtless in their own way let Miss Graham know how much they appreciate her interest in them.

LIP-READING FOR THE DEAF —NOT DUMB.

Lip-reading, or Speech-reading, is a very valuable help in enabling deafened persons to regain, to an extremely useful extent, their contact with those about them. By the eye they may learn to recognise spoken language, which they remember so well but which they no longer hear, or only partially hear. Their relation to the study is different from and vastly more favourable than that of deaf-born people, who have never heard spoken language, and who are therefore without the mental concepts of its audible use.

Lip-reading is the art of seeing speech instead of hearing it, and apart from this substitution of the eye for the ear, there are no psychic differences involved in "listening by sight."

Any substitution for a natural organ or sense must, however, imply limitations, and consequently the eye can never equal the ear in the accuracy of its observations or the ease of making them. In recognising speech from its visible indications, limitations arise from the distance, position and light. Since, however, in deafness some loss is inevitable, any help which lessens it should be sought; and large numbers of people have found that the isolation of deafness has been materially relieved by the practice of lip-reading.

As before explained, the speech hearer is not concerned with the recognition of individual sounds, or even with **every** individual word, but appreciates meaning from the whole synthesis of the sentence. Context plays a large part in making the understanding of heard speech easy and rapid. Having become aware of the subject, the mind follows and anticipates the salient words used.

Context must fulfil similar functions in lip-reading. The lip-reader must, as he did when he could hear, avail himself of every auxiliary to understanding—the expression of the eye, the features, the limbs and the whole attitude of the speaker. Having realised the nature of the effort to **see** speech, the lip-reader must approach its study with confidence in himself and the determination to succeed. Many fail because they attempt to see more of speech than they became consciously aware of when they heard it, namely, the individual sounds used. The impossibility of this is evident from the fact that the movements of the majority of the sounds used in speech are more or less hidden in the mouth. Others fail because they imagine that the effort is of some mysterious nature involving the development of something like occult powers.

The assistance of a specialist teacher of lip-reading is always advisable; but even such a teacher cannot succeed unless the learner appreciates his actual relation to the study. This is briefly indicated above.

In some cases, persons becoming deaf have been advised by medical men, whom they have consulted, not to study lip-reading on the grounds that its practice will induce them not to use their remaining hearing power fully in the effort to listen. Such advice is opposed to fact, for the visual observations of lip-reading running, "pari passu," with any speech that may be heard, tends to focus the effort and make listening easier and more effective.

It is therefore recommended that the study of lip-reading be taken up as soon as deafness becomes noticeable. The observations thus made, together with any audible impressions that may still be heard, will gradually train the eyes to their new duty; and should the deafness be progressive and result in totality, the sufferer is, to a great extent, fore-armed against its devastating isolation.

The ability to read the lips, through the degree of confidence it establishes in those who practise it, is frequently a great factor in conserving cheerfulness of mind and **general normal attitude** towards life which the tendency of deafness, "per se," is to depress.

SO LIVE.

So live that, when the summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

William Cullen Bryant.

THE LATE MR. JOHN E. MUIR.



Mr. John E. Muir, one of the most enthusiastic pioneers of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, passed to a higher life on the 17th January last, after a short illness. The absence of Mr. Muir from our midst will be felt by many, for he had a powerful influence for good upon his fellow deaf. He was highly respected and affectionately regarded by the young and old. He was an outstanding figure in every effort for the upliftment of his fellow deaf during the last forty years, and freely gave of his best at all times.

His lovable simplicity made every one his friend, and yet he had that strength of character that commanded discipline where others in similar circumstances often failed.

During the great publicity campaign on behalf of the Deaf in 1901-4, he gave most of his evenings to this work. He was a past master of the language of gesture, and his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" always brought applause from audiences of thousands.

He was, for many years, a member of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and held in turn every position of honor that the deaf themselves were able to confer upon him from Hon. Secretary of various clubs to President. In the world of sport, amongst the deaf, he was pre-eminent. He gave the deaf generally "a place in the sun," as a popular player of the Fitzroy Football Club. Tall and erect, with a cloud of snow white hair crowning his youthful head, Mr. Muir was always the most conspicuous figure on the field, and received a hearty ovation from the onlookers.

Added to that he was a good cricketer, and for most sport was eagerly sought as a coach by the younger deaf members. In cases of emergency, Mr. Muir was always willing and ready to preach a sermon, give a lecture, conduct a Bible class or visit the sick at the shortest notice. And what a cheery, welcome visitor he was!

For the past ten years he made his home in Warburton after retiring from his work as a draughtsman at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and gained many hearing friends there.

Mr. Muir's death brings to mind the early days of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. In those days the dream, ambition and aim of our old deaf pioneers was to possess a little church of their own. For twenty years they gave, collected and saved for that purpose, and John Muir was one of the most enthusiastic workers for it.

We are grateful that he lived to see the consummation of his early labors in the beautiful little Church for the Deaf that now stands in the old-world garden of the historic Jolimont Square.

It was a fitting end to his splendid life's work that the beautiful church should be his last resting place, for the casket containing his body remained in the church from the time of his death till the burial.

On the Sunday evening our Principal, Mr. Abraham, gave a beautiful Memorial Service, and most feelingly eulogised Mr. Muir's work and love of his fellow men. The service was most impressive, the pathos of which stirred all present, and doubly so Mr. Abraham, for John Muir was one of his most esteemed comrades, and it was the parting with a long-loved friend.

The casket, with some beautiful flowers on it from Mr. Muir's wife, placed at the foot of the sanctuary, added to the solemnity.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent the following day, including wreaths from the General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Deaf Committee, the Deaf Women's Guild, the Deaf Men's Guild, and Deaf Athletic Club, Mr. E.

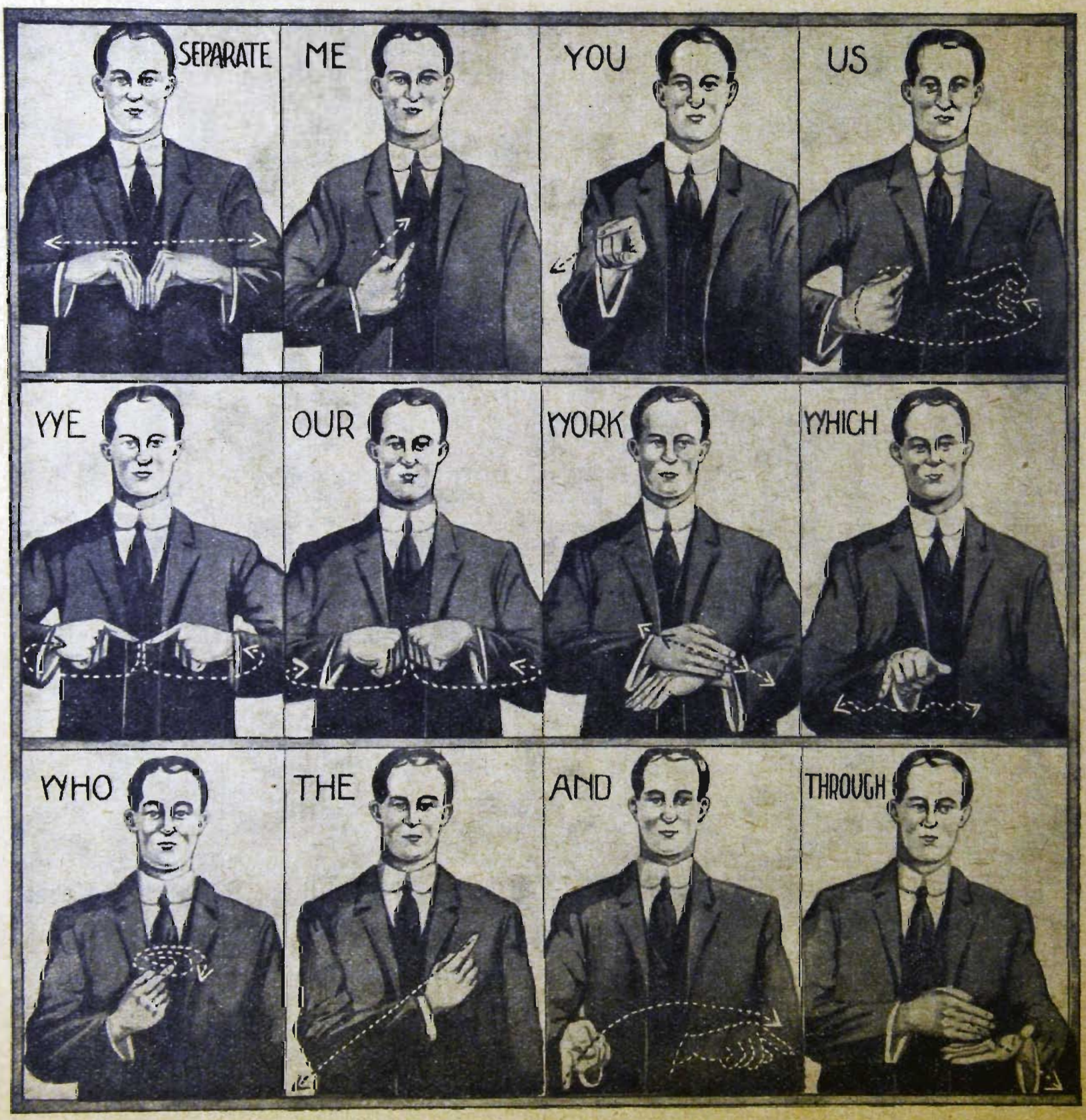
Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Luff, and many hearing relations and friends.

After a short service in our church, the cortege left for the Box Hill Cemetery, where another service was conducted by the Rev. F. Hagenaeur, of Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. Muir's grandfather, being the late Dr. Cairns, added a link to that church. Mr. Abraham interpreted the service to a large number of deaf friends present.

John Muir, we shall always miss you. Our hearts are full of gratitude for what you have done for us, and we thank you. Like Mr. Matt. Miller, your good deeds will live for ever.

Mr. Muir leaves a widow, who is much loved for her gentle manner, charitable work, and, above all, for her outstanding and lasting work among our deaf women and girls. To her we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We know how great our loss is, but compared to hers it is nothing, for John Muir belonged to her.

A DICTIONARY OF SIGNS USED BY THE DEAF AND DUMB



THE LATE MR. AND MRS. S. MOSS.



MR. S. MOSS

With the passing of Mr. Solomon Moss on the 5th of March, another link in the chain of early deaf pioneers of the Deaf and Dumb Society has been severed, for Mr. Moss had been a member almost since its inception.

To many of his friends he was affectionately known as "Mossie," but he had a large circle in the city, where his smiling face was generally welcome, even though his presence signified a subscription due, for he was the city collector for our society for nearly thirty years, and much valued and esteemed by the General Board.

Although he retired from that position some two years ago, quite a number of his subscribers insisted upon him calling on them, and until quite recently kindly enquiries for him were made.

Few knew of the many kindly deeds so quickly and willingly done by Mr. Moss, and great was the surprise when his benefactions were made known after his death.

Many of his fellow deaf have been remembered in a monetary way, and a substantial amount has been left to this society, which, apart from Mr. Moss's long association and life among us, cannot but help to keep his memory evergreen.

His wife, Mrs. Lucy Moss, who predeceased him by but three months, was the first, and for some time, the only pupil of the first school for deaf and dumb children in Australia, and Mr. Moss was the fifth to enter the school. They had a long life together, for both were just on eighty years of age.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Historically, we have to reach a long way back into the vista of the centuries for the first beginnings of the education of the deaf. We have it on record that as far back as 700 St. John of Beverley, the founder of the noble minster, gave instruction to a deaf mute. Bede speaks of him as having taught a deaf and dumb youth to repeat after him letters and syllables, and then some words and sentences. So far back, then, as 1200 years ago the oral method found its small beginning in England. From time to time throughout the Middle Ages we hear of other sporadic attempts to reach the deaf Rudolphus Agricola, born in 1442 at



MRS. S. MOSS

Groningen in Holland, mentions as within his knowledge the fact that a deaf mute had been taught to write and to note down his thoughts. In 1501 was born, at Paris, one Jerome Cardan, to whom may be attributed the theoretical principle upon which the instruction of the deaf is founded. He says: "Writing is associated with speech, and speech with thought; but written characters and ideas may be connected together without the intervention of sound;" and he argues that in this principle, "the instruction of the deaf and

dumb is difficult, but it is possible." All this was a novel speculation in the 16th century, and this was the great discovery which the world owes to Jerome Cardan. His great principle was first put into practice in Spain by Pedro Ponce, a Benedictine Monk born at Valladolid in 1520, and again a century afterwards by Juan Paulo Bonet, a monk of the same order, who first published a book in 1620 upon the subject, which was the first step towards making the education of the deaf and dumb permanent, by recording the experience of one teacher for the instruction of others. From this time there was a general awakening of the attention not only to the importance of the subject, but to the practicability of instructing the deaf mute. The art appears to have died away in Spain, but it was taken up by Englishmen. In 1648 Dr. John Bulwer published his Philocophus or the Deafe and Dumbe Man's Friend; in 1669 Dr. William Holder published his "Elements of Speech with an Appendix concerning Persons Deaf and Dumb," and Dr. John Wallis Savilian, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford, taught the deaf and dumb successfully and wrote copiously on the subject. In 1662 one of his most proficient pupils was exhibited before the Royal Society and in the presence of the King. In 1680 George Dalgarno, a Scotsman by birth and a resident of Oxord, published his Didascolocophus, or Deaf and Dumb Man's Tutor. He is the first English writer to give the manual alphabet. For the best part of a century nothing more was done in this country, but in 1760, when the great Abbe de l'Epee was opening his little school in Paris, the first school in the British Empire was established in Edinburgh by Thomas Braidwood. Sir Walter Scott and Dr. Johnson both appear to have become acquainted with Thomas Braidwood's activities in the northern capital. In 1783 Braidwood removed his school to Hackney, and his presence in the metropolis undoubtedly led to the foundation of the London Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, the first British Institution, in 1792, under the direction of Dr. Watson, a former assistant of Thomas Braidwood.

From the year 1792 we enter upon the systematic development of deaf education in this country in the establishment, in the first half of the nineteenth century, of residential institutions upon a charitable basis for the reception of deaf mute children, as for example: England and Wales —London, 1792; Birmingham, 1812; Manchester, 1823; Liverpool, 1825; Exeter, 1827; Doncaster, 1829; Newcastle, 1839; Brighton, 1841; Bath, 1842; Swansea, 1847. Scotland—Edinburgh, 1810; Donaldson's Hospital, 1850; Glasgow, 1819; Aberdeen, 1819; Dundee, 1846. Ireland—Dublin, Claremont, 1816; Dublin, R. C. Institution, 1846; Belfast, 1831; Strabane, 1846.

The growth of institutions continued through the second half of the nineteenth century. We have so far considered (1) the intellectual beginnings, and (2) the practical development through charitable channels. We come now to the third stage, that of State co-operation. In 1884 the Royal Commission was appointed to consider the education of the Blind and Deaf; they made their report in 1888, and as a result Parliament enacted the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act of 1894 (Scotland 1892), enjoining the compulsory education of the deaf and also the obligation upon Education Authorities to make suitable provisions for such education. From this point the education of the deaf assumed a new and active phase, with the result that the large majority of deaf mute children are now brought under suitable training.—Dr. Eicholz.

THE BARRIER OF LANGUAGE.

Meeting of Charlie Chaplin, the cinema pantominist, and Cami, the French cartoonist.

"There is a greater barrier between you and him—the barrier of language."

The following is an extract from a recent interview with Cami, the French cartoonist, and will, we are sure, be of special interest to our readers.

Cami is speaking of his first meeting with Charlie Chaplin:—

"Charlie several times expressed his intention of visiting Paris, but he did not carry it out until 1921. I did not know the date of his arrival, and heard of it through the newspapers. I immediately rushed off to his hotel. I was rather shy about this meeting. Should we not be disappointed with each other? And

especially would not Charlie be disappointed with me?

"Charlie embraced me as if we were close friends who had not seen each other for years. I was very happy. I asked strings of questions: What sort of crossing he had, how he liked Europe and so on. It did not even occur to me that he did not speak French. And even if it had occurred to me I could not have helped it, as I could not speak a word of English.

"Charlie looked embarrassed at first, and then he burst out laughing and replied in English to my French questions. Maybe his replies did not give the right answer to my questions, but what did it matter? We had dinner together at the hotel. All went well at first, but suddenly he became depressed. He stood up, left the table, and with tears in his eyes went out of the room. I was alarmed and asked the manager of the hotel, who spoke English, what was the matter with Chaplin? He explained: 'He is overcome by the thought that there is a greater barrier than the ocean between you and him—the barrier of language.'

"I suggested to Chaplin that we should go to the Folies Bergere, where he once appeared on the platform in Karno's company. Charlie accepted with pleasure. In the car we sat side by side, and we discovered that the language was not such a great obstacle after all. We found out a new way of conversation, a new deaf and dumb code, and by gestures we came to understand each other perfectly well, so much so that we spent a pleasant evening together.

"It was during Chaplin's Paris stay that 'The Kid' was shown to the public. It was a gala performance in aid of the devastated areas of France. The huge Trocadero was filled, Chaplin himself being a great attraction. The audience was one of the largest ever seen in Paris. The receipts were 300,000 francs, a large sum at that time. Chaplin was besieged for autographs, and was received with immense enthusiasm.

"Chaplin, Mme. Cecil Sorel, and I had a box. Everything went smoothly, and 'The Kid' had an unusually great success. Mme. Sorel and I complimented Chaplin sincerely, but he would take no credit to himself and said: 'What do I matter? Look at Jackie; what a gorgeous chap he is!

"Suddenly I noticed that Chaplin had disappeared. He had gone out on tiptoes without attracting our attention. I thought he was affected by the heat, and I went out to see what was the matter. I found him in the corridor leaning against the wall and fanning himself with his handkerchief. 'What is the matter?' Is it the heat?' I enquired by signs. 'No,' he answered in the same way; 'in the next box was a lady who used such a strong perfume that I nearly fainted.'"

"THE CONCORD OF SWEET SOUNDS."

The following prayer was specially composed for the Dame Nellie Melba Service of Farewell and benediction held at St. Columba's Scots' Church, London, on the 4th of March:—

"O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise. Receive, O Lord, our hearty thanksgiving for all things beautiful in heaven and earth, in God and man, in nature, and in art; and especially for that in which we now rejoice—the wonder of harmony and the concord of sweet sounds. For the music of the spheres, the singing of birds, and all pure rejoicing in the heart of man, we thank Thee; and especially that Thou hast raised up some, gifted in musical invention, or expert on instrument and in song, to be the special interpreters of Thy harmonious will. We remember now the inspiration of the earthly music of those who have passed beyond, and would hear its echoes from the choir invisible in the great unseen. We pray Thee turn our lives to music, that they may here anticipate the heavenly concords of the life to come. Keep us faithful unto death to all Thy laws of harmony and love; and grant us at length the crown of endless song in the world of light and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Whilst recognising their vagaries and shortcomings, their virtues and ambitions are kept in mind.—"Trades for Deaf of Imminent Portent."

THE GREAT THING.

To know what you prefer, instead of saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive. R. L. Stevenson.

A BADGE FOR DEAF PEOPLE.

Deaf and blind people must wear a broad yellow badge on their arms when they take their walks through the streets of Budapest.

The police have issued this decree in the hope of avoiding traffic accidents. In commenting upon this regulation a newspaper says: "Probably many people will shrink from wearing the badge, especially the deaf, who will feel that they pass through the streets in an atmosphere of curiosity and pity." The same paper, in all seriousness, goes on to suggest that instead of the badge the deaf should carry white walking-sticks, "and drivers should be taught to look out for them; while the rest of the world would take it in at a glance, instead of trying to see what was written on the badge."

Those of us who have a sense of humour are enjoying this, but the very serious and particular fellow deaf citizen is asking when will our hearing friends realise that the deaf of necessity are more careful, and therefore less likely to meet with accidents than the hearing. We use our eyes, which are far more reliable than your ears.

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FORWARD, BRAVE HEART.

There are glorious years lying ahead of you if you choose to make them glorious. God's in His heaven still.

So forward, brave hearts, to what adventures I cannot tell, but I know that your God is watching to see whether you are adventurous.

—J. M. Barrie.

YEARS DO NOT MAKE AGE.

It is not years that make age. Frivolous pursuits, base passions unsubdued, narrow selfishness, vacuity of mind, life with sordid aims or no aims at all—these are the things that bring age upon the soul.

Healthful tastes, an open eye for what is beautiful and good in nature and in man, a happy remembrance of youthful pleasures, a mind never without some active interest or pursuit—these are the things that carry on the feeling of youth into old age.

—Sir Theodore Martin on his 90th birthday.

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WRITE TO GOD ABOUT IT.

Mr. C. Leonard Woolley, the explorer in Mesopotamia, tells these good stories of his Mohammedan servant, Haj Wahid. Interpret them how you will, the fact remains, the prayers were answered.

"It was a bitter winter, and for nearly three weeks the snow had lain deep on the ground. All suffered, but the poor Haj most of all, for at meal-times he had to trudge backward and forward between the kitchen and the living-room, carrying his dishes, while the snow trickled into his loose slippers and caked on his chilblained feet.

"One day he told me that he was desperate; could stand it no longer. 'If the frost does not break up to-night,' he said, 'I shall write to God about it.' I asked how the letter would be sent. 'Easily enough,' was the answer. 'You need only running water, and here we have the whole Euphrates; it will get there in no time.'

"I suggested that Haj Wahid was a very lax Mohammedan and could scarcely expect an answer. 'On the contrary,' said he, 'I never plague Allah with prayers; so when he gets my letter he will know that it is serious and will be glad to do something for my sake, as he was before.'

"Naturally I asked about that previous occasion, and this is the story, told in all good faith.

"Haj Wahid was in the Aleppo jail, condemned to fifteen years' imprisonment for murder. He had served about two years of his sentence, and now his patience was at an end. He chafed at the injustice of his punishment, so disproportionate to an offence admitted, but, in his opinion, very venial. The government provided no food for its prisoners, and, as his friends were growing slack in their ministrations, he was often hungry, and he was a young and active man, to whom confinement was torture. Remembering something he had once heard, he determined to write to God.

"A friend who brought him food proved to be a penman and, though incredulous, undertook the task of writing from Haj's dictation. The letter ran something like this:—

"'To God, the Great, the Just, the Merciful, from Haj Wahid, blessing and peace. After my salutations, know that I have been two years in this gaol and can endure it no longer; I shall go mad or I shall die; therefore of Your mercy release me, and that at once. I suffer injustice, and there is no man to help me. I take refuge in the mercy of God.'

"Haj Wahid duly inked his thumb and set his mark at the foot of the letter; it was sealed and addressed, and on his instructions the friend carried it out and threw it into the Kuweik, the little stream that waters Aleppo.

"Some three days later a police-sergeant entered the prison yard and called for Haj Wahid. He was led out and taken to the room of some government official, who, after satisfying himself as to his identity, informed him that he was free. Without any further questions being asked or reasons being given, the prison doors were opened and Haj walked out and went home.

"Naturally he believed that his letter had worked the miracle. Since then he had not troubled Heaven, but now the cold threatened his life and he was prepared to repeat the experiment.

"As it happened, however, that night the frost broke and the next morning was warm and sunny; so when the Haj brought in breakfast we chaffed him on there being no need for his letter. He winked. 'God is all-knowing,' said he. 'The threat was enough.'"

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

Love is the universal language. It will take you years to speak in Chinese or in the dialects of India; from the day you land that language of love, understood by all, pours forth its unconscious eloquence.

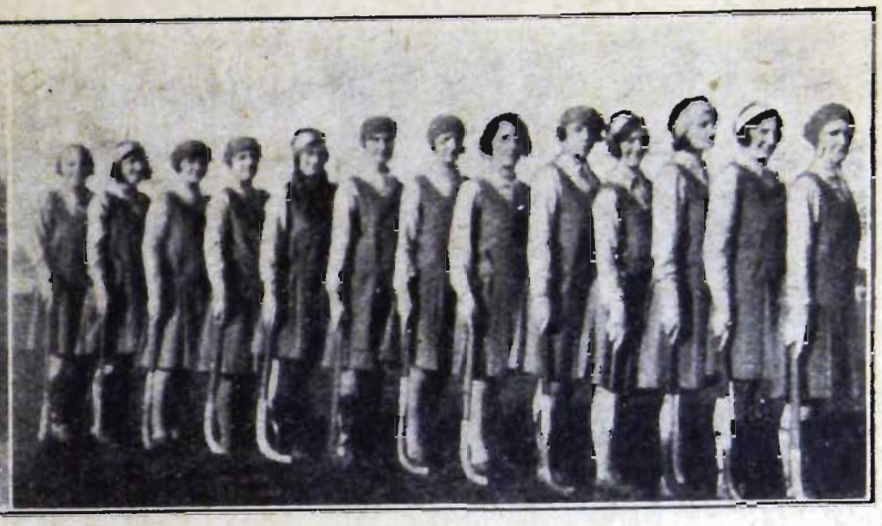
It is the man who is the missionary; it is not his words. His character is his message. In the heart of Africa, among the great lakes, I have come across black men and women who remembered the only white man they ever saw before—David Livingstone; and as you cross his footsteps in that dark continent men's faces light up as they speak of the kind doctor who passed there years ago. They could not understand him, but they felt the love that beat in his heart.

—Henry Drummond.

OUR ADULT DEAF CITIZENS AT PLAY



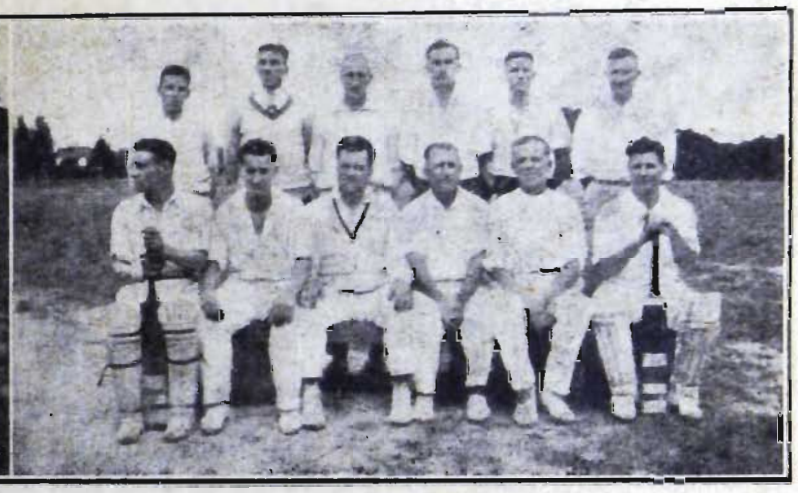
DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD PICNIC



DEAF GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB



COUNTRY DEAF CRICKET TEAM



CITY DEAF CRICKET TEAM

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society Women's Guild held its annual picnic on Saturday, 14th February, at West St. Kilda, when there was a fair attendance of members, together with a sprinkling of male friends. The chief attraction was the open sea mixed bathing. After the al-fresco tea on the garden lawn, the party broke up for ramble amongst the local amusement shows, then home.

HOCKEY CLUB.

At the beginning of the 1930 winter season, the younger set of our girls, led by Elsie Stephens, formed a Hockey Club. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and naturally they soon excelled in the game, and are now looking forward to keen contests with association teams this season.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Saturday, 28th February, at 3 p.m., in our hall, when the election of office-bearers took place. All girls interested were invited to attend.

CRICKET.

Beautiful weather welcomed our contesting teams at Lake Park, Blackburn, on Easter Saturday. Warrie Ashby had led off and carried the main end of the job in the arrangements of a cricket match between Melbourne and Country Deaf teams. The game was watched with interest by city and country Deaf alike, with a fair sprinkling of hearing friends.

City made 84 runs in the first innings and five wickets for 165 runs in the second innings, declared. Country made 61 and 69 runs respectively. The City Deaf won outright by 119 runs.

The teams were entertained at lunch by the Chairman (Mr. N. Armstrong) and Committee of our Home for the Deaf at Blackburn, and the Matron added her share to the success of this part of the day's good things.

THE PROBLEM OF THE DEAF.

No. 1.

BY E. R. PEACOCK,
President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

[The views expressed here are personal to the writer and are not official. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria has not yet adopted or approved any special method of communication with the Deaf. Its subjects come to it in adult life, and its officers must meet the conditions as they exist in the individual, and serve the whole Adult Deaf Community according to their needs and desires.]

What an age to live in. Miracles. The progress in Science and Art in the last few years surpasses everything the mind of man had ever thought possible. Such tremendous advances in every department. In transportation, from bullock-wagon, donkey, and sailing boat, to motor car, railways, steamships and flying. Intercommunication greater still, from foot messenger to telegraph, telephone, and now wireless, by which His Holiness the Pope, from the Vatican in Rome, has sent the vibration of his voice north, south, east and west around the world to the very uttermost limits of settlement, and who can say how much further? Advances have not been confined to these external or material affairs, but the conquest over disease has been equally amazing—plagues and pestilences are largely matters of history. Public health and welfare are the concern of the community, which has resulted in the lengthening of life and increasing of happiness.

The Deaf. Little real distinct advance has been made in hundreds of years. John Wallis, an Englishman, taught the deaf to speak in the seventeenth century. General education has been broadened, and the deaf have shared in a minor degree in this advance, but, strange as it may seem, those who have been the friends and workers in the interests of the deaf, have in many cases been unconscious obstacles to greater progress and advantages being secured for them. That is, there have developed "Experts" (with all the prejudices and partisanship of experts) who have created various schools of thought and methods of teaching the deaf. These each claim that they alone understand the "Mind" of the deaf and their peculiarities. The so-called "Psychology of the Deaf."

The oral method, the manual or sign method, the gesture, and so forth, supposed to create different kinds of "minds." It is really amazing, and the antagonisms among these "Experts" is deplorable, creating splits and divisions even among the deaf themselves.

In reality, the deaf child is not necessarily any different in physiology or mental capacity to any ordinary child, except that one small nerve centre fails to function. The deaf child has, on the average, all the capacity to learn and develop into genius, with possibly some advantages, if properly trained, rather than disadvantages, over other children.

The general assumptions and prejudices of teachers, as well as ignorance of understanding of the basic problem by parents and interested parties, has often been a greater obstacle and handicap to the deaf child than his lack of hearing. Parents and friends become panicky, and are disposed to accept the old conventional idea that the deaf child is necessarily mentally deficient.

When I was in South Africa some time ago, I was taken to a place where a picnic had been held some years before. The party included a mother and her baby. The baby was left wrapped in rugs among cushions, while the party wandered along the beach. On the mother returning later her baby was missing. It had been carried off by a baboon and taken up among the fastnesses of the mountains, and was not heard of for more than 20 years. When recovered it had no civilisation, did not wear clothes, could not even walk upright like ordinary human beings, had no knowledge of language except the sounds made by baboons which it imitated, could not read, write, or practice any of the arts of our civilisation, although it had acquired skill in other directions which normal human beings could not imitate.

Had the baby been taken away to another country and reared in different surroundings, it might have learned some other language, habits, skill, and customs of a civilisation quite different to ours, with different moral standards, another religion, and ideas of duty.

If a number of deaf persons were completely separated from hearing and speaking people, they could surely very soon

discover means of exchanging ideas and communicating with each other.

The easiest and quickest way to get ideas into the mind is through the eye by pictures and diagrams. With pictures and diagrams the imagination can be stimulated, cultivated and directed.

It startles us hearing and speaking people, self-supposedly such superior beings, to be told by eminent authority that "we are all born wholly uncivilised," and again, "the modern baby brings no more into the world than the savage child." This will likely raise all sorts of controversy with which I am not greatly concerned. But the fact is the child mind is likened to a sheet of plain white paper, on which impressions are made through the five senses. The next baby born into any family may be deaf, and that not through any fault of its parents. Normal people have deaf children, and deaf people have hearing children.

There are families of average normal

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capacity, with one member deaf. The avenues into each mind are the same through the five senses—sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste—except in the case of one, who through some cause which will be considered later, is unable to hear, i.e., sound waves are not able to reach or produce reaction on the auditory nerve. Every child is deeply and permanently affected by the impressions of infancy and childhood. The same authority quoted above, James Harvery Robinson, in "The Mind in the Making." says:—

> "There are four historical layers underlying the minds of civilised men —the **animal mind,** the **child mind,** the **savage mind,** and the **traditional civilised mind.** We are all animals and can never cease to be; we were all children at our most impressionable age and can never get over the effects of that; our human ancestors have lived in savagery during practically the whole existence of the race, say five hundred thousand or a million years, and the primitive human mind is ever with us; finally, we are all born into an elaborate civilisation, the constant pressure of which we can by no means escape."

Very few people think independently, or are capable of analysing the problem. The Deaf have been the sufferers and victims to an immeasurable degree from this idea that the partisan "Experts" know all about and understand the deaf and their supposed peculiarities and characteristics. In reality they have none but what are developed by their coming into surroundings of people who do not understand, and who assume that because the deaf do not hear they must necessarily be deficient in other capacity, or recognising that they have some general intelligence try to make them the same as other people by making them go through a long process of learning the mechanics of sound (speaking) and transmitting through these mechanical movements ideas into the mind.

Being able to speak is a wonderful accomplishment for a deaf person, but it is not education. The most important is education and mind development with proper importance given to accomplishments.

The historic case of Helen Keller may be mentioned. She was blind and deaf before she was educated. Yet a self-sacrificing, painstaking teacher, Miss Sullivan, whose name is recorded on the roll of honour, using old methods, found a way into the deaf and blind girl's mind, and giving herself and all that was in her to stimulate the imagination, transferring thoughts from her own rich store as well as the cream of accumulated world ideas, to the virgin soil of her student's mind, developed an intellect that would be rare indeed among people possessing all the senses.

It is well known that Thomas A. Edison, the world-renowned scientist and inventor, was sent to school as a child, and at the end of three months was sent home again, as dull and incapable of being educated with other children. His mother took him in hand. He has been a subscriber to the "Scientific American" for over sixty years. What an education! He is now very deaf, but his mind is ever active and alert.

What is speech? Simply the imitation of sounds of different kinds intended to convey ideas or pictures from one mind to another. And a very clumsy and imperfect medium it is for conveying such ideas or pictures. If the child hears certain sounds, associating them with certain ideas, and imitates those sounds, we say he talks German or French, or Chinese, or English, according to the sounds he hears and tries to imitate; but if he sees a picture of a house, he knows it to represent a house, irrespective of sound, hearing or language. Pictures are a universal language. A long wordy description is less capable of conveying facts or ideas.

The deaf child's mind is not less capable of equal development, but some other suitable method must be found to make the necessary impressions on the mind to produce what we call education.

A deaf child can be taught to read and understand ideas without hearing, and his mind can be developed and educated by other means, such as pictures, diagrams, graphs, arithmetic, mathematics, logic, literature, art, science, working models, etc. It may be a positive advantage not to be able to hear a lot of the frivol and petty small talk in most circles. There is the likelihood of **developing** to a greater

degree the **capacity for concentration,** the foundation of genius.

If the impression is conveyed by looks of pity, and actions, calculated to make the deaf child feel or think he is inferior, it does lasting injury to the mind. Good intentioned parents and friends often do more injury than it is possible to measure.

The finest and most original work in connection with the education of the Deaf that I have ever seen was in Japan, where they have more than forty schools for the Deaf and Dumb. The reason for this is, in my opinion, that Japanese are so free from bias and prejudice and so ready to experiment with and try out new ideas. Not only are they successful in methods of education, but in fitting their subjects into suitable occupations.

The National Association of the Deaf throughout its history reiterates its firm stand **that methods of instruction should be adapted to the needs** of the **individual deaf child.** It adheres to no single method —the pure oral or speech and lip reading method, the pure manual or sign method, the pure finger spelling, or any other method that fad or fancy may bring into existence. The Association will always continue to uphold and battle for the **combined system of instruction,** which embraces **all methods** that have been found helpful in educating deaf children. Our educational creed, enunciated years ago, is embodied in the excellent motto: "Fit the **method to the child,** not the child to the method."

In other words—stimulate and direct the imagination and get ideas into the mind in the most effective way.

It is well just here to re-emphasise the words of our eminent authority: "We are all animals (deaf and hearing) and never cease to be." Face the fact. The deaf person has all the passions and animal impulses of the hearing, and needs sympathy, patience and individual education as much as, or even more than, ordinary people in sex hygiene and morals. Very few receive it.

(To be continued.)

The first school for the deaf and dumb of Australia was founded by the late Mr. F. J. Rose, a deaf mute, and opened on the 12th November, 1860.

HELEN KELLER, ONE OF AMERICA'S FIFTY LEADING WOMEN.

The North American newspaper, "Alliance," recently requested Miss Ida M. Tarbell to prepare a list of 50 living women who, in her opinion, have been the most outstanding in the promotion of the welfare of the United States of America. She selected Helen Keller as one of the fifty, and says of her:—

"The master of her fate, deaf and blind from 19 months, she so co-operated with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, that she developed means of communication which opened the world's treasures to her. A graduate of Radcliffe College, writer, lecturer, has appeared in the movies and in vaudeville, active in all undertakings for the blind, an inspiring life."

"HEARING" WITH YOUR ARMS

The following appeared in a recent issue of "Pearson's Weekly." It is written by one Victor Lee (who has been deaf for many years). We would like to know what our readers think about it. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Lee can give us lessons in many things. Anyway, we have never yet met any of the deaf who carry "a little box," nor anyone so sensitive to vibration as to be able to hear by their arms so accurately as to know when church bells are ringing.

"Normal persons pay little attention to the almost innumerable waves of sound that are breaking upon us continuously. But the deaf grow more and more sensitive to sound which comes to them, not by the hearing of the ear, but by waves and vibrations.

"I pass a church almost every Thursday evening. I know that on that evening eight bells are rung.

"I do not hear them as I pass. But my arms ache with sound; my legs tremble; I could not stand in the vicinity for more than a few moments. If I were foolish enough to do so, I should suffer a heart attack.

"Every part of a deaf person's body becomes susceptible to waves of sound. The fingers, especially, grow super-sensitive to it.

"A deaf friend of mine wer[illegible] ironmonger's shop to purchas[illegible]

bell. The shopman opened the box containing the bell, extracted it, and held it up to the deaf man's ear.

"'Give it to me,' the deaf man said, 'and I will show you how the deaf hear.' He took it and manipulated it with his fingers for a moment. When he said, 'Yes, that will do nicely. It rings true.' He heard the ringing of the bell with his fingers by vibration.

"A deaf man is perfectly safe with machinery, and can test the easy working of the gear with precision. The normal man listens for the whistle of the shaft or bearing to discover when it requires oil. The deaf man can tell in a moment, simply by touching the shaft with his hand.

"It is not only possible, but an ascertained fact, that a deaf man can find the mortar spaces between bricks in a wall that has been plugged, quite as quickly as the man who can hear.

"They both follow the same method. They knock the wall lightly with a hammer; the normal man knows by the distinction in sound where to plug; the deaf know by vibration.

"Some deaf persons carry in one hand a little box made of wood when they are moving about the streets. It is quite small, being no larger than a match-box, and, of course, inconspicuous.

"The vibrations received by the box are communicated, and the dimensions, directions and nearness of the traffic can be realised with an astonishing degree of accuracy.

"It is really wonderful that, by the use of the eyes, and by vibration, many of the disabilities that follow in the wake of deafness disappear. One regrets that music is only a noise, and that the music of the human voice is an unknown thing. The deaf live in a world void of music."

SOUTH AFRICA.

There are four schools for the deaf in the South African Union, and the largest is at Worcaster, Cape Province. This school will celebrate its jubilee this year.

Aristotle dismissed the case of the deaf and dumb thus:—

"To instruct the deaf no art can ever reach,
[illegible]e improve them and no wisdom [illegible]h."

THE PATH TO FOLLOW.

There is only one universal language that all men can use and understand—the language of feature and gesture. Side by side with that there are certain conventions which can be universalised, such as figures and mathematical symbols.

For the rest, there is no royal road to the understanding of nations. We can only learn to understand as many languages as possible, or, better still, use the many other pathways to the understanding of nations through their music, their art, their buildings, their customs and institutions—all the things which reveal the soul within.

—Alfred Zimmern.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG.

I have always thought that results must come if the work is on the right lines. But it must be on the right lines. Failure is due to some weakness. Find out that and remedy it. It is not the fault of others if things go wrong.

—Marshal Foch.

ALWAYS PLENTY OF WORK.

It is not employment or unemployment that matters. It is work that is of consequence. The trouble in all this is that everyone is talking about the wrong thing. There is plenty of work for everyone; and it is not possible for any man to do useful work without in some fashion receiving adequate payment.

I have often thought that if the jobless in the big cities would set to work at work they see everywhere waiting to be done, they would quickly find that they had made goods for themselves.

The work is always there, but what men wait for is employment. More men seek wages than seek work. If work be put first, then we shall get somewhere, for the amount of work to be done is always unlimited. The amount of work to be done never fails, only the money to pay for work seems to fail. But the money will not fail if the mind be constantly on the work instead of on the wages or the profits. The work will then provide both the wages and the profits.

—Henry Ford.



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Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

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The interior of the Church is of special interest and pride to our deaf members. The whole rostrum is the gift of our well-known church member, Miss A. Graham, whose service is highly appreciated, and the interior has been furnished mainly by our deaf members.

The elaborately raised rostrum is a most fitting memorial service to Miss Graham for her great benevolence towards our deaf associates, of whom are members of the unique Church.

The interior of the church is said to be uniquely and carefully designed to study the seating and lighting difference between this church and the other churches regarding the "eye" of our deaf as the "ear" of our hearing upon the preacher.

The Church was consecrated by a simple and impressive service on 5th June. The actual consecration was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Hancock, and he was assisted in the service by Rev. Dr. W. Borland (Scots Church), Rev. W. D. Jackson (Collins Street Baptist Church), Rev. H. Crawford (Collins Street Congregational Church).

There are no morning services during the winter months, but arrangements have been made for visiting ministers to preach at the evening services, to which all hearing friends are invited.

Our visiting ministers, who so kindly accepted and promised to preach, are to be complimented upon their so very helpful service to the dignity of our unique Church. We owe much gratitude to Mr. Bower, Mr. F. Crabb, Miss Crabb and others for their fine choir service for the benefit of our hearing friends.

Due announcements of dates and names of visiting ministers will be made on Notice Board at our Centre.

Appended is a list of names of representative Ministers who have already preached, and their texts:—

8th June—Dean Aickens, of St. Paul's Cathedral: "Self-sacrifice." Holy Communion administered at close of the evening service.

15th June—Rev. Newport White, of Holy Trinity Church: "Trinity."

22nd June—Rev. Absolom Deans, of Congregational Church: "Faith."

29th June—Rev. F. Hagenauer, of Cairns' Memorial Church: "Trinity."

6th July—Hon. Samuel Mauger, of Australian Church: "The Fruits of the Spirit."

27th July—Rev. Gifford, of Congregational Church: "God's Care."

A memorial service was conducted on Sunday, 23rd June, to our departed members, Mrs. W. Taylor and Mr. Alex. Hull.

EDITORIAL.

EMPLOYMENT.

Employment of our deaf is everyone's concern. For some years unemployment has been the hardest problem we have had to face. It is a national problem, but we emphasise the fact that it is far more serious for the deaf than the hearing.

A case of "Let him save himself who can" is an evil to combat. From experience we find the deaf are the first to be dismissed and the last to be re-employed.

We are apprehensive of the effect of the continued unemployment and anxiety experienced by many deaf to-day. Therefore we now ask the community and the individuals who compose it to do something from which necessities can be guaranteed to all deaf suffering extreme distress. Not helping at once to relieve the distress of our workless deaf may call for measures which will involve sacrifices. We are conscious of the difficulty of how to deal with the task of relief on account of the comparatively few in number of our local deaf who are under a handicap to use our means in aiding to rescue and alleviate the condition of our workless deaf.

Evidently we are beginning to realise that something should be done, and the Adult Deaf Society of Victoria have under consideration the question of Vocational Training. This may be regarded as a remedy measure for the present state of things, but most of us doubt the remedy of it. It would mean segregation of the adolescent, as we are aware of the consequences of it, but we are also aware that, against segregation, we have starvation.

What is to become of our deaf who are in distress and for whom there is no hope for immediate help? Surely the Government, the Employers, and the Community, will extend some timely help?

STUDYING THE DEAF.

Almost the entire efforts of modern existence are beginning to revolve round our deaf world. Greater and greater interest is being taken in the welfare of our young deaf. We have to realise that time-worn methods are being thrust aside. We are gaining insight into the fact that our younger deaf are undergoing a new regime—a much revised system of development.

Many of us, maybe, do not appreciate to the full these new-fangled ideas. It is not always easy to be tolerant with the amazing new ways of the younger generation. But whether or not we agree as to modernised educational systems for our younger deaf, there is one thing we must be always ready to revise and improve—status control.

We are gradually gaining more than the general sympathy. The public has a duty to understand the individuality of our deaf. Sympathy is a poor substitute for understanding, and sympathetic feeling towards our deaf is not much good without real understanding. As long as it is, it cannot hope to direct the social equality. Social equality and independence are in the air, and mean not less, but

STUDYING THE DEAF (continued).

greater courtesy in the ordinary daily life. Always treated as equals, we are also treated as friends.

The fact is, we will not be any longer hoodwinked by the description, "deaf and dumb." We stand four-square and defy it. For if the new movement against our deaf's liberty is not crushed at the outset, it will gather strength until it is irresistible.

For, I am given exceptional ability, anything may happen to-day with our deaf. Here and there we find some of us stand above our hearing fellows and obtain the reward of our pre-eminence. Even twenty years ago (with the practice of literature as almost the only exception) such an educated deaf, despite his physical difference, was almost certainly born to blush unseen.

To-day there is no "class barrier," or very little, against such an exceptional making the most of his talents. If a deaf genius of industry arose who could show how to solve the unemployment problem, nobody would stop him. The way is free to the deaf talent, if there is enough of it in a particular case. But only if these talents are really outstanding, when it comes to the prizes worth having, not "class jealousy," but class favoritism must be ruled out. It is somewhat thrilling even still for a deaf to become a big employer. But he can only expect to become a Sir if the real stuff is there.

The hearing world has "no time" for us because of the boredom of our deaf language. It shows pure selfishness. Co-operation with us is most esesntial, and by it, it opens our road to "language," thus helping to gain the right understanding of each other. Constant association and friendship mean mutual appreciation. It involves sharing together a community of things, ideas, activities, pleasures and sorrows, alike. Friends becoming our very best interpreters to our deaf inspire us to believe in them and to believe in ourselves. They broaden the mind, widen the outlook. They develop the habit of giving a thought to another of considering the pleasure of others.

There is room for one more amenity of existence which has been strangely overlooked by all whose mission it is to make the social-being of our deaf more and more modern.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. H. Crush recently relinquished the position of Country Representative for the Victorian School for Deaf Children after collecting on its behalf successfully for some years. Now, as a traveller for a firm of wholesale agents, he is engaged in booking orders to supply retailers and doing well. We wish him success in his new venture.

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Mr. Thomas Williamson, of New Plymouth, New Zealand, has just written us a welcome letter wishing "The Victorian Deaf" every success. He has been away from home for eight months, and is at present back at home resting before continuing his travels. He carries our best wishes, and we welcome further news of his progress.

PERSONAL (continued).

Our late Hon. Editor, Mr. Alex. Hull. The Deaf of Victoria have sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Alex. Hull, of Edithvale, who was killed on 13th June last in a road accident. He freely placed his services at any meeting that was open to him, and was a consistent member and a zealous supporter. Through unemployment he passed through many vicissitudes, and his end was tragic. Had he not been unemployed, he might have been spared for many a year to continue his best service at the editorial desk of "The Victorian Deaf," a position he was well fitted for, and his removal has left a great blank in our ranks. We are indeed very grateful to those contributing to a fund towards Mrs. Hull and her children, which was formed by a kindly spirit of one among the hearing community in the suburb where Mr. Hull lived.

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The older Melbourne deaf will recall in the pre-war days having an occasional visit to Australia from Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, of Edinburgh, Scotland, one of the oldest church members. She passed peacefully away on December 21 last. A member of the Ladies' Work Party, she took an active interest in all branches of the church work, and was always a generous subscriber to any effort made on behalf of the poor.

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It may be of interest to know that Mr. E. F. Carmichael, a well-known gentleman, who survived but a short time after the death of his beloved wife, left £6,755 in his will. He gave £500 to the Edinburgh Deaf and Dumb Benevolent Society for the purposes of the home founded at Castleview, Hawthornden, Edinburgh, for aged deaf; a further sum of £500 for the General Benevolent Fund of the Society, and also directed that the whole residue and remainder of his means and estate, after private bequests had been fulfilled, should be made over to the Edinburgh Deaf and Dumb Benevolent Society for its General Benevolent Fund.

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Miss A. Graham contributed about £100 to cover the expenses of the rostrum for our Church, and the Graham family gave donations towards the expenses of the pews.

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The individual deaf contributed about £120 to furnish the Church. This is an evidence of the appreciation of the deaf towards our hearing friends who made possible the erection of the Church.

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Mr. C. A. Buck, late of Blackburn Farm, writes expressing his appreciation for his copy of "The Victorian Deaf." He anticipates spending a pleasant birthday at Benambra on the 26th of this month. The news of the sudden death of the late Mr. Alex Hull came as a great shock to him, as they had been happily associated in their work at Blackburn. Mr. Buck compliments Messrs. H. Ashby, H. Puddy and J. O'Gorman on their success with the Lacrosse Club.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. H. Puddy writes the following paragraph on his Queensland tour:—With the Victorian Lacrosse Team I left Spencer Street on June 21. On arrival in Sydney I was met by our "Thelma," who showed me around the city. On return to station, to my dismay the Brisbane Express was cancelled owing to the floods at Newcastle. After a forced night we caught the special train, which arrived in Brisbane after two night's travelling. We were hurried to the hotel, and after a spell went over to the Oval, where we defeated Queensland after an exciting match, and were victorious at the second match. I paid a visit to the Queensland Deaf Society, and was made very welcome by the deaf. After some visits to the popular beauty places, such as Tree Hill, Bribie Island, Redman Bay, where pineapples, sugar and bananas grow. After four days in Brisbane we returned to Sydney via Tweeds Head by bus, where the scenery was appreciated by us. In Sydney, after a victorious match against the New South Wales, I paid a visit to the N.S.W. Society and Deaf Citizens' Association, being well received by them. I paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's place, where I spent an enjoyable time before returning to Melbourne.

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Presentation to Mr. Ben Hall, Junr., late of Goorambat.—One of the largest crowds ever seen in the Goorambat Hall assembled last Wednesday, 17th July, for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr. Ben Hall, Junr., who for many years has been a popular resident of the district. The gathering was representative of all parts of the district, and included among 200 persons present were a number of visitors from Benalla and outlying places. The function, which was one of the happiest of its kind that has been held for a considerable time, took the form of a concert and dance. The making of the presentation was entrusted to Mr. E. R. Cleary, M.L.A., who stated that they were all aware that Mr. Ben Hall, their worthy friend, has sold his farm and was going away from the district. Everybody would wish him the best of luck for the future. The name of Hall had been known throughout the district ever since Goorambat was Goorambat. Mr. Hall always had a pleasant smile and a hearty shake for every one he met. They would be exceedingly sorry to lose him from among them. A few years ago Mr. Hall had belonged to the Goorambat Cricket Club, and had played an excellent game, always upholding the high traditions of the sport. He would be remembered as having been one of the best sports on the field. A beautiful travelling rug was then presented to Mr. Hall as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the large circl of friends he had made at Goorambat, and who wished him the best of health, wealth and happiness in his new sphere. Mr. Ben Hall handed a note to the chairman in which he expressed his sincerest thanks for the gift, and stating how greatly he would miss the many friends he had made in Goorambat. We tender our best wishes to Mr. Hall, wherever he may roam.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. William Newton, of Duncan's Road, Werribee, writes as follows:—I desire to issue a challenge in the columns of your valuable paper; to any deaf wrestler in Victoria provided he is an amateur. and weighs under twelve stone. The contest to take place at a place to be fixed and over any number of rounds. Gate takings (if any) to be given to the Sports Fund. My natural weight is 11.6. In the event of this challenge not being accepted, I am willing to raise the weight limit to thirteen stone.

THE YOUNG LADIES' GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, 24th June, the Young Ladies' Guild entertained the members with an exciting cross-word puzzle, arranged by Mrs. T. Peters, the president. Misses Emily and Elsie Stephens tied for first prize, but Miss Emily was declared the winner by ballot.

On the following Tuesday, 8th July, Miss D. Hickey gave the members a most interesting narrative on her travel-holidays to West Australia, which will be continued at next meeting.

The Guild wish to announce that the proposed Concert and Social, in aid of the forthcoming Christmas Carnival Funds, was eventually cancelled on account of the deaf-unemployment crisis.

THE YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

At a bi-weekly meeting of the Young Men's Guild, Mr. R. H. Lambert gave a very comprehensive demonstration of "Art Engraving," and created a very lasting impression by the skilful manner in which he handled a difficult subject.

Prior to the business of the meeting, held on the evening of 8th July, Mr. F. E. Frewin, in the chair, paid a tribute to our departed member, Mr. A. F. Hull, who was killed recently in a road accident. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mrs. Hull in her sad bereavement of our much esteemed member.

An unusual serio-comic debate on "That Ned Kelly was a scoundrel and thief," was opened by the affirmative party, led by Mr. E. Noble, against Mr. W. Wood and his party. The chairman gave no decision for either the yes or no on account of the fact that law in the time of Ned Kelly was not what it is to-day.

A Smoke Night, followed by a "mysterious" novelty supper, arranged by Mr. Abraham, who entertained all members present to a most enjoyable evening, was held on Tuesday, 29th July.

WEEKLY EVENTS.

Sunday: Services at 7 p.m.
Thursday: Scripture Class and Lecturette at 8 p.m.
Saturday: Recreation.

COMING EVENTS.

Men's Guild Meeting: Tuesday, 26th August.
Deaf Cricket Club's Annual Meeting: Tuesday, 2nd September.
Women's and Men's Guild Meeting: Tuesday, 9th September.
Deaf Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 23rd September.
Hockey Club's Social: Thursday, 25th September.
Anniversary Rally: Thursday, 9th October.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The "Quarterly" Social, in aid of the forthcoming Carnival Funds, arranged by the Deaf Workers' Club, took place on the evening of 3rd June, when there was a fair company present, who appreciated the Games Competitions provided for their evening's amusement. Prizes kindly donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ashby, Miss E. O'Gorman, and Mr. Mortimer for the Competitions were presented to the winners:—Mr. and Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Boortz, Messrs. J. O'Gorman, L. Sutton, and A. Collins. A light supper terminated a pleasant evening.

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A very successful social, in aid of Carnival Funds, was held on Thursday, July 24. The Rotarians were our guests for the evening. The competition games between the Hockey Club and Lacross Club were the chief attraction during the evening. Attendance, 100.—W. Ashby, Hon. Sec.

TENNIS CLUB.

Mr. H. Puddy, the Hon. Secretary of the Tennis Club, wishes to announce through the press that our Tennis Club has entered a team in the St. Kilda Tennis Association. The first match will be played early in September. The Hon. Secretary will be very pleased to receive the names of players willing to participate in the competition.

INDIVIDUALITY.

Every deaf is bound to develop his individuality, to endeavor to find the right way of public life, and to walk in it. He has the will to do, he has the power to be himself, and not the echo of somebody else.

Cream always rises to the top. It rises simply because it is the nature of cream to rise.

There are many of us who are living far below their possibilities because we are continually lending ourselves to others for charity's objects. Why not then be yourself? Do not class yourself, do not allow yourself to be classed among the secondhand, among they-say people.

Be true to yourself, and then allow yourself to be governed by no customs or conventionalities, or arbitrary of charity's clique, that are not founded upon principle. Those things that are founded upon principle will be observed by the right-minded, the right-hearted man or woman in any case.

If you preserve your individuality, then you become a master, and if wise and discreet, your influence and power will be an aid in bringing about a higher, a better, and a more healthy set of conditions in our deaf world. All people, moreover, will think more of you,

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THE FINGERS PLUS VOICE OF THE DEAF WORLD.

In most of the leading magazines devoted to the interests of the deaf there is clear indication of the progress being made by the deaf throughout the United Kingdom. In the larger cities their spiritual needs are attended to by Ministers who have graduated in the Universities. Headmasters of several schools for deaf children have their degrees on their nameplates in proof of their fitness for the work of educating deaf children.

It is very pleasing to record that quite a number of the overseas deaf have successfully passed through their University day and evening classes in various branches of sculpture, photography (portraiture and landscape, etc.), and quite a number are teaching in the schools for deaf children.

The value of the services of any of our educated deaf with experience abroad would be inestimable in introducing the methods used in equalising the standards of the hearing and the deaf in their various associations, and help to remove the ever-present muddle of understanding.

THE DEAF AS WORKERS.

Should the following paragraph meet the eyes of employers of labor, we feel sure they will agree that no better testimony could be offered as to the value of deaf workers. There are several cases in our records of deaf workers covering periods of almost forty years with one employer.

Two deaf workers—one retired after fifty years' service with Messrs. P. J. Coats, the famous Paisley thread mills, was the recipient of many gifts. Replying to the toast of his health, he related the many wonderful changes that had taken place during his service in the mills. The other retired after fifty-nine years' service with a big printing firm, was given a life pension as a mark of appreciation of his services, a most broad-minded action, clearly demonstrating the value of his services and a great triumph over his handicap against his hearing companions.

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF."

We are pleased to note that the influence of "The Victorian Deaf" is unquestionably growing. We desire to express our sincere thanks to all who have in any way assisted us in the work of production. "The Victorian Deaf" is already proving itself of value in intensifying the unity so necessary among the deaf.

But we regret our doubt on the finance of "The Victorian Deaf," so it will at once be seen that increased subscriptions are urgently required if "The Victorian Deaf" is to continue in existence. May we appeal to all our friends and well-wishers for immediate and increased support? We have received many kind expressions of appreciation of "The Victorian Deaf," but we require something more substantial wherewith to "carry on" in these hard times.

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF" (continued).

In this age of print a magazine for our deaf seems to us to be an absolute necessity. Without it we cannot hope to keep the doings of our deaf before the public or to unify our efforts on behalf of our deaf. We would express the hope that all our deaf themselves will realise their responsibility and give their magazine loyal support.

The subscription is only 2/- per year, post free, so please forward your subscription, if not already paid, on to the Hon. Manager of "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2. PLEASE DO SO NOW.

We learn that the Deaf Society of Tasmania have just published the first copy of their news-letter. Wishing every success to the ambitious deaf who are working with the publication.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Victorian Deaf."

Dear Sir,—My attention was directed to Mr. A. C. Muir's letter which appeared in your issue of May-June with regard to the first religious services for the deaf of Melbourne. The tone of the letter conveys an impression that he is an egotist, and his statements are unauthentic. If Mr. Samuel Johnson and his deceased contemporaries saw them, what would they have said? I corroborate Mrs. C. E. Frewin's statements with the exception of Messrs. G. Hesketh and A. Wilson, who were not the members of the Committee of the Adult Deaf Association. I need not reiterate what she stated, but I point out that the Y.M.C.A. Room in Russell Street, of which Mr. G. Hesketh took the responsibility, was closed because he went to San Francisco and the Association discontinued because Mr. Andrew Clark went to Montreal. Mr. A. C. Muir did not state the reason why the Sunday services were suspended. He connived at it. Had he first conducted a religious service, he would have continued it sometimes, but he never rendered it till Mr. Samuel Johnson came out from Ireland. He made inquiries about meetings for the Adult Deaf, and told me that Mr. E. Newbiggin said there was no necessity for a society for the Adult Deaf, but Mr. S. Johnson prevailed on him, and Rev. W. Moss, with the result that the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission was established. Mr. Peter Holt was appointed the first missionary, and held services in Baptist Church Lecture Hall, in Little Collins Street, not at the Y.M.C.A., as stated by Mr. A. C. Muir. There is no proof that he was of the Provisional Committee of the Mission, otherwise he might have been a regular member of the Board of Management. As regards the British "Times," he was not a correspondent. He regularly attended week-evening meetings, and yet he said he had not time for correspondence, which I disclaim his handing to me. His name and publication of what he has said anent himself in papers, etc., will pass into oblivion in perpetuity. I have not uttered what I have done.—Yours, etc.,

D. REPYP.

To our Country Deaf Subscribers.

We greatly welcome further letters of the what-abouts and the where-abouts of our country deaf friends purposely for insertion in the "Personal" column in our publication. Write now direct to the Hon. Editor.

ROMANTIC CAREER OF AN ADVENTUROUS DEAF.

Mr. W. D. Pepper.—At the close of the year the death was recorded of Mr. Walter Dennis Pepper, aged 70, at Paisley, late of Rothesay, Scotland and King Island, Tasmania. Behind that intimation lay a romantic career which we now publish. Though completely deaf, our hero had amazing pluck, and his adventures are of a sort seldom heard of outside books of fiction.

Many Adventures.

Walter Dennis Pepper, a great grandson of Baron McConechy, of Ambrisbeg, contracted scarlet fever at the age of seven and was ever after completely deaf. For about ten years he was educated in th Deaf and Dumb Institute, Langside, Glasgow, and took many prizes in his classes there. He was a good oarsman, and swam and dived like a seal. His "first adventure" was in camp on the big island at the Narrows of the Kyles of Bute. An enjoyable week was spent there, living on fish, augmented with scones and milk from "Aunt Katie's" white cottage opposite the islands on the Argyllshire side. One day he and his friends set off to row to Inveraray in a four oared boat, and were nearly wrecked on Otter Spit. Inveraray was reached, and an enjoyable day spent exploring in the castle grounds and town, afterwards returning by Crarae, where a "big blast" in the granite quarries of five tons of powder was witnessed from a safe distance on the other side of Loch Fyne. The trip lasted ten days, in brilliant weather, and Bute was safely reached without mishap.

Captain Pepper (his father) took Walter a voyage on the barque "Osprey" to the West Indies when he left school. After seeing the sights of Cuba, Matanzas and the stalactite caves of Bellum, they sailed for Greenock with many specimens from the caves, also coral and beautiful shells, which Walter dived for among the reefs and sandbanks.

Wrecked at Christmas.

They were caught in a hurricane while through the Bahama Islands, and were wrecked on a reef the day after Christmas. A boat with two men was put out, but was overturned in the heavy seas. A second boat was lowered and four men got in to rescue the first two men. Walter was angry at being left out. He climbed the rigging and went out to the yardarm, where he slid down a rope, letting go when the boat was just under his feet. She was swept away and he landed in the boiling sea, but was hauled on board by the men in the boat. They picked up the two men clinging to the

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first boat, but could not get back to the ship. The c
all were lost, but two days afterwards he saw them w
camped on a small coral island, with the boat's sail a
they lived on shellfish until rescued by wreckers (sch
salving wrecks), and all were landed safely at the
negroes there took a great interest in Walter, as his
a peculiar appeal to them, and loaded him with all
While bathing with some of the men, he ventured fa
the others, when he saw them hurrying for the shore,
shallow water, with the fin of a shark within a fe
That night, when sleeping with his father, he dreamt a
and kicked out viciously, catching his father in the ribs
kicked him out on the floor!

He left for New York and got home by a liner to
greatly enjoyed his holiday, and always crowed ov
who only got to Mauritius without being wrecked, or
sharks.

When a member of the Deaf Institute in Glasgo
tured there on his voyage to the West Indies. He
apprenticed to Messrs. Maclure & McDonald, Glasgo
graphic artist. He stroked their four-oared crew a
Regattas on the Clyde at Glasgow Green. He was a
and started business for himself. For some years h
heavily handicapped by his want of hearing, until for
the trade, and he had to give it up.

He then got an expert deaf man to teach him j
another one to show him how to make and temp
knowledge he turned to good account, making his o
building a bicycle in his office, with a gearing of his
S.M.D.

(To be continued.)

INDIVIDUALITY (Continued from page 8).

will honor you more highly for doing this than if
weakness by contributing yourself to the "mush of
so many of them are contributing themselves to. W
people you will then have an influence. If in any
live to suit others, we never shall suit them, and t
the more unreasonable and exacting they become.

To be oneself is the only worthy and by all
satisfactory thing to be. "May it not be good policy
be governed sometimes by one's surroundings?"

What is good policy? To be yourself, first, last

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Important Announcement !

Postponement of 1930 Cricket Carnival. Interstate CRICKET Competition.

The existing financial depression is such that the 1930 Christmas Cricket Carnival has to be postponed until Christmas, 1931, according to official information received from the Australian Cricket Association, of which full particulars will be found on page 10.

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CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

The Rev. F. Hagenauer, of Cairns' Memorial Church, administered Holy Communion in our church on Sunday last, 5th October.

Church Notice.—The Rev. Dr. Strong, of the Australian Church, will preach on the 19th October.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF A TRIO OF OUR WELL-KNOWN PLAYERS ON THE LACROSSE FIELD—MESSRS. W. ASHBY, H. PUDDY, AND J. O'GORMAN.

From "The Sporting Globe" of the 10th September we select the following account of the victory of Coburg Lacrosse Club:—

"The lacrosse senior section premiership was decided when Coburg defeated Malvern last Saturday in the final match. The victory of Coburg was very popular. Malvern have had a wonderful record since the war. This was the eighth successive final in which they had participated. From sixth they emerged the premier side. On this occasion they met a side better in every department of the field. No doubt Coburg's success has been mainly due to their three wonderful forwards (members of the Deaf Club), W. Ashby, H. Puddy, and J. O'Gorman, who have played wonderful lacrosse throughout the season. Consistent, clever and with remarkable ability to combine, they have never failed to be a source of trouble to every back line they have met. It is many years since such a forward line has been seen in Victoria, and probably no other team in Australia has such a capable trio."

W. Ashby annexed the envious position as the leading goal-thrower of the season, who scored 70 goals. J. O'Gorman comes next with 68, as did F. Deacon, of Williamstown. H. Puddy then followed with 58. The premiers had much to thank their three clever forwards for. Their prowess has been a big factor in the club's success.

The voting of the referees on the "best and fairest" senior player for the season resulted in a tie between H. Puddy and W. Edwards, of Malvern. Both players are noted for their manly bearing both on and off the field, and their performances in the recent interstate games mark them as champion exponents.

Another of our deaf boys featured largely in the premiership honors of the "C" section, when Caulfield defeated Williamstown in the semi-final. Kendall threw the winning goal soon after the order of resumption of play to decide the win after a tie. Caulfield eventually won the final against Glen Iris.

The above-named deaf are not all that have played with the hearing clubs. Williamstown had three of our boys during the season in different sections, and they all have featured very well. Their teams were all represented in semi-final or final matches.

Truly a remarkable report of our deaf men, considering the repeated adverse criticisms against our players for many years by the lacrosse followers.

Editorial.

THE DEAF FOR THE DEAF.

"The Victorian Deaf" is intended to supply a long-felt want—one that is considerably overdue—in order to meet modern conditions towards advancing the welfare of the deaf.

Now that "The Victorian Deaf" is at work, the demand for full liberty rights is bound to improve, but time must be allowed for this magazine to launch its schemes and bring them into being.

The neglect and exploitation of the deaf will continue as long as we, as a body, are indifferent to our own advancement, and work with the object of removing the deeply-rooted prejudice that exists towards the deaf, and prove by our achievements that we belong to the hearing world, and are not to be looked upon as living in a world of our own. This object is much nearer achievement, as proved by the remarkable advancement of the deaf in recent years.

Most hearing people, and even hearing workers of the deaf, are wedded to prehistoric ideas, particularly when applying the term deaf "mute" to us, very often in an objectionable manner, whereas the term "deaf" would convey all that is necessary, thus avoid hurting the feelings of others with us who can speak "normally."

"The Victorian Deaf" infused such a spirit of enthusiasm into our country deaf that this magazine has become the most popular in the circle of the deaf.

A number of our country deaf present at our social arranged by the Cricket Club, after their visit to the Show on Show Day, 25th September, have promised their continued support towards our next issue, and say that their friends are stimulated by our appreciative magazine.

This magazine is the official organ for the Victorian Deaf, written and conducted entirely by the deaf, in an endeavor to bring unity into the ranks of the deaf, and exerts an influence for our betterment by combining to collect ideas and exchange thought with this object in view, and not isolate ourselves from our hearing brethren and live in a world of our own.

PERSONAL.

The death occurred on the 20th June, at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, of Mr. John Adcock, who had been superintendent and secretary of the institution for twenty-seven years. Mr. Adcock was a fine organiser, and his successful work as superintendent was recognised by all who had any knowledge of the splendid training given the boys and girls under his care.

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Mr. W. J. McAskill, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Adcock, is well known as an organiser of charitable movements

PERSONAL (continued).

among his fellow-workers and others in the Hawthorn district. We wish him all success and good luck in his new sphere.

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Mr. P. Smith, of Adelaide, who was here for a few weeks' holiday, has returned home per S.S. Dimboola, which left Melbourne on Tuesday, 19th August. He was much impressed with our new church and the progress of our various clubs.

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Mr. W. Anderson is at present on road work at Dumbalk, a few miles from Meniyan, Gippsland. He expects work to last for two months. Opportunity was taken to visit Mr. J. McLaurin during week-ends, who happened to live near by.

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Mr. S. Moss has been laid up for some time with a serious illness. We are glad to report that he is now slowly on the mend.

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Mr. J. Moran, of Cairns, Northern Queensland, sent word that he is still doing well there in view of the general outlook being very quiet. He gives his regards to all the Melbourne folk, and we will see that he gets "The Victorian Deaf" in future.

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Miss M. Groves, who met with a very nasty accident through slipping in front of a motor bus, which ran over her leg, inflicting laceration and fracture, is now convalescing at the Caulfield Hospital.

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Mr. H. Wilson returned to Sale on the 31st August, feeling fit, and anxious to start work again after having two months' holiday in Melbourne.

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Mr. Donaldson, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on his way to Sydney, and a fortnight later he stayed overnight in Melbourne on return.

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Miss V. West, of Traralgon, was down in town for a week during the Canterbury Daffodil Show. Being an admirer of daffodils, she often entered for competition, and at conclusion of the show, she presented her collection to Mrs. J. M. Johnston, who lost no time in showing them to all who had the keenness to admire.

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Mr. C. Henriessey, of Geelong, motored to Melbourne to witness the semi-final football match, in which his home town club featured successfully against Carlton on the M.C.G. on the 20th September. He expects to be here again in a fortnight's time, when Geelong will meet the winner of the second semi-final match for the final.

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Mr. W. Hateley, of Terang, came to Melbourne one week-end in August last on a trial practice cycle run, in preparation for the Warrnambool to Melbourne road race, which is to be held on 5th

PERSONAL (continued).

October. It will be a most gruelling race for him (it will be his first try, after some minor road races) and naturally we wish him the best of luck. The handicaps for the Warrnambool-Melbourne Road Race, to be held on the 5th October, are out, and we have noted that Mr. W. Hateley has been allotted 52 minutes off scratch.

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Mr. A. Hateley, of Terang, brother of W. Hateley, visited the lacrosse final between Coburg and Malvern, and went back home well pleased to have seen the successful culmination of the season's programme by the Coburg team, in which three of our deaf boys were the star performers.

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Mr. Herbert Mark, of Smeaton, Victoria (hearing) was married to Miss Florrie Tyzzer, of Creswick, at our new church, on the 21st August, by Rev. Goss, of the Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne.

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Mr. R. White is back with us after having been shooting in the country for some time, and reported a poor catch there.

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Mr. S. Ferguson is again with us after the Show. We think he holds the record amongst the country deaf for being most consistent in attending the Melbourne Royal Show for a number of years.

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Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, has done a good deal of motoring since she received her licence, and just loves it, though the roads in the district are ever winding in sharp curves and frequently in hairpin curves and up and down steep hills. She is looking forward to making long trips over the mountains next summer. She has joined the Mothers' Club in connection with the local State school, and is, and has been for many years, a member of the Church of England Ladies' Guild.

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Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, has been playing in the ladies' golf competition nearly every week during the winter, and has come out at the top three times so far, but is honest enough to say she receives rather a high handicap. She generally plays with Miss Florrie Blair, who, some of the readers will remember, was in office at the Deaf Centre, Flinders Street, many years ago. She is proving herself a good interpreter in the finger language.

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Mr. H. Mackenzie is leaving for Maffra shortly to take up work for the Water Commissioners, and hopes for a long spell of employment.

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Mr. R. Stewart, of Bolinda, spent a most enjoyable day at the Show on Show Day, 25th September, and was present at the Cricket Club Social, held the same evening.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. C. A. Buck wrote again congratulating the Coburg Lacrosse Club on attaining the premiership, and its deaf playing members, whose account will be found elsewhere. Mr. Buck joined the Benambra Cricket Club, who played an enjoyable match against Omeo, and the next match will be against Swift Creek.

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Death of Famous Film "Star."—Lon Chaney, the famous film actor, known as "The man with a thousand faces," died at Los Angeles on Tuesday, 26th August. He was forty-seven years old. He married Hazel Bennett and had a son, who is now married. His parents were deaf, and he always maintained that it was from them he inherited his sense of pantomime. Perhaps his best known part is that of Quasimodo, in the immensely popular picture, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

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Mr. J. D. Brook, of Longwood, wrote expressing his appreciation of our magazine, "The Victorian Deaf," and renewed his subscription; this is indeed very encouraging, and we feel sure that many of the deaf will follow his example.

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Mr. J. W. Booth passed away on the 5th September, and had been an instructor at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution for twenty-seven years. He was privately interred in Melbourne Cemetery, aged eighty-two years.

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BIRTHS.

On the 10th September, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bladier, of Hawksburn—a son.

On the 13th September, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, of Oakleigh—a son.

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USE YOUR VOICE.

Among the adult deaf of to-day are many who were taught to speak "orally" and to "read the lips" at school, but who, after leaving school, allowed these precious gifts, or ability to speak "orally," to fade away or become unintelligible.

It is partly the fault of the "deaf" themselves for not "following up" their early training by seeking lessons from experts or enlisting the aid of their old teachers for after-school lessons in "lip-reading."

On the other hand, no facilities are provided by the State, councils or municipalities here for continuing this important instruction in "oral-speech" and "speech-reading" from the lips for the benefit of the deaf, after they have left their ordinary schooling and seek to earn their livelihood.

In Europe and U.S.A., with the co-operation of teachers and local councils, the State provides free of charge, continuation classes in lip-reading and oral instruction for all who seek it. What a boon! It is time the Governments in the various States of Australia followed

USE YOUR VOICE (continued).

suit and provided similar facilities for our young deaf men and maidens, especially those classes as deafened or hard of hearing.

There are a number of hard of hearing folk, too, in Victoria, whom the writer has met, who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain free tuition in lip-reading.

Here is where the Adult Deaf Society could attract this section by catering for their special needs in this direction, either by providing the facilities required themselves, or persuading the State to provide free evening classes for the teaching of lip-reading and practice classes in oral-speech.

In most other parts of the world, especially U.S.A., there are a great many leagues, clubs, and federations for the deafened on "oral" lines, whose members rely entirely on lip-reading and oral-speech. So clever are hundreds of deaf persons at "reading the lips" that ordinary hearing folk are often amazed when told by the lip-reader that not one spoken word was heard.

Amongst the writers correspondents are hard of hearing citizens of most countries, including leaders of several leagues, ring-letters, federations, and clubs, who are enthusiastic and loud in their praise of the advantages of "lip-reading."

Unless the Adult Deaf Societies in Australia cater for this growing section of the deaf in the way they desire, it is safe to assume that the deafened or hard of hearing section of the deaf community will unite and form separate organisations of their own in each State as branches of one united federation, the same as exists in America, Canada and Europe to-day.

Therefore, the claims of the hard of hearing, or deafened, of Victoria should not be passed by with indifference, if ALL adult deaf are to remain united and under ONE banner.

To understand each other fully, "manualists" and "oralists" must come together and unite, for whether one were born deaf, become deaf, or hard of hearing, the fact remains, they are ALL DEAF. Remember that. In unity is strength. If divided, we fall.

To those deaf folk who can speak I say, It is important to "USE YOUR VOICE" if you wish to retain your speech. It is very important that those of us who still retain our speech should strive to cultivate it by every means in our power. It makes all the difference in the world, either at home or while travelling, or mingling with hearing people anywhere. A person who can neither hear nor speak is in a much worse case than one who can speak, but cannot hear.

To be deaf and dumb is to be practically helpless amongst hearing people, whereas if you can speak you can, to some extent, bridge the gap that divides you from the hearing. I fear that the deaf are too apt to allow the precious gift of speech to be frittered away by making use of nods and other gestures when they will serve.

"Gestures" are the natural means of communication by the DUMB, and always will be, but those who can speak "orally" should "use their voice" and conquer the habit of "gesturing" to hearing

USE YOUR VOICE (continued).

persons. Those of the deaf who can speak should be thankful and do so at every opportunity. There is human companionship where there is the sound of the voice, when the hearing fraternise with the deaf. It is most trying for a hearing person, not understanding finger spelling or signs, to be asked a question in gestures by a deaf friend who can, but will not, speak "orally." Even if the former understands the manual alphabet and sign language, it is for the deaf who can speak "orally" to do so and to speak as loudly as he can. His hearing friends are content to do all the finger spelling or writing necessary, and they will tell him if he is speaking too loudly. Yes, making frequent use of the voice will help you to minimise your handicap. And so will the art of speech or lip-reading. It is to be hoped facilities will soon be provided here to enable the adult deafened to learn lip-reading free of charge, and thus come into line with other countries. Then there are other means to help the "deafened," not yet adopted in Australia, and which I will refer to in a future article notably the provision of "head-phones" in our new Church for the Deaf.

These and similar "real aids" for the deaf can only be obtained by the cool breezes of publicity and co-operation of ALL sections of the deaf community. —W. H. Crush.

LIP-READING CHAMPIONSHIP OF U.S.A.

The American Leagues and Organisations for the Hard of Hearing hold a national conference every summer. One of the features each year is the contest for the title of Lip-Reading Champion of U.S.A., which attracts contestants from all parts of the United States and Canada. This year the honor was won by Miss E. Parry, of New York, after a close contest.

The title carries with it a large sterling silver cup, which is held by the winner for a year, and was presented for competition first in 1925 by Mr. W. O. Smith.

If the trophy is eventually won three times by the same person, who is a member of a club, it becomes the outright property of that club, then a new cup will be provided for further competition.

—Sent by W.H.C.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Billiard Tournament has been in progress for some time during the winter months, and many exciting finishes were witnessed. To date, Ivan Guthrie has qualified for the final. It is expected that either Les Owen or Don Johnston will be his opponent. I. Guthrie and W. McMillen are, so far; leading in the record break score of 31.

THE YOUNG LADIES' GUILD.

Aesop's Fables and their meanings were read by Mrs. T. Peters at the Guild on Tuesday evening, 9th September, and were much appreciated. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October. The members will start sewing work next November, for sale of work purposes, under the auspices of the Guild.

THE YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

On 12th August, Mr. E. Johnson entertained the Guild with an excellent paper entitled "Mind Your Own Business," which was well received.

On 26th August, a debate was arranged between Mr. E. Johnson (for) and Mr. E. R. Noble (against) on that interesting question, "Is there a life after death?" The debate was so evenly contested that the chairman was unable to give a decision.

On 9th September, "Shearing Time" was described by Mr. W. Crush, from his experience in travelling through the outback sheep country, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On 30th September, the "Question Box" was a most attractive item on the programme of the evening, and proved to be a great instructive treat to all present.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic, has kindly promised to give the Guild a lecture on "Artists" on Tuesday evening, 14th October, at 8 p.m. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance, and hearing friends are cordially invited to the lecture.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Workers' Club was held on the evening of 5th August. The President, Mrs. Frewin, presided, and was disappointed at the meagre attendance of members, numbering only 18 out of 98 on the membership roll.

The question of postponing the meeting until a suitable date was raised on account of the small attendance, but the meeting decided to carry on.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Frewin; Vice-President, Mr. Frewin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. H. Lambert; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Hawkins; Committee, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Swain, Messrs. Mortimer, W. Ashby and V. Tyzzer.

A light supper, provided by the Committee, terminated a most pleasant meeting.

CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf Cricket Club was held on the evening of 2nd September, when the annual report and balance-sheet were read and confirmd. The election of office-bearers were as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Crush, G. Mortimer and F. Rees; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Ashby; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. Ashby; Committee, Messrs. L. Sutton, W. Anderson, R. Beattie and J. O'Gorman. It was unanimously agreed that our club enter a team into the V.J.C.A. third grade competition, which began its season on the 27th September.

The Cricket Club held a social evening on Show Day, 25th September, in aid of the club's funds. There was a good turnout and a very pleasant evening was spent. Many games were arranged and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Messrs. J. M. Johnston and W. Ashby were both responsible for the success of this function.

INTERSTATE CRICKET CARNIVAL.

Information has been received from the Australian Deaf Cricket Association that the forthcoming cricket carnival is to be postponed until December, 1931, owing to acute financial depression amongst the deaf clubs in Australia.

The first intimation received by the A.D.C. Association for its postponement was made by South Australia, who explained its position, and enquiries were then made of other States. New South Wales stated that it is in the same position as South Australia, and agreed that it would be wiser to postpone the competition. Tasmania declined and stated that it is prepared to come. Victoria, very much disappointed at the turn of events, considering only one match would rob the competition of interest, and adverse comment may arise if carried out.

Attention is drawn to a clause in the rules of the Association which states that the MATCHES SHALL BE PLAYED AT ANY CONVENIENT TIME TO SUIT THE STATES CONCERNED, and so in these circumstances, the Association has no alternative but to announce that the carnival be postponed until December, 1931.

THE GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

The practice game of hockey, being played by our deaf girls, under the supervision of the Y.W.C.A., has just concluded, and by the progress of practice, our girls show promise for next season's regular match fixture on the field. Our girls will have a private wind-up "social" shortly, and hope for a successful evening.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club is going steady in view of the difficulties which it has lately gone through. It is very pleasing to notice the improvement in play of younger members, who show promise for the Victorian Championship, to be held at Christmas, and they will have the likelihood of winning a trophy. Any deaf tennis player wishing to enter the championship competition should ask for particulars from the hon. secretary. Entries close on 20th December.

H. Puddy, Hon. Sec.

On 13th September, 1930, our team was beaten by Wraysbury, 45 games to 39 games—a good match. On 20th September, 1930, Hartley defeated us very comfortably, 54 games to 18 games. On 27th September, 1930, Amphion A defeated us by 45 games to 33 games. On 4th October, 1930, London Stores proved to be more experienced, defeating us by 51 games to 21.

"ZEAL."

Zeal in worthy efforts is not as common a quality as it should be, but whatever our society does towards the encouragement of zeal it does willingly.

ZEAL (continued).

One often meets a young fellow who is not enthusiastic about anything in particular, except, perhaps, in having too much of a good time; one who cannot be brought to see the emptiness and selfishness of his existence without a little livening up process, he should take an interest in doing something useful; something that gives pleasure or service to others as well as to himself. He should realise that time lost can never be reclaimed, and that he has it in his power to make or find opportunities just as others have done.

He should realise that now is the time to be up and doing, and with the first sparks of zeal will be noted an improvement in his work and play.

Taking a real interest in everything that engages his attention, he will not only give a good account of himself, but will feel a growing desire not to be dependent on others.

He will feel self-expression develop, vision widen, and experience a satisfied sense of something well done.

It is difficult to conceive a more laudable desire than to make a good job of whatever business one has in hand.

Such a desire is zeal that will stand one in good stead throughout life.

—L. S. Sutton.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB BUDGET.

Some of the readers will be interested to hear that the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club budget has just been received and despatched to South Africa. It was started by Mrs. J. E. Muir, and has circled the world every eight or nine months for sixteen years. Its members are all deaf and live in different countries. Their letters are always deeply interesting and instructive. The budget of letters on this round will pass in order to South Africa, England, Isle of Wight, Norway, Canada, the United States, and back to Australia. As it comes around each member substitutes a new letter for the old which is abstracted, so that the packet is ever fresh. It may be stated that Mrs. Muir is also a member of the Portia Correspondence Club (hearing), which was founded by an American girl thirty years ago and is still going strong. Most of the members had married and have grown-up families. They continue to keep in touch with one another and to be greatly interested in the "club" children, as they are called. And in all these years hardly any of the members have ever met. Truly it is a wonderful little club.

International correspondence is a great thing for deaf people who desire to improve and broaden their minds. How very delightful it would be to see several correspondence deaf clubs being formed and new friends made in this way. Who will now start them?

[Editorial Note.—Mr. W. H. Crush informs me that he is, and has been for some time, a member of various international ring letters for deaf people, and finds them very interesting indeed.]

N.S.W. DEAF AND DUMB CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

In submitting the first annual report of the N.S.W. Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens, held in David Jones's Auditorium, Sydney, on the evening of July 23, 1930, the Rev. E. J. Davidson, a Vice-President, who occupied the chair, remarked that the report "was a complete justification for the work of the Association, and the results obtained are magnificent."

There was a large attendance of the deaf and their friends, and remarkable enthusiasm and interest was shown by all in their own affairs.

"This new spirit proved," continued Rev. Davidson, "that the formation of this association was needed and was a long-felt want, that was satisfied when you, as deaf and dumb citizens decided to take steps to secure your rights and privileges, and that measure of freedom, that is necessary for the development of personality." (Applause.)

Gratification was expressed for the excellent support that had enabled them to end their first year with a credit balance in hand of over £300.

The report expresses thanks to all those who had given support.

After the meeting, dancing and a two-scene play, "Love Will Find a Way," was presented by members of the Association.

—"Sydney Morning Herald."

We shall be glad to hear from time to time the doings of the deaf of the other States, and greatly welcome current news and interesting articles respecting the welfare of the deaf in other States' daily papers sent to us for publication in our issues.

Word has just been received that Mr. G. Thomas was awarded a prize for the best title for the Tasmanian news-letter. The title will be hereafter called "The Tasmanian Silent Gazette," which is expected to be out by December next. Although the cricket carnival is postponed, a few Tasmanian tourists will pay Melbourne a visit.

—W.H.C.

A MESSAGE TO YOU.

Future issues of this magazine are dependent upon the assistance we receive in the form of new subscriptions. Please pass this notice on to your friends who have not yet subscribed. Two shillings only per annum, post free. Send it now, direct to the Hon. Manager of "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

CHRISTMAS TENNIS ATTRACTIONS—see back page.

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His Grace The Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. F. W. Head's Christmas Message.

Bishopscourt, Melbourne, E., C.2,
December 5, 1930.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Christmas is the happiest day of all the year. It is the day that assures us that our race, the human race, is redeemed. Men have dreamed that they might know God, they have feared God, and they have thought about God. But they could not love Him unless they knew what He was like. On Christmas Day they learned that God had condescended to come down and reveal Himself to them in a human life, so that they might know Him as they knew one another. St. John gives the CHRISTMAS MESSAGE that says: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory."

That was the wonder of it all. Men have ever since that first Christmas kept God revealed in Jesus Christ. We need not begin by thinking of God as Almighty or All-wise or All-holy. We begin with the Babe of Bethlehem and work back to the Infinite Being who was there sent under human limitations. There is truth so proposed that the greatest scholar cannot grasp its meaning. There is a fact so simple that a mere child can understand the love of God.

Let us come with our perplexities, our anxieties and our joys and our aspirations and worship at the Manger Throne.

F. W. MELBOURNE.

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GUIDING TO HIM.

"The scriptures bear witness of Me."—John v. 39.

A tourist studying a guide book of Switzerland, was greatly impressed by the description of the afterglow on the Alps. He wished to see this beautiful spectacle of the reflection of the setting sun on the Jungfrau. He travelled to Interlaken and there, sitting upon a bench in the park, he gazed enraptured upon the glorious color effects. The guide book, having done its work, was closed, the tourist henceforth carried in his memory the vision of the scene itself. So, too, the study of the Bible should lead us to a view of "the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

—J. B. Puddy.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Dear Friends,—

Another year is drawing to a close, and what a strenuous one it has been, but let us hope 1931 will have something better in store. Still we have been fortunate, inasmuch as we have seen our fine church erected to the glory of God. With His help and our joint endeavor the future holds much that is bright. The members of the Board join with me in sincerely wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

N. ARMSTRONG,

Chairman of the Board of Management.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas comes but once a year, but how quickly Old Father Time seems to push the hours and days and months behind him; it seems but yesterday we were celebrating the Christmastide of 1929, and in a few days we shall again be saluting our friends with the well-known greeting, "A merry Xmas and a happy New Year." Just the same old wish year after year, but even the saying of it brings gladness to the heart of the receiver as well as the giver. There is no other season which gladdens our lives so much and makes our hearts turn so lovingly towards others as Christmas time. The happiest people will be those who think least of themselves and most of others. It is the time for giving, but it is the sentiment behind the giving and not the costliness of the gift which gives it its true value. Even if we have little money, we can make gifts of kind cheerful words and loving deeds and tender sympathy. To live in the true spirit of Christmas we must possess the Christ mind, and catch the spirit of the angel's message; old quarrels must be healed; wrongs must be righted, the feeling of resentment and

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grievance against others must be forgotten, no longer must bitter thoughts and feelings be harbored, but the spirit of love and forgiveness must be uppermost. Let us offer our neighborly greetings for the coming new year with a glad cheerfulness. We enter upon untrodden paths, but the skies are bright, and heaven is nearer, and the good God is overhead.

Some of us may recall the story of Longfellow in his romance. Paul Fleming entered that little chapel of Saint Gilgen. On the tomb above his head was the inscription, "Look not mournfully into the past, it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present, it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart."

This is a time when a call is made upon all members of the Deaf societies to be brave, patient and cheerful, to go forward united with firm resolve, earnest prayer, loyal devotion, and strong confidence in the faithfulness of an all-wise Father.

Please accept the best wishes for the Yuletide season from all members of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.

O. R. REDMAN, Superintendent.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

In the midst of the bustle of a Roman military camp in the year A.D. 172 a man was seated at his desk writing when a messenger rushed in with the latest news of the battle. The writer smiled at the excited messenger, heard what he had to say, and then sent him on his way and quietly turned back to his work. This is what he wrote:—

"If any man is able to convince me and show me that I do not think or act aright I will gladly change, for I seek the truth by which no man was ever injured. Only he is injured who abides in his error and ignorance."

The writer was Marcus Aurelius Antonius, who put such good government into effect that after his death the Roman populace insisted upon worshipping him as a God.

Here I think is a message for the Deaf of the whole of Australia for the year 1931. "Seek the truth by which no man was ever injured." The Deaf of Australia have for too long allowed themselves to be governed by a few people who have been incapable of really understanding the needs and point of view of the Deaf. The Deaf have been regarded as incapable of thought, and incapable of expressing their opinion—merely a body of afflicted people in need of charitable relief and pity. Why some people should regard all the Deaf persons as objects for pity, I cannot for the life of me understand. Sympathy I can understand and appreciate, but pity!—it is really distasteful and insulting and the Deaf want none of it. Unfortunately, also, those misguided philanthropists regarding the Deaf

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE (continued).

as children—try to bluff them as an adult does when a child sometimes asks an awkward question, and that is why it is a vital necessity for the Deaf "to seek the truth," especially of the management of their own affairs.

Remember, again, what Marcus Antonius wrote—"Only he is injured who abides in his error and his ignorance." If the Deaf are content to abide in ignorance of their own affairs then they must put up with the treatment meted out to them, but so long as they decide to "Seek the truth," such knowledge will come to them that should surely spur them on not to rest content until such time as they have won for themselves independence of thought and outlook culminating in the management of their own affairs.

I therefore congratulate the Victorian Deaf on having for one year so successfully under their own auspices published a magazine, and on behalf of all their many friends in the New South Wales Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens I would urge them to carry on.

The truth may make enemies, for it is often a bitter pill to swallow, but when the patient is sick the medicine must be taken before recovery can be effected, and without a doubt the patient (the Australian Deaf) has been a very sick one in the past.

This Association is meeting with such outstanding success because it is not meeting lie with lie, but instead, has allied itself to Truth and Reality from its very inception, and that is what all the Deaf of Australia must do at all times and in all places.

Let us remember the words of our loving Saviour (who was and is indeed "The way, the truth, and the life") whose birth we remember at this time, "know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We can never know real freedom until we know the truth by which no man was ever injured.

—H. V. S. Hersee.

CHRISTMAS WISHES.

My Dear Readers,—

Well, Christmas is again nearly with us, when we all look forward to family reunions and happy hours, as to most of us it brings back pleasant memories, and I hope the Christmas to come will be as happy as those past.

To the readers of "The Victorian Deaf," who are taking their holiday away, we wish them the best of times, and may their happy reminiscences help to brighten our next issue.

The Deaf Committee join with me in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your sincere friend,

THE HON. EDITOR.

PROGRESS—SLOW BUT SURE.

This is the sixth-bi-monthly issue of "The Victorian Deaf," thus completing its first year. Progress has been slow but sure in the face of many obstacles. The serious financial depression is responsible for the shortage of our funds, and continued and increasing unemployment among our deaf.

The apathy of many members associated closely with our Deaf has further retarded our efforts; however, the evidence of the first year's successful service of our magazine and of the many letters congratulating us on our progress, is such that urges us on to still greater efforts, as it gives us added zest to continue the good work. Therefore, we would ask our many friends who have helped us by their letters of encouragement, articles, and notes for publication to assist us still further by introducing "The Victorian Deaf" to some hearing friend and seek their co-operation in making it a still better and brighter magazine.

Thanks! We express our highest appreciation of the kindness of Archbishop Head in writing a Christmas message for this issue, for which we deeply thank him. Also Messrs. N. Armstrong, the chairman of our Board; O. Redman, of South Australia; H. V. Hersee, of the N.S.W. Association; W. H. Crush, and many others for their timely and untiring aid in the successful production of this special Christmas issue.

We take this opportunity of thanking all who rallied so splendidly to support this venture.

Special mention should be made that our most sincere and heartfelt thanks are duly accorded to the Deaf Committee, who are responsible for the issues of "The Victorian Deaf."

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF" MAGAZINE.

The Editor respectfully begs to remind contributors that any unsigned contributions will not be accepted for publication, and that correspondents are alone responsible for views and opinions expressed in their communications. Letters and brief articles on various subjects of interest to the deaf will be welcomed and printed with pleasure when space permits.

PERSONAL.

It is with the deepest regret we report the death of our oldest pioneer, Mrs. Moss, who was one of the first pupils of St. Kilda Road Deaf School, which was opened in 1866, and later proved a diligent worker for the establishment of the Deaf and Dumb Mission, and was closely associated with many others in helping to advance the spiritual welfare of the Deaf. Her presence will be sorely missed, and we trust that her memory will prove an inspiration to many of us to keep the good work going.

PERSONAL (continued).

The visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. F. W. Head, to the Jolimont Centre, on Thursday afternoon, 30th October, was highly appreciated by those present, and lucky enough to be introduced personally to the Archishop, who devoted his interests towards the Deaf and will, no doubt, strengthen and develop personality in the deaf by his further occasional presence with them.

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A brief sermon and address was given in our new church, which was further consecrated, and kindly reference was made to Misses Graham and family, and those who furnished the church. Included amongst those present were Mr. Peacock, the President of the General Board; Miss Graham and family; Mr. McCaskill, the popular newly-elected superintendent of the St. Kilda Road Deaf School; and Mr. Abraham. The pleasant and smiling face of the Archbishop will long be remembered.

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Mr. J. B. Puddy, the brother of Mr. H. Puddy, who is lieutenant of the Salvation Army in Bayswater, wrote expressing appreciation of the October copy of "The Victorian Deaf," and enclosing a gospel message, which will be found elsewhere.

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Miss M. Gibson had her pomeranian dog exhibited at the Pomeranian and Pekingese Open Parade, held at Wirths' Park on October 4, and secured a second prize in the "Limit" class.

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Mrs. M. Gladman writes as follows:—"Hearty congratulations on the latest issue of "The Victorian Deaf." You certainly have made it 'Deaf for the Deaf.' I enjoyed every page of it. It *is* time we Deaf woke up and demanded full liberty rights, and may 'The Victorian Deaf' be the means of securing the object which deserves the support of all classes of the Deaf. In conclusion, I wish 'The Victorian Deaf' continued success. If it is kept upon its present lines, its success is assured. I will do my bit to find some new subscribers. I have sent away two copies of this issue.

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Mr. S. Mitchell wrote enclosing his subscription and wishing "The Victorian Deaf" magazine every success.

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Mr. C. Buck wrote saying that he was looking forward to his Christmas vacation in town, and he hoped that he could play a few games with the Cricket Club.

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Mr. H. Hockam, of Mount George, N.S.W., kindly enquired about "The Victorian Deaf" in his letter to us, and promised to be a new subscriber.

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Mrs. Swain, one of our esteemed members of the Workers' Club, will spend her Christmas vacation in Adelaide, and expects to be back with us in two months' time.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. N. O. Bryan paid us a flying visit, which pleased his old folk very much, and looked very well and fit. He played with the local club and was successful with his bat and at wicketkeeping. He is very popular with the local team.

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Mr. W. Anderson has returned home after two months with the Country Roads Board, which gave him an enjoyable experience.

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Mr. H. Mackenzie came back with us after a month at Sale with the Water Commission, and narrated a few of his experiences to us.

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Mr. James Moran, of Cairns, North Queensland, has just written expressing his appreciation of "The Victorian Deaf" magazine. He mentions that Cairns town trading is very quiet, but he is still doing well. He feels very thankful for regular work, and still thinks of the Melbourne folks, whom he has not seen since 1925.

CRICKET CLUB.

September 24 and October 4.—Our cricket season opened with a match against M.H.S.O.B. Mr. P. Ashby and Mr. R. Beattie were elected captain and vice-captain respectively. The scores were:—Adult Deaf, 66 and 8 for 91 (McGuinness 26, O'Gorman 42, W. Ashby 12) v. M.H.S.O.B., 49 and 107 (W. Ashby 6 for 43, McGuinness 4 for 30, Beattie 3 for 22).

October 11 and 18.—Adult Deaf, 92 and 8 for 48 (Lyfield 12, Lygon 35, D. Ashby 11) v. St. Kilda C.Y.M.S., 152 and 4 for 72 (W. Ashby 3 for 35, Beattie 4 for 34).

October 25 and November 1.—Adult Deaf, 42 and 96 (W. Ashby 39 not out, O'Gorman 30, D. Ashby 12, Anderson 11) v. South Melbourne Diggers, 89 and 5 for 65 (W. Ashby 4 for 40, Beattie 7 for 47).

November 8 and 22.—Adult Deaf, 104 and 57 (Lyfield 38, W. Ashby 15, Webb 10) v. Clarendon, 274 (W. Ashby 7 for 90).

W. Ashby, Hon. Sec., Cricket Club.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Anniversary Rally.

The twenty-ninth Anniversary Rally in commemoration of Mr. Abraham's work with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was held on 9th October, when Mr. H. Puddy in the chair eulogised to an appreciative company present, in cluding Mr. E. R. Peacock, the President of our Board, the history of Mr. Abraham's long service with the Deaf and Dumb. Mr. Peacock followed and Mr. Abraham responded. A light supper, provided by the Deaf Committee, concluded a pleasant evening.

SOCIAL EVENTS (continued).

The Girls' Hockey Club.

The "wind-up" social, organised and held by the Girls' Hockey Club on 29th October, was a great success. Mrs. Peacock, who was present, gave an address in a kindly way, and included among the audience were a few members of the Y.W.C.A. Athletic Club. A programme of games and competitions were held, concluding with supper, and bright speeches given by Miss M. Dow, Mr. Crush and Mr. Abraham constituted the evening's entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present. Miss Elsie Stephens, the hon. secretary, was responsible for the success of this function.

The Workers' Club.

The Workers' Club held its quarterly social in aid of the unemployed Deaf funds on 30th October. A sum of £1/12/- was realised and £1 kindly donated by Miss G. Hawkins brought the total to £2/12/-. A series of games, competitions was arranged under able management and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A light supper, as usual, concluded a very pleasant evening.

The Annual Picnic.

The Congregational Deaf spent their annual picnic at Diamond Creek on Cup Day. Unfortunately, a rain storm forced them to return much earlier to the city, having tea at the Centre. A programme of sports on the Yarra Park was carried out, where they remained happily and contentedly.

The Unemployed Deaf.

The Deaf Committee, in conjunction with the Workers' Club, arranged a most successful "Lucky" evening social on 20th November, in aid of the unemployed Deaf funds. The success of this function was due to the indefatigable secretary, Mr. G. Newnham, and by the fine efforts of Mrs. Frewin, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Newnham, Messrs. Mortimer, Puddy, O'Gorman and Johnston. They were responsible for a good sum, and £6/18/8 was realised. Every game provided for the evening's amusement proved "a magnet" for "pennies" and "threepenny bits," and was greatly appreciated.

H.R.H. the Duke of York and Unemployed.

The festival dinner at the Mansion House, London, on behalf of the Royal Association, in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, graciously presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of York, was a great occasion. A striking appeal for the work amongst the Deaf and Dumb made by the Duke of York was responsible for the sum of £2,239/8/6 being realised. His Majesty the King sent a telegram expressing his appreciation and best wishes for the success of any efforts towards alleviating the lot of the Deaf. In the course of his speech the Duke of York said: "Think for one moment of the difficulty of the Deaf

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK AND UNEMPLOYMENT (continued).

in securing employment, in the tense struggle for existence of these modern days. It is a stern battle for all, but for the Deaf it is heart-breaking."

"The Times," a famous London newspaper, lent its powerful aid to the cause, and in a notable article, referring to the Festival Dinner Appeal of the Royal Association, said: "To restrict such work is to starve the minds of those dependent on it, and even to darken their souls. Worse still, it is to begrudge the helpless the cheer and encouragement which can only reach them if others remember their hard lot."

The Unemployed Deaf.

It is with deepest gratitude we learn that through the generosity of Miss Graham and family, a motor truck has been just given for the use of our workless Deaf. We naturally trust that Miss Graham and family will be rewarded for their thoughtful service, which may lead our unemployed Deaf to permanent work. It is understood that the truck will be looked after under the auspices of the Society.

The sub-committee, under the charge of the Deaf Committee, have been and are still endeavoring to raise funds in aid of our workless Deaf.

The Deaf Workers' Club have just given £6/6/- to purchase and distribute parcels to our unemployed Deaf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Christmas Rally.

The Hon. Editor regrets that it is too late to announce in this issue the full particulars of the G.B. Christmas Rally, to be held on 18th December, which included the separate Christmas message by Mr. Abraham, I believe, have been already circulated to the Deaf, but the Rally programme seems uncertain that the Deaf Workers' Club will take part in the distribution of the club's customary Christmas Tree, gifts to the home inmates, and the fish pond.

In the event of the club being privileged to use the temporary use of the hall at that Rally, at the expressed wish, it is to be observed that the above distribution and serving the supper are being arranged by the WORKERS' CLUB, who had decided, after the G.B. Rally, to hold an evening to our unemployed club members on Saturday, 20th, when parcels, etc., will be distributed, and there will also be a light supper. The Committee desire to announce that the majority of the Deaf are responsible for the success of the above distribution by their liberal support.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

October 14.—By invitation of the Men's Guild, the members of the Women's Guild were present at a lecture on "Artists," given by Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic. The lecture was enjoyed by everyone present.

November 11.—By mutual agreement, the members put away their fancy work to allow Mrs. Frewin to read her paper on "Iceland," which proved most interesting to one and all.

December 9.—Christmas stories and some competitions were given by Mrs. T. Peters, Mrs. Frewin, and Miss E. Read. Mrs. Peters started a competition entitled "Suburb Stations." She kindly gave two prizes to the winners—Miss Empson first and Miss E. O'Gorman second. That evening was a great enjoyment to everyone present.

Miss M. Dow, Hon. Sec.

THE MEN'S GUILD.

A most detailed and concise lecture on "Artists," delivered by Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic, to a combined meeting of the Women's and Men's Guilds, on Tuesday, 14th October. In replying to a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Blamire Young for his most interesting subject, he appreciated the modern thoughts of those present.

Mr. E. R. Noble read "The Fact of Evolution" on Tuesday, 28th October, and everyone present appreciated his endeavor that made his paper such a success.

A Shakespearean story, entitled "The Taming of the Shrew," was read by Mr. F. E. Frewin on 11th November, and proved a great success indicated by a demand for an encore by all present. The hope was expressed for further Shakespearean stories to be given in the future.

Mr. Edwin Johnson gave a paper on "Modern Therapy" on 28th November, and was duly congratulated on the success of his paper.

The Guild goes into recess till 14th January, when "Holiday Reminiscences" will be given by those fortunate enough to experience the delight of a well-earned holiday, and we trust that this "Reminiscences" evening will be a success.

"TALKIES" AND THE DEAF.

The advent of "Talking Pictures" was not a good thing for the Deaf and Dumb, for the original "Silent" Movies are one of the best and most popular forms of entertainment ever invented, that can be understood and enjoyed by the Deaf on equal terms with our hearing friends. To-day practically all the leading picture theatres have abandoned "silent" films in favor of "Talkies," greatly to the regret and disappointment of the Deaf; for we are thus deprived of one of the best forms of amusement and education that has ever been introduced.

It is to be hoped that the general public will soon tire of the "Talkies," many of which are full of slang and vulgar expressions, and create an unfavorable impression, especially upon the minds of young people.

Already many hearing people complain of the foreign trash and imported expressions at present being flashed from the screen in

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Australia, and advocate a return to the better and more sensible "silent picture" films.

Some people imagine that if any deaf person was supplied with head-phones, connected with wires to the loud speakers at "Talkie" theatres, they would hear and understand the entertainment as well as any person with normal hearing can. Such a statement would be absurd. Certainly that section of the deaf community classed as H.O.H. or partially deaf, who lost their hearing after the age of seven years, would probably benefit and understand the magnified sounds to a certain extent, but not all.

Even amongst this section, there are some whose deafness is of a peculiar kind, known as tone-deafness. That is, they can hear sounds, but cannot analyse them or distinguish various noises or explain their meaning or source. The majority of so-called deaf and dumb persons too, who have a slight degree of hearing, will find (with the aid of electrical head-phones as used by the Deaf in "Talkie" theatres) that they can hear more sounds like the above. But what they will hear will be just "sound and noise" to them—that, and nothing else. Why? Because their sense of hearing has never been developed or educated. They would hear sounds, but not understand them.

There are, however, many semi-deaf or persons whose hearing failed after completing their ordinary schooling, who would probably benefit, and be able to hear and understand most "Talkies" with the aid of head-phones.

Most of the big theatres in the cities and a few suburban ones are fitted up with a few wired-seats and head-phones for the benefit of deaf patrons. I have tried them personally at the Capitol, Regent and State Theatres in Melbourne, with varied results, some good and some only fair.

The only way for any deaf reader to discover if head-phones will enable him or her to hear and understand the entertainment is by a personal trial. There is no harm in trying. In Adelaide, Hoyts theatres are fitted with several wired seats, connected with head-phones, and no extra charge is made there. In Melbourne, however, I was charged extra, which made the price stiff for an evening's entertainment. Why penalise deaf-folk like that?

The idea of head-phones and amplification of sound is not new. This system has been in use and fitted in special lecture halls and churches for deaf-folk for some time abroad, especially in U.S.A. One of the best systems is called the "Radioear." However, to the majority of the Deaf, no great benefit can be derived at present by using these electrical aids. Perhaps they will be improved and the future will provide us with an efficient scientific aid.

In the meantime, the moral of all this is: "Teach us lip-reading" as the best substitute for hearing, and let our eyes tell us what our ears fail to do, whether at the "Talkies" or elsewhere.

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ROMANTIC CAREER OF AN ADVENTUROUS DEAF.

(Conclusion.)

Wrecked Again.

In 1901 Walter Dennis Pepper was tempted by an Australian exhibit at the Glasgow Exhibition to try farming in Brisbane, and left the Clyde in November in the fine four-masted sailing ship "Buteshire." After passing the Isle of Man they ran into a hurricane, which carried away most of their sails and drove the ship on to the Arklow Banks, where they pounded all night long, the crew and passengers taking the rigging, and the heavy seas washing over the ship.

Walter remembered he had a tin box in his cabin, containing a plum pudding, shortbread, queen cakes, etc., given him as a Christmas treat by his sister-in-law, and he ventured down to his cabin and returned to the rigging with the box, dividing the contents among the crew aloft.

Next day the ship got off the Banks, and to the surprise of all, remained afloat. The rudder was damaged, but a sail was set and the vessel tore before the gale down the Irish Channel, sometimes inside and sometimes outside of the lightships on the Banks, all of which they missed by good luck. They got safely past Tusker Light and, getting smoother water, managed to make Queenstown, where a month was spent repairing the ship and re-stowing the heavy cargo of iron rails which had shifted and had given the ship a dangerous list.

In Tasmania.

They left Queenstown a few days after Christmas and had a fine passage, which was fortunate, as many of the beams were broken away from the sides. Walter had timber with him to build a boat on the voyage, which he completed before reaching Brisbane but, much to his disgust, the authorities would not allow the boat to be landed unless a duty of about £7 was paid. He sold her, however, to a man for £6, and she was landed at night without duty. While the ship was in port, he explored round Brisbane on his bicycle (which he had taken with him on the ship) looking for some good farm land. A drought had parched up all the district, and he was advised to try Tasmania. He arrived there in winter and took lodgings in Hobart with a lady who had a deaf son. He stayed for several months during the wet season. He soon tired of waiting, and started off on his cycle, when the roads were very bad, to prospect along one of the rivers, where, he was told, there was good land. He had started too early, and after struggling along all day in the mud, night came on and he got lost in the bush. He lighted his bicycle lamp and pushed on, carrying his bike on his shoulder, ultimately being found by some men from a lumber camp, who saw the light in the bush and were amazed to find a deaf man with a cycle in such a place.

They took him to their camp and one of the children (a girl) was able to write to him, and he explained how he had come there.

They fed him on bread and Tasmanian honey and boiled the billy for him, and gave him a "shakedown" in a corner for the night. They put him on the road to Hobart next morning. He then learned that King Island, about sixty miles away, was the best place to take up land, and he went there. He found the island to be very fertile, low-lying, and covered with dense bush, excepting near the harbor of Currie. The island is about sixty miles round, and he started out to explore it (without his bicycle this time, as he had sold it at Hobart). He struggled right round the island, carrying a small bag of oatmeal and some tea, etc., on his back, sometimes having to swim creeks with his clothes on a few logs, keeping his eyes open for sharks, which were plentiful all round the coast.

One Shilling Per Acre.

He slept in the bush in a rough wool overcoat called a "bluey," which threw off the rain better than any waterproof. One night his cap was full of blood, and he found that leeches had been having a feast on his head. He got to a lighthouse called Cape Wickam, after some days, and the men were very kind to him, keeping him there for several days. They gave him accounts of some of the terrible shipwrecks near them in Bass Straits.

After more prospecting, he took a block of dense bush about 120 acres from the Tasmanian Government, at 1/- per acre, with fifteen years to pay, and proceeded to clear it. Kangaroo, wallaby and opossum were plentiful, and he shot many of them to keep the pot boiling. It was hungry work cutting timber, and four meals a day, with meat to every meal, was his usual on these strenuous days. The only place where he could get provisions was the port of Currie, eight miles away, where he tramped every week-end. There were about thirty or forty people on the island, mostly from the Old Country, and some of them were very kind to him and invited him to their monthly dance, usually held when the moon was full. He was a good dancer, and enjoyed himself very much.

For twenty-seven years he lived in the bush, usually alone, clearing his land, milking his own cow, and shooting the opossum for stealing his eggs. He got a friend to help him to build a timber house of three or four rooms, and he made his own table, sofa and chairs, and he put up a nice porch himself in front.

Farming on King Island was different from home farming, as grass had to be sown after the timber was cut down and burnt off every year, to keep down the ti-tree and scrub which came up. Clover grew nine feet high. There was little feed for cattle in Tasmania, and great numbers of animals were sent to King Island to fatten, as they had plenty of grass.

Potatoes did very well, and some of Dobbie's seed potatoes gave good results, of which he was very proud, as he had them sent out from Rothesay. He sold his farm on King Island and came home to Rothesay on the White Star steamer "Suevic." When crossing the line, Father Neptune got hold of him and he was pulled into a sail

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full of salt water, with some of the other passengers. He astonished them all by his swimming and antics.

After all his wandering he is now at rest in the Rothesay Churchyard along with his mother, Agnes McKirdy.

Some Local Lore.

"Pepper.—In the Book of Heraldry, 1558, it is stated that this family is sprung from the Nevilles of Raby, and has always borne the armorial ensigns of the great baronial house attained in the person of Charles Neville, Earl of Westmoreland (13 Queen Elizabeth). Arthur Neville, Esq., married Miss Pepper, of Bally, County Meath, taking the name of Pepper, who had for their motto "Prosim aliis" (That I may be of use to others).

QUOTH QUEENSLAND.

A few months after his arrival, Mr. Paul told us he had his plans for rebuilding on the space taken up by the shed and women's room (both patched-up jobs) so as to relieve the congestion in what was left of the hall not occupied by the billiard table and library table. It has all come to pass, and we now occupy a billiard room, an enlarged kitchenette, and have added a fine women's room with a balcony overlooking the river. The river frontage of the main building has been timbered and plastered to bring it into harmony with the new part, and will certainly advertise us by the very force of its attraction to the eye.

The ladies held a fete for furnishing their own room, and even in these bad times, netted over £54 (on some modest £3 for expenses).

The many friends who have enjoyed our hospitality will find "Unity's" halo loses no lustre in its brighter setting. When you are up, "Come up." You are sure of milk in your tea now and may even chance to get butter for your buns.

—Val.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS IT IS.

Unfulfilled promises.
Unending deficits.
Uneconomic trading.
Unreliable statements.
Untruthful publicity.
Unplaced men.
Unanticipated responsibilities.
Unsatisfactory wages.
Unsettlement.
Unproved benefit.
Unlit future.

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Even the "silent" movies would then provide us with more pleasure, for then we would be able to read the lips of the actors on the screen during their performances. In conclusion, I wish all my readers the compliments of the season.

—W. H. Crush.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FOR THE DEAF.

An interesting tennis tournament for the Deaf was organised by the "Union Sportive Silencieuse Liegeoise" (Athletic Club for the Deaf at Liege) to take place at Liege, in Belgium, on May 30. The principal participants were representatives of Belgian and French tennis clubs for the Deaf.

The members of the National Deaf Club, London, of which Mr. A. J. Wilson is president, were invited to compete, and a party of twenty-two, accompanied by the Rev. Vernon Jones, their most helpful interpreter, spent a very happy week in Belgium. The London Deaf tennis team had the honor of bringing back two cups to dear old London.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF OF AMERICA.

The sixteenth triennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf began a week of active work at the great hall of the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, on Monday, August 4. It also marked the third World Congress of the Deaf, which was participated in by deaf representatives from France, Great Britain, Roumania, Hungary, Canada, also the Government of the Republic of China was represented through the Consul-General at New York. There were over two thousand in attendance.

The National Association has been in existence since 1880, a period of fifty years, and has always taken an active interest in the education of deaf children. The Association reiterates its firm stand, maintained for fifty years, that methods of instruction should be adopted to the needs of individual deaf children. It adheres to no single method, the pure oral or speech and lip-reading method, the pure manual or sign method, the pure dactylological or finger spelling method, or any other method that fad or fancy may bring into existence. The Association will always continue to uphold and battle for the combined system of instruction, which embraces all methods that have been found helpful in educating deaf children. Our educational creed, enunciated years ago, is embodied in the excellent motto: "Fit the method to the child, not the child to the method." A statue of the famous Abbe Charles Michael de l'Epee was fittingly unveiled during this memorable week, which typifies the gratitude of the American Deaf to a pioneer in the education of our kind. The cost—10,000 dollars—has been subscribed by the American Deaf.

Only the unexpected interests us. The story records the race won by the easy-going tortoise, but says nothing of the many previous races won by the hare.

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Smiles are as infectious as measles, but, thank goodness, there's no need to isolate them!

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Many a man who seems perfectly happy is wearing a shirt made by his wife.

TENNIS CLUB.

Special Notice to All Tennis Players.

The Victorian Championship Tournament is to be held at Melbourne on 26th December, 1930.

An invitation is hereby issued by our Tennis Club to any tennis player of any State to compete for the Victorian Championship Tournament, to be held at Melbourne on 26th December, 1930.

The following is the list of matches and trophies promised:—

Men's Singles Championship Trophy, valued at £2/2/-, presented by the Deaf Committee.

Ladies' Singles Championship Trophy, as above.

Men's Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy donated by the Tennis Club and the Men's Guild.

Ladies' Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy given by the Women's Guild and Mr. Dickenson.

Mixed Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy gifted by Messrs. Abraham and Rees.

Entrance fees, per the following list, should reach Mr. H. Puddy, the hon. secretary, before 25th December:—Ladies (Singles), 2/-; (Doubles), 4/- a pair. Gentlemen (Singles), 2/6; (Doubles), 5/- a pair. Mixed Doubles, free.

Tennis players and their friends will be promised a most attractive programme of festivities during the tournament week.

H. PUDDY, Hon. Sec., Tennis Club,
Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

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S E P T E M B E R . 1 9 3 0 .

Tuesday	2nd	CRICKET CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.
Tuesday	9th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday	16th	SPECIAL MEETING OF DEAF COMMITTEE.
Tuesday	23rd	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	25th	HOCKEY CLUB'S SHOW DAY SOCIAL.
Tuesday	30th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday		Services, Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday		Prayer Services & Pictures or Socials.
Every Saturday		Recreations etc.

Sunday October 5th, Holy Communion Service.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY
9th October

N O V E M B E R . I 9 3 0.

Tuesday	4th	CUP DAY ANNUAL PICNIC of the CONGREGATION to DIAMOND CREEK.
Tuesday	IIth	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday	I8th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	20th	VISIT of ARCHBISHOP HEAD and SERVICE IN CHURCH.
		"LUCKY PRIZE" S O C I A L in aid of UNEMPLOYED FUND
Tuesday	25th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday		Services at 7 PM.
Every Thursday		Scripture Study & Open Social Evening & Pictures.
Every Saturday		Recreation etc.
Thursday	I8th	December CHRISTMAS RALLY.

O C T O B E R . I 9 3 0 .

Sunday	5th	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, at 7 pm.
Thursday	9th	ANNIVERSARY RALLY.
Tuesday	14th	Men's & Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday	21st	Deaf Committee Meeting
Tuesday	28th	Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday	30th	DEAF WORKER'S CLUB'S QUARTERLY SOCIAL
Every Sunday		Services; Morning & Evening.
Every Thursday		Scripture Study, & Open Social Evenings
Every Saturday		Recreation etc.
Tuesday	4th	November ANNUAL CUP DAY PICNIC.

The President and Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Blind Society
are looking forward to the
Pleasure of Seeing You
at the
CHRISTMAS RALLY
to be held at the
Adult Deaf Centre
Solimont Square. Melbourne East.
On Thursday. Dec. 18th at 7.30 pm.
Come Early. 1930
Parents bring your children.
Lots of FUN - Competitions - Games
— Prizes - Novelties -
Christmas Tree - Supper

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

Tolimont. Melbourne

DIRECTORS CHRISTMAS. RALLY

Thurs. Dec. 18th 1930. 8. pm.

Procedure

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE-in the CHURCH. 7.50. pm

RALLY-in the CLUB HOUSE

Our President - Mr. E. R. Peacock. J.P.
in the chair.

Master of Ceremonies - Geo. Newnham

Childrens Dept. Toys etc. T. E. Trewern

Father Christmas - ? .

Tuck Shop - Mrs. T. E. Trewin & Ladies of the Deaf Workers Club have charge of Refreshment arrangements.

Words of Welcome from Our President - and Our Chairman. Mr. N. Armstrong. J.P.

Here the M.C. takes Charge - Obey him

Competitions, Games, Refreshments. Thanks.

The Toys are the gift of the Deaf Workers Club.

God Save the King.

1930

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
Toorak. Melbourne

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SYLLABUS.

CHURCH for the DEAF - SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday. Dec. 21st and 28th at 7. pm
Preacher - Lt - Col. O. L. OLDEN
For many years Hon. Chaplain to the Ballarat Branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.
CHRISTMAS DAY and. Dec. 28th at 11. AM
Preacher - The Principal
Every Thursday at 8. pm - Prayer & Lesson.

ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE at - 8.15. pm.
Every Thursday - The Principals' "AT HOME" NIGHT - Everybody Welcome
attractive programmes. See Notice Board.

The Club House - Open Daily from 9. am to 10. pm. Reading Room, Library. Billiards,-
Office:- 9 am to 5. pm for Assistance & advice.
Sickness & Emergency - Ring W 5440 after 5. pm.

THURS. Dec. 18th "Rally" at the Club House.
" " 25th. Service - Church for Deaf
Fri. 26th - TENNIS TOURNEY BEGINS.
" " 7.30 pm. Welcome Social
Sat. 27th. Continuation of Tourney
Sun. 28th. Service in the Church
Mon. 29th Continuation of Tourney.
Tues. 30th " "
Wed. 31st. Championship Games.
" " 8. pm. INVITATION SOCIAL
THURS. JAN. 1st. PIC-NIC to Mordialloc
Fri. 2nd. Garden Party at Blackburn.
at 2. pm. Farewell Social. 8. pm - Centre.
Sat 3rd. PIC-NIC to Ivanhoe
Sun. 4th Service. 7. pm. in the Church

Club Socials Every Sat Evening
Tennis Every Sat afternoon
Cricket Clubs Ground at Blackburn.

FEBRUARY 1931.

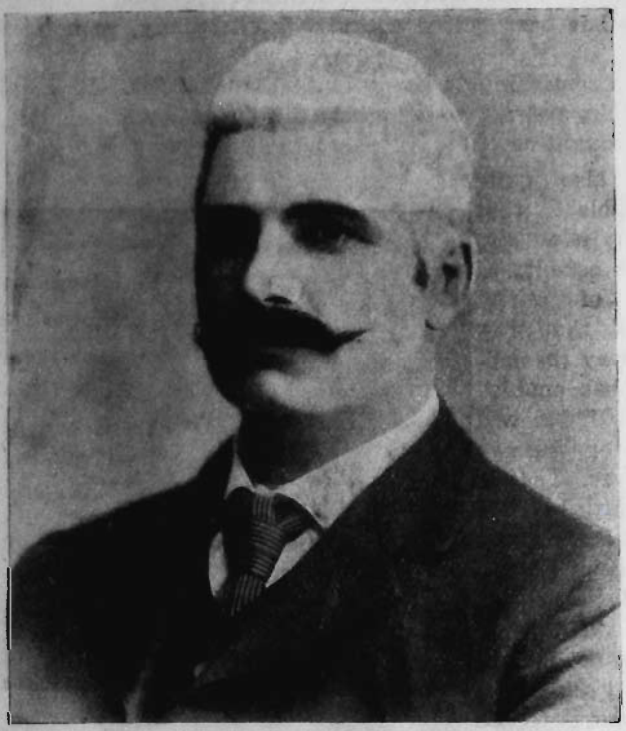
Sun	1st	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	3rd	
Thur	5th	Scripture Study.
Sat	7th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	8th	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	10th	Deaf Men's Guild's Meeting.
		Deaf Women's Guild's Meeting.
Thur	12th	Scripture Study.
Sat	14th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	15th	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	17th	DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING.
Thur	19th	Scripture Study.
Sat	21st	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	22nd	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	24th	Deaf Men's Guild's Meeting.
Thur	26th	Scripture Study.
Sat	28th	Open Recreation Evening.

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The late Mr. J. E. Muir—"Snowy" as we and Melbourne knew him.

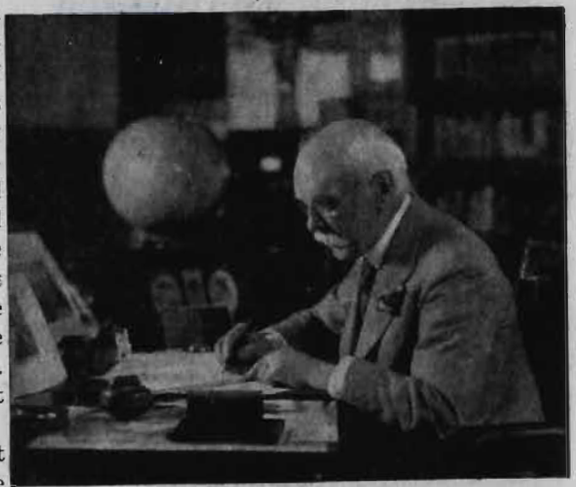
MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Deaf Committee, held on 3rd February, it was unanimously resolved that publication of "The Victorian Deaf" be continued for another year, and it was further resolved that the following constitute the Magazine Committee:—Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham (chairman), J. M. Johnston, Geo. Newnham, J. McLean, and H. Puddy (manager).

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

I have been deeply and sincerely interested in the problem of the deaf, and active in work for their welfare, for more than forty years. The progress which has been made in the condition of the deaf in that time is almost unbelievable. Although my life has been very largely given up to social welfare work in various ways, I may say frankly that no work that I have ever been associated with has given me so much satisfaction as that connected with the deaf, because of the manifest results obtained. A whole section of the community has been raised socially, intellectually, economically and spiritually.

That is something to be devoutly thankful for. It is quite easy to forget this, and not to recognise the means by which this change has been brought about.



It is also quite understandable that some who now are reaping the benefits of the work of others should think that they can kick away the ladder which has enabled them to climb, and that they can manage by themselves. That is a serious mistake. We are all debtors to those who have gone before. We are all dependent on those around us.

The work is not finished yet, and there is much more to be done. It is not surprising that some become impatient or even disaffected, and wanting to do something different, start all sorts of agitations.

In a country like Australia everyone has a right to his own opinion, and provided he respects the rights of other people, open discussion is useful, but a journal or magazine should have a definite constructive policy, and not encourage disaffection or factions.

One of the evil results of misdirected effort is that when there is disaffection within the group of deaf people, hearing friends are likely to withdraw their sympathy and support.

It would be cause for great regret should any self-seeking and vain persons combine in a wrecking enterprise, which could only have the effect of injuring the interests of the deaf generally. Personal ill-will is wholly unworthy, and is the mark of small-mindedness. Big men always rise above personalities, and strive to accomplish some constructive work worth while.

The real test in all such cases is self-interest or self-sacrifice. There may be differences of opinion in matters of policy, but let each be constructive.

Remember LIFE has been likened to a river flowing on. We are only incidents of the present time, and each will pass away. The stream will flow on. How true that is of our society! The progress of the next forty years should be greater than the past. Those who pollute the stream commit a great sin. The need and the work increases every day. Numbers are being added to all the time.

A serious aspect is that many of the deaf are easy victims to plausible agitators. Therefore it is above all things necessary that those aiming for leadership should be really big men of far vision, sound-balanced judgment, and be very careful to avoid every appearance of disruptive influence.

There is so much research work in the interest of the deaf and dumb in the world yet to be done, and constructive work in our own society in the way of workshops, hostels and other buildings, that I think the magazine should have a definite constructive policy, and work for specific objectives, and also inspire solid unity and confidence within, so that we may appeal to the public for financial support to carry out our plans with reasonable assurance of receiving generous contributions.

The policy of the Board is "Come and See." An open invitation to the public to visit and inspect the work of the society, both at Blackburn and the Centre, Jolimont, at any time. A continuous open investigation of all our affairs, with a welcome for all helpful suggestions.

E. R. Peacock.

BE WELL INFORMED.

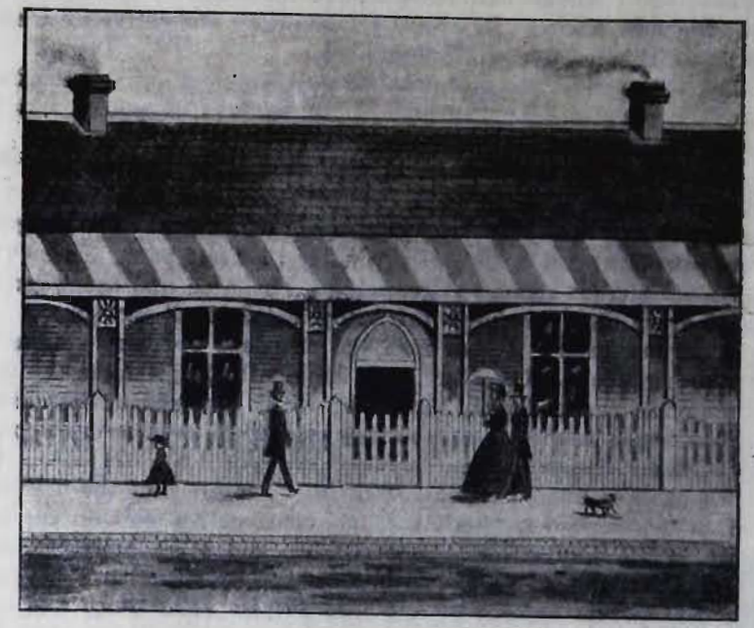
It is easy to be well informed about the doings of the deaf of our State. All you have to do is to send along 2/- (stamps will do) to the Hon. Manager, "Victorian Deaf." Jolimont Square, Melbourne East. We will gather the news for you.

The "Victorian Deaf" intends to go jumping, bound by bound, until it has bounded over all obstacles, and will bring cheer and goodwill to the deaf from north to south, and east to west.—Harry.

Held over for want of space—"A Party of Three," by Warrie Ashby; "Marriages of the Deaf," "Helen Keller," etc.

OUR FIRST SCHOOL AND FIRST PUPIL.

It is only seventy years ago since the first school for the deaf and dumb was opened in Australia. To be precise, it was on the 12th November, 1860, under the name of the "Deaf and Dumb Asylum."





On the 16th of February, 1929, a letter signed "A Widow," and written by the late Mrs. Sarah Lewis, step-mother of the late Mrs. Solomon Moss, appeared in "The Argus." It was a plea for educational provision for the deaf and dumb of the colony. Mrs. Lewis stated that she had a deaf and dumb daughter aged eight, and, if no means for the education of the deaf and dumb were available in Australia, she would brave the seas and take her daughter to England. This letter attracted the attention of the late Mr. E. J. Rose, who had been educated at the Deaf and Dumb "Asylum," Old Kent Road, London, England.

By arrangement with Mrs. Lewis, he visited England, returning with a wife, and equipped ready to open a school for the deaf. He secured a house in Peel Street, Windsor, and there the first school for the deaf and dumb of Australia was

established. His first and, for some time, only pupil, was Lucy Lewis, and the second Solomon Moss, who, in after years, as those with a romantic mind would have it, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

In the early days of its existence, Mrs. Moss was associated with the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in various ways, being a member of the Ladies' Sub-Committee, the first Hon. Secretary of the Women's Friendly Society (now Women's Guild), a leader of evening meetings, and taught one of the classes on Sunday mornings.



At the opening of the new school for the deaf in the grounds of the Victorian Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children, St. Kilda Road, on the 29th May, 1928, the honor of presenting the key of the door to Mr. Webber, M.L.A., fell to Mrs. Moss, as first pupil of the school.

Mr. Solomon Moss was a collector for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for thirty years, retiring last year.

Accompanying this brief outline of those early days of deaf mute education are photographs of the first school, its founder and first pupil.

DEAF ARTIST'S MASTERPIECES DOOMED.

An artist sat and looked despairingly at some of his most magnificent oil paintings, which are shortly to be destroyed in full view of thousands of admirers. He was Mr. A. R. Thomson, the deaf and dumb painter, and the pictures are the famous life-size Pickwick Panels adorning the staircase and walls of the Duncannon Hotel, Duncannon Street, London, which is shortly to be demolished. The experts have said, according to Mr. F. C. Frost, the proprietor, that there is no possibility of saving these pictures, which are known and talked about in every corner of the globe, and Mr. Thomson had come to see whether he hmiself could not find a solution to the problem. My use of the deaf and dumb alphabet is very halting, so pieces of paper and pencils were produced, and the following conversation in writing, amplified by signs, ensued:—

A. R. T.: "Look at them! Simply painted on the wallpaper. I had no money for canvas in those days. They are too dirty. I should like to clean them. Ask Mr. Frost about it. I want them photographed."

Self: "Mr. Frost says all expert advice is against cleaning."

A. R. T.: "Well, they're going to be destroyed, anyhow, aren't they?"

Self: "Can you see any means of saving them? Surely, if the Pompeian frescoes can be restored, after being entirely smashed——"

A. R. T.: "I believe I could do it if I were given a free hand to tackle it in any manner I please, but it would be a difficult and

dirty job. I should also probably have to retouch them later on. Oh, how I wish I had had money for canvas!"

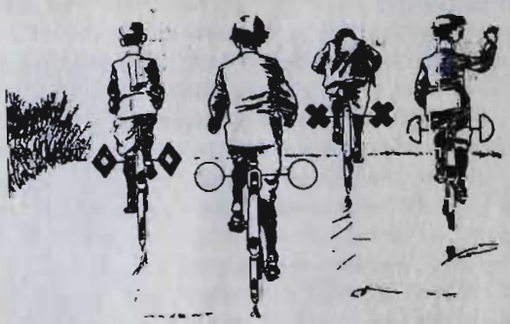
Mr. Thomson's work is well known to all who visit the Royal Academy, and his rise to fame is a romance in itself. Only a few years ago he was working in a subordinate position for a firm of printers. Later he was employed by a firm of architects, and it was during this period that the Dickens pictures were painted. Mrs. Chaperlin, the manageress of the Duncannon, can hardly bear the thought of the coming destruction. "They have become almost like children to me," she said. "Week after week, for years now, I have shown parties of Americans and other tourists over the place, explaining the different scenes, until these people on the walls have become to me real eflsh and blood."

"The People," London.

"TICKETING" THE DEAF.

Writers in the general press continue from time to time to bring forward some new scheme for "ticketing" the deaf. One writer suggests that all deaf cyclists should display warning signs so that other road users overtaking them could see that there was need for special care. Our artist being wide awake to the possibilities of adding a new industry which might help in these days of depression, has supplied us with a few "signs" to select from. Deaf motorists, we are often told, should not be granted licences at all, although we have yet to learn of the first accident directly caused by a deaf driver.

Now we are informed that deaf and blind people must wear a broad yellow badge on their arms when they take their walks through the streets of Budapest.



"Dumb" Signs for Deaf Cyclists.

The police have issued this decree in the hope of avoiding traffic accidents. In commenting upon this regulation a newspaper says: "Probably many people will shrink from wearing the badge, especially the deaf, who will feel that they pass through the streets in an atmosphere of curiosity and pity." The same paper, in all seriousness, goes on to suggest that instead of the badge the deaf should carry white walking-sticks, "and drivers should be taught to look out for them: while the rest of the world would take it in at a glance, instead of trying to see what was written on the badge.

Those of us who have a sense of humor are enjoying this, but the very serious and particular fellow deaf citizen is asking when will our hearing friends realise that the deaf of necessity are more careful ,and therefore less likely to meet with accidents than the hearing. We use our eyes, which are far more reliable than their ears.

DIVINE WORSHIP.

One time teacher of the School for the Deaf, and Missioner to the Ballarat branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Lieut.-Col. Olden occupied the pulpit on the evenings of Sundays, December 21 and 28. He gave his text from various verses in the 12th chapter of St. Mark, and 24th verse of 1st chapter of St. Matthew, respectively.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love," was the text taken by Archdeacon Herring for his address in our church, Sunday evening, 25th January, 1931. There was a good attendance in spite of heavy rain. Members of the Mitcham and Blackburn Masonic Lodges attended, including our chairman, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. G. Fethers and Mr. M. J. Hoath. The president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, was also present. Archdeacon Herring gave us a beautiful address taken from the above text on "Look upward, go forward, look outward." Mr. Abraham interpreted. All present were most interested and attentive, and would like Archdeacon Herring to come again.

THE FIRST CHRISTENING.

The first Christening ceremony in our new church took place Sunday afternoon, 25th January, when the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quantock was christened. Canon Crotty, of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne, officiated. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. Mr. and Mrs. J. Marks, who are godfather and godmother, were also present.

THE PRINCIPAL'S NIGHT.

Irrespective of what follows, every Thursday evening from 8 o'clock to 8.15, a short service is held in our little church at Jolimont Square. And those who attend enjoy and derive good from it.

On 15th January, our President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) talked to us about Japan. It was a most interesting and instructive talk. Mr. Peacock told us of the people of Japan, their genius for learning and ability to progress. He said it was through their eagerness to improve that Japan now ranked equal, if not better, than some of the European and American nations in the way of civilisation. Various articles, brought over from Japan, were shown and explained. The outstanding exhibit was the modelled bust of himself, which, he said, was done by a photographic process, and it is called Sculptograph. He was heartily thanked for the interesting lecture.

PARENTS OF THE DEAF.

For fifteen years, Mrs. G. Hawkins, mother of Miss Gwen Hawkins, of East Malvern, has been collecting sums, large and

small, each month and handing in the money to the Malvern branch of the Children's Hospital. She has now decided to enlarge her activities, and with this object in view, the initial meeting being held at the residence of Mrs. Hawkins, and already seventy members are enrolled. It was decided to begin by raising funds to maintain a cot in the Orthopedic Section of the Hospital for Children at Frankston at £50 a year, and eventually to endow the cot at a cost of £500. Cr. Waters, the Mayor of Malvern, presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Lauchlan Mackinnon and the matron from the hospital spoke on the work of the hospital.

THE LATE MR. JOHN E. MUIR.

Mr. John E. Muir, one of the most enthuiastic pioneers of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, passed to a higher life on the 17th January last, after a short illness. The absence of Mr. Muir from our midst will be felt by many, for he had a powerful influence for good upon his fellow deaf. He was highly respected and affectionately regarded by young and old. He was an outstanding figure in every effort for the upliftment of his fellow deaf during the last forty years, and freely gave of his best at all times.



His lovable simplicity made every one his friend, and yet he had that strength of character that commanded discipline where others in similar circumstances often failed.

During the great publicity campaign on behalf of the Deaf in 1901-4, he gave most of his evenings to this work. He was a past master of the language of gesture, and his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" always brought applause from audiences of thousands.

He was, for many years, a member of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and held in turn every position of honor that the deaf themselves were able to confer upon him from Hon. Secretary of various clubs to President. In the world of sport, amongst the deaf, he was pre-eminent. He gave the deaf generally "a place in the sun," as a popular player in the Fitzroy Football Club. Tall and erect, with a cloud of snow white hair crowning his youthful head, Mr. Muir was always the most conspicuous figure in the field, and received a hearty ovation from the onlookers.



Added to that he was a good cricketer, and for most sport was eagerly sought as a coach by the younger deaf members. In cases of emergency, Mr. Muir was always willing and ready to preach a sermon, give a lecture, conduct a Bible class or visit the sick at the shortest notice.



And what a cheery, welcome visitor he was!

For the past ten years he made his home in Warburton after retiring from his work as a draughtsman at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and gained many hearing friends there. Mr. Muir's death brings to mind the early days of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. In those days the dream, ambition and aim of our old deaf pioneers was to possess a little church of their own. For twenty years they gave, collected and saved for that purpose, and John Muir was one of the most enthusiastic workers for it.

We are grateful that he lived to see the consummation of his early labors in the beautiful little Church for the Deaf that now stands in the old-world garden of the historic Jolimont Square.

It was a fitting end to his splendid life's work that the beautiful church should be his last resting place, for the casket containing his body remained in the church from the time of his death till the burial.



On the Sunday evening our Principal, Mr. Abraham, gave a beautiful Memorial Service, and most feelingly eulogised Mr. Muir's work and love of his fellow men. The service was most impressive, the pathos of which stirred all present, and doubly so Mr. Abraham, for John Muir was one of his most esteemed comrades, and it was the parting with a long-loved friend.

The casket, with some beautiful flowers on it from Mr. Muir's wife, placed at the foot of the sanctuary, added to the solemnity.



Many beautiful floral tributes were sent the following day, including wreaths from the General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Deaf Committee, the Deaf Women's Guild, the Deaf Men's Guild and Deaf Athletic Club, Mr. E. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Luff, and many hearing relations and friends.

After a short service in our church, the cortege left for the Box Hill Cementery, where another service was conducted by the Rev. F. Hagenaeur, of Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. Muir's grandfather, being the late Dr. Cairns, added a link to that church. Mr. Abraham interpreted the service to a large number of deaf friends present.

John Muir, we shall always miss you. Our hearts are full of gratitude for what you have done for us, and we thank you. Like Mr. Matt. Miller, your good deeds will live for ever.

Mr. Muir leaves a widow, who is much loved for her gentle manner, charitable work, and above all, for her outstanding and lasting work among our deaf women and girls. To her we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We know how great our loss is, but compared to hers it is nothing for John Muir belonged to her.

MR. W. J. McCASKILL,

Superintendent, Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

Mr. W. J. McCaskill, the recently appointed Secretary and Superintendent of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, in succession to the late Mr. John Adcock, was for twenty-three years in the employ of Messrs. Michaelis, Hallenstein & Co. Pty. Ltd., starting as a boy and working his way up to assistant manager, the position held by him when he resigned to take over the care of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. He left his old position with the good wishes of all, and has already made a most favorable impression in his new sphere of work.



Mr. McCaskill has always been very fond of sport, having taken part in football, cricket and amateur athletics, and later golf; giving up the latter last year to devote his spare time to the Boy Scout movement, of which he is a Commissioner for the Hawthorn District.

His thorough business training, combined with varied practical knowledge and backed up by his keen organising ability and understanding of human nature, together with his love for children, give promise of a very successful future to his new undertaking.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Deaf visitors to Melbourne during the festive season were Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. F. Holmes, Miss S. Garry, Messrs. Varley and Todd from New South Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Keith and Miss Jessie Best from Tasmania. Mrs. J. E. Muir and Mr. G. Dammam of Warburton.

Messrs. J. Kenworthy and A. Collins of Gippsland, Mr. W. Hately of Camperdown, Mr. C. Johns of Horsham, Miss M. Schreenan of Ballarat, and Miss F. Owens of Wangaratta.

Three of our members—M. Marks of Ballarat, F. Kendall and W. Ashby—spent their Xmas holidays camping at Lorne, and had a great time. Details of the trip will be found elsewhere.

Norman Hughes, we are sorry to say, is in the Williamstown Hospital. An operation for appendicitis is the reason. Latest report says he is progressing very favorably. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Miss Salvado, a teacher at the School for the Deaf, Tasmania, spent her Christmas vacation with friends in Gippsland, Victoria. We were pleased to see her at our Centre on two or three occasions.

Gerald McCaffrey and Ethel Dow spent a happy holiday in Ballarat.

Mrs. M. Cross was in hospital for some time. It is good to see her among us again.

Fred Lynas has returned to his farm at Wooronooke, via Charlton. We will miss him for, during the past two years, he has been frequently seen at our Centre.

Alf. Tyzzer and C. Bragg have been given work on the roads by the Government Labor Bureau. The former is eight miles out of Alexandra and quite enjoys his work. He says the scenery there is beautiful. The latter is doing quarry work at Traralgon. Both expect to be away about siv weeks.

Our deaf little Dorothy Johnston met with a nasty accident lately. In jumping off a picket fence, her arm caught on a spike and was badly torn below the elbow. She was hurried to hospital and ten stitches inserted. We are very pleased to say the wound is healing quickly.

Miss A. Graham, the "fairy godmother" of so many good gifts here, is enjoying herself in Tasmania. She expects to be away about two months. All here will be pleased to see her back.

A. Hately, of Camperdown, was with us during January. His brother Willie joined in our Christmas festivities and told of the good times here.

Willies Grant, of Myrtleford, is always a welcome visitor at our Centre. During his fortnight's holiday he spent a few days at Warburton. He says hop-picking work in his district will soon commence.

Mr. W. Crush is somewhere in our little Island State. We have not heard whether he intends making a long stay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rees, of Wonthaggi, were at our Centre recently. Both looked well, and their baby is bonnie. Unfortunately, Mr. Rees is on the unemployed list.

Mrs. H. Allinson, also of Wonthaggi, called one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby have been at Warburton since the beginning of January. They must be enjoying themselves. Several other deaf friends have reported good times at Warburton this season.

Mrs. P. Swain has gone farther afield. She is expected home from Adelaide this month. Mrs. M. Thomson is minding Mrs. Swain's house.

Mrs. L. Nicholson, better known as Thelma Stephens, spent a month with her mother at Xmas. She likes Sydney, but was delighted to renew her acquaintance with her old school chums.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

Tuesday, 10th February.—Eileen O'Gorman entertained the members of the Women's Guild by giving an instructive address, "People of the World." The bright way in which it was given added much to the success of the address. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, brought forth a host of riddles and small competitions, which were willingly responded to. Altogether the meeting was a huge success.

10th March is the date arranged for the next meeting, when Mrs. Peters will give a paper entitled "A Speck of Dust." Be sure to attend, and do your best to bring a friend with you.

HOCKEY CLUB.

At the beginning of the 1930 winter season, the younger set of our girls, led by Elsie Stephens, formed a Hockey Club. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and naturally they soon excelled in the game, and are now looking forward to keen contests with association teams this season.

The annual meeting of the club will be held on Saturday, 28th February, at 3 p.m., in our hall, when the election of office-bearers will take place. All girls interested are invited to attend.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild reopened after its vacation on 13th January, when holiday reminiscences were given by members.

On 26th January the Guild held its annual picnic at Hampton. A full account will be found elsewhere.

The 10th February was Nomination Night. There was a good muster, and all offices are to be contested for. At the conclusion of business the trophies of the Hampton Picnic races were distributed to the winners.

The annual meeting of the Guild will be held on Tuesday, 24th February, and it is hoped to have a bumper house, so roll up, gentlemen.

MEN'S GUILD ANNUAL PICNIC.

A happy picnic was held at Hampton, where close upon forty members and friends turned up. The weather in the morning was wet, but it cleared by 11.30 a.m. The following were the events:—75 yds. Race, Fred Kendall, a vase. Ditto for ladies, Burnie Higgie, cake dish. Ladies' Siamese, Mrs. and Miss O'Gorman, cake dish and butter dish respectively. Wrestling Race, Eddie Raines and Eddie Roxburgh, a vase each. Cockfighting, Warrie Ashby, a vase. Wheelbarrow Race, Warrie Ashby and Eileen O'Gorman, a bowl and a vase respectively. Hobble Race, Burnie Higgie, jam dish. Swimming Race, Warrie Ashby, fruit dish. Hop, Step and Jump Race, Fred Kendall, flower bowl.

THE BALL SAID TO THE BAT.

An effort is being made to arrange for a City v. Country match between deaf cricket teams in Melbourne at Easter.

Country deaf players wishing to participate in the match are requested to forward their names immediately to Warrie Ashby, 54 Barkly Street, East Brunswick, N.10, who has the arrangements in hand.

The Committee of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club have chosen Messrs. Tom Collins, Cliff Robertson, Jim O'Gorman, Will Anderson and Warrie Ashby to form the Committee of Selectors to pick the Victorian team to play in the great interstate Deaf Cricket Carnival in Melbourne next Christmas. Should the contemplated Easter match take place, it will give the selectors an excellent opportunity to study the form of our players.

There is to be a novelty social at our club house on the 3rd March, in aid of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club. Admission, 1/6. Attractive games, prizes and light supper. The funds of the club being low, a bumper house is needed to replenish them. We are, therefore, looking to all our young people to do their bit with enthusiasm so to bring about an outstandingly successful function.

Cricket Results.

29th November and 6th December.—Adult Deaf, 4 for 22 (C. Lyfield 10) draw with Albert Park, 219 (W. Ashby 5 for 92, Beattie 2 for 31).

13th and 20th December.—Adult Deaf, 70 (Lygon 18, D. Ashby 12, W. Ashby 10) and 84 (C. Lyfield 24, W. Ashby 16, Lygon 10) lost to Royal Imperials, 92 and 3 for 85 (Anderson 6 for 46, W. Ashby 3 for 39.

31st December and 24th January.—North Port, 3 for 197 (Anderson 2 for 25), defeated Adult Deaf, 72 (Lyfield 34, Lygon 13 not out) and 62 (W. Ashby 19, C. Lyfield 12).

W. Ashby.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Harry Puddy is to be congratulated upon the results of his first effort at organising. Enthusiasm and hard work gave him the success he deserved, and the First Championship Tennis Tournament of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Tennis Club will bring pleasant recollections to many. There were over thirty entries, and each event was fought with sustained interest to the finish. Owing to the widespread unemployment only two States competed, but there was a good sprinkling of country deaf players, and the latter made the city players "sit up" when they played their first match. There was a noticeable improvement in the play, although the weather was none too friendly at the beginning, but later, when the finals were played, she became more affable. It took four days to complete the competitions. The noticeable feature of the tournament was the remarkable success of Harry Puddy, who carried off all his events—Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In the ladies' events, Mrs. J. Johnston led, but every player put up a good game.

Owing to lack of space we regret inability to put in the full result of all the matches played. The final results were:—

Men's Singles Championship: H. Puddy defeated G. Damman, 6-1, 6-4. Ladies' Singles Championship: Mrs. J. M. Johnston defeated B. Higgie, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3. Men's Doubles Championship: H. Puddy

and K. Best (Tas.) defeated J. Dickenson and J. O'Gorman, 7-5, 6-2. Ladies' Doubles Championship: Mrs. J. M. Johnston and M. Dow defeated Elsie Stephens and B. Higgie, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Mixed Doubles Championship: H. Puddy and Miss J. Best defeated Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, 7-5, 6-4.

The social side of the tournament was a very enjoyable one, and included a welcome social at the Adult Deaf Club House on the 26th December, followed by an exhibition of the Adult Deaf Society's film depicting the activities of the society's work on the 29th. On New Year's Eve we were the guests of the Principal at a social held in the Hall of the Club House. There was a largely attended picnic to Mordialloc on New Year's Day, and we were again the guests of the Principal at a Garden Party at Lake Park on the afternoon of the 2nd January. On the same evening a farewell social was held at the Adult Deaf Society's Hall, when the trophies won were presented to the winners by Mr. Abraham on behalf of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Tennis Club.

SOUTH AFRICA.

There is a little paper for the deaf published at Worchester, South Africa, called "Sunbeams." We have taken the liberty of copying the following from its pages and, substituting for "Sunbeams" the words "Victorian Deaf," advise our readers to go and do likewise.

1. "Sunbeams" requires advertising. When a goose lays an egg she waddles off as if she were ashamed of it; just because she IS a goose. But when a hen lays an egg—ah! she calls heaven and earth to witness it. The hen is a natural-born advertiser, and does good business—considering the number of hen's eggs consumed. We don't want to be called "a goose," so please help us to bring "Sunbeams" to the notice of as many friends as you can.

2. We cannot afford to spend money on advertising, so why not order two copies and do some friend a good turn by sending him or her one?

3. Again, send us the names and addresses of persons likely to be interested. We shall be pleased to send along a specimen copy.

NEW ZEALAND.

There are many unemployed deaf in New Zealand. One deaf young man has written to the "Christchurch Press" drawing attention to the fact. He thinks the Government should help them to get work.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The new Chapel for the Deaf, which was opened by Lady Street in October last, is on the third floor of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Institute, and has been named the Helen Keller Chapel, after the famous American blind-deaf authoress and lecturer.

Amongst other institutions benefiting by the will of the late Mr. Edwin Grainger, of Sydney, is the N.S.W. Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, Darlinghurst, the bequest being £1,000.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Adult Deaf Society of W.A. held their annual picnic at Point Walter on Monday, 26th January. There was an attendance of more than forty deaf and hearing friends. Most of the adults are at present unemployed, but the fine programme of sports enabled them to forget the depression for the day.

THE CATHOLIC DEAF.

Rev. Bro. Allen, Superior of St. Gabriel's School for Catholic Deaf Boys, Castle Hill, N.S.W., recently paid his annual visit to Victoria, and was heartily welcomed by the Catholic community. He returned to New South Wales with a number of deaf pupils on the 30th January.

THE CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The Christmas Rally, held last December, easily stands out as the most successful from all points of view, bar one. The hall was beautifully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston (who designed it), Mr. V. Tyzzer and some of our girls and boys. Everyone was loud in admiration of the scheme carried out. We all were the guests of the General Board, and showed our appreciation by rolling up in dozens. Yes, we enjoyed ourselves immensely, and were very happy to see so many of our hosts present.

The President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) and the Chairman (Mr. N. A. Armstrong) welcomed us in very pleasing speeches. Our Principal interpreted, and Mr. Atherton, Mr. Hoath and later, our Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Cleveland) joined the throng. It was Mr. Cleveland's first appearance at a Xmas Rally, and right glad we were to see him. We hope to see Mrs. Cleveland with him next time. Mr. McCaskill, the new Superintendent of our old school (the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution) was also present and received a hearty welcome. He told us he was pleased to be with us, and hoped it was the forerunner of many happy times to come. Messrs. F. E. Frewin and W. A. Paterson thanked the General Board for all the nice things said. Mrs. Armstrong (wife of the Chairman) and children, Mrs. Hoath and her little girl, and the son and daughter of Mr. Atherton, were with us.

Upstairs a Christmas Tree, laden with gifts, was a source of much happiness to the wee ones, but here comes the "bar one." Our hall downstairs proved so inadequate to hold the large number of guests that games had to be cancelled, and only under difficulty could conversation be carried on. Truly it was a well packed hall, but everyone was in the best of spirits and laughingly referred to the urgent need of larger recreation accommodation. Being a warm night, our spacious verandahs were in full use, and ice cream, etc., helped a lot. Supper, arranged by Miss Empson, and dispensed under the supervision of the Workers' Club, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

OUR OBJECTIVE.

Our objective is to become a welcome visitor to the homes of all the deaf of Victoria. We want you to get the habit of looking forward to our bi-monthly visit. We believe there is but one way to accomplish this, and that is to deserve it, to make our visit a welcome one. We are making no promises of what we are going to do further than to say that we shall endeavor to provide you with a palatable menu of good mental foods, wholesome and invigorating, not forgetting enjoyable tit-bits of news of the deaf, accompanied by refreshing draughts of constructive suggestions and progressive ideas for the betterment of the condition and social status of the deaf generally. And this is menu No. 1. If the food laid before you in this number is to your taste, recommend it to all your deaf friends.

"The Victorian Deaf" was launched with great promise last year, but the request to renew subscriptions has been very disappointing. Nevertheless we are aiming at a circulation of 500 at least, and although the start off looks anything but encouraging, we have every confidence that we shall reach the winning post.

You can easily help us to make a satisfactory progress report in our next number by sending your subscription at once. Stamps will do. If not convenient any other way, send your 2/- in penny stamps to Harry Puddy, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2.

COMING EVENTS.

February 14—Women's Guild Picnic.

February 24—Annual Meeting of the Men's Guild.

March 3—Cricket Club Novelty Social.

March 8—Harvest Thanksgiving.

March 23—Worker's Club Picnic.

March 31—Easter Rally.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

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MISS ALICE GRAHAM
"Our Fairy Godmother"

MISS ALICE GRAHAM.

It is with pleasure we present our readers with a portrait of our fairy godmother, Miss Alice Graham, who has again waved her magic wand to help those of her fellow Deaf who are finding the present unemployment condition a little too much for them to battle against.

For years past Miss Graham has in a quiet way assisted many and helped the various activities of our society very generously, but now her munificence has assumed such large dimensions that her benevolence can no longer be hid.

One of Miss Graham's greatly appreciated gifts is the beautiful furnishings of the Sanctuary of our new church and the cost of the upkeep of the church lawn and garden. Another very useful gift is a motor waggon, used by the unemployed in an effort to make a living by the sale of goods during the depression. It has also been of service to our society in other useful ways, and now Miss Graham is giving for a period the sum of £25 monthly for distribution by our Principal to deserving cases in relief and relief-employment to the Deaf of both sexes.

We cannot express in words the gratitude we feel toward Miss Graham, nor do we know just how to thank her. Already her thoughtful kindness and timely generosity has brought comfort and consolation to many participants, who will doubtless in their own way let Miss Graham know how much they appreciate her interest in them.

A PARTY OF THREE.

There were three of us, Fred Kendall, Maurice Marks and yours truly, set out to spend our Christmas holidays camping. Our destination was Lorne, and we travelled via Geelong and Anglesea along the Great Ocean Road by motor car, and enjoyed the scenic, rugged hilly country. The Great Ocean Road, which has just been completed, in these parts is one of the most popular roads in Victoria, for it runs along the coast line from Anglesea to Apollo Bay and probably further.

We arrived at Lorne after a four hours' good trip from Melbourne, and set out immediately to search for a good spot for camping and settled on one near the Erskine River. We pitched our tent without difficulty, and soon had everything in place. We made a very comfortable bed of ferns and stuffed ferns into knapsacks for pillows. The camping area was crowded. There must have been some sixty parties. We spent the first few days exploring the township and the beach with a good part of the time in the water. The beach is a long, delightful one, an ideal landing and hopping off place for aeroplanes. There was an aeroplane at our camping place and many people had flights, the fare being 5/- and 10/-.

We had several long walks, visiting many beautiful places, including the Erskine Falls, Splitter's Falls, St. George and Cumberland Rivers. We also walked to the Teddy Lookout, where we obtained a magnificent view of Lorne and its surroundings. We admired the scenery around Lorne so much that we hope to pay another visit to the district. Camping keeps one pretty busy. What with the making of fires, cooking the meals and doing the washing. In the latter ordeal we made a great discovery: we found it a terrific task trying to wash our shirts as white as our mothers always do.

Our neighbors were very friendly. When we camped at Geelong they took us in their cars through the city and suburbs, and we were much impressed by the buildings of the city and industrial works, such as Ford's Motor Works and the Woollen Mills. We visited some of the Geelong deaf, including the Henessey brothers and Len Ashley: they looked the picture of health. We reached home on the 9th January, very contented with our camping experiences.

After two days in Melbourne I spent a most enjoyable week with my parents at Warburton, when deaf friends there kindly took me to see some of Warburton's beauty spots.

Warrie Ashby.

MARRIAGES OF THE DEAF.

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby recently officiated at a wedding of a deaf and dumb couple, and immediately after the event received an anonymous postcard with these words on it in feminine writing:— "It was a very wrong and wicket thing to have married the couple at Trinity Church; afflicted people like that should not marry." In reply to this Mr. Gilby wrote as follows to the "Bath Chronicle" (England):—

"How quick to condemn are those who know nothing whatever of circumstances and who are simply stuffed with prejudices! To begin with, the ages of these deaf persons were 72 and 54. They are both fairly well-off and are exceedingly happy, whereas they were lonely in isolation. My own parents were deaf and dumb, and I am not. My experience of these matters is pretty extensive. I have assisted Professor Karl Pearson and Edgar Schuster, very noted eugenists. I am well acquainted with Dr. Kerr Love, Mr. MacLeod Yearsley, Dr. Haslam, Charles Heath and other aurists of note. I know their opinion re the marriage of afflicted persons. I know the Mendelian theory, and am pretty well able to advise as to the suitability of certain people uniting in marriage when I know the family history.

"The terrible state of things when there used to be no missions to the deaf, and the prevalence of illegitimacy in those days and of contaminated offspring, is known to those who really study these things. Our prejudiced critics should have been willing to learn from those who know by experience that we often have to choose the lesser of two evils. But in the majority of these cases great happiness follows in the mutual society, help and comfort that the one derives from the other."

HELEN KELLER, ONE OF AMERICA'S FOREMOST WOMEN.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, distinguished authoress, recently prepared for the Northern Newspaper Alliance a list of the fifty living women who, in her opinion, have been the most outstanding in promoting the welfare of America. Among her selection is the name of Helen Keller, of whom she says:—

"The master of her fate. Deaf and blind from nineteen months, she so co-operated with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, that she developed means of communication which opened world's treasures to her. A graduate of Radcliffe College, writer, lecturer: has appeared in the movies and in vaudeville. Active in all undertakings for the blind. An inspiring life."

NUMBER OF DEAF IN VICTORIA.

In European countries and the United States of America, it is usually considered that there is one deaf and dumb person to every 2,000 of the population. The latest figures, according to the figures of the State Statistical Department, the population of Victoria on 30th September, 1930, was 1,786,944. This would mean that there are 893 deaf and dumb in this State. These figures do not include the "deaf," or hard of hearing, of whom there are many thousands. In 1901 there were 67 children in the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. According to the latest report of the school there are now 142.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Deaf Women's Guild held its annual picnic on Saturday, 14th February, at West St. Kilda, when there was a fair attendance of members, together with a sprinkling of male friends. The chief attraction was the open sea mixed bathing. After the al-fresco tea on the garden lawn, the party broke up for ramble amongst the local amusement shows, then home.

Honolulu.

The new administration building of the School for the Deaf and Blind at Honolulu has been completed at a cost of £3,000. Mrs. Mabel V. Lacy is the Principal of the school, and there are about eighty deaf and blind pupils.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

Our new year of activities opened with an encouraging attendance. The year just closed was a good one, both in attendance and lectures. The lectures were of much interest and instructive, and the members were very pleased with the whole syllabus. This year still better lectures of all kinds are in view. The members are making a habit now of attending the Guild meetings and the Committee insists.

The newly-elected President, Mr. F. E. Frewin, began this year with a paper on "Old Times" on 10th March. He was alternately serious and amusing. After his address Mrs. Frewin and some other deaf ladies appeared from the kitchen with supper, and we

did justice to his hospitality. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening.

Yet another successful lecture was given on 24th March by Mr. H. Puddy, on "Furniture Periods." He said there were ancient kings who sat on stone stools, and before that, kings sat on the ground.

On 18th March the Shell Company lent us a film depicting scenes in Central Australia and other subjects. On this occasion the Men's Guild invited the ladies and non-members.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, who operates the film projector, has become quite an expert. The Secretary, Mr. W. Wood, is to be acclaimed for his energetic determination to further the Guild's good work.

The officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Mr. F. E. Frewin; Vice-President, W. Ashby; Hon. Treasurer, J. Phillips; Hon. Secretary, W. Wood; Committee, Messrs. J. M. Johnston, H. Puddy, R. H. Lambert and M. G. B. Mortimer.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The lacrosse season is almost with us once more, and the Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club has applied for entry into the same Section "B" as last year in the Victorian Lacrosse Association Competitions.

The season begins on 18th April, and already the intending players are showing keen interest, and have started training and practising.

Mr. Vosper Wilson is at present a very busy man, supervising the season's arrangements. He occupies the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Captain of the team, and he is already making himself popular amongst the players. He will be assisted by Mr. Don Johnson in his secretarial duties.

The annual meeting of the club was held on the 27th February, when the usual business was gone through. The office-bearers for this season are:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. J. Wilson, J. Retallick and G. B. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Vosper Wilson; Committee, Messrs. Don Johnson, W. Ashby, Herb. Wilson and G. Turnley; Captain, Mr. Vosper Wilson; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. Turnley.

EASTER RALLY.

Beautiful weather welcomed our contesting teams at Lake Park, Blackburn, on Easter Saturday. Warrie Ashby had led off and carried the main end of the job in the arrangements of a cricket match between Melbourne and Country Deaf teams. The game was watched with interest by city and country Deaf alike, with a fair sprinkling of hearing friends. The teams were:—

Country: Cliff Robertson (Capt.), Tom Collins (Vice-Capt.), Alex Collins, Maurice Mark, Jack Stewart, Willie Hately, Arthur Hately, Ambrose Maloney, Leslie Sutton, Joseph Retallick, Ivan Guthrie, Edwards Raines, Robert Storey.

City: David Ashby (Capt.), Robert Beattie (Vice-Capt.), Warrie Ashby, Rupert Lygon, Walter Webb, James O'Gorman, Willie

Anderson, Willie McMillen, Jack McLean, Joseph Phillips, Gerald Turnley, Edward Roxburgh, Harold Lambert.

City made 84 runs in the first innings and five wickets for 165 runs in the second innings, declared. Country made 61 and 69 runs respectively. The City Deaf won outright by 119 runs.

The teams were entertained at lunch by the Chairman (Mr. N. Armstrong) and Committee of our Home for the Deaf at Blackburn, and the Matron added her share to the success of this part of the day's good things.

Both teams attended the Easter Rally at our Club House, Jolimont Square, and most vigorously participated in most of the games. Every fresh function at our centre demonstrates the need of a large assembly hall as a chief feature to our headquarters. This fact was again emphasised by the overcrowded state of the whole building on the occasion of the Easter Rally. It was a very happy crowd that took part in the laughter-provoking games provided for us by our active and enthusiastic M.C., Mr. George Newnham, who was ably assisted by Mr. J. M. Johnston. Our Chairman (the Principal) remained on the platform just long enough to tell us to "On with the games," and our President (Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P.), who was also present and distributed the prizes, showed by his ever-smiling face that he was enjoying the fun with the rest of us. The Workers' Club did their share toward the success of the evening by preparing and serving the supper.

GEELONG BRANCH.

Geelong's first social evening was held on Tuesday, 3rd March, in the Rotary Club Hall, and was most successful. After a few short speeches acknowledging the thoughtfulness of the General Board and the Principal, Mrs. J. M. Johnston took charge of the entertainment.

Despite the wet and boisterous weather, seven ladies and five deaf gentlemen left Jolimont Square in the Society's motor van, driven by Mr. McCaffrey, to join the social. Their presence added greatly to the pleasure of the Geelong members. Fancy our Principal sweeping the floor, dusting tables and chairs and laying down the eatables on the tables! But that is what he did at Geelong.

The Jolimont members returned home in bright moonlight, and arrived in Melbourne just in time to catch their trains home. (Geelong is forty-five miles from Melbourne.)

It will never rain roses. If we want more roses we must plant more trees.

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There is no insuperable obstacle in the way of anything worth possessing.

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What is religion? The setting out to find one's self and one's relationship to God. It can only be found by investigating within and service without.

THE LATE MR. SOLOMON MOSS.

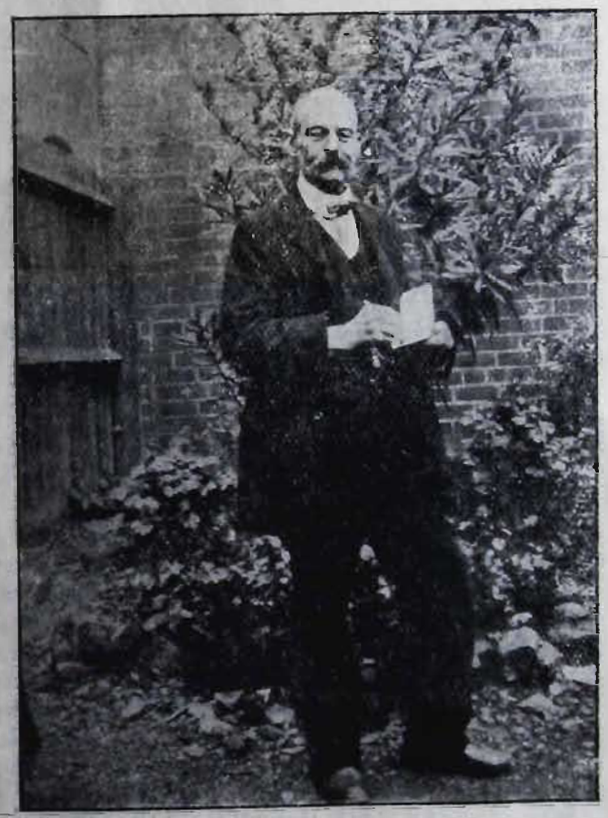
With the passing of Mr. Solomon Moss on the 5th of March another link in the chain of early pioneers of the Deaf and Dumb Society has been severed, for Mr. Moss had been a member almost since its inception.

To many of his friends he was affectionately known as "Mossie," but he had a large circle in the city, where his smiling face was generally welcome, even though his presence signified a subscription due, for he was the city collector for our society for nearly thirty years, and much valued and esteemed by the General Board.

Although he retired from that position some two years ago, two or three of his subscribers insisted upon him calling on them, and till quite recently kindly enquiries for him were made.

His wife, Mrs. Lucy Moss, pre-deceased him by three months. They had had a long life together, for both were just on eighty years of age.

Few knew of the many kindly deeds so quickly and willingly done by Mr. Moss, and great was the surprise when his benefactions were made known after his death.



Mr. S. Moss

Many of his fellow Deaf have been remembered in a monetary way, and a large amount has been left to this society, which, apart from Mr. Moss's long association and life among us, cannot but help to keep his memory evergreen.

WORKERS' CLUB.

The annual picnic was held on Eight Hours' Day, when a fair company of members and friends of the Workers' Club set off for Reckitt's Point, Beaumaris. Favored with ideal weather, most of our day was spent in diverse pursuits. Cameras were in much evidence. We were glad to see Mrs. Cove, a very old lady, and Miss Mortimer, a Gippsland visitor, with us on this day, and both enjoyed themselves very much. After the bountiful repast, a jolly time in strolling by the shore followed, and later the homeward journey was begun. Thanks are due to the Committee of the Workers' Club for arranging this successful outing.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. Allsop, of Echuca, who is an ex-pupil of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, has been an inmate of the Eye and Ear Hospital for some weeks because of ear trouble. He gained much benefit from the treatment.

In February, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland spent a quiet, pleasant week at Queenscliff.

On receiving news of the death of her brother, Mr. James Gibson, Mrs. Lawson, of Adelaide, who was visiting Mrs. Muir at Warburton, had to return home immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby returned home after a long sojourn at Warburton, where they enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. G. Damman, whose ability in driving her motor car made possible many enjoyable trips. They had a wonderful time.

Mr. A. Maloney, of Culgoa, is at present with us for a while. He reports a fair harvest, but complains of the low price offered for wheat.

Miss E. Rose, meeting one of our Deaf in town, sent her kind remembrances to all Deaf friends.

During her visit to Melbourne, Miss G. Mortimer was seen at the Club House many times. She also attended the Workers' Club Picnic at Rickett's Point.

Mr. C. Hunt, of Ouyen, stated in a letter received the other day that 3,000 bags of wheat had been harvested on his father's farm, but like Mr. Maloney, he complained of the low price offered for wheat.

Mr. J. Moran, of Cairns, North Queensland, who is an old Victorian, asked for news of our doings, as he has not heard from us for some time. Mr. Puddy, therefore, lost no time in sending him copies of "The Victorian Deaf." He is quite hale and hearty.

Messrs. R. White and E. Raines, whilst returning home from Seymour on a motor cycle, met with an accident when turning a bend near Wallan Wallan. The cycle skidded, throwing them on the

roadway. Mr. Raines, who was riding pillion, received a fractured collar-bone and Mr. White abrasions on face and legs. They managed to reach the Wallan Wallan police, who brought them to the Melbourne Hospital. They were treated and allowed to go home.

Mr. W. H. Crush has met many of the Deaf of Tasmania, visited the Deaf School and Workshops, and witnessed Deaf cricket matches against T.O.O.E. teams. The Tasamnian Deaf team, who won the premiership of their section this season, have an excellent chance of winning the "Abraham Shield" next interstate carnival.

Mr. Crush made a flight in the air-liner, "Southern Sky," with Mr. Thomas and friends, near Launceston, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. One Sunday, when returning from a visit to Mr. O'Toole, of Beaconsfield, Tasmania, Mr. Crush and Mr. K. Best were thrown off the latter's motor cycle when the machine skidded. Mr. Best escaped with light injuries, but Mr. Crush, who was riding pillion, was more seriously hurt.

The Tasmanian Deaf send greetings to the Victorian Deaf. They are eagerly anticipating their trip to Melbourne for the Cricket Carnival next Christmas, when they hope to win cricket honors.

Mr. A. Aird was presented with a special gold medal for his forty-five years' service with the Merri Merri Branch of the Manchester United Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. V. Wilson, of West Melbourne, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss D. Fairman, a hearing lady of Albert Park.

Mr. H. S. Nathan, of Sydney, was in Melbourne for a month seeking employment, but returned home disappointed.

A SAD FATALITY.

Whilst bathing in a dam in Ranter's Gully, Campbell's Creek, near Castlemaine, on Wednesday evening, 4th February, Mr. Alfred Halliday was drowned. Mr. Halliday, who has been running a small dairy farm about half a mile from the dam, having finished his day's work, suggested a swim before tea time. His wife, nee Ivy Cole, accompanied him, and whilst sitting on the bank she noticed him in difficulties, and seeing him disappear, ran for assistance. It was over an hour before his body was recovered from ten feet of water. He was buried at Spring Vale Cemetery, our Principal officiating at the graveside. Mrs. Halliday has our deepest sympathy.

England.

Mr. James F. Schofield, who was appointed to the Gloucester Adult Deaf Society in 1924, has been appointed Superintendent of the Oldham Society, Mrs. W. J. McCormick retiring after thirty years of service. Mr. Schofield is a brother of Mr. S. A. Schofield, Superintendent of the Manchester Society.

America.

The new preparatory class entering Gallandet College for the Deaf, Washington, D.C., consists of thirty-three students from fifteen States.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF FURNISHING FUND.

A very generous response was made to the appeal of our Principal and Mr. F. E. Frewin, on behalf of the Church Furnishing Fund, yet not quite sufficient to cover the total cost, but because of the widespread unemployment amongst the Deaf, it was decided to postpone any further appeal for the present. Nevertheless, if any of our Deaf or hearing friends are in a position to subscribe, we shall be glad of their help. Perhaps there is a friend amongst our readers who would be willing to donate the vestry furnishings—it is without furniture at present—and another friend for floor coverings for the aisles of the church. These would be very welcome gifts and greatly appreciated. We acknowledge with grateful thanks:—

Miss Alice Graham (Sanctuary Furnishings) £100 0 0

Pews.

Miss B. Graham	£10	0	0
Mrs. E. Hope Campbell	5	0	0
Mrs. J. Lindsay	5	14	0
Miss A. Graham	1	5	0
Miss E. Empson	1	5	0
Mr. E. J. D. Abraham	1	5	0
Mr. T. A. Nelson	1	5	0
Mr. G. B. Mortimer	1	5	0
Miss E. Leber	1	10	0
Miss D. Reynolds	2	0	0
Miss T. Darragh	1	5	0
Miss D. Hickey	1	5	0
Mr. J. Marks	0	10	6
Mr. R. Kemble	1	16	0
Mr. S. Mitchell	2	15	0
Miss L. Sanders	1	6	0
Mr. N. Webb	1	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks	1	5	0
"O.O.O."	2	15	6
Messrs. R. & T. L. Ching	1	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Hiscock	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson	2	10	0
Mr. G. Newnham	1	5	0
Miss E. Smith	1	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby	2	10	0
Mr. A. Aird	1	11	6
Mr. F. Lynas	1	5	0
Mr. A. McLellan	1	5	0
Mr. J. Retallick	2	0	0
Miss M. Gibson	1	5	0
Mr. W. P. Monahan	1	5	0
Mr. A. Hart	1	5	0
Mr. G. Henry	1	0	0
Mr. H. Wilson	0	11	0
Mr. N. Park	1	5	0
Miss M. Aram	2	0	0
Mr. J. Cariss	1	1	0
Mr. W. O'Keeffe	9	6	0
Mr. W. H. Crush	1	5	0
Miss R. Cram	1	5	0
Mrs. G. Fawcett	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Muir	3	14	0
Mr. D. Johnston	0	16	0
Mr. J. Walters	1	9	6
Mr. W. Wood	1	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. Boortz	3	0	0
Miss E. O'Gorman	1	5	0
Mr. T. Tonkin	1	6	0
Mr. J. Dickenson	1	5	0
Mrs. M.	1	10	0
Mr. N. Logan	2	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Muir	2	10	0
Miss Damman	0	10	0
Mr. C. Hunt	1	6	6
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston	2	10	0
Misses J. & B. McCallough	1	1	6
Miss G. Hawkins	6	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. S. Ferguson	2	10	0
Mrs. F. Johnson	1	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. A. Stokes	1	13	6
Mr. & Mrs. T. Ashby	4	0	0
Miss G. Salmon	1	1	0
Miss M. Reilffel	1	5	0
Miss F. Owens	2	0	0
Miss G. Dobson	0	6	0
Miss M. Box	0	10	0
Miss M. Schreenan	0	5	0
Miss A. Foster	4	1	0
Miss M. Cole	0	10	0
Mrs. J. Caughey	1	5	0
Mr. C. A. Johns	3	0	0
Mr. O. Tyzzer	0	11	6
Mrs. A. Hartley	1	10	0
Miss B. Coltman	1	15	6
Mrs. Cross	0	5	6
Miss Rose Dow	1	5	0

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, 8th March, when the Church was tastefully decorated with fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, etc. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the service. Thanks are tendered to friends, both hearing and Deaf, for the many gifts that graced the rostrum. After the service the gifts were distributed to the unemployed and sick members of our society.

CRICKET NOTES.

February 7 and 14.—University High School Old Boys made 169 and five for 55 declared (R. Beattie, 8 for 43 and 4 for 20). Adult Deaf made 117 and three for 63 (W. Ashby, 24 and 20 not out; E. Raines, 23). Draw.

February 21 and 28.—South Park made 163 runs (W. Ashby, 5 for 37; R. Beattie, 4 for 58). Adult Deaf made 59 and 29 runs. Our side was three men short in both innings.

March 7 and 14.—Railway United made 229 runs (W. Ashby, 4 for 71; W. Anderson, 2 for 36). Adult Deaf made 208 runs (R. Lygon, 74; J. O'Gorman, 39 not out; W. Ashby, 21; J. Phillips, 19; C. Lyfield, 18).

The average results for the season are as follow:—

Batting.

Name	Inn.	Not out	Runs	H.S.	Av.
R. Lygon	16	3	215	74	15.78
W. Ashby	16	2	204	39 n.o.	14.57
J. O'Gorman	17	2	188	42	12.53
C. Lyfield	16	—	181	38	11.31

Bowling.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Av.
R. Beattie	85	11	396	34	11.64
W. Ashby	117	12	602	39	15.43
W. Anderson	55	7	202	12	16.83

A very happy social was held on the evening of 3rd March, the proceeds to augment its fund, when some good new amusing games were introduced under the direction of the Hon. Secretary, W. Ashby. The attendance was good considering a small party went to Geelong the same night. As usual, the happy evening terminated with a light supper.

Sweden.

Mr. Hjaalmar Gustafsson, headmaster of the Vanerstorg School for the Deaf, Sweden, was recently authorised by the Swedish Government to make a special tour of the schools for the deaf in the U.S. of America.

FORGETTING GOD'S DAY.

"There are too many people in Australia who are forgetting God's day, and too many who do not take much account of God. Perhaps that is partly why Australia is in the position she finds herself to-day. There is a tendency now to think only of our bodies; we do not realise that this world is the training ground for the life to come."—Archbishop Head.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the passing away of Mr. A. Halliday, of Castlemaine, 4th February; Mrs. Nolan, 17th February; Mr. S. Moss, 5th March; Mr. J. Lindsay, 13th March; Mr. J. Gibson, of Adelaide, 14th March.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We are more than pleased with the hearty reception given to the February issue of "The Victorian Deaf." Whilst buoyant with faith, knowing the unfavorable conditions of the times, we did not anticipate the immediate and substantial support we have met with. It is very encouraging. The articles on the late Mr. J. E. Muir and "Our First School" came in for much favorable comment, and the constructive and all-round newsy nature of the issue generally pleased our deaf and hearing friends of deaf alike.

"The Victorian Deaf" Committee: Mr. E. J. D. Abraham (Chairman), J. M. Johnston, Geo. Newnham, Jack McLean, E. Johnson (Editor) and Harry Puddy (Manager). News, etc., should be addressed to the Editor, subscriptions and orders to the Manager. "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

COMING EVENTS.

April 18.—Tennis Club Annual Meeting at 8 p.m.
April 23.—Hockey Club Social at 8 p.m.
April 30.—Congregation Annual Meeting at 8 p.m.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

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The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has been fortunate in having amongst its honorary officers so many splendid men and women who have worked for the cause of their fellow deaf. Recently many links have been broken in that good old chain, but the last was with the passing to a higher life of our self-sacrificing and much esteemed member, Mrs. Frank E. Frewin, on Sunday, May 17, last.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Frewin have been members since the inception of the Mission, now Society, and indefatigable and painstaking workers.

As Clara E. Briner (Mrs. Frewin's maiden name), she was one of the early pupils of the Deaf School, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, and a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Briner, of Bright.

She was married to Mr. Frank E. Frewin at St. Mary's Church, Kangaroo Flats, in 1884, by the late Rev. J. E. Frewin, father of the bridegroom, who, coming from England with his deaf son, had settled in Victoria two years previously.

The late Mrs. Frewin has held office almost continuously in women's work amongst the deaf for close on forty years, being Honorary Secretary of the original Deaf Women's Guild and the Deaf Workers' Club. "Service" might well have been her motto, for very thoroughly did she exercise it. For she was ever ready to help in any way possible. Read a paper, give an address, advice to women, organise a sale of work, supervise the catering for social functions of the Society, etc., etc.

It was through the kindly thought of Mrs. Frewin that the members of the Women's Guild contributed and sent two sums of money to the Deaf School in Cheefoo, China.

In recent years, as President of the Workers' Club, she arranged a Christmas dinner at the Centre for the Blackburn Home inmates and for a party of younger members in the evening to entertain them. Toys at Xmas time, for children of deaf parents, was another effort in which she interested herself and, at the time of her death, was collecting clothing for our unemployed deaf.

Mrs. Frewin will be kindly remembered for many a day, not only as a worker, but as one of our most courteous and refined deaf women.

At the memorial service, held on the evening of Sunday, May 24, in the Church for the Deaf at Jolimont, our Principal referred to the late Mrs. Frewin as "a woman full of good works and almsdeeds." She had left behind a great record, was ever active in the cause of the deaf, and a magnificent example for the younger generation to follow, whether in church and social service or as wife and mother. The thought of the hearing world lingered around the names of Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry and Nurse Cavell, for examples of devotion, humanitarian and Christ-like work; but our own little world had, in its restricted sphere, an equal to these great names in Mrs. Frewin, for no woman could have done more nor served her fellow deaf longer.

Mrs. Frewin leaves a deaf sister (Mrs. Williamson); her brother Mr. Briner (also deaf) pre-deceased her some little time ago. One of her sons is the Rev. Ernest Frewin of St. Mathias' Church of England, Richmond; the other, Mr. Theo, is a church organist. Her husband, Mr. Frank E. Frewin, is President of the Men's Guild, a member of the Deaf Committee and General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Our hearts are full of sympathy for Mr. Frewin and his sons in their irreparable loss of wife and mother.

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE DEAF.

Whenever I attend a service, be it Holy Communion, or Matins, or Evensong, I think of Peter's words at the Transfiguration:

"Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Perhaps you have heard of "Praying Hyde." He, too, was deaf and made the most of his services by praying for the preacher and those around him.

We, in England, do not appreciate our churches and missions enough. It would be nice to see more of the deaf at the services, not only on Sundays, but on Wednesdays and other evenings. On Wednesday evenings, to me, it seems like stepping down from Heaven to earth, when we go down to the club after the service.

A mid-week service is a great help, a "rest by the way" to "renew our minds," and gain strength to carry on to the end of the week.

In the country parts of Australia and our Colonies, where there are no churches, they have visiting clergy, once on three, six, or twelve months; and then he may be of another denomination. These men spend their lives travelling throughout the country (not in comfortable trains and houses like we have), holding services in huts or other temporary shelters. My brother, in Australia, has often made up the altar in a schoolhouse on a table, the altar-cloth being an afternoon tea cloth, and a dinner plate has often to be used for the collection.

There is no need to wait for the New Year to make new resolutions. Start to-day! Resolve to be more frequent and regular at your services. It would be great to make our deaf churches as strong in proportion as those in the hearing world; show them what the deaf can do, and that we too love our churches and missions.

By going to the services, we honour and glorify God; we testify to our membership, and we show appreciation of those who minister to us in His Name.

How would your parents like it if you greeted them once a week, and forgot them till the next week? It must be very disheartening to our Lord and His ministers to see so many vacant pews and seats.

Perhaps you know these words:

"Lord, I may be verye busie this daye and forget Thee, but do Thou not forget me."

We say our prayers in the morning, and often forget Him till the evening hour, but HE DOES NOT FORGET US.

(In "Ephphatha," the organ of the Royal Association in aid of the deaf and dumb, London, England.)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA ORDER OF THE WHITE LION.

Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., President of our Society, has had the Order of the White Lion conferred upon him by the President of the Republic of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Peacock is the Consul for Victoria.

The Order of the White Lion was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic when the independence of the republic was regained. It is the only order of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is being conferred exclusively by the President of the republic on distinguished citizens of foreign countries whom the President desires to honour personally.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

There was an exceptionally large attendance at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, held in the old council chamber of the Town Hall, Melbourne, on Monday, May 25. The Lord Mayor, Cr. Luxton, M.L.A., presided, and the speakers were Mr. Eugene Gorman, K.C., and Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P. The report fully outlined the objective of the Society, and gave, in some detail, the difficulties of the year just closed. Although expenses have been reduced, there is still an overdraft of £1,200 and £11,000 owing on the Jolimont property.

The office-bearer elected were: President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; Vice-President, Mr. E. Gorman, K.C.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, J.P., A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Hoath, E. Johnson, Cr. E. L. Morton, G. Newnham, E. H. Peacock and S. E. Watkin.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Deaf Committee.—The Board desires here to give recognition to the Deaf Committee for their valuable service during the past twelve months. Thir co-operation in matters pertaining to the deaf has been of great assistance. The whole of the services, gatherings, classes and club arrangements are under their supervision, and it is to their credit that this work has been most successfully and harmoniously carried out.

Life-Saving.—On December 3, Mr. R. Myers, of the Live-Saving Society, gave a demonstration of life-saving at the Blackburn Home, which was interpreted to the staff and the more intelligent deaf residents.

Unemployed.—In the city and suburbs alone we have about forty unemployed; some have had no work for twelve months. Many are married with children, who, prior to the depression, were in comfortable even happy circumstances, with homes partly paid for. Many of these doubly afflicted but proudly independent fellow citizens are now compelled to accept what help they can obtain.

Self-Help.—Notwithstanding the large number of unemployed, the deaf of Victoria have given the sum of £140 towards the church furnishings, £59 to the ordinary church offertory, £13 to the Hospital Sunday Fund, and various small sums to efforts undertaken by the different clubs.

OUR HOCKEY GIRLS.

If you know of a sweeter or better equipped team of hockey girls than our deaf girls, officially known as "The Limes," then tell us where to find them, for. until we see them, we will not believe they exist.

Scarcely a Saturday afternoon passes without some complimentary remark being made about the appearance of our team on the field. We are not going to say they play a wonderful game, for they still have a fair bit to learn, but each Saturday sees them improving, and they must succeed, for their energy and enthusiasm is unbounded.

Elsie Stephens, the Secretary of the Club, simply radiates happiness, while Mab. Dow, as Captain, is always trying to get the best out of the team.

To augment the funds of the Hockey Club a social is held at our Centre on the fourth Thursday of the month. We are not going to cry "depression" and "out of work"—we leave that for the other folk —but all the same, there are some who, just now, need a helping hand for fees, etc., and that is where the club steps in.

The last social, on May 28, more than held its own in popularity and financial success. The programme was arranged and carried out by Elsie Stephens and Mab. Dow, asssited by the rest of the team. The President of the cluh, Mrs. Peacock, came along and donated two prizes for the competition. The winners were Elsie Stephens and Joe Retallick. There was a large attendance and, in the enjoyment of the evening, time was forgotten, and all too soon a rush had to be made for trains and trams to get us home before the clock struck twelve.

ON A SKY TRIP TO TASMANIA.

By H. Puddy (Deaf).

Unperturbed by heavy rains and fear, caused by the missing air liner "Southern Cloud," with other passengers, at 7.30 a.m. I boarded the waiting 'bus at the General Post Office, which was to take us to the Essendon Aerodrome, where the "Southern Moon" was in preparation for a flight to Tasmania. After warming the engines to action, we entered the cosy cabin which accommodated eight passengers. Later the pilot, with a cheery smile, came and took control of the engines.

Whirr, whirr! The engine roared across the paddocks, and the liner turned round against the wind and raced along. We had a bumpy start off, but soon it began to soar above the ground and over the aerodrome, and I felt confident that I was to have an enjoyable ride to Tasmania, though it was my first experience in the air.

Soon Melbourne disappeared, and in a few minutes we came along the beach that led to Wilson's Promontory, and from there the "Southern Moon" flew across the sea. The panoramic view of the promontory and rock islands was a great sight. I could not help thinking the rocks would be terribly cruel if the "Southern Moon" fell on them, but whirr, whirr! the danger was over and we sped on

over the sea for one and a quarter hours. It was rather a monotonous ride; but at last the dark line in the distance grew bigger every moment, and very soon Tasmania appeared. The "Southern Moon" flew to a height of 5,500 feet to clear the mountain tops.

I admired the beautiful scenery at the head of the Tamar River and the sea along the beaches. Flying along above the Tamar River we sighted the "Nairana." The boat looked the size of a toy in a shop window.

We sped on over the city of Launceston, on to the Western Junction Aerodrome, eight miles away from Launceston. After circling the aerodrome we landed safely, and it did not take me long to hope out and into a waiting 'bus that took us to Launceston, where my friend was waiting for me.

I was enamoured by the rapidity of air travel, and decided it was well worth the cost of the fare. We had come from Melbourne to Tasmania in three hours. It was a great trip.

As far as we know Harry Puddy is the first deaf person to fly across the sea. If not, then the Editor would like to know who is; so just drop him a line telling him all about it.

We know Mr. Thomas, of Tasmania, and Mr. Crush recently enjoyed flight in the "Southern Sky" in Tasmania, that the latter has also flown in Melbourne, and Mr. Driscoll and Mr. W. H. Crush in Sydney.

MEN'S GUILD.

On April 14, Mr. R. H. Lambert entertained the members with a paper on "Greek Mythology," which was very interesting.

On April 28, Mr. Bennell, owner of the "Oimara," told us some very thrilling yachting experiences. His lecture was so realistic that we imagined we were with him racing in Bass Strait and the Tasman Sea. It was a great night and hearty thanks were given to Mr. Bennell.

Another evening Mr. Cameron, President of the Trades Hall Council, gave a very interesting talk on the fiduciary issue. He explained it from all sides, and was kept busy answering eager questions long after his address had finished. We much appreciated the opportunity to hear firsthand the much-discussed topic of conversation.

On May 26, Dr. Edith Barrett sent along a film, "The Gift of Life," and attended in person to explain the questions that naturally arose after viewing the film. It was quite out of the ordinary, and most wonderful. All present were given much to think about and marvel over.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On March 10, at the monthly meeting of the above Guild, the President, Mrs. T. Peters, read an interesting papare on "A Speck of Dust."

On April 14, Doris Hickey told some interesting and very amusing stories about "Quick Re-marriages." There was a large attendance and a jolly evening was spent.

May 12 brought the Annual Meeting of the Guild. After the report and balance-sheet, showing good progress for the year, had been read and adopted, the President gave a short address to the members. Following that, the election of office-bearers took place, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. Peters (unopposed); Vice-President, Miss E. Empson (unopposed); Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Smith; Committee, Mrs. F. E. Frewin, Mrs. J. Boortz, Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, and E. Reade. Mrs. Taylor, formerly Iris Boortz, of Melbourne, was present, and all joined in welcoming her back home. Supper put the finishing touch to a happy and most harmonious evening.

AN APPRECIATION.

Now that I am Editor for the "Victorian Deaf," I am going to try and say what all of us feel and think about those who work for our Society and for our benefit.

Our Superintendent, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, is very seldom absent from the Society Centre, simply because his presence is urgently required almost every day. His duties are manifold. Despite his advancing years, he always goes about among us all with a cheery smile and kindly encouragement. Owing to the continued depression in trade, many deaf members are ever on the lookout for him, seeking succour, sympathy and practical help, and, thanks to his large heart, none are turned away without some relief. As a result of his courageous appeal for funds, Miss Alice Graham (our fairy godmother) has been most generous in helping the unemployed. Mr. Abraham has got an interesting magazine called the "Deaf Citizen" which the deaf are able to sell and make a profit after all expenses are paid, for the benefit of unemployed members. With the further profits from No. 2 issue of the "Deaf Citizen" (which is full of good reading) Miss Graham's gift and others, we are hoping our unemployed will be able to get through the cold winter, without too much suffering. We do not know what we would do without our Principal, who is always fighting well and hard for us. We are very grateful to him, and wish him continued success.

Everyone knows too that "Jim" (Mr. J. Johnston), as he is fondly called by the deaf, both ladies and gentlemen, is overworked from before breakfast in the morning until after the meetings at night. His sympathy and advice are sought all day long, and one wonders how he can stand the bombardment of questions all day long without losing his good temper. He leads and helps a great deal with the unemployed, and also in the various club circles. He is one of the strongest supporters of the Men's Guild.

Then there is Miss Empson, who has no time to sing and dance; but, like the others, always keeps a smiling face. She controls the office affairs of the Society, and is responsible for the interests of the ladies. She is Secretary of our Blackburn Home and Farm Committee, looks after the ladies' sporting clubs, is Vice-President of and takes a great interest in the Women's Guild. Her duties are numerous and very heavy, but she is always there ready and willing to help whenever she is wanted. I could keep on writing and then not do justice to those who do so much for us. I must stop, or there will not be any space in the "Victorian Deaf" for other news.

EDWIN JOHNSON, Secretary of the Deaf Committee.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The lacrosse season is now in full swing, and our boys have settled down to work in earnest. They are making good progress, considering that the team has been placed a grade higher (A section) to that of last season.

The first match of the season was held on April 18, when they were pitted against the last season premiers of the B section—Y.M.C.A.—on the Amateur Sports Ground, which proved a "hoodoo" to our side. Our players were slow in picking up their form, and the result was greatly in Y.M.C.A.'s favour. They scored 21 goals to 9. Geo. McGuinness and W. Anderson, 3 goals each; G. Turnley, W. McMillen and L. Owen, 1 each.

On May 2, gradually gaining form, they defeated the Camberwellites on their ground, scoring 12 goals to 7. Our sharpshooters were: G. Henry, 6; G. McGuinness, 3; A. Stephens, I. Guthrie and L. Walsh, 1 each.

On May 9, Malvern, last season's A section premiers, were too good for us, and they scored 12 goals to 5. G. Henry, 3; W. Anderson, 2, were most effective for our side.

On May 23, having gained strength and with the acquisition of G. Henry, they were enabled to check the winning run of Artillery. The scores were 14 to 10, in our favour. G. Henry, 6; G. McGuinness, 3; W. Anderson and E. Raines, 2 each; R. White, 1.

On May 30, they drew with Box Hill—7 goals each side. W. Anderson, 4, and G. Henry, 3 goals.

A very happy social evening, to augment the club's funds, were held on May 14, when many novel, as well as amusing, games were introduced and greatly enjoyed.

CRICKET CLUB PICNIC.

A very happy "wind up" of the cricket season was held on Easter Monday, April 6, when the cricket club staged a picnic at Black Rock. It was well patronised by our deaf visitors from the country ,and a most enjoyable time spent. Everyone entered into the games with much vim and enthusiasm. At 3 p.m. anxious eyes were cast across the Bay towards the western horizon, where dark storm clouds were gathering, and by 4.30 rain was plainly visible approaching very fast, so all "broke camp" and made a dash for trams and trains. The majority made for the Centre, where tea was partaken of, and after that games and conversation indulged in.

GOOD NEWS.

According to the April number of the "Silent Messenger," the N.S.W. Cricket Club is preparing for the Christmas Carnival, to be held in Melbourne. The club is fast raising funds to meet the cost of travelling expenses. They intend to keep the Ernest J. D. Abraham Challenge Shield.

The Tasmanians have the same aspirations, and we know the Victorians are going hard to get it back. If the Queensland and South Australian teams join in, then everything will be complete, and

the onlookers should see some good contests. We hear the other teams are also gathering funds to be spent on travelling expenses, etc.

We Victorians wish them all the best of good luck, and hope to see a big muster here.

BADMINTON.

A happy evening was spent at our centre, when the Ivanhoe Badminton Club accepted an invitation to play a series of matches with us. A scratch team was formed amongst the deaf, and, as it was our first try against an outside club, it was very encouraging when we finished winners. Eight games were played, five were won and three lost—140 points to 130. At the termination of the games the visitors were entertained to supper. It is expected that a return match will be arranged in the near future, played at the Ivanhoe club house.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. A. Tyzzer returned home after eleven weeks' work with the Country Roads Board round the Alexandra district, looking very well and much healthier. He enjoyed the open air life and hopes to have another turn very soon. The district where he worked abounds in beauty spots, and he made my excursions to them on Sundays with his fellow workmates.

Mr. Gillett, of Irymple, Mr. Waters, Walters, of Leitchville, and Mrs. Rawson, of Perth, W.A., have been here since the last issue of our "Victorian Deaf."

Mrs. M. Cross has been an inmate of St. Vincent's Hospital for some weeks. She had an operation in the region of the left eye. She is now an out-patient, and we are pleased to say getting on nicely.

Mr. Freeman, of Albury, paid us a call one night while a social evening was being held. We were glad to see him.

Mrs. W. Rees, of Wonthaggi, was down for a week at the end of May, and looks very well.

Jack McLaurin, of Meniyan, Gippsland, when writing to one of the Melbourne deaf, said he will be in town during the month of June, and is very anxious to have a "go" with our lacrosse boys in their matches. He states that he is always busy on the farm.

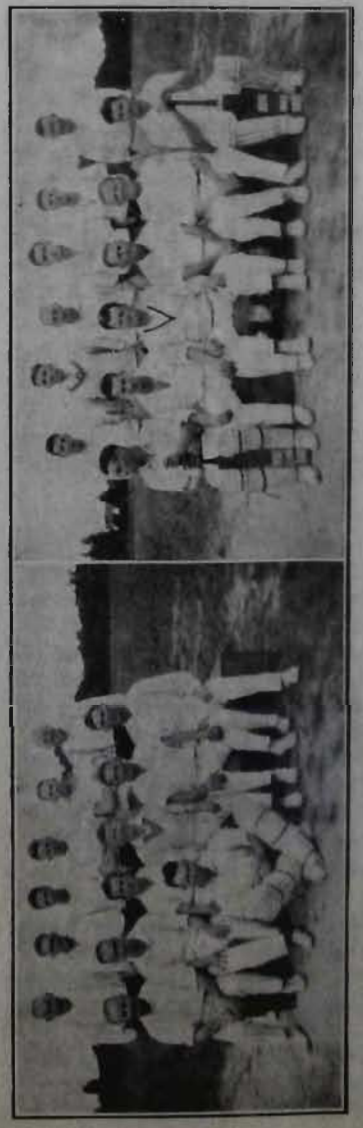
Mrs. J. Boortz has returned home after a lengthy stay with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in Sydney, where she had a grand time. Mrs. Taylor accompanied her mother home, and stayed for three weks. We all were pleased to see her again.

A very appreciative letter was received from Mr. H. Smith, of Myall, of the last two copies of the "Victorian Deaf." He says he, his wife and child are all doing well, and were to have made the trip down south, but decided to wait till times were better. They send their kind remembrances to all Melbourne deaf folk.

Mr. G. A. Paqualin, of Cottlesloe Beach, W.A., sent £1 for a subscription to the "Victorian Deaf," and also spoke in appreciative terms. He regretted to hear the passing away of so many of our

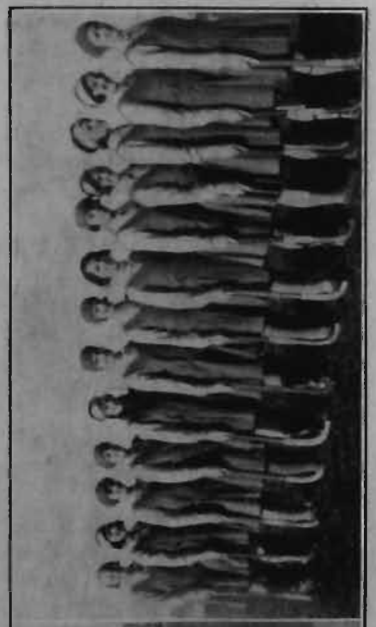
deaf workers lately. He also sends his kind remembrances to all he knows. It is now years since he was in Melbourne.

Miss W. Henry underwent another operation for goitre some time ago at the Melbourne Hospital, and is among us again. We are glad she is doing well.



Country Deaf Cricket Team.

City Deaf Cricket Team.



Deaf Girls' Hockey Club.



Deaf Women's Guild Picnic.

Mr. L. Smith, of Burnley, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Lottie Cottom, of Richmond, on May 2, by Rev. E. Frewin.

In order to test his prowess as a long distance roller skater, W. Hately, of Terang, made a record of four hours at the Mechanics' Institute some time ago. At the end of the spin his feet began to show sings of the strain. At times a speed of twelve miles an hour was attained, and it is estimated that a distance of about thirty-five miles was covered. Severel local enthusiasts intend to try to beat this record.

Mrs. A Piper, of Geelong, has accepted the position of Hon. Secretary to the Geelong Branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and has already rendered most useful service.

The W.A. deaf notes tells us that Mrs. Smith, of Perth, recently flew from Adelaide to the former city, which is perhaps the longest distance flown by any deaf and dumb person in Australia, and we believe Mrs. Smith is the first deaf lady to have travelled by air.

Mr. Ching visited his old school chum John McGonigal at our Blackburn Home, and both spent a very pleasant time together.

Mr. L. Ching, of Linton, is at present holidaying in Melbourne, and thoroughly enjoying himself. It is twenty years since he was here with his deaf friends, and is astounded at the progress of Melbourne. Electric trams and trains are a wonder to him, and especially does he like the Deaf Society's buildings at Jolimont Square. The church has pleased him very much and, in a letter to his brother, Mr. R. Ching, said he is very glad to have the opportunity to attend divine service and is enjoying Mr. Abraham's preaching.

To further add to his enjoyment, Mr. A. Aird very kindly invited Mr. Ching and Mr. Edwin Johnson (with whom Mr. Ching is staying) for a day's outing. First they visited the Regent Theatre and, after partaking of a nice dinner, were shown Melbourne and suburbs from the roof of the T. & G. Insurance Building.

The next attraction for them was the fire brigade's display at Eastern Hill, and once again they had a splendid view, this time from the lookout tower at the fire station. No need to say they enjoyed themselves very much, for we know they did.

DEAF SCHOOL NEWS.

St. Kilda Road, Prahran, Victoria.

The Matron, Miss Marvel, and her staff work very hard for the welfare of the children, and the fact that the doctors who examined the pupils recently stated that they were the best cared for and cleanest lot of children they had examined for some time past, is certainly evidence of the response of the children to the kindness shown to them. Every boy and girl should do their best to maintain this high standard.

A magnificent miniature golf course was donated to the Institution by Mr. C. Joseph. It has been erected and is now in full swing.

For year to come this will provide untold enjoyment for the children, who all thank Mr. Joseph very much.

After many years of faithful service at the St. Kilda Deaf School, Miss Knox has been obliged to resign on account of ill health.

—From the "Deaf Children's Chronicle."

DEAF PUBLICATIONS.

The little deaf paper family continues to grow in number. We have before us magazines from all the States except Queensland, including one from the Victorian School for the Deaf.

"The Tasmanian Silent Gazette" has quite a lot about the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' and Keith and Jessie Best's visit to Victoria.

BIRTHS.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, on December 10, 1930.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Tyzzer, on April 22, 1931.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, of Red Hill, on May 26, 1931.
Our congratulations to the happy parents.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Gladman at the Warragul Hospital on April 10. Always a lover of the bush country, he spent the last few years there fossicking for gold and tin. And it was while away that he contracted an illness which resulted in his death. His family have our sympathy.

"THE VICTORIAN DEAF."

E. Johnson, Editor; H. Puddy, Manager. News, etc., should be addressed to the Editor, subscriptions and orders to the Manager, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

"DO UNTO OTHERS . . ."

"Sitting by a warm fire to-night, it seemed to me that it was an obvious duty of those who have ample means to supply food and shelter to others who have neither. If such brotherly action were more general, want would soon disappear."

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Thur	1st	Picnic to Mordialloc.
Fri	2nd	Garden Party at Blackburn 2.30 pm. Farewell Social & Presentation of trophies at 8 pm.
Sat	3rd	Open Evening.
Sun	4th	Service at 7 pm.
Thur	8th	Scripture Study.
Sat	10th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	11th	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE.
Tues	13th	Deaf Men's Guild's Meeting.
Thur	15th	Lecture on JAPAN by Mr E.R.Peacock.
Sat	17th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	18th	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	20th	DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING.
Thur	22th	Scripture Study.
Sat	24th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	25th	Service at 7 pm by Archdeacon Herring.
Mon	26th	A.N.A. Picnic to Hampton.
THur	29th	Scripture Study.
Sat	31st	Open Recreation Evening.

F E B R U A R Y I 9 3 I .

Sun	Ist	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	3rd	
Thur	5th	Scripture Study.
Sat	7th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	8th	Service at 7 pm.
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Sun	I5th	Service at 7 pm.
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Thur	I9th	Scripture Study.
Sat	2[illegible]th	Open Recreation Evening.
Sun	22nd	Service at 7 pm.
Tues	24th	Deaf Men's Guild's Meeting.
Thur	26th	Scripture Study.
Sat	28th	Open Recreation Evening.

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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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OBJECTIVE

To bring into existence conditions that will, so far as is humanly possible, open to our Deaf and Dumb citizens the opportunities already available to the normal citizen.

Dear Sirs,

It has come to the knowledge of the Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society that a letter containing certain statements calculated to affect the income of the Society has been sent to subscribers by an unfortunate person who has developed a bitter hostility towards the Superintendent.

To reassure subscribers, it may be stated that the Society is controlled and managed by a Board of Directors, comprising upwards of 20 persons, including leading business and professional men—Municipal Councils are represented by Councillor E. L. Morton, of the Melbourne City Council, and Councillor N. Armstrong, ex-President of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham. There are several deaf mutes on the Board. The whole Management was elected at a public meeting of friends and subscribers, held in the Town Hall, under the Presidency of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

As a result of misrepresentations of the unfortunate individual referred to above, the Government directed an investigation to be made by the Charities Board, and its Inspector reported :—

"Careful enquiry and personal investigation failed to reveal that other than proper, considerate and sympathetic treatment is accorded the inmates. All those with whom I came in contact expressed themselves as happy, content and well treated. The Home, in my opinion, is a credit to the Society."

The Rev. Absalom Deans, B.A., President of the Council of Churches and ex-Chairman of the Congregational Union of Victoria, together with Mrs. Deans and a Member of Parliament in his private capacity, paid a surprise visit to the Home, and after thorough inspection and enquiry, said: —

"I fully endorse the report of the Inspector of Charities."

The public is cordially invited at all times to visit and investigate the work of the Society.

While, in all ordinary cases, little notice would be taken of such attacks, and it is farthest from anyone's desire to say anything about the unfortunate, it does seem necessary to explain that the writer of the letter mentioned is not a deaf mute in the usual sense. He was a regular hearing and speaking person, being engaged as a school teacher, but became deaf through malaria in India; when he came to Victoria some years ago, he was received by the Society and helped in every way possible. The following are extracts from his letters to the Superintendent: —

"I went to the Centre yesterday for the express purpose of talking over things with you in reference to your kind letter of the 12th ult., but was too sensitive and nervous, and could not pluck up enough courage to face you, as I do not like to be continually applying for help. I have had nothing but consideration and sympathy from you at all times, yet, like a coward, I ran away. In the meantime, it would relieve me a great deal if you can allow me £1 to pay my board from Monday"

"I have been out of work for nearly one month; I have spent all my savings trying to get something to do. I knew if I had come to you, you would have met me with sympathy and kindness, and have done your best to put me on my feet again, but after the shabby way I have acted towards you in leaving the Farm and my work, I was too ashamed to come to you for help."

He dictated a letter which he desired should be written on his behalf :—

"Could you find it in your heart to try and get me a position in Myers? Yes! Myers' Emporium! Don't have a fit."

(Here followed a long laudation of himself, his ability and his integrity.)

"If you can send that letter direct, or get it typed and signed, I will send it myself with a covering letter and add some more blarney, too. I shall be grateful to you if you can get me a £5 a week job by the above."

Owing to the refusal to send this letter he declared open hostility to the Superintendent, and has ever since sought to injure him and indirectly the Society.

Extraordinary patience and sympathy has been extended to him, until ultimately, on the unanimous decision of members of the Board, he was excluded from the social privileges of the Centre. This exclusion was afterwards removed on the understanding that improved behaviour would result.

Further letters were received, and the Deaf Committee passed the following resolution:—

"Having had a letter of one . . . . . read to us, in which he claims to speak for the Adult Deaf and Dumb, we beg to say that . . . . . is not a member of the Society, and the views he expressed are not ours, nor is he authorised to speak for us. We are the selected representatives of the Adult Deaf and Dumb members of the Society, and we believe that the work as at present carried out is in the best interests of the members."

A further resolution was passed by the Deaf Committee as follows :—

"That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Charities Board asking him not to receive any further letters from . . . . . because he is doing great harm to our Society in making statements for which there is no foundation."

The general attitude of the Deaf and Dumb is shown by the accompanying document which was presented by the Deaf and Dumb to the Annual Meeting of the Society at the Town Hall, when the Lord Mayor of Melbourne was in the chair.

Naturally, we very much regret that an incident such as this should occur, especially at the present time, when every constructive effort is necessary in the interests of the afflicted, many of whom are unemployed, and increased funds are so sorely needed.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors,

N. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

The Deaf Mutes of Victoria desire to express their grateful appreciation to the public of Melbourne for their generous financial support, which has enabled the Society to secure for their benefit the Farm and Home for Aged, Infirm and Feeble Minded Deaf Mutes, and Recreation and Sports Grounds at Blackburn, and the property at Jolimont, with facilities for religious, educational and social purposes. They also acknowledge the services rendered by the hearing and speaking officers and members of the General Board, both past and present, who have devoted so much time and effort voluntarily during so many years in directing the management of the Society through the Principal and paid staff. They consider the present is an opportune time to give testimony of their loyalty and devotion, and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may continue to attend the efforts of the Society in the interest of the Deaf and Dumb of this State, and from this Centre to render service and counsel to Societies in other States throughout the Commonwealth.

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Deaf Man Drowned In Dam

CASTLEMAINE, Thursday. — Thinking an old mining dam at Hunter's Gully was shallow, Alfred Halliday, 49, who was unable to swim, went for a bathe and was drowned. He was deaf and had defective eyesight, while his wife is deaf and dumb.

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Libel Claim Fails

Judge Moule yesterday non-suited John Patrick Bourke, of Moorhouse Street, Armadale, school teacher, in his action against David Syme and Co., proprietors of the Age, Melbourne, for alleged libel.

Bourke claimed £499 damages, alleging that a paragraph relating to the affairs of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society meant that he was an untruthful person who had attacked the society because of personal malice.

The judge said there was no proof of malice and the occasion was privileged.

A stay of proceedings for 14 days was granted to Bourke.

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Teacher Alleges Libel

A claim against David Syme and Co., proprietors of the Age, Melbourne, for £499 damages for alleged libel, was brought before Judge Moule and a jury in the County Court yesterday by John Patrick Bourke, of Moorhouse Street, Armadale, a school teacher.

Bourke alleged that a paragraph was published in the Age, which meant that he was an untruthful and unscrupulous person who had attacked the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society because of personal malice.

The defence was that the words in the paragraph were incapable of defamatory meaning.

The hearing will be continued today.

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LIBEL ALLEGED.

ACTION AGAINST THE "AGE."

Plaintiff Non-suited.

When the hearing of the action in which John Patrick Bourke, formerly a school teacher, but now a gardener, of Moorhouse street, Armadale, sued David Syme and Company, proprietors of the "Age," for £499 damages for allegel libel, was resumed before Judge Moule and a jury in the Country Court yesterday, Mr. Bourke (who was instructed by Mr. Morganti for plaintiff) complained that the report of the proceedings of the previous day, which had appeared in the "Age," was misleading. Judge Moule, having heard Mr. Bourke's complaint at some length, said that he thought the report was "extremely fair." The hearing was proceeded with.

Bourke pleaded that an article which had appeared in the "Age" under the heading "Deaf and Dumb Society—Charges Against Management Refuted" reflected upon him and made it appear that he was an untruthful and unscrupulous person who had misrepresented the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Mabel Gladman, who was giving evidence when the Court rose on the previous day, said that she had sent out 25 copies of a circular which criticised the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institution. She was aware that Bourke also was sending out complaints. Bourke had paid for the typing of some circulars. She had advised him not to do it. In consequence of the circular Mr. Jackson, M.L.A., had brought the matter up in Parliament.

Mr. Bourke.—When you read in the "Age" the paragraph complained of, to whom did you think it referred?

Witness.—To plaintiff.

Robert Henry Luff, who gave evidence through an interpreter in the deaf and dumb language, said that when he read the paragraph he thought that it referred to Bourke.

Mr. L. B. Cussen submitted that there was no case to go to a jury.

Judge Moule.—The newspaper publishes a statement of the board of management of a public institution. I cannot see anything in the paragraph which is not in the circular sent out by the board of management.

Mr. Bourke.—The "Age," of its own volition, says that my client made certain harmful statements calculated to affect the income of the institution.

Judge Moule.—If ever there was a case in which a newspaper tried to save a man it is this one. Instead of publishing what is most harmful it gives an accurate summary of the circular sent out by the board. I find that defendant never reaffirmed any libel, and I find that no reasonable jury could find to the contrary. I find also that there is no tittle of proof of malice. Plaintiff will be non-suited with costs.

Mr. Bourke obtained a stay of 14 days.

Judge Moule refused an application by Mr. Bourke for a new trial. He said that, if thought desirable, the application could be made in the usual way.

Mr. Cussen was instructed by Messrs. Gillott, Moir, and Ahern for the defence.

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ACTION FOR LIBEL.

School Teacher's Claim.

The hearing was begun in the County Court before Judge Moule yesterday of an action in which John Patrick Bourke, school teacher, of Moorhouse street, Armadale, is claiming £499 damages from David Syme and Co., proprietors of the "Age," for alleged libel. Plaintiff in his statement of claim sets out that on January 17 defendant falsely and maliciously published in the "Age" of and concerning plaintiff certain words under the heading, "Deaf and Dumb Society: Charges Against Management Refuted." The words were as follow:—

Because of the circulation of certain harmful statements calculated to affect the income of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria the board of directors is sending to subscribers a circular letter defending the management from the attacks which have been made upon it. Explaining these attacks the letter states that the damaging statements have been made and circulated by a person who has developed a bitter hostility against the superintendent because the latter had declined to assist him in an endeavour to obtain employment, for which the superintendent could not recommend him. As a result of the misrepresentations of the individual referred to the Government directed an investigation to be made by the Charities Board, and its inspector reported that careful inquiry and personal investigation failed to reveal that other than proper consideration and sympathetic treatment had been accorded to the inmates of the asylum.

By these words plaintiff alleged defendant meant, or was understood to mean, that plaintiff was an untruthful or unscrupulous person, who had attacked or misrepresented the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria because of personal malice.

Mr. Bourke (instructed by Mr. Morganti) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Leo Cussen (instructed by Messrs. Gillott, Moir, and Ahern) appeared for defendant.

Mr. Bourke said that in the paragraph complained of plaintiff was held up to hatred, ridicule, and contempt. Nowhere in the paragraph did the name of the plaintiff appear, but when the paragraph appeared people knew that it referred to Bourke. If the "Age" was prepared to publish a statement withdrawing the accusation against his client he would be satisfied.

The defence was a denial that the words referred to plaintiff, or that they had the defamatory meaning that they were alleged to have. The words were true in substance and in fact, and, in so far as they consisted of comments, they were a fair comment on matters of public interest.

Mrs. May Dunsmore, of Moorhouse street, Armadale, gave evidence that she had read the paragraph, and had taken it to refer to plaintiff.

The hearing had not concluded when the Court rose.

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GARDENER ALLEGES LIBEL

Evidence By Signs

Several witnesses gave their evidence in the sign language of the deaf and dumb before Judge Moule and a jury in the County Court today in the case in which John Patrick Bourke, of Moorhouse Street, Armadale, gardener, sued David Syme and Co., proprietors of the Age, Melbourne, for £499 damages for alleged libel.

Bourke complained that a paragraph was published in the Age, relating to the affairs of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which meant that he was an untruthful person who had attacked the society because of personal malice.

The defence was a denial of defamation.

Robert Henry Luff, of Bundora Road, South Caulfield, carpenter, said he read the paragraph and thought it referred to Bourke.

Mr L. B. Cussen (for defendant): Why did you think it referred to Bourke?

Luff: Because I knew there was a feud between Bourke and the superintendent, Mr Abrahams.

Is that the only reason?—Yes.

Bourke was not called to give evidence, and Mr Cussen contended that there was no case to go to the jury. The paragraph, he said, did not mention Bourke's name, and it was impossible for any reasonable person to spell out of it a reference to Bourke.

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AFFAIRS OF DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

School Teacher's Claim Against "The Age."

Before Judge Moule and a jury of four in the County Court yesterday an action was commenced in which John Patrick Bourke, of Moorhouse-street, Armadale, school teacher, claimed £499 from David Syme and Co., for alleged libel. Plaintiff in his statement of claim set out that on 17th January defendant falsely and maliciously printed and published in "The Age" newspaper of, and concerning the plaintiff the following words:—

DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

CHARGES AGAINST MANAGEMENT REFUTED.

Because of the circulation of certain harmful statements calculated to affect the income of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the board of directors is sending to subscribers a circular letter defending the management from the attacks which have been made upon it. Explaining these attacks the letter states that the damaging statements have been made and circulated by a person who has developed a bitter hostility against the superintendent because the latter had declined to assist him in an endeavor to obtain employment, for which the superintendent could not recommend him. As a result of the misrepresentations of the individual referred to the Government directed an investigation to be made by the Charities Board, and its inspector reported that careful inquiry and personal investigation failed to reveal that other than proper consideration and sympathetic treatment had been accorded the inmates of the asylum.

By the said words the defendant meant and/or was understood to mean that the plaintiff was an untruthful, and/or unscrupulous person, who had attacked and/or misrepresented the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, because of personal malice.

Mr. Bourke (instructed by Mr. H. P. R. Morganti) appeared for plaintiff; Mr. L. B. Cussen (by Messrs. Gillott, Moir and Ahern) for defendant.

Mr. Bourke asked permission to include in the last line of the statement of claim after the words "Dumb Society of Victoria" the words "Or its superintendent, one Abrahams."

Mr. Cussen objected. He said the summons had been issued many weeks ago. This was an attempt by plaintiff to get some public ventilation of alleged grievances he had against the society.

His Honor: Plaintiff has had months to consider this. If he likes to pay the whole of the costs of the proceedings to date, I will grant the application and adjourn the case.

Mr. Cussen: I suggest you should hear what the case is about, and you will, appreciate my objection.

His Honor: I will not agree to plaintiff suddenly bringing in something else after having had months to consider it.

Mr. Cussen: After hearing more of the matter you will be strengthened in that decision.

Mr. Bourke: If your Honor is not disposed at this stage to allow the amendment, will you permit me to renew it later?

His Honor: Yes. I will consider it, but will not hold out any prospect of success.

In opening the case for plaintiff, Mr. Bourke read the paragraph complained of and said by it plaintiff was held up to hatred, ridicule, or contempt. Nowhere in the paragraph did the name of his client appear, but if his client established that people who read it knew it referred to plaintiff it was none the less libellous. It did not matter that "The Age" knew nothing about the facts. If a newspaper published a statement, even in good faith, which reflected on a particular person, and that statement was untrue, that person had a right to come to court to clear his character. For some time there had been a controversy raging about the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institution, and his client had been endeavoring to have reforms effected. He had gone into conflict with the superintendent. It was well known that his client and Mr. Abrahams had had this controversy. When the paragraph appeared in "The Age" people knew it referred to Bourke. An effort had already been made by counsel on the other side to create an atmosphere.

His Honor: Not on my part. It is not a fair attack to make on Mr. Cussen. He has merely acted on a legal right. I think your remark is not a fair one to make.

Mr. Bourke: I am afraid I cannot withdraw it.

His Honor: I insist on it being withdrawn. Counsel was within his rights in objecting to the amendment.

Mr. Bourke withdrew the remark. He said if "The Age" was prepared to publish a statement withdrawing the accusation his client would be satisfied. He had not come into court to obtain damages.

The defence was a denial that the words referred to plaintiff, a denial that the words were capable of the defamatory meanings alleged, or any defamatory meanings; a denial that the words bore the meaning alleged, or any defamatory meaning. Defendants said that the words in the ordinary and natural meaning were true in substance and in fact, and in so far as they consisted of comments they were a fair and bona fide comment on matters of public interest.

May Dunsmore, of Moorhouse-street, Armadale, married woman, said when she read the paragraph complained of she took it to refer to plaintiff.

In answer to Mr. Cussen, witness said the plaintiff lived at her place, and had been lodging there about five years. Plaintiff had discussed with her the affairs of the Deaf and Dumb Society. Bourke had told the other inmates of the institution were discontented. She understood from him quite a number were discontented, and she believed him. It was from what Bourke said to her that she thought the article referred to him.

Mabel Gladman, Princess-street, Balaclava, widow, said when she read the paragraph in "The Age" she thought it referred to plaintiff.

In answer to Mr. Cussen, witness said she did not at first think it referred to plaintiff. She asked plaintiff whether he had made damaging statements, and he denied it. She saw plaintiff at her home when he came to take out a deaf boarder.

Mr. Cussen: Have you ever made damaging statements about the asylum?

Witness: No.

Continuing, witness said she had been a member of the Deaf Society for many years, and had known Bourke for a long period. She had written a letter to Mr. Tunnecliffe, Chief Secretary. She did not consider the statements Bourke was making were damaging. She knew he was complaining to the Chief Secretary, members of Parliament, the Governor-General, the State Governor and subscribers of the society about the treatment he had received. She knew he had sent circulars making charges of misconduct against the board of management. Bourke had asked her to write a letter to the Acting Governor, enclosing a circular she had prepared. She had borrowed £40 from the society, to help her reduce her business debts. It had not been repaid. When she went insolvent she owed the society £40 or £50. She thought the paragraph in "The Age" referred to Bourke, because he had told her of the letter he had written to the superintendent asking for work. She had the circular typed for her, and Bourke paid for the typing.

The circular, which ran to several sheets of type writing, was read by Mr. Cussen to the jury.

Witness said she had sent this circular to a number of people.

The cross-examination of the witness had not concluded when the court adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-day.

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VERDICT FOR "THE AGE."

PLAINTIFF NON-SUITED.

A REPORT CRITICISED.

Judge Says It Was "Extremely Fair."

The action in which John Patrick Bourke, formerly school teacher, but now a gardener, of Moorhouse-street, Armadale, claimed £499 damages from David Syme and Co. for alleged libel published in "The Age" on 17th January under the headings Deaf and Dumb Society: Charges Against Management Refuted, was concluded before Judge Moule and a jury in the County Court yesterday. At the conclusion of plaintiff's case his Honor granted to defendants a non-suit, with costs to be taxed. Mr. Bourke (instructed by Mr. Morganti) appeared for plaintiff; Mr. Leo Cussen (instructed by Messrs. Gillott, Moir and Ahern) appeared for defendants.

When the hearing was resumed yesterday morning Mr. Bourke, counsel for plaintiff, in the absence of the jury, commented on the report of the proceedings appearing in "The Age" that morning. He said the reference to some remarks he had made in opening the case for plaintiff might lead the jury to believe that plaintiff was not attempting to recover damages.

His Honor said he did not think there was anything in the slightest in the point raised.

Mr. Bourke said he was not complaining that the report was inaccurate, but he complained that only parts of the proceedings had been reported. This was in regard to his examination of Mrs. Dunsmore. The witness had said that from what Bourke said she thought the article referred to him. In re-examination she said at the time she read the report she thought the article referred to Bourke, because of what he had said to her on a previous occasion.

His Honor: The jury have heard the evidence.

Mr. Bourke: The reading of the report in the newspaper may affect the minds of the jury on this particular point.

His Honor: I think it was quite a fair report. It might be rather elaborate, but it was exactly what took place. It is possible to pick out things like that where a witness said one thing and then corrected herself. It was for the jury to say whether the first statement of the woman was correct or whether she was right in the second instance.

Mr. Bourke: The third matter refers to —

His Honor: I will not have the interpreter interpreting these things. There are a lot of gesticulations going on in court.

Mr. Bourke: The third matter is one of a misunderstanding. It appears in the account of Mabel Gladman's evidence that the witness said when she read the paragraph in "The Age" she thought it referred to plaintiff. In answer to Mr. Cussen, witness said she did not at first think it referred to him.

His Honor: She said it might refer to her. She said it was after she had read the article that she asked him had he been making damaging statements.

Mr. Bourke: I submit she was referring not to the point that she did not think the paragraph referred to plaintiff, but that she did not think he was making damaging statements.

Mr. Cussen: Oh, no. That was not the object of the cross-examination.

His Honor: I do not think there is anything wrong in the report. You can get it out of the witness in cross-examination.

Mr. Bourke: Do you think the report is a fair one?

Extremely Fair Report.

His Honor: Certainly. I think the report is extremely fair. It looks to me as fair a report as you could wish to get. I do not think there are any grounds for complaint whatever. I will tell the jury not to rely on any statements in the press, but to pay regard only to the evidence they hear.

Mr. Cussen: I would suggest that this course should not be taken at this stage.

His Honor: The jury know of the application being made. I think the report, as far as I have read it, is excellent. It is as fair as fair can be.

Mr. Cussen said he did not want to raise objections, and would not oppose the jury being informed that they should not refresh their minds from what appeared in the press.

When the jury returned to court his Honor informed them that they should decide the cases merely on the actual evidence. Looking at the report in "The Age" he thought it extremely fair.

References in Parliament.

The witness Mabel Gladman, further cross-examined by Mr. Cussen, said she sent out twenty-five copies of her circular. A circular issued by the Deaf and Dumb Society was shown to her by plaintiff. She knew Bourke was sending letters of complaint to the subscribers, and had been doing it for years. The first circular she issued was sent to several members of Parliament. Plaintiff paid for the typing of her circular. He had been asking her for a long time to help him through his troubles. She advised him not to do it, because she knew from past experience that it was useless to try. Bourke did not help her to write the circular, but she showed it to him. In consequence of the circular Mr. Jackson, M.L.A., made reference to it in Parliament.

Mr. Cussen: Did you know Bourke was writing to the newspapers about the Deaf and Dumb Society?

Witness: Yes.

Did you see letters from Bourke in "The Age"?—Yes.

Mr. Cussen: To show that "The Age" published both sides of the controversy, I will put in as evidence a bundle of letters written by plaintiff and published in "The Age."

Mr. Bourke: When you first read the paragraph complained of to whom did you think it referred?

Witness: To plaintiff.

Did you ever pay back any of the money you borrowed from the society?—Yes.

Robert Henry Luff, giving evidence through the interpreter, said he resided at Bundoora-road, South Caulfield. When he read the paragraph in "The Age" he thought it referred to plaintiff.

In answer to Mr. Cussen, witness said he had been employed as a quarry collector by the society, but was dismissed last March. He was annoyed at his dismissal. The reason he thought the paragraph referred to Bourke was because he knew there was a feud between Bourke and the principal. He knew Bourke was continually attacking the principal. That was the only reason why he concluded it was Bourke.

Mr. Bourke closed the case for plaintiff without calling his client to give evidence.

No Case for Jury.

Mr. Cussen submitted there was no case to go to the jury. The article did not mention the name of Bourke, and it was impossible for any reasonable person to suppose that the name of plaintiff, "The Age" had merely reported matters the society mentioned in its circulars and the judgment of the then Chief Justice of the High Court, Sir Samuel Griffith, to show this was true in all sides.

His Honor: The newspaper published a fair statement of the board of management. Representing the public, it wants to let the public know what a public body is doing. The public as subscribers are interested. Supposing the society had been summoned would not plaintiff have had to prove malice?

Mr. Cussen: If the board was sued it would have the defence of privilege and the further defence of fair, fair and reasonable.

His Honor: I cannot imagine anything more in the interests of the public. It is laid on a newspaper. It seems a public matter such as the press should properly deal with.

Mr. Cussen then added to the grounds of defence that the matter complained of was privileged in that defendants merely repeated part of the contents of the circular referred to, and did not make or republish any allegations contained in the circular. The words complained of were the publication, without malice, of a portion of the board of management's defence of attacks made on it from time to time previously in defendant's newspaper, and that the matter in which the public was interested, as the Deaf and Dumb Society was maintained by public subscriptions. Mr. Bourke con-

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request the honour of the company of yourself and friends at the
48th Annual Meeting
to be held in the Old Council Chamber
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on Wednesday, 25th May, 1932, at 3 p.m.

Address by Mr. Justice Lowe.

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Councillor H. Gengoult Smith will preside.

R. J. OEHR, F.I.C.A., F.C.I.S.
HON. SECRETARY

"Sun"
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HE WAS NEITHER

I had assisted four persons one day, when a man presented a card with Deaf and Dumb inscribed on it. He was selling 6d. writing pads for 1/6. I refused to buy one, and he turned on me and said, "I knew this would be a rotten house to sell anything."—Yours, etc.,
Carnegie. TAKEN IN.

"Sun"
May 26th 1931

Quite Handy

DEFT as he is with his hands in his own way, E. J. D. Abraham must sometimes envy other deft people like Ambrose Palmer the boxer the comparative quiet of their callings. Yesterday I heard, in the course of the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, a typical week's round he is called on to do through being champion talker for the afflicted as well as their superintendent. He had to attend a police court, interpret and advise the magistrate; went to a couple of surgical operations, and interpret between doctors and patients; made two trips to the country to settle family disputes; and in addition is preacher to the little community at Jellicoe, runs their unemployment bureau, creates jobs for them, runs their bank, and is the Solomon of their domestic and business affairs.



E. J. D. Abraham

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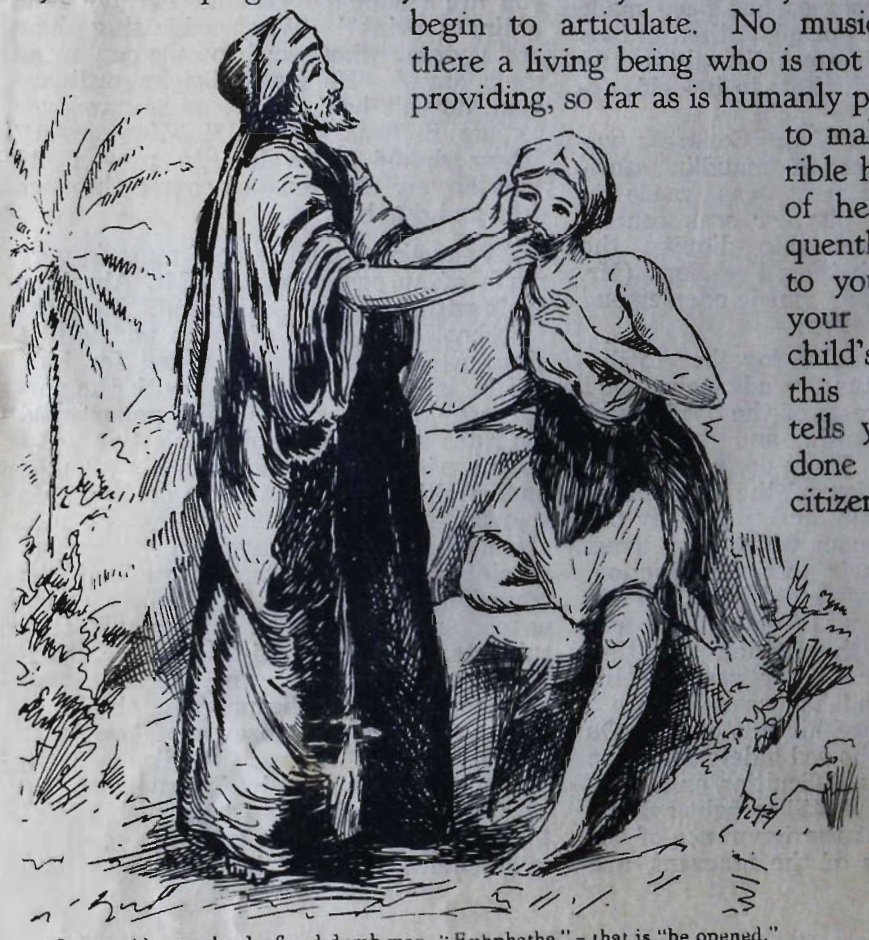
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TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO.

(Extract from an Editorial that appeared in the "Adelaide Register," January 4th, 1904.)

A novel assembly, held in Melbourne during the last few days, was the Australian Congress of Deaf Mutes. "An infant crying in the night, and with no language but to cry," appeals to the parental instinct with irresistible force; but an adult deprived of the power of speech should excite more sympathy than even the helpless babe. The deaf mute can never experience the pleasure of music, or hear the tuneful voice of Nature, or thrill to the wooing of lovers or the lisping of his own little children; but the loss of the sense of hearing is one of which he is not fully conscious, because he has not tasted the delights of which he is denied. His sad plight is that he is acutely sensible of certain wants which can be met only in a social intercourse prohibited to him; he is quite unable to express aloud his deep emotions, his intense joys and sorrows. Much progress has been made in educating these people; their minds had been filled with great thoughts; and they had been taught how to be self-supporting and useful.

A distinct feature of the Congress was the complete absence of maudlin sentimentalism. No attempt was made to parade woe, excite pity, or seek concessions. With commendable dignity the deaf mutes, through their President (Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham), made one demand —a demand for justice:—

"They were assembled together to discuss ways and means for advancing and protecting the interests of the deaf mutes of the Commonwealth, and improving their social status. They desired to give a practical illustration of the capabilities of the deaf and dumb, and to remedy the various injustices under which they lived. Notwithstanding their terrible affliction, the deaf and dumb were battling with life with a courage that was frequently absent in those blessed with all their faculties. He had worked for twenty years of his life among them, and had never known a deaf mute complain of his misfortune. On the contrary, each showed a determination to meet bravely his difficulties and overcome them. They had still to fight against fearful odds, against the ignorance of the wise, the prejudices of the ignorant, and the absurd decrees laid upon them by the laws relating to the deaf and dumb. They did not ask for favors or privileges; all they asked for was justice. They asked for the opportunities and advantages which were already enjoyed by their speaking and hearing fellow-countrymen. If ever people had needed a Saviour it was the deaf and dumb. Up to the beginning of the nineteenth century they were classed as idiots, and not amenable to reason, although at that time there were a million deaf and dumb people in the world. Seventy-five per cent. of the people of the present day practically regarded them in the same light. The newspapers referred to their schools as 'asylums' or 'institutions,' while the teaching of the deaf and dumb to speak was regarded by the public as much the same thing as training a parrot or dog to articulate. Often after conversing with a deaf mute on a tram, train or ferry-boat, he had such remarks as the following addressed to him by the passengers: 'Does he really understand what you are saying?' 'Can he actually read ordinary print?' 'What a blessing there are asylums where such people can spend their days.' 'He looks like an ordinary man, doesn't he?' 'Did I understand you to say he was married?' 'How awful.' 'There should be a law to prevent it.' 'Has he any children—of course they are deaf and dumb?' "

As showing that the deaf mute is very much of an ordinary man, Mr. Abraham dealt with him from childhood. He went to school at the age of seven and left at sixteen. Work was then found for him, and he laboured side by side with the normal man. He read his daily paper, paid his rates and taxes, voted at elections, and got married. He brought up his **hearing and speaking** children to be a credit to his country. He went to his special church, attended lectures, engaged in games, appreciated the humours and realised the tragedies of life, painted pictures, wrote novels, and argued upon politics and other subjects. "Given a fair field and no favour, he can hold his own. He is just an ordinary man, handicapped in obtaining justice through the absence of two most important faculties, and handicapped in obtaining employment by ignorance on the part of the public as to his capabilities." One may admire the splendid spirit of self-reliance exhibited by the mutes, and

the fine courage of the Congress in requesting fair play for the afflicted; but it is doubtful whether Mr. Abraham is endowed with worldly prudence. In this age, which glories in humanitarianism, it is much easier to extract a charity dole than to obtain justice. Mankind prefers to act so as to be considered generous, rather than to make reparation which brings no credit but such as is associated with a stigma. What a satire upon a society in which so many other normal members are leaning against Government posts nursing "tired feelings," fostered by enervating politics, is the fact that the deaf and dumb should be heard eloquently preaching the gospel of self-help and manly independence!

One of the objects of the Congress was to obtain free and compulsory education; and unquestionably education is as much the right of the deaf and dumb as it is of the hearing and speaking section of the community. A father would not be justified in excluding an afflicted member of the family from the benefits of education freely conferred on healthy children—who had, in fact, less need than the handicapped one of the advantage of training. The parents of the deaf and dumb pay rates and taxes and share in the duties of citizenship; and motives of prudence, as well as the claims of justice, entitle the States to grant the demand of the Congress.

The Congress asked for:—

Free and compulsory education for deaf and dumb children.

The substitution of the word "School" in the place of "Asylum" and "Institution" to educational establishments for deaf and dumb children.

The granting of a pension to Mr. F. J. Rose (now deceased), the founder of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

The establishment of Homes for the aged and infirm, and a training farm for the mentally defective deaf and dumb.

The removal of certain objectionable words from the Marine and other Acts of Parliament.

What followed?

We speak for Victoria only.

In 1906 the late Sir Thomas Bent, then Mr. Bent and Premier of Victoria, in a sympathetic address, said that with Mr. Abraham's assistance it might be possible to accomplish some of the above-named, and soon after Mr. Bent sent for Mr. Abraham, and in the name of the Government offered £2000 if he would undertake to raise a further £2000 for a Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes. A sum of £3000 was publicly raised, Lake Park, Blackburn, purchased, the Home and Farm established in 1909. Additions were made in 1912 and again in 1922.

The words complained of were removed from the Marine Act.

A pension was granted to the late Mr. Rose.

Free and compulsory education for deaf children became a fact, which came into force on the 4th of January, 1911. It is recorded in the "Education Act," 2301, Section 49, and is known as the "Education Act of 1910."

To-day Melbourne has one of the most up-to-date schools for deaf children to be found anywhere in the Empire. Thanks to the energetic efforts of the Board of Management of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, which is a boarding school for both sexes from 6 to 17 years of age.

FOR THE "GOING" DEAF.

Much deafness that comes on in adult life is due to neglect of, perhaps, slight but significant symptoms in childhood. Slight deafness, ear discharge, adenoids, nasal catarrh, etc., in a child, are signs that the hearing is threatened and demand immediate medical attention. Many lives are blighted through neglect of this precaution. Again, in diseases such as scarlet fever, which are so often given as the cause of deafness, careful nursing and strict attention to medical rules will often avert the catastrophe. Adults who become aware of a slight deafness or ear noises should lose no time in consulting an aural specialist.

The aural quack is particularly to be shunned, whether he advertises "treatment" or so-called "aids." ALL advertisements of treatment emanate from quacks, for qualified practitioners do not advertise.

As for "aids," one deaf person's "aid" is another's "hindrance," and the moral is: Never invest in any "aid" until after the aural specialist has examined your

case and suggested the precise "aid" (out of many) that is most likely to be successful. Moreover, your case may not require an "aid," but a treatment.

—(Dr. J. Kerr, in "The Causes and Prevention of Deafness.")

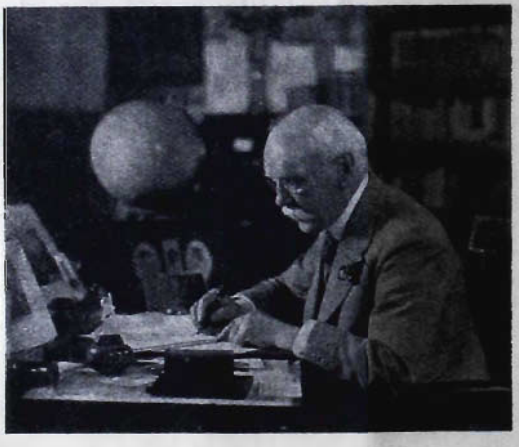
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At Jolimont there is a Church specially designed for services in the finger and sign language, a club house, enquiry office, relief and employment agency, a tennis court, provision for social intercourse, indoor and outdoor recreation.

At Blackburn a Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes, with training farm for those who are mentally defective.

The State Governor and the Lord Mayor are patrons, and take a practical interest in the work.



Our President.

Our President, Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., Consul for Czecho-Slovakia, has been interested in the deaf ever since he was a little boy in England, more than sixty years ago.

So far as Australia is concerned and our own Society, his first contact was made more than forty years ago, when he was taking gymnastic exercises in a class at the old Y.M.C.A., in Bourke Street. An inmate of our Blackburn Home was also a member in those days. It was whilst Mr. Peacock was in the gymnasium that he was asked to dress and come up-stairs and address impromptu the annual meeting of the Society, which was then known as the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.

Those were the days of Mr. Edward Newbigin, Mr. H. Sumner-Martin, Rev. H. W. H. Adeney, Rev. J. J. Halley, Mr. John M. Griffiths, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Luke and prominent deaf workers like Mr. Matt Miller and Mr. J. E. Muir. The work of the Mission was carried on in rented rooms, first at the Y.M.C.A., then the Baptist Hall, and afterwards at the Congregational Hall, in Collins Street, by missioners who were only able to give part of their time to the work.

When a full-time Superintendent was appointed, about thirty years ago, our President was one of the first to advise and stand by him in all his efforts to obtain better conditions for the deaf. It was about this time that Mr. Peacock became a member of the Board of Management, and afterwards Chairman of the Committee, Vice-President, and for some years now President.

It is safe to say no man has had a more intimate knowledge of the development of the Society, kept in closer touch with the work, or made a more profound study of the problems of the deaf. Our President bubbles over with enthusiasm in our cause when he undertakes some work in our interest, and that is quite often. He may be depended upon to see it through, no matter how great the difficulty. He has a clear grip of our needs and is personally acquainted with us.

Mr. Peacock has travelled widely in other countries, and wherever he has been he has visited Deaf Schools and Adult Societies, thereby adding to his wide experience and knowledge, for the benefit of our members, who all know him, love him and respect him for the genuine interest he has taken in our welfare, and the service he is ever ready to render.



Our Honorary Secretary.

Mr. R. J. Oehr, F.I.C.A., F.C.I.S., has been Hon. Secretary of our Society since 1911, and has therefore witnessed and helped in most of the developments which has brought our Society to its present stage of efficiency. Mr. Oehr is a man of many interests and activities, yet he has given us of his time ungrudgingly. Mr. Oehr is Registrar of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants, Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Aust.), is on the Local Council of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and has been Secretary of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society since February, 1905. He is a Member of the Faculty of Music, Melbourne University, Member of the Lady Northcote Orchestra Trust Fund, and Hon. Secretary Council of Melbourne Musical Societies. He has been for thirty years Choir-Master of Cairns Memorial Church, is one of the trustees of the Richmond Branch of the A.N.A., and a Justice of the Peace for Central Bailiwick.

Our Honorary Treasurer.

Major L. A. Cleveland, M.C., occupies the position of Hon. Treasurer of the Society.

Major Cleveland is a popular and well-known business man, being senior partner of the firm of Cleveland, Son & Hislop, Chartered Accountants (Aust.), 20 Queen Street, Melbourne. He is a Member of the Council of both the Chartered and Commonwealth Institutes of Accountants, and was for several years President of the General Council of the latter Institute. He also occupies the position of Hon. Treasurer of the Melbourne Rotary Club, and is keenly interested in the volunteer militia, holding the rank of Major therein.



Major Cleveland was on active service abroad in both the South African and the Great War, and while holding the rank of Captain was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished services in the latter campaign.

The many-sided activities of the Society make the demand upon the time of the Treasurer exceptionally heavy for an honorary officer to give, but this is cheerfully given by Major Cleveland, and only recently he took over additional work, bringing about a saving of £50 per annum to the Society. This practical help is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Our Chairman.



Councillor Norman Armstrong, J.P., is one of the new generation of active sympathisers. He has been Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1928, and is also Chairman of the Home and Farm Committee. From the beginning Mr. Armstrong has taken a practical and personal interest in the affairs of the Society, especially in connection with the Home at Blackburn, where the very nature of the work of this branch of the Society demands constant and tactful attention. He is called upon often, but is ever ready to respond not infrequently to the neglect of his own interests. Councillor Armstrong is ex-President of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

THE GOOD STORIES THAT ARE NEVER TOLD.

It is easy to despair of the world when you pick up your paper in the morning and find it full of last night's crimes. But there are things that are not in the papers. The world is full of stories that are never told, though if they were told by a Barrie or a Kipling they would never perish.

Life is not so bad as the newspaper makes it. For every bad thing that happens in life there are a hundred good things, but the good is usual and is not news, while the bad is unusual and is news. We should all understand the world a little better if we remembered that the newspapers hold their mirrors up to the unusual things, bad things, startling things.

When the world comes round every year to the annual miracle of Spring, with all that marvellous unfolding of life that is too wonderful for words, the papers do not talk of it; they take it all for granted, or perhaps they are not equal to reporting this annual event that changes the face of the earth. But let Spring come without the daffodils, let the bluebells fail to spread their carpet through the English wood, let the wild thyme cease to grow and the violets cease to bloom, and the papers would be full of it. Nobody talks of the sun when it shines, but when the moon puts it out for half-a-minute everybody gets up early and we run excursion trains to look for it. It is the unusual that gets into the papers.

The truth is that goodness is more common than badness. Millions of people do good things every day, but they are not news. Bad news is good news for the newspaper because it is rare. That is what makes it exciting. If a Boy Scout does a kind thing it is not news, because Scouts do kind things every day; it would be more like news if a Scout refused to do one. If a badger runs across a field it is not news, but if a badger rushed across the floor of the House of Commons while the Prime Minister was speaking it would be in every paper, not because badgers do run across the floor of the House, but because they do not.

There is a great novel in which a girl is brought up on a far-away island, learning nothing of England except what she reads in the local paper, and England is for her a place such as most of us probably imagine Chicago to be—the scene of endless murders, robberies, and crimes of every sort. All the world knows that it is not true, and it cannot be said too often that the newspaper picture of the world is anything but true.

If the newspaper pictured the world faithfully, with a true balance of events according to their importance, it would never sell in millions, for people would tire of reading all the simple good things that are always being done. Did not somebody say that the country that had no history was happy? He meant, of course, the country that never got into the news. Of course it was happy. Its people went on enjoying the world, tilling their fields, making beautiful things, writing and reading fine books, producing and loving fine pictures and statues, paying their way, being fond of their children, and taking care of their old people. Life was a lovely thing to them. But they had no newspapers, for nothing happened.

Nothing? Well, only good and kindly things, only brave and noble things, only true and simple things. There was the courage that is almost beyond belief. There was the patience that would endure all things. There was the love that suffers long. There was the charity that never faileth. There was the spirit that is not afraid. There was the cheerfulness that refuses to break down. There were the things that are pure and honest and just and lovely and of good report. There were all these, but they were there every day and were not news.

Here, gathered from the news of the world in our time, or from the history of the days before ours, are some stories of life as *it* is, most of them from the lifetime of the youngest reader of this book, and every one of them true.

They show us that the world is not such a bad place after all. They show us that the things that do not get into the papers, or at any rate, are not made much of there. Yet they are such things as life is made of; they happen everywhere and every day. Read them if you would know how good and brave and kindly people are, how somebody is always trying to help, somebody is always willing to die to make life happy for another, somebody is always

willing to live to make the world a little more worth living in.

We may spend our lives in reading fiction, the stories made from men's imagination, but truth beats fiction all the time, and there never has been yet a novel half so wonderful as life itself. We need never despair, for we simply must believe in a world in which these stories happened.

—(Introduction to "Arthur Mee's Story Book.")

GROWING OLD.

A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way,
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care for a brother's name.
And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where Time and Eternity meet and blend.

A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more zest in the days of old,
A broader view and a saner mind,
And a little more love for all mankind.
And so we are faring a-down the day
That leads to the gates of a better day.

A little more love for the friends of youth,
A little less zeal for established truth,
A little more charity in our views,
A little less thirst for the daily news.
And so we are folding our tents away,
And passing in silence at close of day.

A little more laughter, a few more tears,
And we shall have told our increasing years.
The book is closed, and the prayers are said,
And we are a part of the countless dead.
Thrice happy if then some soul can say—
I live because He has passed my way.

—Rollin J. Wells.

A BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

It's a beautiful place—this world!
With its glorious skies of blue;
With its sunshine bright and its star-swept night,
Its neighbouring hearts and true.

It's a beautiful spot—this earth!
With its roses and thrushes and trees;
Whenever we stumble and set up a grumble,
We seem to forget all these.

We're, oh, so ready to frown
When shadows and clouds are rife;
'Twere better to raise an anthem of praise
To God for the beauty in life.

DIFFICULTIES OF TESTING HEARING.

Dr. Hugh Grant Rowell recently had an article in the "Parents' Magazine" (U.S.) on "Deafness in Children." The following is what he has to say on the difficulty of testing hearing:—

"Hearing is difficult to test anyway, because it is a tricky sort of thing. Weather, fatigue from noise or loss of rest, and a thousand of the ordinary events of life affect it. Just how much variation occurs from time to time from these causes is difficult to determine. Some estimate it as five or ten d.u.'s, which is the ordinary units of measure of such things. This, however, is certain, the defective ear is more likely to show wider variations than the normal ear. The temporary damage to hearing from the ordinary colds in certain individuals is amazing. It is true that certain studies have shown that the cold had no effect on hearing. I can only point in reply to certain cases which have passed through my own hands. The hearing apparently returned to normal when the cold was over."

WHAT A WELL-TRAVELLED AND SKILLED TEACHER OF THE DEAF THINKS.

Mr. F. G. Barnes, M.A., of the National Institute for the Deaf, London, England, in a book giving his experiences of a world tour of Schools and Adult Societies for the Deaf, writes:—

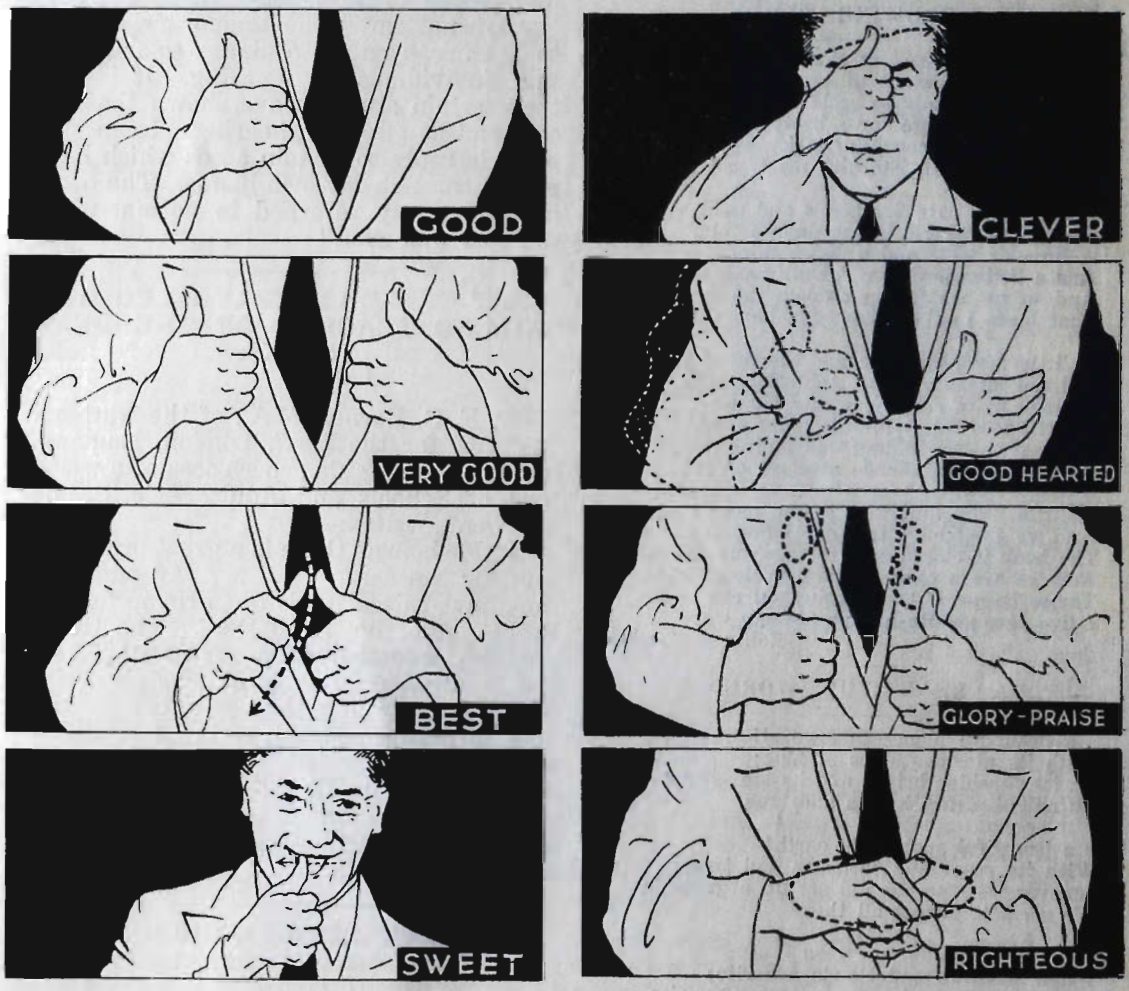
"In Melbourne there is a great organisation for the deaf. . . . . In addition, they have raised funds for a Home for the Feeble and the Aged Deaf. The Home provides accommodation for about forty, and is situated in a magnificent property. As an example of organised effort for the deaf, largely supported by the deaf themselves, this is probably one of the most successful in the Empire. The only similar effort of the kind in this country (England) is far, far behind it in conception and standard."

CADWALLADER WASHBURN. (Deaf Artist)

"Harper's Magazine" for July last had a full page frontispiece of an etching, entitled "A French Fisherman," by Cadwallader Washburn, and the October number of the same magazine another work by the same artist, "Devout Disciple of St. Francis."

A LESSON IN THE LANGUAGE OF SIGNS AS USED BY THE DEAF AND DUMB.

(1) The raised thumb of the right hand, as illustrated, signifies "Good"; (2) For "Very Good" you move both raised thumbs up and down slightly; (3) A chip off Good from Good means "Best; (4) "Sweet" is made by moving the right thumb across the lips from left to right with a pleased smile; (5) "Clever," the right thumb across the forehead from right to left; (6) "Goodhearted," the raised right thumb with a movement toward the heart; (7) "Praise," the circling one thumb after the other with an upward movement; (8) "Righteous," a circle made with the lightly closed right hand round the open palm of the left.

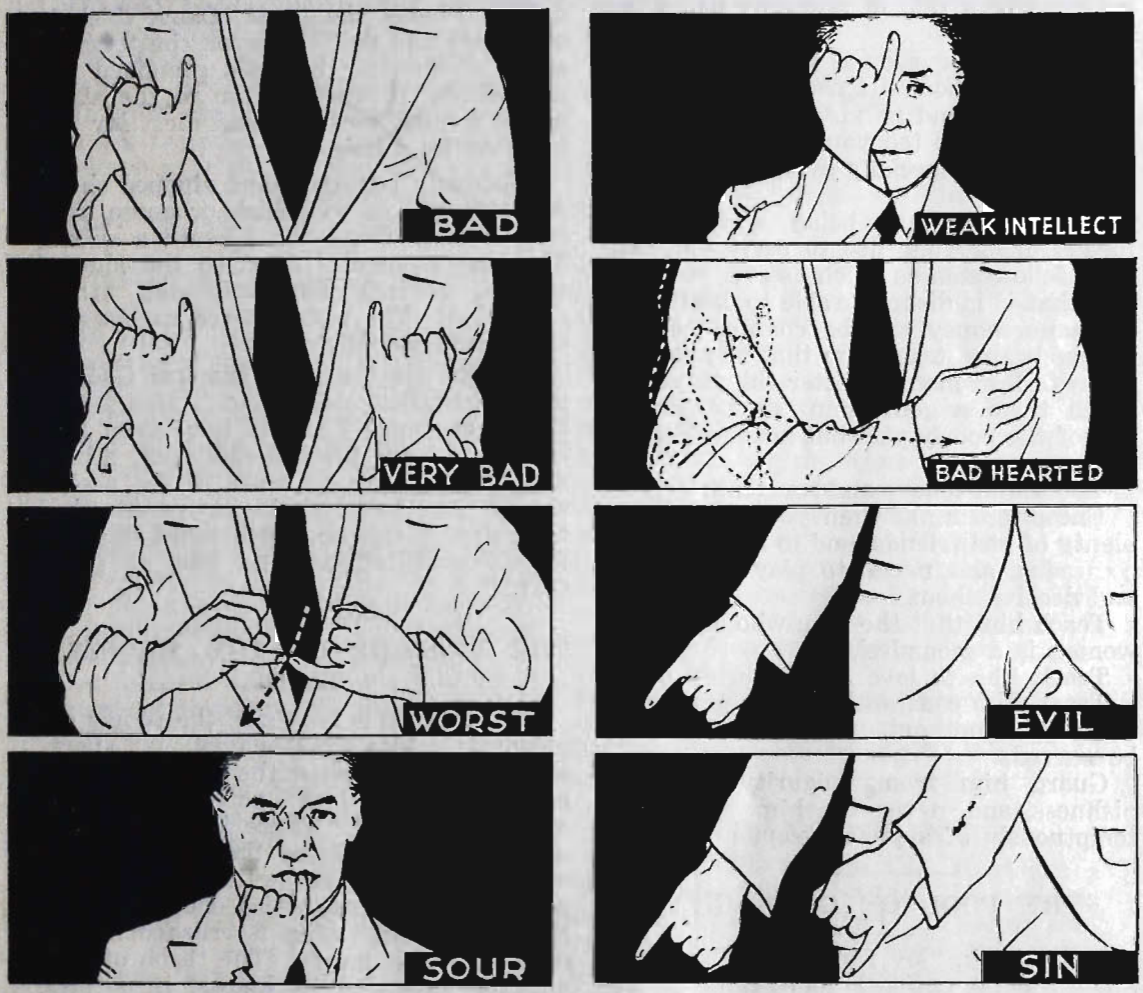


CHINA.

There is a small school for the deaf in Peking, China. The last report, printed in Chinese, is to hand. There are thirty-five pupils in the school—25 boys and 10 girls. Two of the five native teachers were at one time pupils of the Chefoo School. Mr. Du Wen Chang opened the school in 1919.

At the beginning of the 19th Century there were only eight small institutions for the instruction of deaf and dumb children in the whole world, and they were in Europe.

(1) "Bad," the raised little finger of the right hand; (2) "Very Bad," move both little fingers shakingly; (3) "Worst," strike the tip of one little finger with the other; (4) "Sour," place the little finger of the right hand on the tongue and make a displeased expression; (5) "Weak of mind or evil-minded," tap the forehead with the little finger of the right hand; (6) "Bad hearted," the raised little finger of right hand with movement toward the heart; (7) "Evil," the little finger of right hand moved outward from the body; (8) "Sin," both little fingers moved downward away from the body.



LIBRARY OF DEAF EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

The University of Manchester, England, is planning to publish a catalogue of the works contained in its library for Deaf Education if a sufficient number of subscribers is assured. The books, which now number close upon 7000 volumes, include works dealing with the various systems of teaching the deaf, lip-reading, speech training, psychology of speech and of hearing, phonetics, accoustics, and the anatomy, physiology and diseases of the ear, as well as sociological, historical and other works concerning the deaf.

WOODBINE WILLIE AND HIS BOY.

This is a letter from the late Rev. G. Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie), written during the Great War to his wife concerning the training of their boy:—

Make our boy a sportsman. Encourage him to play games, and always to play the game.

Teach him to despise cowardice, and never to be afraid of anything or anyone save God.

Teach him, as soon as you can, what his body is for, about the necessity of cleanliness in body and mind.

Teach him to tell you everything about himself, and especially everything of that sort.

Teach him that being a gentleman means using your life to serve and help your fellow-men as much as ever you can; and that it is dishonourable to desire only to make money and be comfortable. If he has brains, teach him that he must use them to lead men to better things, and to teach them a gentleman should choose one of the poorly paid but honourable professions.

Teach him to love and reverence women.

Encourage him, when young, to have plenty of girl friends, and to treat them as comrades, and never to play with them and deceive them.

Teach him that the man who deceives a woman is a scoundrel.

Teach him to love Jesus Christ.

Teach him constantly that a gentleman must give, not get, must serve, and not be served.

Guard him from vulgarity and snobbishness, and never let him speak contemptuously of anyone except a coward.

THE POOL OF GOD'S GIFT.

In his book, "My Life as an Explorer," Suen Hedin enriches our faith in the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father by the following experience.

Whilst crossing a desert in Central Asia he was overtaken by disaster. Along his route he was leaving behind him dying men and camels as he struggled on to find water. He writes:—

"I knew that the course of the river was almost due north," he says. "The shortest distance to the right-hand shore would therefore be straight eastward. Although the moon was up, and I watched the compass, I was all the time, and unconsciously, being drawn toward the south-east. There was no use fighting this force. I walked as though led by an invisible hand. Finally I resisted no more, but walked toward the south-east, where the moon was.

"I had gone about one mile when the outlines of the forest on the eastern shore appeared below the moon. Dense thickets of bushes and reeds grew on the terraced shore. The river bed still remained dry as before. It was not far to the shore where I must lie down and die. My life hung on by a hair.

"Suddenly I started, and stopped short. A water-bird, a wild duck or goose, rose on whirring wings and I heard a splash. The next moment I stood on the edge of a pool, seventy feet long and fifteen feet wide! The water looked as black as ink in the moonlight.

"In the silent night I thanked God for my miraculous deliverance. Had I continued eastward I should have been lost. In fact, if I had touched shore only a hundred yards north or south of the pool, I should have believed the entire river-bed to be dry. Later on, I christened this pool Khoda-verdi-Kol, or 'the Pool of God's Gift.' "

THE WORSHIP OF THE MACHINE.

Where there is no vision the people get pharisaic. Vital personality is everywhere chafing against the bondage of apparatus. Organised activity without meaning is blind. There is, everywhere, a deep desire to know that Eternal Life which draws its strength from the imponderable elements which one sees in the charm of Jesus. Man is crushed by the machine of his hands. The throb of vast material interests, he knows, is not the pulse of reality. Idolatry is essentially the worship of the machine. If civilisation is to be enriched, man in his divine worth must be lord also of the machine. It is as we seek first the soul's freedom in the truth of the Great Unseen, that the human welfare in the goods of a beautiful earth will be safely and abundantly added unto us.

The man of mechanical efficiency only is superficial — slavishly contemporary,

reads newspapers, sees no eternal meaning in the flow of events; believes that the things that are seen are real, and that the things that are unseen are vague and empty. To him, a house not made with hands is stuff from which dreams are made. To prepare for death means only to make a sound will. He is too busy subdividing earth to give a passing thought about winning heaven. The patience of unanswered prayer must yield to "pep" which gets things done. A dream must be capitalised; a vision calculated. He points with pride to big buildings, paved streets, good roads, sky-scrapers, quantity producing factories, big bank clearings, and views with pitiful complacency and passing tolerance the spiritual life and the great imponderables.—Silas Evans.

GETTING OVER HUMAN NATURE.

"You will never get over human nature" is a parrot cry that many people keep on repeating; yet plainly human nature would destroy human society if we did not discipline it. Once in a theatre the cry of Fire! was raised. The people obeyed human nature, the instinct of self-preservation, and rushed helter-skelter to the doors, where there was a jam and people were trampled to death. It was a false alarm; those people perished from an ill-disciplined obedience to the instinct of self-preservation. A few weeks later, in another theatre, was another cry of Fire! The manager leaped to the stage and commanded the people to keep their seats. The panic was checked, the theatre emptied in perfect order, and no one was hurt. In the second case human nature was made subject to social discipline.

—Norman Angell.

A PATHETIC STORY OF BEETHOVEN

Beethoven became quite deaf during the last years of his life. In spite of his deafness, he often conducted his symphonies in person. One day he was at the desk conducting the Pastoral Symphony. In the last movement, the musicians found that they were in advance of the conductor by two bars. They looked at each other and soon made up their minds what to do. When the symphony was over they went on pretending to play, while Beethoven alone beat the time of two more bars. There could not be a more touching tribute paid to a genius, nor more consideration shown for his infirmity.

This touching little scene probably caused the spectators who witnessed it to smile. But what terrible pathos in the scene of Handel conducting "The Messiah" and being struck with complete blindness before the end of the performance, and having to be gently led away by the members of the orchestra.

ANCIENT INDIAN TRIBES AND DEAFNESS.

"The Scientific American" has this to say concerning the prevalence of deafness among the tribes of ancient American Indians:—

"We are so accustomed to think of Indians as possessed of the most acute vision and the keenest sense of hearing that we can hardly credit the statement that many Indians of ancient tribes were stone deaf. A common cause of deafness was due to the growth, in the outer ear passages, of numerous small, hard ivory-like tumors, which often filled the passages in both ears, preventing the entrance of sound waves. The condition was wide-spread among ancient Indians of pre-Columbian Peru, in a prehistoric tribe of Arkansas, in wandering bands of Indians found on the sea coast of Southern California, and among aboriginies living on the tiny island of San Nicholas, the most seaward of the California Channel Islands. Another type of deafness is due to the infections of the ears arising from large abscesses formed about the teeth."

A SILENT "TALKIE."

There is talk in the Old World of a "Silent Talkie" film, shortly to be produced at Birmingham, England. It seems that various Midland Societies for the Adult Deaf and Dumb are co-operating for this purpose. The dialogue is to be in the gesture language.

DEAF INDIAN ARTIST.

The "Mid-Week Pictorial" (U.S.A.) for September 30th, 1930, contains a picture of a bear carved out of wood with a jack-knife, by John Clark, a deaf Indian artist, in Glacier National Park. He has won recognition for his clever creations on several occasions.

THE FOUNDER OF THE FIRST SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Abbe de l'Epee.

In the threefold character of the founder of the first school for the deaf irrespective of social condition, their self-denying teacher and sympathetic friend, and the originator of an entirely new method of



instructing them, the Abbe de l'Epee is by common consent regarded as the greatest and most interesting personality in our annals. He was in truth the Apostle of the class he loved so well. His method has all but passed into the limbo of the obsolete, but the lustre of a great and noble life still remains and ever will be undimmed. We can, however, only very briefly recount the leading facts of his life, before proceeding to describe his method.

De l'Epee was born at Versailles, where his father was an architect in the Royal service. Originally intended for secular pursuits, he showed a decided predilection for the Church, for which he studied and in due course applied for admission to the priesthood. His refusal to sign certain doctrinal formulas, however, closed the door on him, and compelled him to turn to the law as a profession, and in 1733 he qualified as an advocate at Paris. His stay at the bar was not of long duration, as he could not forget his old aspirations; and ultimately, through the good offices of the Bishop of Troyes, he was admitted into the Church in 1736. On the death of his patron, de l'Epee returned to Paris, where he had fresh troubles with his ecclesiastical superiors. One day, some time in 1760, the Abbe unexpectedly came across two deaf-mute sisters who had been charitably instructed by a Father Vanin by means of pictures, but whom his premature death had left desolate. Becoming interested in them, he there and then decided to take the good Father's place. At last de l'Epee had found his true vocation, and henceforward, until his death, his life was consecrated to the work of educating the deaf. How disinterested it was, may be inferred from the fact that out of his by no means large private income he set apart a considerable portion for the expenses of his school, which was entirely for the poor. His work attracted the notice of the great, amongst whom was the Emperor Joseph II. of Austria, who as a result of a visit to the school, sent a young ecclesiastic, the Abbe Storck, to be trained by de l'Epee as a preliminary to establishing the first national school at Vienna in 1779. On de l'Epee's death, his school was continued by his pupil, the Abbe Sicard, and two years afterwards, in 1791, was taken over by the Government and became the National Institution at Paris.

THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN.

St. Kilda Road.

There can be no school for any section of any community of so paramount importance as a school for deaf and dumb children. By means of the sense of hearing, normal children can "pick up" knowledge; the deaf child cannot. The bridge

of hearing being closed, he has to be instructed, in the first instance at least, by laborious methods. Unlike the teacher of the hearing, the teacher of the deaf has no foundation upon which to build. He has patiently to lay his own foundation.

The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution is the only road for the deaf and dumb child of this State open for the acquisition of knowledge, which, in his case, means all that is in life.

There can be no greater institution than that which performs the miracle of bringing a soul out of darkness; from groping in a world of mystery into a world of light and understanding.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE VICTORIAN DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

Mr. W. J. McCaskill, the recently appointed Secretary and Superintendent of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, in succession to the late Mr. John Adcock, was for twenty-three



years in the employ of Messrs. Michaelis, Hallenstein & Co. Pty. Ltd., starting as a boy and working his way up to assistant manager, the position held by him when he resigned to take over the care of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. He left his old position with the good wishes of all, and has already made a most favourable impression in his new sphere of work.

Mr. McCaskill has always been very fond of sport, having taken part in football, cricket and amateur athletics, and later golf; giving up the latter last year to devote his spare time to the Boy Scout movement, of which he is a Commissioner for the Hawthorn District.

His thorough business training, combined with varied practical knowledge and backed up by his keen organising ability and understanding of human nature, together with his love for children, give promise of a very successful future to his new undertaking.

MARRIAGES OF THE DEAF.

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby recently officiated at a wedding of a deaf and dumb couple, and immediately after the event received an anonymous postcard with these words on it in feminine writing:— "It was a very wrong and wicked thing to have married the couple at Trinity Church; afflicted people like that should not marry." In reply to this Mr. Gilby wrote as follows to the "Bath Chronicle" (England):—

"How quick to condemn are those who know nothing whatever of circumstances and who are simply stuffed with prejudices. To begin with, the ages of these deaf persons were 72 and 54. They are both fairly well-off and are exceedingly happy, whereas they were lonely in isolation. My own parents were deaf and dumb, and I am not. My experience of these matters is pretty extensive. I have assisted Professor Karl Pearson and Edgar Schuster, very noted eugenists. I am well acquainted with Dr. Kerr Love, Mr. MacLeod Yearsley, Dr. Haslam, Charles Heath and other aurists of note. I know their opinion re the marriage of afflicted persons. I know the Mendelian theory, and am pretty well able to advise as to the suitability of certain people uniting in marriage when I know the family history.

"The terrible state of things when there used to be no missions to the deaf, and the prevalence of illegitimacy in those days and of contaminated offspring, is known to those who really study these things. Our prejudiced critics should have been willing to learn from those who know by experience that we often have to choose the lesser of two evils. But in the majority of these cases great happiness follows in the mutual society, help and comfort that the one derives from the other."

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

Public Invited.

Have you ever joined a deaf and dumb congregation at worship? Did you know that such a place as a Church specially designed for deaf and dumb people existed? No. Then accept our invitation and come and see what such a Church really means to our fellow-citizens, who have to depend upon the eye instead of the ear. Sometimes the Service is a silent one, conducted by means of finger spelling and gesture, but very frequently some well-known clergyman is the preacher. On these occasions the Service is interpreted to the deaf and dumb. There will be such a Service on the 25th of January, at 7 p.m., when Archdeacon Herring will officiate. Other similar Services, to which the public are invited, will be found in the Church Notices of the morning papers.



CLUB HOUSE FOR THE DEAF.

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Another feature of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria is its Club House—the rendezvous of the deaf of Melbourne and suburbs, and the Home away from home of the country deaf. So far as the deaf and dumb are concerned, there is no distinction or difference here; nationality, religion, colour, matter not at all; rich or poor, it is all the same. "Come and participate in whatever we have to offer if you are deaf and dumb" is taken for granted, and taken advantage of as a matter of course. There is a small but very artistic and homely Assembly Hall which will accommodate about 150—a much larger hall is an urgent need—billiard, reading and ladies' rooms, library and administrative offices, kitchen with utensils, gas stove and other requirements for making and serving your own meal, and if you are in the unfortunate position to be without the wherewithal to purchase the commodities for that meal, there is a residential officer in a position to provide you with the necessary funds.

The Club House is also the social centre for all kinds of gatherings, dances, card and birthday parties, wedding breakfasts, and anniversary functions of every description. No charge is made to the deaf members for the use of the hall and conveniences for such gatherings. There are regular cinema picture shows and every imaginable class of entertainment that is likely to appeal to the deaf is introduced from time to time. There are lectures and classes under the auspices of the Men's and Women's Guilds, and the Club House is the head-quarters of the various sports clubs for the deaf—Cricket, Lacrosse, Tennis, Hockey and Ramblers The Club House is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Hearing friends are invited to "look in" any time, but especially Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 p.m. No ceremony—but a hearty welcome to join in whatever is going on.



"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?"

HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM DEAF MUTES.

Central Road, Blackburn, Vic.

Yet another materialised thought for the well-being of our deaf and dumb citizens is the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Home at Blackburn. Here the Society shelters and cares for that section of the deaf and dumb who are unable to take care of themselves. In the Blackburn Home you will find the blind-deaf, the aged and infirm deaf, and the mentally defective deaf. It is a real Home—in construction and management, the ordinary institution features, as we know them, being avoided. The surroundings are beautiful. Seventy acres of undulating land, with a lake in the centre, and the occupation of the inmates the cultivation of flowers, of which there are about fifteen acres. If you are interested, we shall be pleased to see you at the Home. There are no fixed visiting as our mothers would say,—when visitors look in unexpectedly—"You are very welcome, but you must take us as you find us, rooms have to be swept, beds made and dinners cooked"—and our family is a big one, mostly healthy and always hungry days. Come at your own convenience, and, at meal-times, and therefore must have first attention.



OUR LITTLE WORLD.

When the events recorded here took place they were greatly and keenly enjoyed, but those who took part are now enjoying or looking forward to other attractive features "showing," and it is not wise to give in too much detail joys of the past for fear of upsetting the equilibrium of those who neglected to take advantage.

Annual Congregational Picnic, November 4th, Diamond Creek. Nearly 70 in attendance, sports interrupted by heavy rain. Adjourned to Club House. Glorious time. Sports resumed in Railway Reserve. Picnic tea in the hall. Social at night. Other picnic parties driven in by the wet weather participated.

Archbishop Head.—Evensong in our Church at 4.30 on the 20th November. Afterwards heartily welcomed and entertained to tea in our Club House. Talked to all of us. Large attendance. Looking forward to another visit.

Same evening.—"Lucky Social" in aid of "Unemployed Deaf Fund." Great attendance. Takings £6/18/8.

December 3rd.—Concert in our Club House by East Melbourne Choral Society in aid of our funds.

Board of Directors' Rally to the Deaf Members, December 18th.—Suffocating attendance—too crowded to do anything but talk, but Father Christmas got about and distributed toys to the children of the deaf, and altogether, notwithstanding one's inability to turn round for want of space to do so, we managed to have a good time. The catering was good, so was the cheery atmosphere and the ice cream that failed to go round. The President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, with other members of the Board, were present and stayed to a late hour. I saw the Hon. Treasurer laughing with our Principal at near on 11 p.m., which goes to show that our Board like us, and do not join us just officially.

Lieut.Colonel Olden officiated in our Church on 21st and 28th December, assisted by our Principal. The Christmas Day Service was conducted by the Principal.

The Interstate Deaf Tennis Tournament opened on the 26th December, and a Welcome Social was held the same evening at our Club House.

A Cinema Picture Show of our deaf citizens was shown at the Club House on 29th December to a large assembly, including interstate and country visitors.

A New Year's Eve Social to Tennis Club members, guests and friends was given by the Principal at the Club House. Games, dances, supper.

There was a picnic, with good attendance, to Mordialloc on New Year's Day; and a Garden Party at Lake Park, Blackburn, on the 2nd of January, when the deaf were the guests of our Principal.

A Farewell Social to interstate and country guests was held at the Club House on the evening of January 2nd. Mr. J. M. Johnston presided, and our Principal distributed the prizes of the Tennis Club Tournament.

Men's Singles Championship.—Won by H. Puddy.

Men's Doubles Championship. — H. Puddy and K. Best (Tasmania).

Ladies' Singles Championship.—Mrs. J. M. Johnston.

Ladies' Doubles Championship.—Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Miss M. Dow.

Mixed Doubles Championship — H. Puddy and Miss J. Best (Tasmania).

ISLE OF MAN.

A Mission to the Deaf and Dumb of the Isle of Man has at last been established. Mr. L. Edwards has the work in hand. Douglas is to be the headquarters of the Mission. So far, Mr. Edwards is in touch with about forty local deaf people.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria



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WHAT IS IT?

It is not a **school,** but it aims at being everything else that makes for the advancement of this handicapped section of the community. It is the only organisation making provision for the after-school care of the Deaf and Dumb of this State.

At Jolimont and Blackburn the Society has made provision and is catering for as many of their needs as funds will allow. Very much has been, and is being done, in this direction, but there is still very much more to do before it can be claimed that we are giving our deaf citizens opportunities equal to those already available to the normal citizen.

At Jolimont there is a Church specially designed for services in the finger and sign language, a club house, enquiry office, relief and employment agency, a tennis court, provision for social intercourse, indoor and outdoor recreation.

At Blackburn a Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes, with training farm for those who are mentally defective.

THE CLUB HOUSE at Jolimont Square is the rendezvous of the deaf of Melbourne and suburbs, and the Home away from home of the country deaf. So far as the deaf and dumb are concerned, there is no distinction or difference here; nationality, religion, colour, matter not at all; rich or poor, it is all the same. "Come and participate in whatever we have to offer if you are deaf and dumb" is taken for granted, and taken advantage of as a matter of course. There is a small but very artistic and homely Assembly Hall, which will accommodate about 150—a much larger hall is an urgent need—billiard, reading and ladies' rooms, library and administrative offices, kitchen with utensils, gas stove and other requirements for making and serving your own meal, and if you are in the unfortunate position to be without the wherewithal to purchase the commodities for that meal, there is a residential officer in a position to provide you with the necessary funds.

The Club House is also the social centre for all kinds of gatherings, dances, card and birthday parties, wedding breakfasts, and anniversary functions of every description. No charge is made to the deaf members for the use of the hall and conveniences for such gatherings. There are regular cinema picture shows and every imaginable class of entertainment that is likely to appeal to the deaf is introduced from time to time. There are lectures and classes under the auspices of the Men's and Women's Guilds, and the Club House is the head-quarters of the various sports clubs for the deaf—Cricket, Lacrosse, Tennis, Hockey and Ramblers. The Club House is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Hearing friends are invited to "look in" any time, but especially Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 p.m. No ceremony—but a hearty welcome to join in whatever is going on.



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MISS ALICE CAMPBELL GRAHAM

It is with pleasure we present our readers with a portrait of our fairy godmother, Miss Alice Graham, who has again waved her magic wand to help those of her fellow Deaf who are finding the present unemployment condition a little too much for them to battle against.



MISS ALICE CAMPBELL GRAHAM

For years past Miss Graham has in a quiet way assisted many and helped the various activities of our Society very generously, but now her munificence has assumed such large dimensions that her benevolence can no longer be hidden.

One of Miss Graham's greatly appreciated gifts is the beautiful furnishings of the Sanctuary of our new Church, and the cost of the upkeep of the Church lawn and garden. Another very useful gift is a motor wagon, used by the unemployed in an effort to make a living by the sale of goods during the depression. It has also been of service to our Society in other useful ways; and now Miss Graham is giving for a period the sum of £25 monthly for distribution by our Principal to deserving cases in relief and relief-employment to the Deaf of both sexes.

We cannot express in words the gratitude we feel toward Miss Graham, nor do we know how to thank her. Already her thoughtful kindness and timely generosity has brought comfort and consolation to many participants, who will doubtless in their own way let Miss Graham know how much they appreciate her interest in them.

LIP-READING FOR THE DEAF —NOT DUMB.

Lip-reading, or Speech-reading, is a very valuable help in enabling deafened persons to regain, to an extremely useful extent, their contact with those about them. By the eye they may learn to recognise spoken language, which they remember so well but which they no longer, hear, or only partially hear. Their relation to the study is different from and vastly more favourable than that of deaf-born people, who have never heard spoken language, and who are therefore without the mental concepts of its audible use.

Lip-reading is the art of seeing speech instead of hearing it, and apart from this substitution of the eye for the ear, there are no psychic differences involved in "listening by sight."

Any substitution for a natural organ or sense must, however, imply limitations, and consequently the eye can never equal the ear in the accuracy of its observations or the ease of making them. In recognising speech from its visible indications, limitations arise from the distance, position and light. Since, however, in deafness some loss is inevitable, any help which lessens it should be sought; and large numbers of people have found that the isolation of deafness has been materially relieved by the practice of lip-reading.

As before explained, the speech hearer is not concerned with the recognition of individual sounds, or even with every individual word, but appreciates meaning from the whole synthesis of the sentence. Context plays a large part in making the understanding of heard speech easy and rapid. Having become aware of the subject, the mind follows and anticipates the salient words used.

Context must fulfil similar functions in lip-reading. The lip-reader must, as he did when he could hear, avail himself of every auxiliary to understanding—the expression of the eye, the features, the limbs and the whole attitude of the speaker. Having realised the nature of the effort to see speech, the lip-reader must approach its study with confidence in himself and the determination to succeed. Many fail because they attempt to see more of speech than they became consciously aware of when they heard it, namely, the individual sounds used. The impossibility of this is evident from the fact that the movements of the majority of the sounds used in speech are more or less hidden in the mouth. Others fail because they imagine that the effort is of some mysterious nature involving the development of something like occult powers.

The assistance of a specialist teacher of lip-reading is always advisable; but even such a teacher cannot succeed unless the learner appreciates his actual relation to the study. This is briefly indicated above.

In some cases, persons becoming deaf have been advised by medical men, whom they have consulted, not to study lip-reading on the grounds that its practice will induce them not to use their remaining hearing power fully in the effort to listen. Such advice is opposed to fact, for the visual observations of lip-reading running, "pari passu," with any speech that may be heard, tends to focus the effort and make listening easier and more effective.

It is therefore recommended that the study of lip-reading be taken up as soon as deafness becomes noticeable. The observations thus made, together with any audible impressions that may still be heard, will gradually train the eyes to their new duty; and should the deafness be progressive and result in totality, the sufferer is, to a great extent, fore-armed against its devastating isolation.

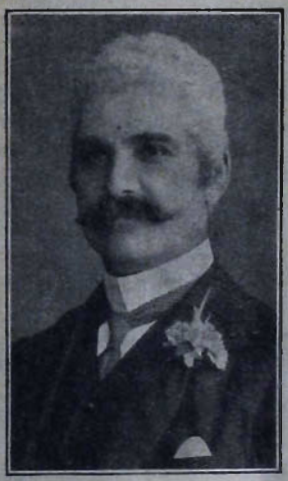
The ability to read the lips, through the degree of confidence it establishes in those who practise it, is frequently a great factor in conserving cheerfulness of mind and general normal attitude towards life which the tendency of deafness, "per se," is to depress.

SO LIVE.

So live that, when the summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

William Cullen Bryant

THE LATE MR. JOHN E. MUIR.



Mr. John E. Muir, one of the most enthusiastic pioneers of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, passed to a higher life on the 17th January last, after a short illness. The absence of Mr. Muir from our midst will be felt by many, for he had a powerful influence for good upon his fellow deaf. He was highly respected and affectionately regarded by the young and old. He was an outstanding figure in every effort for the upliftment of his fellow deaf during the last forty years, and freely gave of his best at all times.

His lovable simplicity made every one his friend, and yet he had that strength of character that commanded discipline where others in similar circumstances often failed.

During the great publicity campaign on behalf of the Deaf in 1901-4, he gave most of his evenings to this work. He was a past master of the language of gesture, and his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" always brought applause from audiences of thousands.

He was, for many years, a member of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and held in turn every position of honor that the deaf themselves were able to confer upon him from Hon. Secretary of various clubs to President. In the world of sport, amongst the deaf, he was pre-eminent. He gave the deaf generally "a place in the sun," as a popular player of the Fitzroy Football Club. Tall and erect, with a cloud of snow white hair crowning his youthful head, Mr. Muir was always the most conspicuous figure on the field, and received a hearty ovation from the onlookers.

Added to that he was a good cricketer, and for most sport was eagerly sought as a coach by the younger deaf members. In cases of emergency, Mr. Muir was always willing and ready to preach a sermon, give a lecture, conduct a Bible class or visit the sick at the shortest notice. And what a cheery, welcome visitor he was!

For the past ten years he made his home in Warburton after retiring from his work as a draughtsman at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and gained many hearing friends there.

Mr. Muir's death brings to mind the early days of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. In those days the dream, ambition and aim of our old deaf pioneers was to possess a little church of their own. For twenty years they gave, collected and saved for that purpose, and John Muir was one of the most enthusiastic workers for it.

We are grateful that he lived to see the consummation of his early labors in the beautiful little Church for the Deaf that now stands in the old-world garden of the historic Jolimont Square.

It was a fitting end to his splendid life's work that the beautiful church should be his last resting place, for the casket containing his body remained in the church from the time of his death till the burial.

On the Sunday evening our Principal, Mr. Abraham, gave a beautiful Memorial Service, and most feelingly eulogised Mr. Muir's work and love of his fellow men. The service was most impressive, the pathos of which stirred all present, and doubly so Mr. Abraham, for John Muir was one of his most esteemed comrades, and it was the parting with a long-loved friend.

The casket, with some beautiful flowers on it from Mr. Muir's wife, placed at the foot of the sanctuary, added to the solemnity.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent the following day, including wreaths from the General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Deaf Committee, the Deaf Women's Guild, the Deaf Men's Guild, and Deaf Athletic Club, Mr. E.

Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Luff, and many hearing relations and friends.

After a short service in our church, the cortege left for the Box Hill Cemetery, where another service was conducted by the Rev. F. Hagenaeur, of Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. Muir's grandfather, being the late Dr. Cairns, added a link to that church. Mr. Abraham interpreted the service to a large number of deaf friends present.

John Muir, we shall always miss you. Our hearts are full of gratitude for what you have done for us, and we thank you. Like Mr. Matt. Miller, your good deeds will live for ever.

Mr. Muir leaves a widow, who is much loved for her gentle manner, charitable work, and, above all, for her outstanding and lasting work among our deaf women and girls. To her we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We know how great our loss is, but compared to hers it is nothing, for John Muir belonged to her.

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THE LATE MR. AND MRS. S. MOSS.



MR. S. MOSS

With the passing of Mr. Solomon Moss on the 5th of March, another link in the chain of early deaf pioneers of the Deaf and Dumb Society has been severed, for Mr. Moss had been a member almost since its inception.

To many of his friends he was affectionately known as "Mossie," but he had a large circle in the city, where his smiling face was generally welcome, even though his presence signified a subscription due, for he was the city collector for our society for nearly thirty years, and much valued and esteemed by the General Board.

Although he retired from that position some two years ago, quite a number of his subscribers insisted upon him calling on them, and until quite recently kindly enquiries for him were made.

Few knew of the many kindly deeds so quickly and willingly done by Mr. Moss, and great was the surprise when his benefactions were made known after his death.

Many of his fellow deaf have been remembered in a monetary way, and a substantial amount has been left to this society, which, apart from Mr. Moss's long association and life among us, cannot but help to keep his memory evergreen.

His wife, Mrs. Lucy Moss, who predeceased him by but three months, was the first, and for some time, the only pupil of the first school for deaf and dumb children in Australia, and Mr. Moss was the fifth to enter the school. They had a long life together, for both were just on eighty years of age.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Historically, we have to reach a long way back into the vista of the centuries for the first beginnings of the education of the deaf. We have it on record that as far back as 700 St. John of Beverley, the founder of the noble minster, gave instruction to a deaf mute. Bede speaks of him as having taught a deaf and dumb youth to repeat after him letters and syllables, and then some words and sentences. So far back, then, as 1200 years ago the oral method found its small beginning in England. From time to time throughout the Middle Ages we hear of other sporadic attempts to reach the deaf Rudolphus Agricola, born in 1442 at



MRS. S. MOSS

Groningen in Holland, mentions as within his knowledge the fact that a deaf mute had been taught to write and to note down his thoughts. In 1501 was born, at Paris, one Jerome Cardan, to whom may be attributed the theoretical principle upon which the instruction of the deaf is founded. He says: "Writing is associated with speech, and speech with thought; but written characters and ideas may be connected together without the intervention of sound;" and he argues that in this principle, "the instruction of the deaf and

dumb is difficult, but it is possible." All this was a novel speculation in the 16th century, and this was the great discovery which the world owes to Jerome Cardan. His great principle was first put into practice in Spain by Pedro Ponce, a Benedictine Monk born at Valladolid in 1520, and again a century afterwards by Juan Paulo Bonet, a monk of the same order, who first published a book in 1620 upon the subject, which was the first step towards making the education of the deaf and dumb permanent, by recording the experience of one teacher for the instruction of others. From this time there was a general awakening of the attention not only to the importance of the subject, but to the practicability of instructing the deaf mute. The art appears to have died away in Spain, but it was taken up by Englishmen. In 1648 Dr. John Bulwer published his Philocophus or the Deafe and Dumbe Man's Friend; in 1669 Dr. William Holder published his "Elements of Speech with an Appendix concerning Person's Deaf and Dumb," and Dr. John Wallis Savilian, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford, taught the deaf and dumb successfully and wrote copiously on the subject. In 1662 one of his most proficient pupils was exhibited before the Royal Society and in the presence of the King. In 1680 George Dalgarno, a Scotsman by birth and a resident of Oxord, published his Didascolocophus, or Deaf and Dumb Man's Tutor. He is the first English writer to give the manual alphabet. For the best part of a century nothing more was done in this country, but in 1760, when the great Abbe de l'Epee was opening his little school in Paris, the first school in the British Empire was established in Edinburgh by Thomas Braidwood. Sir Walter Scott and Dr. Johnson both appear to have become acquainted with Thomas Braidwood's activities in the northern capital. In 1783 Braidwood removed his school to Hackney, and his presence in the metropolis undoubtedly led to the foundation of the London Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, the first British Institution, in 1792, under the direction of Dr. Watson, a former assistant of Thomas Braidwood.

From the year 1792 we enter upon the systematic development of deaf education in this country in the establishment, in the first half of the nineteenth century, of residential institutions upon a charitable basis for the reception of deaf mute children, as for example: England and Wales —London, 1792; Birmingham, 1812; Manchester, 1823; Liverpool, 1825; Exeter, 1827; Doncaster, 1829; Newcastle, 1839; Brighton, 1841; Bath, 1842; Swansea, 1847. Scotland—Edinburgh, 1810; Donaldson's Hospital, 1850; Glasgow, 1819; Aberdeen, 1819; Dundee, 1846. Ireland—Dublin, Claremont, 1816; Dublin, R. C. Institution, 1846; Belfast, 1831; Strabane, 1846.

The growth of institutions continued through the second half of the nineteenth century. We have so far considered (1) the intellectual beginnings, and (2) the practical development through charitable channels. We come now to the third stage, that of State co-operation. In 1884 the Royal Commission was appointed to consider the education of the Blind and Deaf; they made their report in 1888, and as a result Parliament enacted the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act of 1894 (Scotland 1892), enjoining the compulsory education of the deaf and also the obligation upon Education Authorities to make suitable provisions for such education. From this point the education of the deaf assumed a new and active phase, with the result that the large majority of deaf mute children are now brought under suitable training.—Dr. Eicholz.

THE BARRIER OF LANGUAGE.

Meeting of Charlie Chaplin, the cinema pantominist, and Cami, the French cartoonist.

"There is a greater barrier between you and him—the barrier of language."

The following is an extract from a recent interview with Cami, the French cartoonist, and will, we are sure, be of special interest to our readers.

Cami is speaking of his first meeting with Charlie Chaplin:—

"Charlie several times expressed his intention of visiting Paris, but he did not carry it out until 1921. I did not know the date of his arrival, and heard of it through the newspapers. I immediately rushed off to his hotel. I was rather shy about this meeting. Should we not be disappointed with each other? And

especially would not Charlie be disappointed with me?

"Charlie embraced me as if we were close friends who had not seen each other for years. I was very happy. I asked strings of questions: What sort of crossing he had, how he liked Europe and so on. It did not even occur to me that he did not speak French. And even if it had occurred to me I could not have helped it, as I could not speak a word of English.

"Charlie looked embarrassed at first, and then he burst out laughing and replied in English to my French questions. Maybe his replies did not give the right answer to my questions, but what did it matter? We had dinner together at the hotel. All went well at first, but suddenly he became depressed. He stood up, left the table, and with tears in his eyes went out of the room. I was alarmed and asked the manager of the hotel, who spoke English, what was the matter with Chaplin? He explained: 'He is overcome by the thought that there is a greater barrier than the ocean between you and him—the barrier of language.'

"I suggested to Chaplin that we should go to the Folies Bergere, where he once appeared on the platform in Karno's company. Charlie accepted with pleasure. In the car we sat side by side, and we discovered that the language was not such a great obstacle after all. We found out a new way of conversation, a new deaf and dumb code, and by gestures we came to understand each other perfectly well, so much so that we spent a pleasant evening together.

"It was during Chaplin's Paris stay that 'The Kid' was shown to the public. It was a gala performance in aid of the devastated areas of France. The huge Trocadero was filled, Chaplin himself being a great attraction. The audience was one of the largest ever seen in Paris. The receipts were 300,000 francs, a large sum at that time. Chaplin was besieged for autographs, and was received with immense enthusiasm.

"Chaplin, Mme. Cecil Sorel, and I had a box. Everything went smoothly, and 'The Kid' had an unusually great success. Mme. Sorel and I complimented Chaplin sincerely, but he would take no credit to himself and said: 'What do I matter? Look at Jackie; what a gorgeous chap he is!

"Suddenly I noticed that Chaplin had disappeared. He had gone out on tiptoes without attracting our attention. I thought he was affected by the heat, and I went out to see what was the matter. I found him in the corridor leaning against the wall and fanning himself with his handkerchief. 'What is the matter?' Is it the heat?' I enquired by signs. 'No,' he answered in the same way; 'in the next box was a lady who used such a strong perfume that I nearly fainted.' "

"THE CONCORD OF SWEET SOUNDS."

The following prayer was specially composed for the Dame Nellie Melba Service of Farewell and benediction held at St. Columba's Scots' Church, London, on the 4th of March:—

"O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise. Receive, O Lord, our hearty thanksgiving for all things beautiful in heaven and earth, in God and man, in nature, and in art; and especially for that in which we now rejoice—the wonder of harmony and the concord of sweet sounds. For the music of the spheres, the singing of birds, and all pure rejoicing in the heart of man we thank Thee; and especially that Thou hast raised up some, gifted in musical invention, or expert on instrument and in song, to be the special interpreters of Thy harmonious will. We remember now the inspiration of the earthly music of those who have passed beyond, and would hear its echoes from the choir invisible in the great unseen. We pray Thee turn our lives to music, that they may here anticipate the heavenly concords of the life to come. Keep us faithful unto death to all Thy laws of harmony and love; and grant us at length the crown of endless song in the world of light and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Whilst recognising their vagaries and shortcomings, their virtues and ambitions are kept in mind.—"Trades for Deaf of Imminent Portent."

THE GREAT THING.

To know what you prefer, instead of saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive. R. L. Stevenson.

A BADGE FOR DEAF PEOPLE.

Deaf and blind people must wear a broad yellow badge on their arms when they take their walks through the streets of Budapest.

The police have issued this decree in the hope of avoiding traffic accidents. In commenting upon this regulation a newspaper says: "Probably many people will shrink from wearing the badge, especially the deaf, who will feel that they pass through the streets in an atmosphere of curiosity and pity." The same paper, in all seriousness, goes on to suggest that instead of the badge the deaf should carry white walking-sticks, "and drivers should be taught to look out for them; while the rest of the world would take it in at a glance, instead of trying to see what was written on the badge."

Those of us who have a sense of humour are enjoying this, but the very serious and particular fellow deaf citizen is asking when will our hearing friends realise that the deaf of necessity are more careful, and therefore less likely to meet with accidents than the hearing. We use our eyes, which are far more reliable than your ears.

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FORWARD, BRAVE HEART.

There are glorious years lying ahead of you if you choose to make them glorious. God's in His heaven still.

So forward, brave hearts, to what adventures I cannot tell, but I know that your God is watching to see whether you are adventurous.

—J. M. Barrie.

YEARS DO NOT MAKE AGE.

It is not years that make age. Frivolous pursuits, base passions unsubdued, narrow selfishness, vacuity of mind, life with sordid aims or no aims at all—these are the things that bring age upon the soul.

Healthful tastes, an open eye for what is beautiful and good in nature and in man, a happy remembrance of youthful pleasures, a mind never without some active interest or pursuit—these are the things that carry on the feeling of youth into old age.

—Sir Theodore Martin on his 90th birthday.

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WRITE TO GOD ABOUT IT.

Mr. C. Leonard Woolley, the explorer in Mesopotamia, tells these good stories of his Mohammedan servant, Haj Wahid. Interpret them how you will, the fact remains, the prayers were answered.

"It was a bitter winter, and for nearly three weeks the snow had lain deep on the ground. All suffered, but the poor Haj most of all, for at meal-times he had to trudge backward and forward between the kitchen and the living-room, carrying his dishes, while the snow trickled into his loose slippers and caked on his chilblained feet.

"One day he told me that he was desperate; could stand it no longer. 'If the frost does not break up to-night,' he said, 'I shall write to God about it.' I asked how the letter would be sent. 'Easily enough,' was the answer. 'You need only running water, and here we have the whole Euphrates; it will get there in no time.'

"I suggested that Haj Wahid was a very lax Mohammedan and could scarcely expect an answer. 'On the contrary,' said he, 'I never plague Allah with prayers; so when he gets my letter he will know that it is serious and will be glad to do something for my sake, as he was before.'

"Naturally I asked about that previous occasion, and this is the story, told in all good faith.

"Haj Wahid was in the Aleppo jail, condemned to fifteen years' imprisonment for murder. He had served about two years of his sentence, and now his patience was at an end. He chafed at the injustice of his punishment, so disproportionate to an offence admitted, but, in his opinion, very venial. The government provided no food for its prisoners, and, as his friends were growing slack in their ministrations, he was often hungry, and he was a young and active man, to whom confinement was torture. Remembering something he had once heard, he determined to write to God.

"A friend who brought him food proved to be a penman and, though incredulous, undertook the task of writing from Haj's dictation. The letter ran something like this:—

"'To God, the Great, the Just, the Merciful, from Haj Wahid, blessing and peace. After my salutations, know that I have been two years in this gaol and can endure it no longer; I shall go mad or I shall die; therefore of Your mercy release me, and that at once. I suffer injustice, and there is no man to help me. I take refuge in the mercy of God.'

"Haj Wahid duly inked his thumb and set his mark at the foot of the letter; it was sealed and addressed, and on his instructions the friend carried it out and threw it into the Kuweik, the little stream that waters Aleppo.

"Some three days later a police-sergeant entered the prison yard and called for Haj Wahid. He was led out and taken to the room of some government official, who, after satisfying himself as to his identity, informed him that he was free. Without any further questions being asked or reasons being given, the prison doors were opened and Haj walked out and went home.

"Naturally he believed that his letter had worked the miracle. Since then he had not troubled Heaven, but now the cold threatened his life and he was prepared to repeat the experiment.

"As it happened, however, that night the frost broke and the next morning was warm and sunny; so when the Haj brought in breakfast we chaffed him on there being no need for his letter. He winked. 'God is all-knowing,' said he. 'The threat was enough.'"

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

Love is the universal language. It will take you years to speak in Chinese or in the dialects of India; from the day you land that language of love, understood by all, pours forth its unconscious eloquence.

It is the man who is the missionary; it is not his words. His character is his message. In the heart of Africa, among the great lakes, I have come across black men and women who remembered the only white man they ever saw before—David Livingstone; and as you cross his footsteps in that dark continent men's faces light up as they speak of the kind doctor who passed there years ago. They could not understand him, but they felt the love that beat in his heart.

—Henry Drummond.

OUR ADULT DEAF CITIZENS AT PLAY



DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD PICNIC



DEAF GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB



COUNTRY DEAF CRICKET TEAM



CITY DEAF CRICKET TEAM

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society *Women's Guild* held its annual *picnic* on Saturday, 14th February, at West St. Kilda, when there was a fair attendance of members, together with a sprinkling of male friends. The chief attraction was the open sea mixed bathing. After the al-fresco tea on the garden lawn, the party broke up for ramble amongst the local amusement shows, then home.

HOCKEY CLUB.

At the beginning of the 1930 winter season, the younger set of our girls, led by Elsie Stephens, formed a Hockey Club. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and naturally they soon excelled in the game, and are now looking forward to keen contests with association teams this season.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Saturday, 28th February, at 3 p.m., in our hall, when the election of office-bearers took place. All girls interested were invited to attend.

CRICKET.

Beautiful weather welcomed our contesting teams at Lake Park, Blackburn, on Easter Saturday. Warrie Ashby had led off and carried the main end of the job in the arrangements of a cricket match between Melbourne and Country Deaf teams. The game was watched with interest by city and country Deaf alike, with a fair sprinkling of hearing friends.

City made 84 runs in the first innings and five wickets for 165 runs in the second innings, declared. Country made 61 and 69 runs respectively. The City Deaf won outright by 119 runs.

The teams were entertained at lunch by the Chairman (Mr. N. Armstrong) and Committee of our Home for the Deaf at Blackburn, and the Matron added her share to the success of this part of the day's good things.

THE PROBLEM OF THE DEAF.

No. 1.

BY E. R. PEACOCK,
President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

[The views expressed here are personal to the writer and are not official. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria has not yet adopted or approved any special method of communication with the Deaf. Its subjects come to it in adult life, and its officers must meet the conditions as they exist in the individual, and serve the whole Adult Deaf Community according to their needs and desires.]

What an age to live in. Miracles. The progress in Science and Art in the last few years surpasses everything the mind of man had ever thought possible. Such tremendous advances in every department. In transportation, from bullock-wagon, donkey, and sailing boat, to motor car, railways, steamships and flying. Intercommunication greater still, from foot messenger to telegraph, telephone, and now wireless, by which His Holiness the Pope, from the Vatican in Rome, has sent the vibration of his voice north, south, east and west around the world to the very uttermost limits of settlement, and who can say how much further? Advances have not been confined to these external or material affairs, but the conquest over disease has been equally amazing—plagues and pestilences are largely matters of history. Public health and welfare are the concern of the community, which has resulted in the lengthening of life and increasing of happiness.

The Deaf. Little real distinct advance has been made in hundreds of years. John Wallis, an Englishman, taught the deaf to speak in the seventeenth century. General education has been broadened, and the deaf have shared in a minor degree in this advance, but, strange as it may seem, those who have been the friends and workers in the interests of the deaf, have in many cases been unconscious obstacles to greater progress and advantages being secured for them. That is, there have developed "Experts" (with all the prejudices and partisanship of experts) who have created various schools of thought and methods of teaching the deaf. These each claim that they alone understand the "Mind" of the deaf and their peculiarities. The so-called "Psychology of the Deaf."

The oral method, the manual or sign method, the gesture, and so forth, supposed to create different kinds of "minds." It is really amazing, and the antagonisms among these "Experts" is deplorable, creating splits and divisions even among the deaf themselves.

In reality, the deaf child is not necessarily any different in physiology or mental capacity to any ordinary child, except that one small nerve centre fails to function. The deaf child has, on the average, all the capacity to learn and develop into genius, with possibly some advantages, if properly trained, rather than disadvantages, over other children.

The general assumptions and prejudices of teachers, as well as ignorance of understanding of the basic problem by parents and interested parties, has often been a greater obstacle and handicap to the deaf child than his lack of hearing. Parents and friends become panicky, and are disposed to accept the old conventional idea that the deaf child is necessarily mentally deficient.

When I was in South Africa some time ago, I was taken to a place where a picnic had been held some years before. The party included a mother and her baby. The baby was left wrapped in rugs among cushions, while the party wandered along the beach. On the mother returning later her baby was missing. It had been carried off by a baboon and taken up among the fastnesses of the mountains, and was not heard of for more than 20 years. When recovered it had no civilisation, did not wear clothes, could not even walk upright like ordinary human beings, had no knowledge of language except the sounds made by baboons which it imitated, could not read, write, or practice any of the arts of our civilisation, although it had acquired skill in other directions which normal human beings could not imitate.

Had the baby been taken away to another country and reared in different surroundings, it might have learned some other language, habits, skill, and customs of a civilisation quite different to ours, with different moral standards, another religion, and ideas of duty.

If a number of deaf persons were completely separated from hearing and speaking people, they could surely very soon

discover means of exchanging ideas and communicating with each other.

The easiest and quickest way to get ideas into the mind is through the eye by pictures and diagrams. With pictures and diagrams the imagination can be stimulated, cultivated and directed.

It startles us hearing and speaking people, self-supposedly such superior beings, to be told by eminent authority that "we are all born wholly uncivilised," and again, "the modern baby brings no more into the world than the savage child." This will likely raise all sorts of controversy with which I am not greatly concerned. But the fact is the child mind is likened to a sheet of plain white paper, on which impressions are made through the five senses. The next baby born into any family may be deaf, and that not through any fault of its parents. Normal people have deaf children, and deaf people have hearing children.

There are families of average normal

A DICTIONARY OF SIGNS USED BY THE DEAF



capacity, with one member deaf. The avenues into each mind are the same through the five senses—sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste—except in the case of one, who through some cause which will be considered later, is unable to hear, i.e., sound waves are not able to reach or produce reaction on the auditory nerve. Every child is deeply and permanently affected by the impressions of infancy and childhood. The same authority quoted above, James Harvery Robinson, in "The Mind in the Making." says:—

> "There are four historical layers underlying the minds of civilised men —the **animal mind,** the **child mind,** the **savage mind,** and the **traditional civilised mind.** We are all animals and can never cease to be; we were all children at our most impressionable age and can never get over the effects of that; our human ancestors have lived in savagery during practically the whole existence of the race, say five hundred thousand or a million years, and the primitive human mind is ever with us; finally, we are all born into an elaborate civilisation, the constant pressure of which we can by no means escape."

Very few people think independently, or are capable of analysing the problem. The Deaf have been the sufferers and victims to an immeasurable degree from this idea that the partisan "Experts" know all about and understand the deaf and their supposed peculiarities and characteristics. In reality they have none but what are developed by their coming into surroundings of people who do not understand, and who assume that because the deaf do not hear they must necessarily be deficient in other capacity, or recognising that they have some general intelligence try to make them the same as other people by making them go through a long process of learning the mechanics of sound (speaking) and transmitting through these mechanical movements ideas into the mind.

Being able to speak is a wonderful accomplishment for a deaf person, but it is not education. The most important is education and mind development with proper importance given to accomplishments.

The historic case of Helen Keller may be mentioned. She was blind and deaf before she was educated. Yet a self-sacrificing, painstaking teacher, Miss Sullivan, whose name is recorded on the roll of honour, using old methods, found a way into the deaf and blind girl's mind, and giving herself and all that was in her to stimulate the imagination, transferring thoughts from her own rich store as well as the cream of accumulated world ideas, to the virgin soil of her student's mind, developed an intellect that would be rare indeed among people possessing all the senses.

It is well known that Thomas A. Edison, the world-renowned scientist and inventor, was sent to school as a child, and at the end of three months was sent home again, as dull and incapable of being educated with other children. His mother took him in hand. He has been a subscriber to the "Scientific American" for over sixty years. What an education! He is now very deaf, but his mind is ever active and alert.

What is speech? Simply the imitation of sounds of different kinds intended to convey ideas or pictures from one mind to another. And a very clumsy and imperfect medium it is for conveying such ideas or pictures. If the child hears certain sounds, associating them with certain ideas, and imitates those sounds, we say he talks German or French, or Chinese, or English, according to the sounds he hears and tries to imitate; but *if he sees a picture of a house, he knows* it to represent a house, irrespective of sound, hearing or language. Pictures are a universal language. A long wordy description is less capable of conveying facts or ideas.

The deaf child's mind is not less capable of equal development, but some other suitable method must be found to make the necessary impressions on the mind to produce what we call education.

A deaf child can be taught to read and understand ideas without hearing, and his mind can be developed and educated by other means, such as pictures, diagrams, graphs, arithmetic, mathematics, logic, literature, art, science, working models, etc. It may be a positive advantage not to be able to hear a lot of the frivol and petty small talk in most circles. There is the likelihood of **developing** to a greater

degree the **capacity for concentration,** the foundation of genius.

If the impression is conveyed by looks of pity, and actions, calculated to make the deaf child feel or think he is inferior, it does lasting injury to the mind. Good intentioned parents and friends often do more injury than it is possible to measure.

The finest and most original work in connection with the education of the Deaf that I have ever seen was in Japan, where they have more than forty schools for the Deaf and Dumb. The reason for this is, in my opinion, that Japanese are so free from bias and prejudice and so ready to experiment with and try out new ideas. Not only are they successful in methods of education, but in fitting their subjects into suitable occupations.

The National Association of the Deaf throughout its history reiterates its firm stand **that methods of instruction should be adapted to the needs** of the **individual deaf child.** It adheres to no single method —the pure oral or speech and lip reading method, the pure manual or sign method, the pure finger spelling, or any other method that fad or fancy may bring into existence. The Association will always continue to uphold and battle for the **combined system of instruction,** which embraces **all methods** that have been found helpful in educating deaf children. Our educational creed, enunciated years ago, is embodied in the excellent motto: "Fit **the method to the child,** not the child to the method."

In other words—stimulate and direct the imagination and get ideas into the mind in the most effective way.

It is well just here to re-emphasise the words of our eminent authority: "We are all animals (deaf and hearing) and never cease to be." Face the fact. The deaf person has all the passions and animal impulses of the hearing, and needs sympathy, patience and individual education as much as, or even more than, ordinary people in sex hygiene and morals. Very few receive it.

(To be continued.)

The first school for the deaf and dumb of Australia was founded by the late Mr. F. J. Rose, a deaf mute, and opened on the 12th November, 1860.

HELEN KELLER, ONE OF AMERICA'S FIFTY LEADING WOMEN.

The North American newspaper, "Alliance," recently requested Miss Ida M. Tarbell to prepare a list of 50 living women who, in her opinion, have been the most outstanding in the promotion of the welfare of the United States of America. She selected Helen Keller as one of the fifty, and says of her:—

"The master of her fate, deaf and blind from 19 months, she so co-operated with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, that she developed means of communication which opened the world's treasures to her. A graduate of Radcliffe College, writer, lecturer, has appeared in the movies and in vaudeville, active in all undertakings for the blind, an inspiring life."

"HEARING" WITH YOUR ARMS

The following appeared in a recent issue of "Pearson's Weekly." It is written by one Victor Lee (who has been deaf for many years). We would like to know what our readers think about it. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Lee can give us lessons in many things. Anyway, we have never yet met any of the deaf who carry "a little box," nor anyone so sensitive to vibration as to be able to hear by their arms so accurately as to know when church bells are ringing.

"Normal persons pay little attention to the almost innumerable waves of sound that are breaking upon us continuously. But the deaf grow more and more sensitive to sound which comes to them, not by the hearing of the ear, but by waves and vibrations.

"I pass a church almost every Thursday evening. I know that on that evening eight bells are rung.

"I do not hear them as I pass. But my arms ache with sound; my legs tremble; I could not stand in the vicinity for more than a few moments. If I were foolish enough to do so, I should suffer a heart attack.

"Every part of a deaf person's body becomes susceptible to waves of sound. The fingers, especially, grow super-sensitive to it.

"A deaf friend of mine went into an ironmonger's shop to purchase a door-

bell. The shopman opened the box containing the bell, extracted it, and held it up to the deaf man's ear.

"'Give it to me,' the deaf man said, 'and I will show you how the deaf hear.' He took it and manipulated it with his fingers for a moment. When he said, 'Yes, that will do nicely. It rings true.' He heard the ringing of the bell with his fingers by vibration.

"A deaf man is perfectly safe with machinery, and can test the easy working of the gear with precision. The normal man listens for the whistle of the shaft or bearing to discover when it requires oil. The deaf man can tell in a moment, simply by touching the shaft with his hand.

"It is not only possible, but an ascertained fact, that a deaf man can find the mortar spaces between bricks in a wall that has been plugged, quite as quickly as the man who can hear.

"They both follow the same method. They knock the wall lightly with a hammer; the normal man knows by the distinction in sound where to plug; the deaf know by vibration.

"Some deaf persons carry in one hand a little box made of wood when they are moving about the streets. It is quite small, being no larger than a match-box, and, of course, inconspicuous.

"The vibrations received by the box are communicated, and the dimensions, directions and nearness of the traffic can be realised with an astonishing degree of accuracy.

"It is really wonderful that, by the use of the eyes, and by vibration, many of the disabilities that follow in the wake of deafness disappear. One regrets that music is only a noise, and that the music of the human voice is an unknown thing. The deaf live in a world void of music."

SOUTH AFRICA.

There are four schools for the deaf in the South African Union, and the largest is at Worcaster, Cape Province. This school will celebrate its jubilee this year.

Aristotle dismissed the case of the deaf and dumb thus:—

"To instruct the deaf no art can ever reach,
No care improve them and no wisdom teach."

THE PATH TO FOLLOW.

There is only one universal language that all men can use and understand—the language of feature and gesture. Side by side with that there are certain conventions which can be universalised, such as figures and mathematical symbols.

For the rest, there is no royal road to the understanding of nations. We can only learn to understand as many languages as possible, or, better still, use the many other pathways to the understanding of nations through their music, their art, their buildings, their customs and institutions—all the things which reveal the soul within.

—Alfred Zimmern.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG.

I have always thought that results must come if the work is on the right lines. But it must be on the right lines. Failure is due to some weakness. Find out that and remedy it. It is not the fault of others if things go wrong.

—Marshal Foch.

ALWAYS PLENTY OF WORK.

It is not employment or unemployment that matters. It is work that is of consequence. The trouble in all this is that everyone is talking about the wrong thing. There is plenty of work for everyone; and it is not possible for any man to do useful work without in some fashion receiving adequate payment.

I have often thought that if the jobless in the big cities would set to work at work they see everywhere waiting to be done, they would quickly find that they had made goods for themselves.

The work is always there, but what men wait for is employment. More men seek wages than seek work. If work be put first, then we shall get somewhere, for the amount of work to be done is always unlimited. The amount of work to be done never fails, only the money to pay for work seems to fail. But the money will not fail if the mind be constantly on the work instead of on the wages or the profits. The work will then provide both the wages and the profits.

—Henry Ford.



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Mr. F. E. Frewin

MR. F. E. FREWIN.

Mr. F. E. Frewin, [redacted] after forty and more years "on active service" in the cause of the deaf, is still as deeply interested and as willing to give his best for the welfare of his fellow deaf. Notwithstanding age and the length of years of devotion to their interests he has not relinquished his leadership in all church work nor in the frequency of his attendances at divine worship, an example he has shown since the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society first came into existence.

He is the President of the Adult Deaf Young Men's Christian Association, known as the Deaf Men's Guild, and he has never lost his interest in the activities, sports and amusements of the young. For the many years that his wife, the late Mrs. Frewin, held office as President of the Deaf Workers' Club, he delighted in carrying into effect the many inspirations of Mrs. Frewin. They were ideal dual workers for any cause and work amongst their fellow deaf did not embrace the whole of their efforts for the general good.

Mr. F. E. Frewin was born at Mile End, London, England, and was educated at the old School for the Deaf, Old Kent Road, London, and after serving his time as an apprentice to cabinet-making, came to Australia in 1882 with his father, the late Rev. J. F. Frewin, and family, and settled in Victoria. In 1884 he was married to Miss Clara E. Briner, of Bright. Mr. Frewin has always been sought after as a skilled tradesman at his particular craft, and, although deaf, for years has had hearing men under him.

We have seen it said that if our younger generation of men would but follow in the footsteps of F. E. Frewin, there would be no unemployed deaf.

Mr. Frewin is the senior member of the Deaf Committee, and has a seat on the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Deaf School held its Annual Sports on Friday, 8th May, when all the children took part in the many events, which were eagerly contested. Fortunately for them the rain held off until after the presentation of prizes. Mr. R. A. Edmanson, the President of the Institution, distributed the prizes.

A Memorial Tablet, which has been placed in the porch at the entrance to the main building of the Institution, was unveiled to the memory of the late Mr. John Adcock, who for twenty-seven years was Superintendent and Secretary of the Institution. This ceremony took place at 11.30 a.m. on the 12th May. The President, Mr. R. A. Edmanson, when unveiling the tablet, referred to the wonderful work done for the Institution and the children by Mr. Adcock. The Rev. J. Danglow, M.A., supported the remarks of the President, and the Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Burchett, interpreted the speeches to the children. As a mark of respect the Committee of Management and friends then filed past the tablet, followed by the staff, teachers, and children.

—From the "Deaf Children's Chronicle."

LIP READING.

By special request the following notice appeared on the Notice Board at our Centre, Jolimont Square:—"Proposed Speech and Lip Reading Class. Members wishing to join please hand names to the Principal." The teacher was on the spot, but alas, there were no pupils. The contention of the Adult Deaf is that, whilst lip reading is an accomplishment that all should learn and all do practice it, the finger and sign language is by far the best and easiest to express themselves by, and a much truer and clearer way of ascertaining what is being told to them. Further, that, so long as deafness remains incurable, the combined system of teaching in Schools for the Deaf—that is, lip reading and by means of the finger and sign language—will always have first place in equipping the deaf child for the battle of life. In small groups a great deal of lip reading and speech is done, but, as one of Melbourne's leading lip-reading teachers said, it is impossible in a large assemblage to so form your words that more than the few in the immediate vicinity of the speaker can understand. Whereas, just so long as there is room for one eye to be on the speaker's hands, the deaf person can be fully aware of everything that is going on and not have the unhappy feeling of being out of things.



Deaf Committee.

Back Row.—H. Puddy, F. Frewin, E. J. D. Abraham, E. Johnson, G. Mortimer.

Front Row.—E. R. Noble, G. Newnham, J. McLean, R. H. Lambert.

Absentees.—W. Ashby, W. H. Crush, James Johnston.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

In the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf" an account was given by Harry Puddy of his sky trip to Tasmania. It was also mentioned that Messrs. Thomas of Tasmania, W. Crush of Victoria, and W. Driscoll of South Australia, and Mrs. Smith of Western Australia, had also made flights. Now we hear that W. Bladier, C. Graham, O. Quinton, W. McMillen and Mrs. Hunt, all of Victoria, have had short flights. Are there any more deaf folk with the same inclination?

Warrie Ashby and Willie Elwin have gone on the land. Their farm is at Lower Macedon. The place was selected by Mr. David Ashby, an experienced farmer, who is directing them at present. Mrs. Elwin accompanied them, and their friends wish them success in their new undertaking.

Our friend, Mr. L. Ching, returned to his home in Linton after having spent a very enjoyable time in Melbourne, whilst staying with Mr. E. Johnson, who arranged his outings so that Mr. Ching filled in every day in the best possible way for his pleasure. Mr. Johnson accompanied Mr. Ching home and spent a delightful week with him and his brohter, Mr. Richard Ching. The latter drove them to Mount Mannabadar, where they had a great view of the surrounding country. The once busy goldfields were visited also. It is very pleasing to know our Mr. Ching is so popular in his home town. It was shown by the "Grenville Standard" and the "Ballarat Courier," each publishing an account of his doings in Melbourne.

Our Principal has received a lengthy letter from Gerald Turnley. He set out for Sydney on foot in search of work. His letters to Melbourne show that he had several "lifts" on his way. After a week on the road he finally arrived at St. Gabriel's School for the Deaf, Castle Hall, where he is at present staying.

We hear that Charlie Luke, of Edenbank, Jerilderie, N.S.W., has lost his father, who was well known, generally liked, and respected throughout the district. To Charlie and his relatives we extend our sincere sympathy in their sudden bereavement.

Mr. Bert Tyzzer is still farming round Kingston district and wishes to be remembered to the Melbourne folk.

Mr. P. Sutherland, of Deniliquin, N.S.W., still keeps in touch with us, and appreciates receiving "The Victorian Deaf" regularly.

We heard from Colin Johns, of Horsham, that they were having plenty of rain. They are waiting for fine weather to begin sowing wheat. He is still interested in our lacrosse doings, and hopes to see us in the final four. He is a playing member of Ralkie Football Club, which is at present leading for premiership.

Miss M. Gibson exhibited her eight months old Pomeranian puppy at the National Toy Dog Club's Championship Show, held at the Protestant Hall on the 8th of July. Miss Gibson's puppy was entered in the six to nine months' class, and was awarded third prize. It was placed third in the six to twelve months' puppy class.

Mr. J. McLaurin, of Meeniyan, Gippsland, was in town for a fortnight and looked very well. He was very eager to have a run with our lacross boys, but, owing to being out of practice for about two years, we could not include him.

Mrs. Rivers, nee Miss R. Betts, now of N.S.W., spent a few weeks in Victoria and went back well satisfied with her holiday amongst us.

Miss L. Sanders is making a lengthy stay with Mrs. J. E. Muir at Warburton, and is enjoying herself.

Mr. Hamson, of Gonargo, N.S.W., was down for a fortnight. He much regretted the passing of his old school friends, Messrs. S. Moss and J. E. Muir.

Quite a number of our deaf are trying their luck at fossicking round about Warrandyte these last few weeks. Nothing big has come their way yet. Ivan Guthrie is getting quite an expert in that line, and is ably assisted by Joe Dickenson. Les Owen and Tom Derby are working on another claim not far from them.

Miss Gwen Hawkins has returned home after an enjoyable six weeks' holiday in Adelaide, South Australia. She speaks highly of the fine mission building there.

Mr. Jack Stewart, of Ballarat, was down for a week end during July. Maurice Mark is now playing lacrosse, having joined one of the local clubs.

Byron Taylor, of Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania, sends to all his Melbourne friends kind remembrances, and is looking forward to meeting them again next Xmas, when he will come over as one of the Tassy Deaf Cricketers.

Robert Ryan, of Mailer's Flat, near Warrnambool, is looking forward to the coming Xmas Cricket Carnival. He hopes to be one of Victoria's representatives in the games. He sent us some newspaper cuttings which described his exceptional performances for his club, which finally came out premiers. He appears to be a fine all-round player.

Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, spent a week in Melbourne on business bent during the middle part of July.

SATURDAY NIGHTS.

Nowadays there is always a good attendance on Saturday nights at our Club House. The main attraction for men is, of course, the Billiard Tournament. From a little after till 10.30 there is always a crowd of enthusiasts lining the walls of the billiard room watching with critical interest the play of the cueists. There are few who have not their names down to match their skill against the rest, and it would be hard to find a man among the Deaf who has not, at some time or other, looked in to see the play.

Billiards, however, is not the only attraction. Downstairs in the Assembly Hall, Badminton is played with equal enthusiasm,

though possibly with less skill. Indeed, it is sometimes a matter of surprise that the bumps and thuds from below do not bring protests from above, but evidently the club house is solidly built, for it does not even tremble when, as is not infrequently the case, the Badminton player measures his length on the floor.

Up to a couple of weeks or so ago our Hockey girls were not often seen at the Club on Saturday nights. Apparently they preferred to stay at home and nurse the various bruises gained during the fierce warfare of the afternoon. Soon after the men's Billiards Tournament started, however, a gentleman, who prefers to remain unknown, observed that the boys had their billiards all to themselves, and the girls, like Mother Hubbard's dog, had none. So he generously gave ten shillings for a prize to be competed for by girls only at any indoor game they deemed suitable. Bagatelle was decided upon, and the Deaf Committee added another five shillings as consolation prizes. A Bagatelle board was brought from the Blackburn Home and was immediately hurried into the deepest recesses of the Club House to vanish forever from the sight of men.

Great secrecy surrounds its present whereabouts, and no male eye may rest upon it. The least courageous among the competitors would sooner be seen in last season's hat than divulge the secret. It is rumored that each player is masked and known only by a number and that none may enter the hidden room without first giving a password, but of this we have no definite knowledge.

In sharp contrast to this mystery upstairs, in the library all is peace. Some play cards, a few read, more are engaged in animated conversation; but, whether they charge about the Assembly Hall or form one of the watching throng around the billiards table, whether they are one of those who frown over a poor hand at "Five Hundred," or vanish into those mysterious regions where the bagatelle board lies hid, each one enjoys himself or herself to the utmost, and it can be truthfully said that the only one who do not enjoy Saturday night at the Club House are those who are not there.

—E. R. Noble.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

The Quarterly Rally arranged for the King's Birthday holiday on the 8th of June, was a great success. As usual, a large crowd gathered, and a happy one it was. The social opened with the rendering of the National Anthem by Mr. Luff. The chair was taken by the President of the Society, Mr. E. R. Peacock, who welcomed all in his usual cheery way. We were pleased to see Mr. Hoath in the gathering. The younger set soon occupied most of the floor space with games, including a Monte Carlo dance, the latter being won by Miss Rose Dow and Mr. N. Webb. The balloon blowing competition showed Miss C. Derbyshire and Mr. C. Lyfield had the most wind, for those prizes went their way.

Next came a very special ceremony. It was the unveiling of the photo of Miss Alice Graham (our Fairy Godmother) by herself. The photo was presented to the Society by Miss Bessie Graham, sister to Miss Alice, and had been kept a secret. Imagine Miss Alice Graham's surprise when she was asked to unveil a photo and on doing so found it to be her own! She was quite overcome and unable to respond for a few minutes. We are so glad to have their photo of Miss Graham now hanging in our hall. We want everyone to see it and know what our Fairy Godmother is like. It is a delightful picture of her, and we are grateful to Miss Bessie Graham for presenting it. Games once again became the order of the night. "Musical Chairs" were won by Mrs. V. Wilson, and balloon tossing race by Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Mr. Buttacavoli. Supper was then partaken of, Miss Graham and her guests leaving shortly after.

OUR LARGE FAMILY AT THE BLACKBURN HOME.

Yes, it is a large family. Nearly forty are enjoying the provisions made for them at our Home. And a very happy, smiling crowd they are in lovely country surroundings. Of course, there are days when things go wrong and the smiles are chased away for the time being, but where in this wonderful and beautiful world can you find a place where everyone is always smiling? And if you can, it must be awfully monotonous.

During the last few weeks there have been three picture nights, the same films that were shown at our Centre, and the inmates thoroughly enjoyed them. Mr. E. Noble screened the films on two occasions, and Mr. Johnston the other.

Some of the girls have had short holidays or a day's outing, likewise the boys.

Emma Chambers had a great time buying new clothes, the money for which was sent to her by her trustees.

We are sorry to say Miss Flynn is ill with pneumonia, but every care and attention is being given to her and we hope to see her her old self soon again.

Claude Lyfield and Clem Norman have bicycles of their own now, and enjoy some all-day trips to the country. Matron gives them lunch to take with them and saves their dinner for their night meal, and they come home so hungry.

Our two blind old men, W. Shirra and E. Cork, are wonderfully well, so are J. McGonigal and G. Akester. The latter is as energetic as ever and, like Mr. Cork, is always asking for work.

When Kit Robinson came back from his holiday, he brought some nice clothes with him. His brothers gave them to him.

We are glad W. Skewes is home again. He had a few weeks in hospital with a bad knee, and thoroughly enjoyed all the visits paid and nice things brought him.

During Miss Flynn's illness, Gracie Coghlan, Agnes Barrie, Kate Lawrence, Jessie Love and Emma Chambers have been so good helping Matron.

Reggie Thaw is working well and is always so cheerful. Jim Hartigan has grown such a lot since he went to the Home. He is a good boy, too, but we wish he would not break his glasses so often.

MEN'S GUILD.

No meeting of the Men's Guild was held on 9th of June, owing to proximity of King's Birthday Rally, which was held on the 8th ult.

On 30th June, Mr. E. R. Noble contributed a paper on the "Origin of Species," an interesting, scientific subject.

An enjoyable discussion was held on 14th July, on "What is considered to be the safest transport." The majority, in this age of speed, favored the train, but for steady pace horse transport was considered the safest.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The first meeting of the year was opened on the 16th of June, when a very delightful "Social Evening" was held. The attendance was large, and all entered into the various novel games and guessing competitions with much enthusiasm. A dainty supper, provided by the members, ended a happy evening.

On the 1st of July a special meeting for young women only was held in our hall. For some time past, owing to the present tendency of the modern youth of both sexes to disregard their moral responsibilities, it was deemed advisable to gather together as many girls as possible with the object of explaining just what they are up against. There was a splendid attendance. The President, Mrs. Peters, read a paper on "A Mother's Advice to Her Daughter," which was well received. Several members spoke on the subject afterwards, and all agreed about the importance of it and expressed their determination to do thir bit to help where necessary.

On 14th of July, Mrs. J. M. Johnston gave a paper on "Housekeeping at Buckingham Palace," giving an insight as to how they manage in the royal household, which was interesting.

MASS MEETING OF THE DEAF.

A mass meeting of the deaf and dumb people of Melbourne was held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, Melbourne, on Thursday, July 9, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. The meeting was exclusively of the deaf and dumb, and there was a large and representative attendance.

"In view of misstatements that have from time to time appeared in certain publications above the signature of unauthorised persons purporting to be the opinions of the deaf and dumb community, we, the deaf of Melbourne, desire to put upon record that those views, opinions and statements are not authorised by nor do they represent the views and opinions of the deaf community."

"That this meeting of deaf wish to place upon record their implicit confidence in the Deaf Committee as their elected and authorised representatives."

CLUBS.

LACROSSE.

On June 6th, our boys scored a runaway victory at the expense of Caulfield Grammarians, scoring twenty goals to four. On June

13th, we gained another win at the expense of Ivanhoe, after a good, solid game—eight to five. On June 20th, we drew with Caulfield after a very strenuous game—ten all. On June 27th, North Fitzroy claimed a win over us, scoring eight goals to seven. On July 4th, Essendon, too, claimed a one goal win from us, thirteen goals to twelve. On July 12th, faulty placement of players in the second



Match between Y.M.C.A. and Adult Deaf, Saturday, April 18th.
"Dick White Waits."

By courtesy of the "Sun Pictorial."

half of our game against Box Hill cost us the game. Box Hill piled up fifteen goals to six. On July 18th, a narrow win for us against Camberwell, twelve goals to eleven. On 25th July our boys met Caulfield in one of the most gruelling games, and got vanquished. The final scores showed Caulfield twelve goals to eight.

HOCKEY.

Progress result of Girls' Hockey Matches to date:—2nd May, lost to Y.W.C.A. Red, one goal to two; goal-thrower, Elsie Stephens. 9th May, won against Firbank, two goals to one; B. Higgie and A. Smith were the sharpshooters. 16th May, lost to Lincoln Mills, one goal to four; A. Smith was the scorer. 23rd May, lost to St. Peter's, one goal to four; Elsie Stephens scored. 30th May, walkover from Y.W.C.A. Grey. 6th June, bye. 13th June, Moran & Cato defeated us, scoring one goal to nil. 20th June, another defeat in hands of Athletic Association, who scored two goals to nil. 27th June, a win from Y.W.C.A. Green, five goals to three; goal-throwers, Elsie Stephens, two; Emily Stephens, one; M. Dow, one; J. Murphy, one.

4th July, Elsie Stephens scored the only goal for our side against the University D, four. 11th July, a drawn game against Y.W.C.A. Red, two goals all. Elsie Stephens was credited with both goals. 18th July, Firbank scored two against one, shot by M. Dow.

HOCKEY CLUB SOCIAL.

Still another successful social was run by the Hockey Club on the 25th of June. The object for which these socials were held has been accomplished, and the Club is now in the very happy position of being well and truly financial. The Club intends to run these socials, when allowed, for the benefit of other Clubs belonging to the Society.

A Euchre Party for some and salamagundi for the rest made the time go all too soon. The President of the Club, Mrs. Peacock, donated a pair of very nice silk stockings, which realised a good sum as a result of choosing a number.

About seventy were present, and the excellent arrangements were in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, Elsie Stephens, and Captain, Mab. Dow, assistd by the team.

BAGATELLE.

The Winter Competition is getting quite contagious, and the Deaf women are not being denied their share of the enjoyment and excitement. A Ladies' Bagatelle Competition, under the direction of the Women's Guild, was launched on 18th July on the "point system," and much enthusiasm was created.

The contest is for "Aird" and "Deaf Committee' trophies. Any ladies wishing to enter this competition are requested to hand in their names to Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Hon. Secretary of the Women's Guild, at their earliest. Entry free.

BADMINTON.

A sudden spirit of interest has made the game of Badminton quite popular at our Centre. The Coburg Presbyterian Badminton Club paid us a visit on the 13th July and, being a team in the senior grade, defeated our team by seven games to one.

Our team played a return match at Ivanhoe on the 23rd July. The Ivanhoe Club scored 151 points to our 75.

On each occasion very pleasant evenings were spent.

How about forming a Badminton Club and joining the Association?

BILLIARDS.

Instead of the usual Billiards Championship Competition during the winter amongst the Deaf, a "Point System" Tournament is now played instead. It has been on the run for over a month and is expected to last till about the end of August. At time of going to press, Geo. Oakley, the oldest member in the contest (79 years) is leading in the aggregate, with only one defeat.

PICTURE NIGHTS.

The following list of pictures were shown at the Centre at various times:—On 12th March, a thrilling detective story, "The Ringer," was screened; the story was based on Edgar Wallace's book. Then

comes the title of "Overland Telegraph," screened on 9th April, featuring Tim McCoy, showing him at the time of colonising America, and the connecting of east and west by telegraph. A thriller it was. A British and Dominion picture, called "The Luck of the Navy," was shown on 21st May, a dramatic spy picture with plenty of thrills. On 18th June was screened another war picture, entitled "Sailors Don't Care," showing how British mystery boats fought the German U Boat menace. On 2nd July, a mythical Arabian Nights story, "Secrets of the East," was shown. On 16th July, William Haines featured in "A Man's Man," which was amusing, as well as exciting. On 23rd July, another British film was screened, depicting the English rural scenes, etc., the title being "Widdecombe Fair," supported by scenci picture of Constantinople, and then an action picture of polo, showing how polo ponies are trained and how the game is played.

POINTERS FOR EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS.

A Plea for Our Unemployed Deaf.

In the year that we have just gone through we have had hard times—there will be no argument on this point—and we know that we will yet wait some months before we realise our present hopeful turn of mind.

During this time we have looked, and will look, wildly about for relief for our unemployed deaf, in the form of WORK.

Employers should be taught the economic value of employing more Deaf and Dumb workers than most of you do. We Deaf are just as capable and industrious as our hearing brothers and sisters, and a deaf workman does not waste time in idle gossip during the temporary absence of his foreman.

Being deaf, he concentrates his mind on his work, and is therefore a greater producing asset, than a good many hearing employees really are. When the general public, and particularly employers, have been told these things, then we shall find people most receptive, appreciative and helpful in solving the unemployment problem of our capable Deaf community.

I know of instances when being asked for a job by or for Deaf friends, of employers turning down all applications at the outset, merely because of their handicap.

"Eh! Deaf and Dumb!" or "Oh! he is deaf, is he. Nothing doing; can't be bothered!" or "Poor thing. Sorry I can't take the risk. I've never employed a Deaf and Dumb person before." Why stick to old prejudices? Unfortunately many employers and other people who have their full senses of hearing and speech think of "We Deaf" folks as "poor things." That is one of the reasons why deaf persons get sensitive. Why regard as a terrible affliction what is really only a handicap that can be overcome? How we hate to be pitied like that! Deafness need not keep its victims out of business, if only employers will be fair enough to give such applicants a chance. Henry Ford employs over a hundred deaf persons in his Canadian works, and he declares that, given equal chances, "Deaf workers" have been proved to give 100 per cent. efficient results, and

he pays them 100 per cent. wages. It is time the "Employers" and other "Bosses" in Australia adopted the same broad-minded outlook and treated the "Deaf" as normal hearing people, and not cling to old prejudices and consider us as "poor things" looking for sympathy and charity. The sooner this attitude is abandoned in favor of practical help, by providing employment for our "workless deaf," the better for all concerned. If every firm in Melbourne, with a "staff" of not less than one hundred, employed only one deaf person each there would not be an unemployed deaf amongst our members in Victoria to-day.

That would be real practical sympathy and help, without charity, and a gain to the State without cost to anyone.

Do not treat the Deaf as though we were beings in "another world," or think that because we cannot hear, in the ordinary way, that we want to be left out of everything. Our greatest difficulty is to overcome the shyness and extreme sensitiveness that we feel, and it is in this respect that our hearing friends can help us.

If you will "mix" with us "deaf folk" more, and forget we are deaf sometimes, you will help us most of all, because WE shall be able to forget it too, and thus "help you to help us" and "help us to help you" to a better understanding of our difficulties and problems.

I hope all "Employers" will, after reading this article, cast their eyes around their workshops, or factory on their next inspection, or daily rounds, and make a note of the number of empty benches, or positions vacant, and promptly fill them with "Deaf workers," if possible. Be convinced, like Henry Ford was, that a "deaf worker" CAN hold his own with his hearing fellows. Try one to-day. Prove it by results.

—W. H. Crush.

OBITUARY.

CLARKE.—At Werribee, on the 15th of July, Peter Clarke, aged 69 years. Another of our old friends gone to join the great majority.

BIRTHS.

SUTHERLAND.—At "Springbourne," Selwood Avenue, Upper Hawthorn, on 20th June, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland—a daughter, Elizabeth.

COMING EVENTS.

Anniversary Rally, September 24, 1931.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

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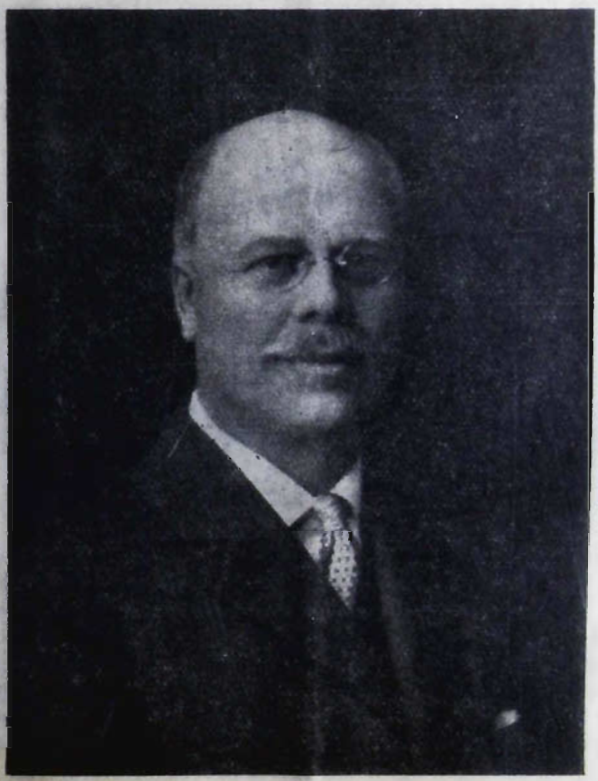
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ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM

Our Principal.

October 9th, 1931, brought the thirtieth anniversary of the coming to Australia of Ernest J. D. Abraham, the Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and Founder of the Society's Home at Lake Park, Blackburn.

Prior to Mr. Abraham's arrival in Australia, Mr. S. Johnson, M.A., the then Principal of the South Australian Institution for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb, wrote as follows:—

"Mr. Abraham has had an unique and extensive experience of educational and missionary work among the Deaf and Dumb. Few men have had better opportunities of examining all sides of Deaf Mute problems and none has made better use of these opportunities. During past years his name has been the property of the Deaf and Dumb the world over, and his labours to ameliorate their condition have been crowned with remarkable success. He commenced his work among the Deaf at an earlier age than most of his contemporaries."

At sixteen he was in charge of a Free School for Deaf and Dumb children in the South of London. At eighteen the Deaf Mutes



Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont.

elected him Minister to the London Gospel Mission. At twenty he accepted the post of Superintendent of the Bolton, Bury and Rochdale branches of the Manchester Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and raised an Institute and income sufficient to support it. At twenty-four he became Editor of the "Deaf Chronicle," which name he afterwards changed to "British Deaf Monthly." At that time the circulation had increased from 1,000 to 15,000.

He had as colleagues on his editorial board the late W. S. Bessant and P. Dodds, Principals of the Royal Schools for the Deaf at Manchester and Exeter respectively. He has lectured extensively on behalf of the Deaf, even going to America in connection with the work.

Mr. Abraham founded the Institute of Missionaries to the Deaf and Dumb and the Guild of St. John Association of Deaf Mutes.

At this time, August, 1901, a severe nervous breakdown caused him, on the advice of his doctor, to relinquish his many activities and accept the post of Chaplain to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission of Victoria. On leaving England, Mr. Abraham was farewelled by some 7,000 people at a picnic in his honor, and an address and purse of gold was presented to him."

The first years of Mr. Abraham's sojourn in Australia were devoted to the raising of funds to erect a church on a block of land in Flinders Street that was owned by the Mission. Speedily ahead went the preparations and very soon the little church was completed, which proved not only a source of great comfort for spiritual worship, but the many attendant activities were much appreciated and enjoyed by the Deaf.

Whilst lecturing in the country for funds for the above-named object, Mr. Abraham came across so many sad and lonely deaf mute cases that a plan soon evolved itself in his mind for the housing, caring and comfort of these folk. The church completed, Mr.



Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf, Blackburn.

Abraham set about his next big work in 1906, when the late Sir Thomas Bent (Premier of Victoria) presided at a crowded meeting in the new Adult Deaf and Dumb building in Flinders Street, Melbourne, while Mr. Abraham gave an address on "The Care of the Deaf."

Mr. Abraham pleaded for the same opportunities for the Deaf as the hearing enjoyed, namely, free and compulsory education in a school controlled by the State, the removal of clauses in the Marine and other Victorian Acts that classified the deaf with lunatics, idiots and paupers. State employment for certain of the deaf, a farm for those of weak intellect and a home for aged and infirm.

Mr. Bent sympathised with Mr. Abraham and promised help, which he was not slow in fulfilling. For soon after the meeting he acted as spokesman for the deaf in regard to the restrictions in the Marine Act, and later gave instructions for the drawing up of a Bill to help bring the education of deaf children in line with the hearing of the State. Finally, offering in the name of the Government a grant of £2,000 conditionally a like sum was raised in three

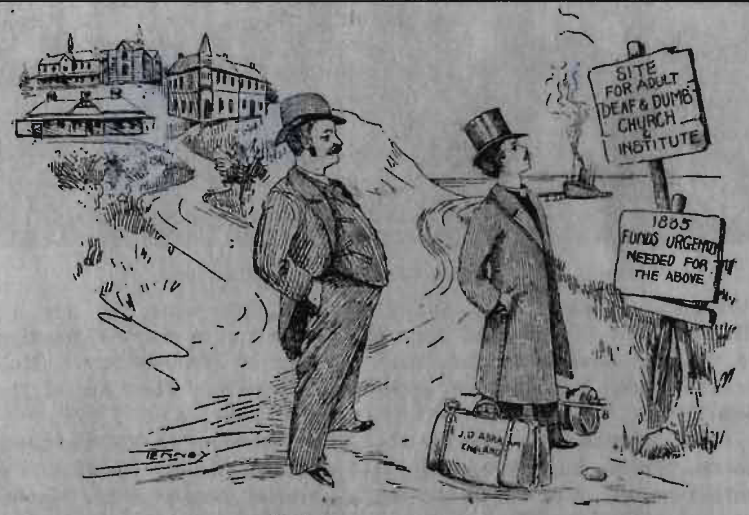
months. The Committee accepted Mr. Bent's offer and Mr. Abraham proceeded with the work of raising the money in the stipulated time. And it was done.

At a huge bazaar in the Melbourne Town Hall, where over twenty municipalities were represented, nearly £4,000 was raised and the building at Lake Blackburn commenced.

In 1909, the central wing and men's wing were opened. Mrs. Abraham, who was appointed the first Matron, had a difficult task for the section for whom she laboured needed constant supervision.

In 1912 the front half of the women's wing of the Home was built, and in 1922 further additions and improvements were added, thus completing the wing. All these buildings were opened free of debt.

Mr. Abraham all this time was directing his energies to the most important work of making desirable citizens of the "normal" young deaf mute population at the Adult Deaf Mute Centre in Flinders Street, the new headquarters for all religious, educational and social organisations. Those activities so increased that larger accommodation became imperative, and in 1924 the historical Jolimont



Thirty Years Ago.

At the time of the arrival of Mr. Abraham in Australia from England, Ivan Tenny, then a prominent member of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, drew the above cartoon showing the provision made for the Adult Deaf of Australia mainly through the great activities of the late Mr. Samuel Johnson, and Tenny's idea of the situation in Victoria in 1901.

Square of Melbourne East was purchased at a cost of £25,000. The Flinders Street property was sold for £17,000.

Jolimont Square is a valuable site nearly two acres in size with residential houses on it. The Society is using two of the houses for temporary administrative offices until such time as conditions permit the Board to bring to fruition their well considered plan of building. And in this old world garden, apart from the lack of adequate accommodation, nothing seems to be missing except, perhaps, the spoken language, but that only tends to strengthen what to the deaf is "their world." And right well it is valued by those capable of appreciating its beauty and blessings.

Mr. Abraham has never been a man desiring tangible recognition and only on a few occasions has he consented to accept a memento of affection. All the same we know he has great pleasure in using the beautiful cut glass and silver ink stand—a gift from the Deaf and Dumb of Queensland and South Australia in 1904—a well worn pocket book from the deaf ladies of New South Wales, and an attache case bearing the inscription, "From Deaf Girls of Melbourne, Old and Young," which is his daily companion on business bent.

On the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary, the Deaf Committee arranged a most successful anniversary banquet at which was presented to Mr. Abraham a very nice gold watch and chain and an enlarged framed photograph of Mr. Abraham. The latter now hangs in the Hall at the Centre.

The watch bears the following inscription:—

Presented to
Ernest J. D. Abraham,
Our Chief,
On his 25th anniversary in Melbourne.
in affectionate recognition
of all that he means to us
The Deaf of Victoria.

And not only has Victoria benefited by Mr. Abraham's ministrations. In 1904 he was invited to come and help Queensland. In 1906 he was invited to come and help New South Wales, which he willingly and most successfully did.

In 1930 a beautiful church was built in our Square. It is unique in this respect, for it is the only Church for the Deaf in Australia that stands alone. Other States have chapels in their headquarters, but this little church in its lovely garden setting is a centre of attraction in the day time, and the beautiful colored cross in the tower at night time is observed from many points of the city.

Each year an anniversary rally is held in honor of Mr. Abraham, and the one just past added still another record for large attendance. All deaf who possibly can—either in country or city—make a point of being present on this night of nights to do honor to their Principal, adviser and freind. And it is the earnest wish of the Victorian Aussies whom he loves and labors for that Mr. Abraham will see many more anniversaries with them.

Forthcoming Events.

At the Club House.

Saturday, 31st October.—Theatrical Evening by Dramatic Club.
Tuesday, 3rd November.—Cup Day Picnic at Jolimont Park.
Saturday, 7th November.—Card Evening.
Wednesday, 18th November.—Dance Evening.
Saturday, 21st November.—Card Evening.
Sunday, 22nd November.—Round Table Conference and Tea.
Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th November.—Fancy Fair.

Regular meetings as usual.

The Cricket Club.

The Deaf Cricket Club has started in the V.J.C.A., third grade competitions. The office-bearers of the club are:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President, W. H. Crush, F. Rees and G. B. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary , Mr. W. McMillen; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee, Messrs. W. Anderson, H. Puddy, R. Beattie and J. McLean.

Mr. R. Beattie has been a player in the cricket team for twenty-five years, and was elected a life member of the club. He was also elected captain of the team, and was complimented by all present.

The Men's Guild.

The following is a list of the lectures given during the past two months:—

11th August.—"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by the President, Mr. F. E. Frewin.

25th August.—"Question Box" evening by the members.

8th September.—"Ancient and Modern Games and Sports," by E. R. Noble.

On 29th September the subject "Photography" was given by Mr. W. J. Porter of Kodak (Aust.) Co. Ltd., and proved most interesting and instructive to a combined meeting of the Women's and Men's Guilds. All present were greatly impressed with Mr. Porter's kindness in so fully explaining not only his subject, but the many questions put to him during the evening. All hope he will give a similar treat in the near future.

Lacrosse Notes.

When the Lacrosse season ended recently, we found we had been rather late in making our best efforts to be in the final four, for we just missed by the narrowest of margins. Considering that our team was more raw than in previous years, on the whole we did very well.

Here is the season's records, which may be of interest to followers of our winter pastime.

Matches played 15, won 7, lost 6, drawn 2. Goals thrown, 146 against 145. Geo. Henry topped the goal-throwing records, scoring 55 goals; next came Geo. McGuinness with 25, W. Anderson 22, and W. McMillen, 11. Ten others secured the rest of the goals.

Our club, although disappointed in not meeting them in the second round (the first match they won by only a goal) extends its congratulations to North Fitzroy on gaining the premiership.

Best and Fairest Player.

A count of the votes cast by the referees of the Victorian Lacrosses Association for the best and fairest senior lacrosse player of the season showed that Harry Puddy had gained the highest number, twice in succession. Harry Puddy is acknowledged as one of the foremost forwards, and he has already represented Victoria in Queensland and South Australian interstate matches. He has played for the Coburg Senior Club for three years. Messrs. W. Ashby and J. O'Gorman are also members of the Coburg Club. Mr. H. Puddy is on the Committee of the Deaf Lacrosse Club.



Mr. H. Puddy

Our Motor Waggon.

Some time ago, Miss Alice Graham presented us with a motor waggon.

During the past month it may be credited with many deeds of service in the cause of the deaf. For instance, it was used as a hospital ambulance, twice for removing furniture, once as a funeral coach, frequently as a carrier's van, and on Saturday afternoons as a passenger bus taking our lacrosse players to and from their playing grounds.

Mid-day Dinners.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at our Club House, hot mid-day dinners are served to the unemployed, and every other day also the cooking facilities are in full swing. Our kitchen is a much used room these days.

Unemployment is the cause of much anxiety these days, but a well cooked meal in cheery company goes a long way in helping one to forget his troubles, for the time being at least. Anyhow, that is our experience.

We know we shall all feel better when we are again in jobs, but it must be admitted there is nothing like adversity for bringing folk closer together.

Our Gold Prospectors.

A company of deaf members, Joe Dickenson, Ivan Guthrie and Harry Lambert, "fathered" by our "W.A.P.," are delving in Mother Earth for that much wanted but elusive gold.

Creswick is the chosen district for their operations. We hear they have sunk a 50 feet shaft, but do not expect much luck with the precious metal till they reach the 80 feet level.

All wish them success, for it is a tough proposition they are up against, especially to men born and bred in a city.

May they soon find a rich yield.

Round Table Conference.

Leading members of the Melbourne Deaf Community were invited to attend a Sunday afternoon conference at the Adult Deaf Club House on the 9th of August, to make and consider practical suggestions for the uplift of the deaf of the State in general, and the members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in particular. Practically all the adult deaf workers who were able were present.

The following subjects received preliminary consideration:—How best to help our unemployed; an ideal way for the deaf to spend Sunday; ways of improving the attractiveness of the Club House; Ladies' Kitchen Committee; Saturday Night Cafeteria; Fancy Fair; Dramatic and Entertainers' Club; dances and card parties for hearing and deaf; cinema pictures, etc.

It was not long before the conference got to work in real earnest and, as the members began to realise the possible benefits by the free and open talk, they became more and more enthusiastic. Other conferences followed and the results were, in every way, satisfactory. There was complete harmony throughout and wonderful good fellowship which alone made the gatherings worth while. About thirty happy people sat down to tea after each conference, attending Divine Worship in the church in the evening. The conferences are to be continued monthly. Some of the results of the conference:—Mutual confidence and understanding with determined purpose to improve the attractiveness of our society's activities and uphold all authority in the spirit of good fellowship. There has been a marked increase in

the attendance at Divine Worship and the offertories. An effort is to be made to raise funds for the unemployed by means of a Fancy Fair. Visiting teams from other States to be entertained at Xmas. Deaf Ladies' Kitchen Committee formed. Provision of hot mid-day dinners for unemployed at the Club House. Young Folks' Committee to organise dances and card parties for hearing and deaf. Establishment of a Dramatic Club.

Deaf Workers' Club.

The annual meeting of the Deaf Workers 'Club was held on the evening of the 4th of August. Mr. F. E. Frewin presided.

After the adoption of the report and balance-sheet a very feeling tribute was paid to the late Mrs. F. E. Frewin, President of the Club, by our Principal, Mr. Abraham. Mrs. Frewin had held the position of President for the past three years, and, during that time, much good work under her direction had been accomplished.

Because of the difficulty in filling Mrs. Frewin's place at the present time, especially as the Vice-President, Mrs. Ashby, owing to altered home arrangements, would not be able to take an active part, the question arose as to the advisability of the women members of the Workers' Club amalgamating with the Women's Guild ,and the same with the men. The Club was founded by Mrs. J. E. Muir nearly twenty years ago, and the position of President held by her till 1917, when, owing to Mrs. Muir making her home in Warburton, she was unable to take an active interest in it, so resigned. Naturally all present felt a little diffident about abandoning the Club, but after much discussion it was, to the satisfaction of most present, decided to carry on under the auspices of the Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild acted in its first official capacity since the amalgamation when it took charge of the catering at Mr. Abraham's anniversary Rally last September.

Xmas Carnival.

Preparations are well under way for the forthcoming Carnival to be held in Melbourne next Xmas, when the "Ernest J. D. Abraham" Cricket Shield, at present held by New South Wales, will be competed for by deaf interstate teams.

Tennis also will have a share in the competitions.

Our Club House is like a hive with so many activities for the raising of money to meet the heavy demand there will be on the exchequer then.

Birthday Party.

One of the most pleasing events that we have had at our Centre was the birthday party of Dorothy Johnston, the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnston, on the 8th of August.

Dorothy has always had nice parties, but on this occasion it was held at the Square, where her home now is.

It was great to see some thirty or more of her little schoolmates enjoying with her to the full the many pleasures provided for their

entertainment. Many parents brought their children and remained to watch the children. Blindfold driving, skipping, balloon tossing and fox and geese were played on the lawns—Jolimont Square is just ideal for a kiddies' party—until the welcome signal of tea was given.

Oh! the tea tables. They were just laden with all the good things that children love, and in a most conspicuous place stood a beautiful and imposing birthday cake with ten candles surrounding. It does not seem long since Dorothy started with one candle.

Tea over, such games as musical chairs, hot poker and fan ping pong were indulged in by the children and adults alike. The prize-winners were Francie Peters, Clara Hughes, Gloria Howe and Eric Davenport.

Thus ended the first juvenile party held at our Centre, but one that will live in the minds of the kiddies for many a day.

Obituary.

The past two months have exacted a heavy toll, and it is with sadness we record the death of two deaf and dumb members, our old school master, and a hearing friend.

Mr. W. D. Cook, for forty-one years headmaster of the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, passed to a higher life on the 23rd of August.

So much of the lives of many of us are interwoven with Mr. Cook that it is hard to realise he is no longer with us. Many incidents recall good times under his direction, and he will long be remembered by his pupils.

Mrs. Cook pre-deceased Mr. Cook a few years back, but we ask his son, who is following in his father's footsteps as a teacher at the Deaf School, and his daughter, to accept our very sincere sympathy in the loss of their father.

William Skews, one of the first inmates of our Home, passed away on the 24th August. He had a kidney fit and died without regaining consciousness. He was buried at Box Hill, the Principal, Mr. Abraham, officiating at the graveside, and the President, Mr. E. R. Peacock, Mr. Edgar Peacock, and several fellow inmates also being present. The staff and inmates will miss him, especially our two blind-deaf men, for Mr. Skews was most patient and untiring in his kindness and attention to them. It was great to see his care of them.

To the late Rev. Dr. Hoban we would like to pay a tribute of respect. For years past he was eagerly sought by those members of our society whose parents belonged to Dr. Hoban's church to come and marry them. His charming personality and genial disposition won a place in all our hearts, and it was with sincere regret we learned of the serious state of his health and, later, his death.

The passing of our old member, Miss Jessie Wright, came as a great shock to all at the Centre. She was a constant visitor to the Square. coming and going at odd times, sometimes only remaining

a few minutes, but all were so accustomed to her ready smile and word of greeting that she will be missed for some time to come. Our sympathy is extended to her relatives.

Euchre Parties.

Our ever smiling and sweetly popular Miss Eileen O'Gorman is the organiser of two very successful euchre parties that were held at our Centre on the 11th and 26th of September. Of course she had many willing helpers—everyone wants to help her—but the success is mainly due to the whole-hearted and contagious enthusiasm that characterises all she take in hand.

There was a good attendance and a nice sum of money was added to the Xmas Carnival Fund. The winners of the tournaments were Mrs. Arthur Sutherland, Mrs. L. Smith, Messrs. Hughes and Pallot.

The next social function arranged is a dance and euchre party on the 21st October. An orchestra has been engaged and hearing as well as deaf folk are promised a good time. This time the proceeds will be divided between the Unemployed and Xmas Carnival Funds.

Tennis Club.

During the winter months our tennis court was somewhat neglected. Indeed, on several occasions it looked quite sad and lonely, because most of the girls were so busy with hockey and the boys with lacrosse, while both clubs always had a large complement of supporters to watch their progress each Saturday. For that reason the Deaf Tennis Club is not in the St. Kilda District Competitions. They, however, are now going full steam ahead, and will be quite ready for the coming season. Miss E. O'Gorman is the Hon. Secretary this year.

King of Sports Competition.

The Adult Deaf Cricket Club has adopted the ever-popular way of raising funds for their club by means of several nominated "Kings," with their following selling tickets. Bob Storey is "Cricket," Harry Puddy "Tennis," Don Johnston "Lacrosse," J. O'Gorman "Hockey," M. G. B. Mortimer "Indoor Games." All are working feverishly and have no mercy for a likely victim. All sorts of subterfuges have to be resorted to to get in and out of our Centre nowadays. Go ahead, boys, we wish you the best of success.

Some years ago the girls raised nearly £130 with Queen Competitions and a bazaar. Try and beat them.

The Hon. Organiser.

Mr. W. H. Crush is in charge of the present competition and working hard to make it a sucess. What is over from the Cricket Club will go to the Carnival Fund. So far £8 is in hand.

Fancy Fair.

A bumper event is listed for 27th and 28th of November at our Centre. It is in the form of a Fancy Fair.

Mr. F. E. Frewin is Chairman, Mesdames P. Swain and E. Johnson Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. J. Boortz Hon. Treasurer, and Committee as follows:—Misses A. Smith, G. Hawkins, L. Sanders, D. Hickey and R. Dow.

All are doing their best to make the Fair a success, and members and friends are asked to do their bit by sending along contributions of goods and later by coming to the Fair to buy them back again. Any of the above-named ladies will be pleased to acknowledge your gifts and demonstrate to you that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Women's Guild.

A very interesting paper on "Ancient and Modern Washing" was given by Miss M. Gibson at a meeting of the above Guild on the 11th of August. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, also gave a short paper entitled "I beg your pardon." It was based on the story of an Editor apologising for making certain remarks on the temperament of deaf and dumb persons, and was good.

On the 8th of September, Ethel Leber and Gwen Hawkins read papers on "Collections of Scents" and "A Sheik's Bride" respectively. Both girls are to be congratulated on their success.

On the 13th October, Doris Campbell gave her maiden paper. It was entitled "Kindness Rewarded," and proved very interesting. The rest of the evening was filled in by the President, Mrs. Peters, who chose a very large subject, "What can a speck of radium do?" Many wonderful things were told and many more were left for some other time.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston is the popular Hon. Secretary of the Guild, and just loves to see new faces. Come to the next meeting and see how she will beam on you.

"HEARING" WITH YOUR ARMS.

The following appeared in a recent issue of "Pearson's Weekly." It is written by one Victor Lee (who has been deaf for many years). We would like to know what our readers think about it. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Lee can give us lessons in many things.

"Normal persons pay little attention to the almost innumerable waves of sound that are breaking upon us continuously. But the deaf grow more and more sensitive to sound which comes to them, not by the hearing of the ear, but by waves and vibrations.

"I pass a church almost every Thursday evening. I know that on that evening eight bells are rung.

"I do not hear them as I pass. But my arms ache with sound; my legs tremble; I could not stand in the vicinity for more than a few moments. If I were foolish enough to do so, I should suffer a heart attack.

"Every part of a deaf person's body becomes susceptible to waves of sound. The fingers, especially, grow super-sensitive to it.

"A deaf friend of mine went into an ironmonger's shop to purchase a door-bell. The shopman opened the box containing the bell, extracted it, and held it up to the deaf man's ear.

"'Give it to me," the deaf man said, 'and I will show you how the deaf hear.' He took it and manipulated it with his fingers for a moment. When he said, 'Yes, that will do nicely. It rings true.' He heard the ringing of the bell with his fingers by vibration.

"A deaf man is perfectly safe with machinery, and can test the easy working of the gear with precision. The normal man listens for the whistle of the shaft or bearing to discover when it requires oil. The deaf man can tell in a moment, simply by touching the shaft with his hand.

"It is not only possible, but an ascertained fact, that a deaf man can find the mortar spaces between bricks in a wall that has been plugged, quite as quickly as the man who can hear.

"They both follow the same method. They knock the wall lightly with a hammer; the normal man knows by the distinction in sound where to plug; the deaf know by vibration.

"Some deaf persons carry in one hand a little box made of wood when they are moving about the streets. It is quite small, being no larger than a match-box, and, of course, inconspicuous.

"The vibrations received by the box are communicated, and the dimensions, directions and nearness of the traffic can be realised with an astonishing degree of accuracy.

"It is really wonderful that, by the use of the eyes, and by vibration, many of the disabilities that follow in the wake of deafness disappear. One regrets that music is only a noise, and that the music of the human voice is an unknown thing. The deaf live in a world void of music."

LIVING THE GOLDEN RULE.

We can only live the Golden Rule by practising it towards our fellow men. There are many times when we are tempted to injure a friend, not necessarily by violence, but by word or indirect deed; and if we would only stop to think and put ourselves in his place, we would save ourselves from something which we would afterwards regret. We would also make many more friends. If you are tempted to hurt another man, ask yourself how you would like it. If you are tempted to condemn or criticise someone, ask yourself how you would like to be the one condemned. In every situation, when you are tempted to hurt another's good name, to break up the peace

of his home, or to crush an effort he is making to carry on some honest enterprise, ask yourself how you would like it. You would not like it at all. Your whole soul would rebel against the meanness of it. Then let your soul rise up and forbit such action in advance. DO UNTO OTHERS THAT WHICH YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU IF THE CONDITIONS WERE REVERSED.

Bagatelle.

The Ladies' Bagatelle Tourney has been a source of much pleasure and excitement to the ladies. The competition has been keen and the results are eagerly awaited. It was a great way of testing the prowess of our girls, and right well did they stand up to it. The competition closes at the end of October.

Billiards.

Only a few more matches and the present billiard tourney will be a thing of the past. Our good old member, Mr. George Oakley, who was leading in our last report, has been displaced by W. McMillen. Some say O. Quinton has a good chance and that W. Crush has still to be reckoned with.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

E. Johnson, Editor.

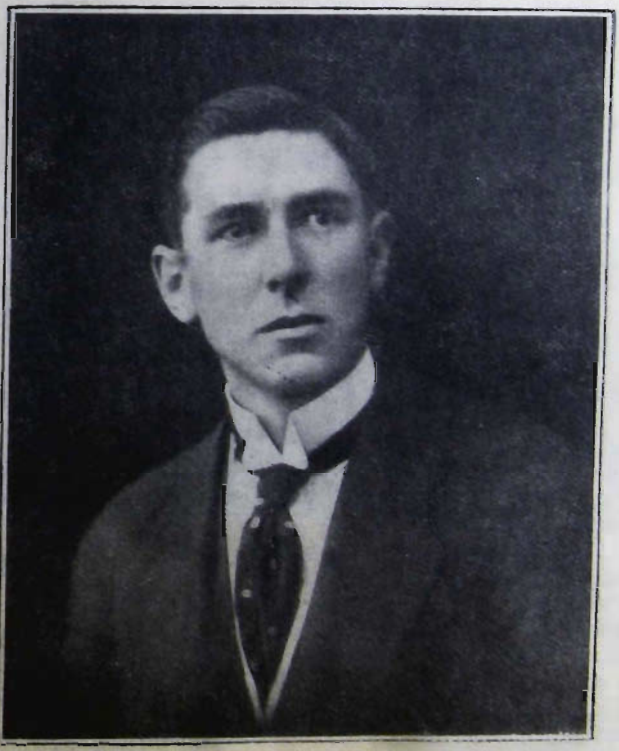
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The pride of place on the front of this issue of the "Victorian Deaf" shows a splendid photo of our popular residential officer, Mr. James M. Johnston, and as directly you see it you will want to know all about him, we will proceed to tell you some of the things he has done and what he is doing now.

Mr. Johnston was born in South Yarra, Victoria, in 1890, and soon after went with his parents to live in Ballarat. He remained there till the age of seven years when, because of partial deafness, was enrolled at the School for teh Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, and continued his education there till 1906, where he was taught orally. He has always possessed a fair degree of hearing, but, of course, is a master of the finger and sign language.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to the boot-clicking trade in Ballarat, and when through his apprenticeship, came to Melbourne and secured work in Bedggood's Boot Factory.

It was at that period of his life that the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society began to know his true worth. A fine specimen of young manhood, healthy in mind as well as body, he soon became popular in the world of sport and general activities of the Society, and before long held office in many clubs.

Unfortunately, during 1915-16, owing to war conditions, his employment ceased. So he left for the country and worked on a farm till his former position at Bedggood's was offered him. He returned to Melbourne and linked up with the Deaf Society again. Mr. Johnston was fortunate in working under, as secretary of various Deaf Clubs, and being able to follow the example of such men as the late Matthew L. Miller and John E. Muir, and at the time of their death was competent to follow in their footsteps, and did, in such positions as Hon. Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Australasian Deaf and Dumb Association, Hon. Secretary of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association—which office he has held almost continually since its inception in 1917—and as one of the representatives of the Deaf to the General Board.

In 1923 Mr. Johnston was appointed the Assistant Missioner of the Society, conducting services, classes, etc., having special regard to the welfare of the young men. He is held in high esteem by the men folk and eagerly sought by them in times of joy or stress.

Before becoming a member of the staff, Mr. Johnston made a happy choice in selecting for his wife a school fellow of his, Miss Eva Hair, of Gippsland, who is also deaf, and it was with many pleasant anticipations, that have long been fulfilled, that we welcome Mrs. Johnston amongst us again.

In 1930, owing to the serious financial position of the Society and the need for drastic reduction in expenses, Mr. Johnston was asked to become the Residential Officer of the Society, and live at our Centre, Jolimont Square, and is there still with his wife and two bonnie children, Dorothy, aged 10 years, and Eric, 6 years.

Since residing at Jolimont, Mrs. Johnston has wholeheartedly entered into the work for the Deaf, and at present is Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Women's Guild, besides helping with many other minor activities.

Mr. Johnston is President of the Cricket, Lacrosse and Tennis Clubs, Hon. Secretary of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, Vice-Chairman of the Deaf Committee, Hon. Manager of the Deaf Savings Bank, and has held all the offices of the Deaf Men's Guild in turn.

His winning personality and ever ready willingness to do a good turn to anyone, whether deaf or hearing, has gained him a large circle of friends, and it is the wish of his fellow Deaf, both men and women, who have a sincere affection for him, that he will long be spared to minister to them.

Xmas Greetings

Dear Friends,

To emphasise the spirit of Christmas I have asked some of our friends to send their personal greeting and now have much pleasure in conveying through the medium of this little paper, "The Victorian Dear," what their thoughts and wishes are for us—their deaf friends. For that is how they regard us in every sense of the word.

We know what busy men the members of our Board of Management are, therefore doubly appreciate the large amount of time they have given in our interest. As you all know, the year just closing has been the most difficult from a financial aspect, for our Board since the inception of the Society, and it is with pride we record the marked success that has attended their labors on our behalf. And we thank them for it.

All join in the wish that our President, Vice-President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Board of Management, Subscribers, Friends, Readers of this paper, and everyone else, will have a Merry Christmas, and that the year to come will be one of the brightest and best, bringing cheer and comfort to all.

THE EDITOR.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER AND NEW YEAR HOPES.

To the Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.
My Dear Friends.

Christmas again. Hitherto! What experiences and reasons for gratitude. A time for memory to revive past scenes and conditions, and for the imagination to conjure up pictures of possible achievements in the future. So much to do, so little done. There is danger in complacency, and disaster in bemoaning pessimism. The past is useful as giving us confidence and courage to face the future with determination and hope. Truly God is good. There has been no cloud without a silver lining. My hope is that the Christmas season

may be one of happiness and good cheer for you all, and that the New Year may see the highest anticipations of each individual and the society as a whole abundantly realised.

With acectionate regard and good will to all.

Very sincerely, your President,

E. R. PEACOCK.

Dear Friends,

Christmas, the season of good cheer, is at hand. How wonderful the spirit of Christmas is! Think of those words, "Peace on earth, good will towards men," which have such a wealth of meaning and help us to forget the trials and troubles of a difficult year. I trust that the coming year has many good things in store both for you and our society. May the clouds of depression roll away, and enable the Board to make further progress in its efforts to help the Deaf of this fair State. In closing, may I wish you and yours that old old wish, " Amerry Christmas and a happy New Year," and leave the following thought with you for 1932:—

"Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
To all the people you can
At all the times you can
And as long as ever you can."

Very sincerely,

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity placed at my disposal by the Honorary Editor to convey to all members of the society my very cordial Christmas greetings and my best wishes that the coming new year may usher in an early return to more prosperous times.

Our society, in common with other similar bodies, has felt the pinch of the depression, with the result that our finances have not permitted us to do as much as we would have wished in the interests of the little community to which it is the society's aim to minister, but I think we have reached bedrock, and I hope and believe that we are on the verge of an early recovery.

With all good wishes for the festive season,

L. A. CLEVELAND,

Hon. Treasurer.

For children Christmas is surely a happy time in the year, and it ought so to be for adults, as it is the anniversary of the birth of Him who brought happiness into the world. If His precepts were followed as He wished them to be, the world would indeed be a heaven upon earth. My wish to you all is the consummations of this, with happiest recollections, kindest regards, and a new year full of enriching experience.

R. J. OEHR,

Hon. Secretary.

My Dear People,

Your Editor has asked me to broadcast my Christmas greeting to you through the "Victorian Deaf," and there is no better way for you are the Victorian Deaf. And what better message can I give than that of the Heavenly Choir who heralded the coming of the Master, the Spirit of Love made flesh, which was indeed glad tidings of great joy to all people, and their message was "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." What more can we want, what more desire, but peace and good will?

If we were all moved by the spirit of good will almost in the twinkling of an eye life would be changed and we would see ourselves and others and everything in an entirely different light. Let us all move in our own particular circles with the spirit of good will toward every man and every woman. Never mind what their attitude may be toward us, let ours be always one of good will.

Remember, too, the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. There is no need for a voyage of discovery or rites and ceremonies to find it, but an attitude, the realisation that love is everything; therefore love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

THE LATE MRS. F. E. FREWIN'S PHOTO UNVEILED.

On the 10th of last November a most affecting ceremony took place in our hall, when there was a large attendance of members of the Women's and Men's Guilds to witness the unveiling of a photograph of the late Mrs. Frewin, one of our greatest benefactors.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who was chairman of the ceremony, expressed the gratitude he felt for the noble work that Mrs. Frewin had done for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb Society, and how hard she had worked to make things better for her fellow Deaf. He spoke of her influence for good, for loyalty, for general upliftment, and that Mrs. Frewin would always be remembered.

Mr. Lambert, the last Secretary of the ex-Workers' Club, gave a short outline of our late President's association with the Deaf Workers' Club. Mrs. D. Ashby, who was a member of the Workers' Club Committee, also spoke a few words of very high praise.

Mrs. T. Peters, President of the Women's Guild, added a splendid tribute of appreciation of Mrs. Frewin's work for the good of all, and the affection that was bestowed on her by the members of the Guild. Then the above-named ladies impressively unveiled the photograph, which was considered, by all present, to be a good likeness of our never-to-be-forgotten helper of the Deaf.

Mr. Frewin, who was present, briefly replied to the honor that had been done to his late wife, and feelingly thanked all present. He also spoke of Mrs. Frewin's great work and love of helping others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the members attended the Men's and Women's Guild meetings respectively.

The photo now hangs in the women's room at our Centre, Jolimont Square.

—E. C. P.

OUR WORLD.

W. O'Bryan is still an enthusiastic cricketer playing for his local club at Yarrawonga. We noted that at the opening of the season he caused quite a sensation amongst our Melbourne cricket lovers by scoring 47 runs not out. He is posted behind the sticks, at which he is fairly proficient. Our interstate selectors have their eyes on him. So, Bill, keep up your form and be the lucky one to be included in the interstate team this coming Xmas.

Mr. Percy Smith, of Adelaide, paid us a call during the middle part of October, whilst travelling to Sydney per S.S. "Barrabool." He was besieged by many enquirers as to how he enjoyed his trip to the "Old Country," and the reply was, of course, never in the negative. He mentioned that he spent a couple of days and a night at Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edwards's home in England, and brought their greetings to us.

Mr. Hamson, of Conarge, N.S.W., is at present in Melbourne, because he is out of work. He is residing with a relative in Ringwood, and hopes that he will not be idle long. He is a gardener and general laborer.

We are in receipt of news from Jim Walters, of Leitchville, who is anxious to hear the fixtures for the coming carnival. He hopes to take part in tennis and other sports.

The Hately brothers, of Camperdown, unfortunately, are out of work too. Their father recently lost the contract with the local Council, with the above result. At present Willie is out at Colin Johns's home in Horsham helping with the harvest. They hope to have the work done before Christmas so that they may join in our Carnival fastivities.

Fred Kendall, who has been on the land at Boort, in the north-west of Victoria, for some time, was down in Melbourne for a while, and has returned for the harvest.

In the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf," in a report of the annual meeting of the Deaf Workers' Club, Mrs. Frewin's term of office as President was given as three years. It should have been eleven years.

Believe nothing against another but on good authority; nor report what may hurt another, unless it be a greater hurt to some other to conceal it.—William Penn.

The penny "King of Sports" Competition, organised by Mr. W. H. Crush, under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria, has reached an interesting stage, and about £20 has so far been raised. This, considering the hard times and low price of votes, is a wonderful achievement and shows what a penny can do.

Of the five Kings, Hockey is well ahead, with over 1,500 votes, and is closely rivalled by Lacrosse. These two, with Cricket, are expected to won the thre prizes. All the Kings and their helpers, and the hon. organisers, have worked hard to raise the funds, and are to be congratulated. The competition will close on December 19, followed by a wind-up social on Tuesday, December 22, when the winner will be crowned "King of Sports," and the three prizes presented to him and next two leaders. Thanks are accorded to all those who sold tickets and to the buyers whose supply of pennies seemed endless.

DANCE AND CARD PARTY.

To raise funds for the entertainment of interstate visitors during the Christmas holidays, Miss E. O'Gorman, assisted by her committee, organised a dance and card party which was held in our Assembly



MISS E. O'GORMAN

Hall on 21st October, when about 170 people were present. The hall was effectively decorated in blue and gold with Japanese lanterns hanging here and there. The scene was very gay, and the paper hat or cap each guest received on entering, with the lovely frocks worn of varying colors, gave quite a kaleidoscopic effect. Excellent music was provided by "Bert Walter's Orchestra."

The Card Tourney was conducted in the library, which was also transformed for the occasion. Mrs. J. Sutherland and Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer were the winners.

During the evening the guests were provided with a dainty supper. Tea, coffee or soft drinks at choice. All agreed it was a most wonderful time, and are looking forward to another one. Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Miss G. Hawkins are heartily thanked for their able assistance to Miss Eileen O'Gorman in making various decorations.

So successful was the dance given on 21st October in the interest of the Reception Fund that the organiser, Miss Eileen O'Gorman, was asked to arrange a second one. As a result a social dance was held on the 18th November, when the hall was again tastefully decorated.

Even with the increased price for admission close on 100 persons were present. During the evening novelty dances were introduced, including Tap, Monte Carlo and Musical Rings, which brought forth much merriment.

The Card Tourney was won this time by Miss E. Leber and Mr. E. Johnson. Supper again was much enjoyed. She also had under her management two Euchre Parties held on November 17 and 21. Congratulations to Miss E. O'Gorman on her two splendid successes.

FANCY FAIR.

America is notorious for its lightning lunches and many other quick-step stunts, but for a quick-step movement with a solid foundation and effective and substantial results, our pioneer, F. E. Frewin, with his pioneer lieutenants, Mesdames Swain, Boortz and E. Johnson, must have the banner, cup, laurel wreath, or whatever is a worthy trophy for organising a successful Fancy Fair in a couple of months. The Club House Assembly Hall was splendidly decorated by a band of willing workers led by Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Johnson.

Many afternoons and evenings were spent in preparing for the Fair, but, although each evening saw the workers going home tired and weary, the next day brought them back refreshed and smiling again. The amount of work accomplished by the ladies, especially Mrs. Swain, was truly marvellous.

The President of the Society, Mr. E. R. Peacock, acted as chairman, and introduced Miss Bessie Graham, the much-liked sister of our fairy godmother (Miss Alice Graham) who, in a few well chosen words, opened the Fair on the 27th November at 3 p.m. The pretty bouquet carried was presented to Miss Graham by little Dorothy Johnston on behalf of the Fair Committee. Mrs. Hope Campbell, another sister, accompanied Miss Bessie Graham, and we were very pleased to see her present.

Every stall was well stocked and temptingly displayed. The Fancy Goods Stall was particularly good. It was a sight worth seeing and, from the quick way things were snapped up, the buyers evidently liked it too.

The stall-holders were Mesdames P. Swain, E. Johnson, Misses G. Hawkins and A. Foster.

The Jumble Stall had some really good things on and was looked after by Mrs. Fred Johnson.

The Sweets Stall, as usual, was most popular, and good business was done there by Mrs. T. Peters, Rose Dow, Doris Hickey and Burnie Higgie.

The Flower Stall came in for its full share of admiration, with Alice Smith and Rub yPeters in charge.

The Cake Stall, presided over by Mrs. Boortz, was a sight worth seeing. It had jams, pickles, etc., and many home-made goods to tempt the palate. Miss L. Sanders helped her.

The Toy Stall was great. Splendid sets of "Bobs," wooden magpies painted to look the real thing, barrows, match-holders, etc., etc., mostly all made by Mr. P. Swain, were objects of much interest and speculation. The articles were splendid specimens of workmanship.

The Refreshments, always the hardest worked stall, in the charge of Mrs. J. Johnston, had a very busy time, but many were the comments heard on the excellent afternoon tea, ice cream, etc., provided. The tables set out on our lovely verandah looked particularly attractive with cream cloths banded with orange, and Iceland poppies and gum in vases. Her helpers were Mesdames Howe, Holmes and J. Pierce, Misses G. Hunter, M. Dow, E. Reade, A. Holcroft and E. Leber.

The Lucky Dip, the Shooting Gallery and Spinning Spool were conducted by M. G. B. Mortimer, E. Noble and J. O'Gorman. The competitions were managed by Messrs. Aird, Crush, Mesdames J. O'Gorman, J. Pierce and others. Mr. A. Aird donated a beautiful little rose bowl, Mr. J. Hunt a side of mutton, also a pair of fowls. (Both these articles were handed in and auctioned on the Saturday night.) Mrs. Smith gave a lovely Xmas cake, Mrs. Pierce a white rabbit. Several other cakes, a large loaf of bread, etc., etc., were donated, while a large number of friends sent in cash donations.

At the close of the Fair those articles which could not be held over were auctioned and much fun and merriment was enjoyed with Mr. J. M. Johnston as auctioneer.

The promoters and workers are immensely pleased with the financial result of the Fair, and it is expected that a good sum will be divided between the Reception Fund and the Unemployment Fund.

MEN'S GUILD.

Mr. J. M. Johnston read a paper on "Problems of Liberty" to the members of the Men's Guild on 13th October, giving reminiscences of the bad "good old days."

On 27th October a film evening was held. The films loaned by the Junker Co., of "Junker" 'planes all over the world," proved most interesting.

On 10th November, the "Question Night" was held, when each member drew a paper on which a question was asked and had to be answered to the best of his ability.

On 24th November, Harry Puddy read a paper on "Alexander the Great," which was followed by a short, dramatic story, based on facts. "Lighthouse Keeper," by Mr. F. E. Frewin.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

"Soviet Russia" was the title of a paper read by Miss Margaret Gibson at a meeting of the Women's Guild on the 10th of November. It was a big subject, but many interesting things were told to a large muster of members. Miss Gibson was thanked for her paper.

CRICKET NOTES.

On the 3rd and 10th October we opened the season with a match against "The Wattles" on our Blackburn ground, which ended in a draw. "The Wattles" made seven wickets for 189 runs, and we replied with four wickets for 92 runs. W. Anderson 29 runs, R. Lygon 23 not out, and R. Beattie 27 not out.

On 17th and 24th October we met "Waratahs" and got badly beaten. They made six wickets for 207, and we made 64 and 28 in two innings.

On 31st October and 7th November Garden City made 161 and 64 runs, and the Adult Deaf 134 and 88 runs. Lost by four runs, a very exciting game. R. Lygon was the best batsman, making 43 and 23 runs, and R. Beattie made 25 and 32. In the bowling, R. Beattie took 5 for 1 6and 3 for 29, W. Anderson 3 for 26, and R. Storey 4 for 32.

On 14th and 21st November, we received another beating in the hands of South Park, who made nine wickets for 185 runs, whilst we made 46 and 28. J. McLean took six wickets for 75 runs.

A well-wisher has presented three medals to the Cricket Club, to be won by players for the best batting and bowling averages and the best all-round player during the season, and already much keen rivalry exists in the team, which augurs well for the club.

Through an oversight R. Storey's name was not mentioned in the list of officials of the Cricket Club in the last issue of our magazine. He was elected one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries, and represents our club in the V.J.C. Association. He was most successful in securing influential patrons for the club.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

Our annual picnic was, as usual, arranged for Cup Day, but because of the lack of employment among our members making it impossible for railway fares to be paid, it was decided to have the picnic in Yarra Park. And a very happy choice it was. For Yarra Park is quite close to our beautiful Jolimont Square, so all were able to leave eatables, etc., at the club and enjoy themselves without the trouble of looking after things.

Games were played on a fine stretch of lawn till time for a move to the club, where lunch was partaken of on verandahs, lawns and indoors.

In the afternoon sports were held in the park, and later a trek back for tea. The evening was spent in games and all sorts of amusement to the liking of the picnickers, when sweets were again handed round.

There was a large gathering, with a maximum of fun and merriment, at a minimum of cost. All voted it one of the nicest picnics we have had for many a day.

MELBOURNE ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB.

With the approach of the Christmas Cricket Carnival amongst the Deaf cricket teams of various States of Australia in Melbourne, it is thought that the sport-loving readers of the "Victorian Deaf" will be pleased to have a brief resume of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Cricket Club's history, especially as it has had a practically unbroken run of almost fifty years. It is impossible to give a full synopsis of each year, but the subjoined table will, in some measure, give an account of the club's successes and failures. It may here be mentioned that the club was brought into existence before the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and the latter owes its existence partly to the desire for mutual companionship fostered at the pleasant gatherings of the members of the club. During the school vacation in the summer of 1881, Mr. A. C. Muir got up a scratch Deaf cricket team and played against a team of Richmond lads on a vacant plot of land opposite the Richmond Town Hall. In the team were the three Muir brothers, Bond, Bob Mills, Lawson, Phillips, Bessemeres, and others. It was on the 2nd November, 1882, that the Melbourne Adult Deaf Cricket Club came into existence. Mr. A. C. Muir was the founder, and the inauguratory meeting, which was held on the above-mentioned date, was well attended, and the idea of the Deaf entering the cricket ranks of the city enthusiastically received. Mr. A. C. Muir was the first Secretary, and held the position for three years. He was the driving force, and right from the commencement the members mustered in good numbers, and the enthusiasm shown soon gave the club a very strong position in junior circles. Their first ground was at the Military Reserve, South Melbourne (now covered with factories and timber yards), where they remained for two years. From there the club went to Jolimont Park and remained until 19—, with the exception of two seasons at Royal Park. Then to Blackburn, where

it is at the present time. The club, like other similar sporting ventures, has had its ups and downs, but at the present time it is going steady, despite the depression.

The first interstate Deaf cricket match in Australia was played at Adelaide in 1894, between Victoria and South Australia, and won by Victoria. Victoria, 174 runs; South Australia, 53 and six wickets for 40.

The second interstate match, in Melbourne, in 1895, between Victoria and New South Wales, was won by Victoria, 74 and 103; New South Wales, 30 and 88.

The third, in Melbourne, against South Australia, in 1898, won by Victoria by an innings and 34 runs, scoring 212 runs to their opponents' 87 and 91.

The fourth in Sydney, against New South Wales in 1900, won by Victoria. New South Wales, 107 and 64; Victoria, 115 and nine for 57.

The fifth in Adelaide against South Australia in 1902, won by South Australia outright, by 59 runs. South Australia, 107 and 117; Victoria, 68 and 97.

The sixth in Melbourne against New South Wales in 1903, won by Victoria on first innings by 96 runs—208 to New South Wales' 112.

The seventh in Melbourne against South Australia in 1911. Victoria won by an innings and 24 runs. Victoria 183, to South Australia 85 and 74.

The first triangular matches were played in Melbourne in 1917, between New South Wales and Victoria. Victoria came out the victor, winning two matches and New South Wales one.

Then followed three matches between New South Wales and South Australia—in 1919 in Adelaide, in 1921 in Sydney, in 1922 in Adelaide. New South Wales won them all.

In 1917, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, presented a trophy in the form of a shield, to be competed for periodically, and at the same time the Australian Deaf Cricket Association was formed to receive the shield, and conditions, rules and fixtures were drawn up. The first series of matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield" was competed for in 1923, and played in Melbourne. South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria were the contestants. The results were as follow:—(1) Victoria, 178 runs, defeated South Australia, 68, by 110 runs on the first innings. (2) Victoria, 203, defeated New South Wales, 85 and 90, by an innings and 28 runs. (3) New South Wales, 174, defeated South Australia, 84, by 89 runs on the first innings. Then followed the second series, held in Sydney in 1925, the three States again represented:—(1) South Australia, 158 and 183, defeated New South Wales, 126 and 114, by 101 runs. (2) Victoria, 52 and 88, defeated South Australia, 35 and 55, by 50 runs. (3) Victoria, 8 for 313, defeated New South Wales, 124 and 167, by an innings and 22 runs.

The third series was held in Adelaide in 1928, and Tasmania was included. New South Wales came out the victor, winning all three matches, and the "Shield." Because of limited space in this paper the scoring results had to be left out.

The fourth series was held in Hobart in 1928, when all four States were represented, and New South Wales again came out the winners, winning three matches, Victoria two, Tasmania one, South Australia none.

This coming Xmas Carnival will be the fifth, and much discussion has arisen as to the advisability of holding it owing to the present financial depression. But as the Carnival was arranged for 1930 and postponed, it is thought wiser to carry out the arrangements made and so keep faith with those teams who are able to compete. The latest news to hand is that South Australia, not being able to come, will have to forfeit their chance, and we are very sorry.

Since the institution of interstate matches in 1894 amongst the Deaf of Australia, Victoria played 19 matches, won 14, lost 5. New South Wales played 18 matches, won 11, lost 7. South Australia played 19 matches, won 4, lost 15. Tasmania played 6 matches, won 1, lost 5. Of the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield," New South Wales and Victoria have each won twice. New South Wales is the present holder.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The second series of the Victorian Tennis Championship Tournament is to be held in Melbourne beginning on 26th December, 1931, when the Deaf of various States are invited to compete.

The following is the list and conditions of matches:—(1) Men's Singles Championship. (2) Ladies' Singles Championship. (3) Men's Doubles Championship. (4) Ladies' Doubles Championship. (5) Mixed Doubles Championship. Entrants to have own choice of partners in doubles, and must represent the State they come from. Entry fee in each championship, payable in advance, Gents, 2/6 each; Ladies, 2/- each. Mixed doubles free, conditionally entrants enter preceding matches (singles or doubles). If not, same rate as above. Entries to close on 21st December, 1931. Miss E. O'Gorman, Hon. Secretary, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2. Victoria.

MODESTY.

"Out of the way, common fellow, out of the way, you low-class person!"

As thus he shouted the War Horse came thundering down the hillside. His tail and mane flew in the wind. Richly adorned was his saddle. All his harness glittered. He champed the bit of his bridle and tossed his handsome head. The low-class person was an Ass, who carried a heavy burden along the mountain path. Quietly he stepped out of the way, making no reply. The War Horse galloped proudly on.

Not long afterwards a battle took place. The War Horse was shot in the eye. He was no longer fit to act as a charger. The glittering harness was taken off. He was sold to a carrier and all the week he bore loads along the countryside. One day the Ass met him. "Ah, my friend," said the Ass, "is it you? I always thought your pride would have a fall." The Horse passed on without a word.

Now, which do you think has the finer look, an Ass or a War Horse? (I am not asking you which is the more useful.) The horse, certainly. And if the Horse said to the Ass, "I am handsomer than you," would it be true? Yes, it would be true. But ought the Horse to say so? No, he ought not. Ought the Ass to say the Horse is handsome? Well, he may say it or not as he pleases. Very well, but why ought not the Horse to call himself handsome? Because you say that would be vain, proud, conceited, boastful. Yes, so it would; but why does this boasting seem hateful to you and me? Let us thin ka moment. How does the Horse know he is handsome? Because he thinks so. Well a toad might think itself beautiful. No, the Horse knows he is handsome because other horses or people tell him how fine he appears. They gaze at him, they admire him, they turn to one another and exclaim, "How noble a creature!" And who, then, ought to say whether we are fine and glorious—ourselves or our neighbor? Our neighbor. And if we call ourselves fine, handsome and glorious, we are doing what ought only to be done by other people. We are doing what it is not our business to do. We are proud, vain, conceited; we are really low-class persons and common fellows. People who make no boast of what they are or what they can do are said to be modest. Do you see the lovely rose? It is fresh and red because the dew-drops fell on it last night; and so we praise the work of the dew-drop, and yet the dew never made a sound itself. Do you see the sweet green of the meadow? It is green because, behind those bushes runs a quiet stream whose moisture rises all round.

"Dews that nourish fairest bowers
Fall unheard in silent hours;
Streams which keep the meadows green
Often flow themselves unseen."

Do you smell the violet? Yet you cannot see the flower which has so sweet an odor; it modestly hides among the grass and moss. Do you hear the trill of the lark? But look upwards, and though you know it hovers in the air, you cannot catch sight of its little form.

"Violets hidden on the ground
Throw their balmy odors round;
Viewless in the vaulted sky
Larks pour forth their melody."

The rose is charming, but you and I will say that—not the rose. The stream sparkles brightly; but you and I will say that—not the stream. The violets have a delicious fragrance, but you and I will say that—not the violets. The lark carols delightfully, but you and I will say that—not the lark. And so the rose, the stream, the violets and the larks are modest.

INTERSTATE VISIT.

Melbourne Deaf are looking forward to the visit of the Deaf Cricketers from sister States with anticipation of happy times, the renewal of old friendships and associations. The Interstate Reception Committee has been busy for some time with the merrymaking arrangements and "fund hunting." So far it is known that the New South Wales team will arrive Christmas Eve, and the Tasmanians Christmas Day. Tennis teams also are coming from other States and country towns.

Following morning practice; afternoon conference. The players will be welcomed to Melbourne in the evening at a social to be held in the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont. The cricket and tennis matches commence on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and continue Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2p.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch on the ground for teams and visitors each day.

On Saturday evening, the 26th, at the Adult Deaf Club House, there will be a competitive games social. On Sunday, 27th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. divine worship in the Church for the Deaf, and at 3 p.m. a visit to the War Shrine. Monday, 28th, after the matches, will be spent at St. Kilda Beach—"A Fun Night." Also, 9.30 a.m., visit to the suburbs in tourist tram, as guests of the Melbourne Tramways Board. Tuesday, 29th, theatrical evening at the Club House. Wednesday, 30th, a trip down the bay, with dinner at Queenscliff and high tea on board the steamer. Thursday, December 31, ball, fancy dress optional. Friday, 1st January, evening, banquet. Saturday, 2nd, all-day motor car trip to the Ranges, with dinner and tea on the mountains. Evening, individual home invitations. Sunday, January 3rd, divine service morning and evening.

Interstate Reception Committee.—Chairman, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Jack McLean; Messrs. H. Puddy, J. Phillips and E. Noble, Misses M. Dow, A. Smith and E. Stephens. Address all enquiries to the Hon. Secretary, Interstate Committee, Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont, Victoria.

1931 CONFERENCES.

These most useful and profitable gatherings were brought to a close on Sunday, 22nd November, when there was a large attendance both at "business" and at tea, also a pleasing congregation at church in the evening.

The conferences have proved to be a brain wave for effective achievements, and many of us are looking forward to the re-opening in th new year of these happy social and business functions.

OBITUARY.

MILLS.—On the 27th October, at Colac, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Adam Mills. Aged 75 years. Late of Waaia.

MONAHAN.—On 6th December, at Geelong, William Patrick, husband of Mary Ann Monahan. Aged 67 years.

Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

E. Johnson, Editor.

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BOOK NIGHT SOCIAL

(Proceeds in aid of the Library)
on Saturday 19 October at 7·30 pm, 1931
in the Hall of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society
Jolimont Square.

A Lucky Number Prize Given! Good Programme. Supper.

Tickets 1/- each.

ADULT DEAF CLUB
Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South,
East Melbourne.



Just a Little Dance and Card Party

At OUR CLUB HOUSE,
In aid of our Funds.

Wednesday, 21st October, 1931, at 8 p.m.

Tickets, 1/6.
Supper Included.

EILEEN O'GORMAN,
Hon. Sec.

Announcement.

The ex-Workers' Club and The Women's Guild

The members and their friends are very cordially invited to attend the

Unveiling Ceremony

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Mrs FREWIN

in the

ASSEMBLY HALL

on

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER TENTH

at

8 P.M.

N.B. Immediately after the Ceremony, those present are respectfully requested to go to respective Guilds.

"The passing away of our most valued member, Mrs. F. E. Frewin, whose spirit leaves the deaf among who she worked an evergreen memory of her presence by this photograph."

E. Johnston,
Hon. Sec.
Women's Guild.

R. H. Lambert,
Hon. Sec.,
The ex-Workers' Club.



ADULT DEAF CLUB

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SOCIAL DANCE

At OUR CLUB HOUSE.

In aid of Xmas Interstate Reception Fund.

Wednesday, 18th November, 1931, at 8 p.m.

Bert Walter's Orchestra.

Tickets, 2/-
Supper Included.

EILEEN O'GORMAN,
Hon. Sec.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

JOLIMONT SQUARE, EAST MELBOURNE.

Dear Friends,

Please accept this Invitation to be present at the Opening of the "Fancy Fair," in the Club House's Assembly Hall, on Friday, November 27th, 1931, at 3 p.m.

The Fair will continue till SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 28th, and a further Invitation is extended to you to be present at one or all other Sessions.

F. E. FREWIN, *Chairman.*

Mrs. P. SWAIN, Mrs. E. JOHNSON, *Joint Hon. Secs.*

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

ALL DEAF FRIENDS
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To be held in our
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RESEARCH FOR THE DEAF.

A Pressing Need.

It seemed appalling that throughout the world there had been so little advance in the cause of the deaf, said Mr. E. Gorman, speaking at the 47th annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria held yesterday at the Melbourne Town Hall, when the Lord Mayor (Cr. H. D. Luxton) presided. Very little research was being made in any country into the cause of deafness and its cure, continued Mr. Gorman, and few people realised the simple relation of the inability to speak to that of deafness. He was convinced that much could be done to make deaf children speak if they were taught at a very early age. Research in deafness would involve great expenditure, but it should be made.

The Lord Mayor said the institution catered for 1000 adult deaf and dumb citizens, and it experienced increasing difficulty in carrying on owing to loss of income.

The president (Mr. E. R. Peacock) said that efforts were being made to introduce research work into Victoria, and he hoped that it would be possible to bring experts here for the purpose. He paid a tribute to the work of the ladies' auxiliary and of the superintendent, Mr. E. J. Abraham.

Many activities were enumerated in the annual report, amongst them that of the opening of the church at Jolimont. Notwithstanding the large number of unemployed, the deaf and dumb people had given £146 towards the church furnishings, £59 to the offertory and £13 to the Hospital Sunday Fund. A scheme was being considered to secure instruction in a variety of skilled occupations for the deaf instead of, as at present, mainly two or three.

Office bearers elected were:—President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-president, Mr. E. Gorman; secretary, Mr. F. J. Gehr; treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Heath, E. Johnson, E. L. Morton, G. Newnham, E. H. Peacock and S. E. Watkin.

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November 25th 1931

FAIR FOR DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.—Under the auspices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, a fancy fair will be held at the society's club house, Jolimont-square, Wellington-parade, on Friday and Saturday next, from 3 to 10 p.m. each day. Miss H. Graham will open the fair at 3 p.m. on Friday. The church for the deaf and dumb will be open for inspection, while attractions will include a variety of stalls, novelty games and refreshments. Proceeds will be devoted to the unemployed deaf and inter-State reception funds.

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DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

Reference to "Petty Discords."

"To me it seems appalling that there has been so little advancement in medical knowledge of cures for deafness," said Mr. Gorman, K.C., at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in the Town Hall yesterday. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Luxton, M.L.A.) presided. Mr. Gorman deplored the "petty discords" which had arisen among authorities controlling work for the deaf and dumb in Victoria.

The president of the society (Mr. E. R. Peacock) said that the policy of the board was to "come and see" while it continued with its work. Some of the criticism levelled at the superintendent (Mr. E. J. Abraham) could not be justified when it was remembered that Mr. Abrahams had devoted almost his whole life to building up the society, settling family disputes among the deaf mutes, interpreting for them in courts, attending them in hospitals, trying to find employment for them, and supervising much of the work of the society. Mr. Peacock regretted that the personal antagonism which had sprung up many years ago had not been forgotten in a mutual desire for the well-being of the afflicted. American experts, he said, had stated that 80 per cent. of deaf persons need not be deaf.

Referring to a letter by Mr. J. P. Bourke published in "The Argus" yesterday, in which he suggested that a new constitution should be framed for the society, and a new policy be adopted, the honorary secretary of the deaf committee (Mr. E. Johnson) protested that the writer of the letter did not represent the committee, which did not support his views.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. L. A. Cleveland) said that, although the salaries of the staff and other expenses had been reduced, there was an overdraft of £1,200 and £11,000 owing on property at Jolimont.

Office-bearers elected were:—

President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-presidents, Mr. Gorman, K.C.; hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, J. E. Frewin, M. J. Heath, E. Johnson, Councillor L. L. Morton, G. Newnham, E. H. Peacock, and J. Watkin.

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LITTLE RESEARCH INTO DEAFNESS

Mr. Gorman Surprised At Lack Of Concentration

"IT seems to me appalling that there has been so little research into the causes and cure of deafness," said Mr. Eugene Gorman, K.C., at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, of which he was elected vice-president yesterday.

So far, he said, concentration had been on the amelioration of the lot of the deaf and dumb.

The president of the Society (Mr. E. R. Peacock) said that after three months at school his teacher had sent Thomas A. Edison home as utterly unteachable. His mother had then taken him in hand, and her perseverance had given to the world a genius who, but for her intuition, probably would never have had the opportunity to develop his genius.

Appeals for Reconciliation

At the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society yesterday, Mr. Eugene Gorman, K.C., urged that an attempt be made to bring about a reconciliation between the Adult Deaf and Dumb and the Deaf and Dumb School. The breach had occurred 30 years ago and there had been antagonism ever since between two bodies which should work in unison.

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King of

Lacrosse

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No. 23 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club Season 1931-31

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PLEASE BE A SPORT
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No. S37

Don Johnston

King of

Lacrosse

King of Sports Competition

No. S37 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club and its Interstate Carnival to be held Xmas Week, 1931

BE A SPORT

and please vote for
DON JOHNSTON,
King of **LACROSSE**

TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria, Season 1931-32

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G. B. Mortimer

King of

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PLEASE BE A SPORT
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WILLIAM H. CRUSH
Hon Organiser
38 Charles St., St. Kilda, S.2

No. S13

G. B. Mortimer

King of

Indoor Games

King of Sports Competition

No. S13 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club and its Interstate Carnival to be held Xmas Week, 1931

BE A SPORT

and please vote for
G. B. MORTIMER,
King of **Indoor Games**

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O'GORMAN

King of

Hockey

King of Sports Competition

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TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

PLEASE BE A SPORT
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J. O'GORMAN
King of Hockey

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King of Sports Competition

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J. O'GORMAN,
King of **HOCKEY**

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H. PUDDY

King of

Tennis

King of Sports Competition

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TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

PLEASE BE A SPORT
AND VOTE FOR ME

H. PUDDY
King of Tennis

Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.

WILLIAM H. CRUSH
Hon Organiser
38 Charles St., St. Kilda, S.2

No. S49

H. PUDDY

King of

Tennis

King of Sports Competition

No. S49 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club and its Interstate Carnival to be held Xmas Week, 1931

BE A SPORT

and please vote for
H. PUDDY,
King of **TENNIS**

TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria, Season 1931-32

WILLIAM H. CRUSH, Hon. Organiser,
Deaf Club House,
Jolimont Sq., E. Melbourne, C.2

No. 2

R. STOREY

King of

Cricket

King of Sports Competition

No. 2 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club Season 1931-31

TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

PLEASE BE A SPORT
AND VOTE FOR ME

R. STOREY
King of Cricket

Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.

WILLIAM H. CRUSH
Hon Organiser
38 Charles St., St. Kilda, S.2

No. S25

R. STOREY

King of

Cricket

King of Sports Competition

No. S25 In aid of the Funds of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club and its Interstate Carnival to be held Xmas Week, 1931

BE A SPORT

and please vote for
R. STOREY,
King of **CRICKET**

TICKETS ONE PENNY EACH

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WILLIAM H. CRUSH, Hon. Organiser,
Deaf Club House,
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Deaf And Dumb Players At Albert Ground

Interstate deaf and dumb cricket teams opened their annual match at the Albert ground today for the Ernest J. D. Abraham shield.

The Tasmanians failed badly against Victoria's bowling, and were 192 behind on the first innings.

Victoria.—First innings, 252 (Robertson 33, Lygon 48, Anderson 35, Collins 22; Williams 4-43, Limerick 2-15, Taylor 2-46).

Tasmania.—First innings, 60. (Eagan 16, Williams 13, Smith n.o. 12; Mark 5-20, Lygon 3-16, Hatley 1-13.)

Tasmania.—Second innings, 0—17 (Webb 15 n.o., Egan 0 n.o.).

INTERSTATE DEAF CRICKET AND TENNIS CLUBS' CARNIVAL

HELD IN MELBOURNE

25th DECEMBER, 1931, to 2nd January, 1932

Under the Auspices of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, the Deaf Committee of Victoria, and the Interstate Reception Committee.

MEMBERS TICKET

Name_____

State_____

SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1932

Motor Tour of Dandenong Ranges

Charabancs leave Jolimont Square at 10 a.m. sharp.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON

SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1932

Tea at Red Mill, Sherbrooke, 5 p.m.

PRESENT THIS COUPON AT DOOR

SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1932

Luncheon at Red Mill, Sherbrooke, 12 noon

PRESENT THIS COUPON AT DOOR

FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1932

BANQUET AND PRESENTATION

Banquet Hall of "The Victoria," Little Collins Street, 7 p.m.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON

THURSDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1931

BALL

At the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, 8 p.m.

PRESENT THIS COUPON AT DOOR

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1931

TEA

On board P.S. "WEEROONA," 5 p.m.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON AT TABLE

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1931

DINNER

At Queenscliff on arrival of boat.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON AT TABLE

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1931

BAY TRIP TO QUEENSCLIFF

By P.S. "WEEROONA,"

The Weeroona leaves Port Melbourne at 10 a.m.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON ON BOARD, also when leaving and returning to the boat at Queenscliff.

TUESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1931

THEATRICAL EVENING

At Assembly Hall of Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square, 8 p.m.

PRESENT THIS COUPON AT DOOR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1931

TRAM TOUR OF SUBURBS

Leaves Batman Avenue, 9.30 a.m. prompt.

PRESENT THIS COUPON WHEN ASKED

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1931

INDOOR GAMES SOCIAL

In the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT THIS COUPON AT DOOR

Interstate Deaf Cricket and Tennis Clubs' Carnival

DEC. 25th, 1931 — JAN. 2nd, 1932

LUNCHEONS

TENNIS PLAYERS - 12 Noon

CRICKET TEAMS - - 1 p.m.

on the

ALBERT CRICKET GROUND

Issued by the Victorian Deaf Reception Committee.

LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, 1st JAN.

PRESENT TICKET AT DOOR

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THURSDAY, 31st DEC.

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MONDAY, 28th DEC.

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LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, 26th DEC.

PRESENT TICKET AT DOOR

COURTESY THAT WAS NOT RETURNED

Deaf and Dumb Team Refused Free Tram Passes

During the last visit of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Cricket Club to Tasmania, each member of the team was granted a free pass on the trams.

The manager of the Tasmanian deaf and dumb team (Mr. T. Parkinson), who has brought a team to Melbourne for the annual interstate competitions, said yesterday he had written to the Lord Mayor (Cr. Gengoult Smith) asking for the same privilege for his men. He had received a reply from the Tramways Board declining the request, and adding that the visitors would be given a free trip on the Tourist Tram.

Mr. Parkinson stated that the refusal of free passes would increase the expenses considerably.

Sun 15 Dec 1931

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY
OF VICTORIA
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Under the auspices of the
Australian Deaf Cricket Association
The Deaf Committee of Victoria and
The Interstate Reception Committee

MEMBERS' PROGRAMME of Arrangements

of the

Interstate Cricket Matches

between Adult Deaf teams of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania for the "ERNEST J D. ABRAHAM" shield

Tennis Tournaments

between Adult Deaf Teams of the same States, and the

Festivities

to be held in honour of the Interstate visitors

25th DECEMBER, 1931
2nd JANUARY, 1932

NOTE.—All Cricket matches will be played on the Albert Cricket Ground, St. Kilda Road, by kind courtesy of the Committee of the M.C.C., and the Tennis Matches on Wesley College Courts, by kind courtesy of the Principal. All luncheons during matches on the Albert Ground.

MEMBERS' PROGRAMME

The New South Wales team will arrive by train, 1.45 p.m. on Thursday, 24th December, and the Tasmanian team by boat at 7 a.m. on Friday, 25th December.

FRIDAY, 25th December, 1931 (Christmas Day)

1 p.m.—Cricket practice.

4 p.m.—A.D.C. Association Conference.

7 p.m.—**Divine Service** in the Church for the Deaf.

7.30 p.m.—**Welcome Social** in the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont. Guests of the Adult Deaf Committee. All deaf invited.

SATURDAY, 26th December

Cricket and Tennis Matches, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon. **Tennis** 12 noon. **Cricket** 1 p.m.

7.30 p.m.—**Competitive Games Social** at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf Club House. Admission by ticket.

SUNDAY, 27th December

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—**Divine Worship** in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont.

Visit to the Shrine of Remembrance. Meet at the small north gate, facing the city, at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

MONDAY, 28th December

Tour of Suburbs of Melbourne. Guests of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board. Meet corner of Batman Avenue, Princes Bridge, 9.15 a.m. Admission by ticket.

Cricket and Tennis Matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon. Tennis 12 noon. Cricket 1 p.m.

7.30 p.m.—**Fun Night. A Visit to St. Kilda Beach.** All deaf welcome. Meet at the Soldiers' Memorial, Esplanade.

TUESDAY, 29th December

Cricket and Tennis Matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon. Tennis 12 noon. Cricket 1 p.m.

7.30 p.m.—**Theatrical Evening** in the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf Club House. Admission by ticket.

WEDNESDAY, 30th December

All-day Trip Down the Bay. Guests of the Bay Steamers Ltd. Be on board by 10 a.m. prompt. Dinner at **Queenscliff,** 12.30 p.m. High Tea on board the "Weeroona" at 5.30 p.m. By ticket.

THURSDAY, 31st December

Cricket and Tennis matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon. Tennis 12 noon. Cricket 1 p.m.

8 p.m.—**Ball** at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf Club House. Admission by ticket.

FRIDAY, 1st January

Cricket and Tennis matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Luncheon. Tennis 12 noon. Cricket 1 p.m.

7 p.m.—**Banquet and Presentation** at the Banquet Hall of "The Victoria," Little Collins Street. Admission by ticket.

SATURDAY, 2nd January

All-day Motor Trip to the Ranges. Luncheon and Tea at Sherbrooke. Meet at Jolimont Square at 9.30 a.m. By ticket.

SUNDAY, 3rd January

Divine Worship in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

OFFICERS OF THE INTERSTATE RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. James M. Johnston.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. McLean.

Committee: Mr. W. Ashby, Mr. H. Puddy, Mr. E. R. Noble, Mr. J. Phillips, Miss M. Dow, Miss Elsie Stephens, Miss Alice Smith.

DEAF MUTES' HOME, LAKE PARK, BLACKBURN.

Guests from Sister States and country districts of Victoria are invited to pay a visit to the Home for the Deaf at Blackburn. There are frequent trains. The Home is about ten minutes' walk from the railway station. The fare—1st return, 1/10; 2nd return, 1/6.

CLUB HOUSE, JOLIMONT SQUARE.

Guests are also invited to make use of the Adult Deaf Club House and Tennis Court at their pleasure.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(Under the auspices of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, the Deaf Committee of Victoria and the Interstate Reception Committee).

BANQUET

to

PLAYERS AND VISITORS

from

New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania

and the Country Towns of Victoria

THE VICTORIA

Little Collins St., Melbourne

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

1932

TOASTS

The King

Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P.

President, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Our Visitors

Mr. Norman Armstrong, J.P.

Chairman, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

RESPONSES

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale

Deputy Chairman, New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

Mr. T. Parkinson — *Tasmania*

Mr. W. Abbott — *South Australia*

Our Societies and Clubs

Mr. J. M. Johnston

The Winning Team

Mr. W. Ashby — *Captain, Victorian Team*

Mr. Claude Webb — *Captain, Tasmanian Team*

RESPONSE

Mr. S. Phillips

New South Wales

PRESENTATION OF SHIELD
TO NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET TEAM
by
Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham

Recipient—Mr. H. Emerson, Captain

Tennis Trophies—Mr. Fred. Rees

To Our Next Happy Meeting

Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P.

MENU

Scotch Broth

Fried Terekihi — Rabigotte Sauce

Chicken Patties

Roast Spring Lamb — Mint Sauce

Fruit Salad and Cream

Cordials — Fruit

Tea

Coffee

Will You Please HELP the DEAF and DUMB?

HOME for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective

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Institute for Adult Deaf and Dumb.

Educational—Social—Benevolent.

EVERYTHING *to the Deaf and Dumb after they leave school.*

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CHURCH for the Deaf and Dumb,

MELBOURNE EAST.

Supported Solely by Voluntary Contributions which will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, 20 Queen Street, Melbourne, C.1.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

JOLIMONT, MELBOURNE



HEAD OFFICES AND ADULT DEAF AND DUMB CLUB HOUSE

Friend,

To protect, help and cheer the whole of the Deaf and Dumb of this State **after their school days,** is the objective of this—the **Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.**

Do you realise what **speech and hearing** mean to you? Hearing opens all National Welfare, Educational and Social institutions to you—Public Worship, Lectures, Club Functions, Drama, Music, Song, Wireless, Telephone, the voice of your dear ones, etc. From all of these the **Deaf and Dumb are shut out.** The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society aims at **providing substitutes** for as many of these as is humanly possible, so that our doubly handicapped fellow-citizens may at least find some solace—some "make up" for their terrible loss.

At Jolimont, Melbourne, the Society provides a Church and an Administrative Building, containing Club House, Library, etc., and offices open daily for advice, relief, and assistance in obtaining employment.



CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB

At Blackburn, a Home for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective, and other deaf mutes needing protection and care.

The public are familiar with the work of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution **for children,** but this, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, is not so well known. In seeking your help for the **Adults,** we take this opportunity of stating that the Adult Society is in no way connected with the Institution for children on the St. Kilda Road.

Thank you.



HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM AND MENTALLY DEFECTIVE DEAF AND DUMB

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DEAF TEAMS COMPETE.

In the second of the series of interstate cricket matches between adult deaf teams of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania, New South Wales defeated Victoria at the Albert Ground yesterday. Emerson (N.S.W.) took eight of the Victorian wickets in the first innings, and in the second innings Victoria scored only 45. Scores:—

New South Wales, 138 (Emerson 45, James 25, Beath 19, Tucker 17, Phillips 16, Mark 5/38, Anderson 2/33, Robinson 2/44) and 174 (Kinsella 28, Emerson 23, Beath 21, James 21, Kitchen 17 n.o., Robinson 3/50, Mark 3/66, Lygon 2/14, Anderson 2/23).

Victoria, 74 (Mark 18, Lygon 17, Collins 13, Emerson 8/26, Beath 2/22) and 45 (Mark 16, Robertson 12, Beath 3/2, Kinsella 3/5).

TO ASSIST THE

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

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SECONDHAND
- BAZAAR -

will be held in the

SOCIETY'S CLUB-ROOM
Jolimont Square,
JOLIMONT

on

SATURDAY, 30 APRIL 1932

at 2.30 p.m.

All Descriptions of Goods on Sale.

ADMISSION – SILVER COIN.

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MISS EILEE EMPSON.

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"Flowers for the Living" is a wise suggestion. History and biography also have their uses and great value. From the year 1865 to 1879 Collins Street Baptist Church had as its Minister the Rev. James Martin. You must look elsewhere for his biography, but he had a partner and helpmeet in Mrs. Hannah Martin worthy of the greatest. They had a number of children. Their home must have been a beautiful one radiating an influence and building characters which are effective in Australia to-day.

No reference to the early development of the work in the interest of the Deaf and Dumb of Victoria could be made without thinking of Mrs. Hannah Martin and her son, Mr. H. Sumner Martin, for so many years Hon. Secretary of the Society. There was also a daughter in the family who became Mrs. White, and she in turn had a daughter —Elsie White—who, when the work of the Society increased, took up the position of office secretary.

Before this, however, even from childhood Elsie had a chum. Their school life was together. What was more natural that when Elsie went into the office of the Deaf and Dumb, Eileen should continue the friendship and run in and out whenever she had a cahnce. Elsie became Mrs. Prior and removed to Sydney. Eileen took Elsie's place in the office. That was twenty-three years ago.

She could not talk on her fingers and the whole condition was strange. But she had that bright cheery face, buoyant spirit and lovable nature. Soon the girls of the Society gathered round her. She was their idol and ideal. Her enthusiasm was infectious and lasting. Her influence was and is profound. Devoted, loyal, capable, shrewd and trustworthy to the last degree. She organised the Deaf Hockey Club, and is their delegate to the Ladies' Hockey Association. She has bee nthe soul of the Women's Guild and the Workers' Club, which are now amalgamated. The Deaf Ramblers' Club claimed her interest and help. In all cases she has tried to obscure herself and push others forward. Her services as interpreter for deaf ladies has always been available, and she has been a veritable helpmeet to daf women and young girls in any kind of trouble, cheerfully giving help, comfort, advice, and consolation.

Not only has she got the love and confidence of the Deaf of both sexes, but also of the Board of Management. She is regarded as invaluable. Her knowledge of the Deaf, of each peculiarity, and characteristic, her strength of character to direct and control, her executive ability, and withal tact, courage, and reliability, led the Board of Management in 1928 to create the position of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, with special duties in connection with the Farm and Home, and made her an Executive Officer of the Society, directly responsible to th Heon. Treasurer.

In 1929, to mark her twenty-one years' service with the Society, and in appreciation of her value, the Board of Management presented her with a cheque, while the Deaf gave her a beautiful writing desk.

Through these long years, in grief and sorrow, and at times with a burden of care and anxiety that would have crushed many, she has kept her wonderfully bright, cheerful, smiling face and manner. Always on duty, never too busy to do a little more. That is "our Eileen." Is it any wonder she is loved and trusted by all? Bouquets, please.

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The annual Christmas Rally was held at our Centre on the evening of the 15th December. In spite of heavy rain and cold, boisterous weather, our hall was crowded as usual.

The President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) was in the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to all. The General Board being the hosts for the Xmas Rally, the chairman (Mr. N. Armstrong), Hon. Treasurer (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), Messrs. F. W. Spry, M. J. Hoath and E. H. Peacock (members of the Board of Management) made jolly speeches appropriate to the Christmas season and which caused much laughter and merriment. We were pleased to see Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Spry present, this being their first visit to the Centre.

Mr. Porter, of Kodak Ltd., gave a fine cinema entertainment, which all enjoyed.

During this time Father Christmas was very popular with the kiddies in the library upstairs. Gifts of all kinds and sweets were handed out, and soon the blare of trumpets and shrieks of whistles and other toys were heard from all parts of the building.

Instead of the usual games indulged in at our Rallies, a set programme was gone through. The next item was a paper design competition, which resulted in some rather nice designs being handed round for inspection and duly admired. Other competitions followed till supper, which included ice cream, was handed round and enjoyed to the accompaniment of much fun and laughter.
(From "The Sun" of January 5 last.)

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

The local Queenscliff paper, "The Peninsular Beacon," of 8th January, contained the name of Stan Neilson as winner of the best-sustained character at a Plain and Fancy Dress Ball held at "Beechworth House," Queenscliff, on New Year's Eve. He went as "The Fortune Teller." Stan spent two weeks at Queenscliff at Xmas with his mother, and had a great time. He met our interstate cricket and tennis parties there on 30th December.

We were right glad to meet our old friend, Mr. D. Hood, of St. Leonard's, and his daughter at Queenscliff when we were down for the Bay trip. He was looking very well and glad to see his old friends.

Messrs. O. Quinton and W. Bladier spent a day and a half cycling and hiking over the ranges between Warburton and Healesville, touching Donna Buang and Ben Cairn en route. Whilst on one of their hikes, they were hailed by a roadside picnicker, who turned out to be Mrs. Piper of Geelong. She was spending her Xmas holidays at Warburton.

Mr. F. E. Frewin joined a hearing party at Xmas and went motoring round Mornington Peninsula.

Miss Stella Garry, of Albury, went to Ballarat soon after the termination of the Interstate Festivities, and has returned to Melbourne.

Mr. Colin Johns, since returning home, wrote saying how pleased he was to be with his Melbourne friends during the interstate visit, which he greatly enjoyed. He i sbusy finishing off harvesting work. Mr. Willie Hately is with him there. Colin said whilst returning home from Melbourne he had a nasty fall off his motor-cycle through running into a dog, but, fortunately, was not injured in any way.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston, her two children, and Miss R. Dow, spent a happy fortnight at Warburton after the festivities. On one occasion Mrs. Gus Damman took the party over the Baw Baw to Warragul and back in her car.

Mr. W. Wood spent Xmas with his family at their week-end home at Cockatoo.

Mr. W. Limbrick, of Hobart, and his wife, came over to Melbourne for their honeymoon on 11th December. Needless to say we did not see much of them until a day or two before the commencement of the festivities.

Mr. H. Puddy had a nasty spill off his motor-cycle on the morning of the arrival of the Tasmanian team, which resulted in severe bruises down his side. He was sore for most of the week and it affected his play in the Tennis Tournament.

Mr. W. Kent lost his mother, whom he has lived with for many years, on 9th December, at the age of seventy-six years. He has now gone to live with his married sister at Boronia.

Mr. J. Elwin is another of our members who was operated on for appendicitis during the earlier part of December.

Herb Wilson and E. Roxburgh took the road along the Prince's Highway to Sale, Gippsland, and back on their push-bikes, during the holidays and had a good time.

Mr. A. Taylor and Mrs. Nicholson, both Melbourne girls, but now living in Sydney, arrived in Melbourne on 14th December, and are making an extended stay with their relatives. It is probable they will return home after the Easter holidays.

An engagement has been announced between Mr. Harry Puddy of Melbourne, and Miss Jessie Best of Tasmania. Miss Best also made a lengthy stay in Melbourne.

Mr. J. Hunt is at present working round the Mildura district on a chaff-cutting contract, and he has Willie O'Bryan helping him. It

is Willie's first visit to Mildura, and he stated in his letters that he likes Mildura very much.

Mr. J. Retallick was operated on for appendicitis a week before the opening of the Xmas Festivities. It was fortunate that he was fit to be out of hospital and join in some of the fun.

Charlie Buck is always on the move, and is more energetic than many of his fellow-mates, for he has again secured work. A letter from him was received just before the holidays, informing us that he is at Mt. George, up on the north coast line of New South Wales, doing dairy farm work.

Our thanks to Mr. R. Cohen and Miss E. Sohwell for subscriptions to "The Victorian Deaf" Fund.

Mr. J. E. Kenworthy, we are sorry to say, was prevented through illness from playing in the Victorian cricket team when the "Ernest J. D. Abraham" Shield was being competed for.

Mr. Jack McLaurin was also very unfortunate recently. Whilst trying to release a horse the animal hit out and broke Jack's arm. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the above-named country friends.

Miss Alice Smith, one of our most popular members, was an inmate of the Infectious Hospital for some weeks. She was a member of the Interstate Carnival Committee, and had been working hard to make the social side a success. It was, therefore, a great disappointment not only to Alice, but to all her friends at the Centre, that she was unable to take part in the festivities. About twenty of her friends mailed her Xmas greetings on the same day. We are pleased to say she is back amog us again and steadily regaining her usual health.

Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, was in Melbourne for the Christmas season. It was good to see her with us at some of the indoor functions and day trips.

Miss Emily Rose, a daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Rose, founder of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, paid a visit to the Centre recently. She was very pleased to meet and hear of some of her deaf friends, and wished to be remembered to all.

Mrs. Jas. Pierce recently underwent an operation at the Women's Hospital. We are glad to report she is home again. We all hope this will be the turning point and that Mrs. Pierce will enjoy much better health than recently.

Christmas Day.

The preliminary meeting of the Adult Deaf Cricket Association was held at 4.30 p.m. on Christmas Day, when the fixtures, programme and ground, submitted by Victoria, were approved and the draw for matches and umpires made.

After a short service held in the church, a Welcome Social, under the auspices of the Deaf Committee, was given to the visitors in the

Adult Deaf Club House, and there was a crowded attendance of Melbourne Deaf to receive the visitors. The hall was gaily decorated with colored streamers, balloons, etc., making the scene quite a gay one. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham presided and extended to the visitors our warm welcome, promising them, in the name of the Deaf ,a very happy time. Mr. Ed. Johnson, the Hon. Secretary to the Deaf Committee, also spoke, asking for unity and goodwill. Managers or delegates of each State responded. Messrs. Lonsdale (N.S.W.), Parkinson (Tas.), and W. Abbot (S.A.). Games and conversazione followed, and all too soon supper came and the first day of days came to a close.

There was another crowded assembly at our Centre on the following night, 26th December, when a Competitive Games Social was held, and much enthusiasm was shown and keen competition for the prizes offered.

On the following day, Sunday, 27th December, at 3 p.m., the Shrine of Remembrance was visited. The party was taken over the buildings by the guide, who explained every point of interest.

At 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Divine Worship was held in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiating.

On Monday, 28th December, about sixty Deaf were the guests of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, and toured the suburbs of Melbourne in their tourist tramcar. The conductor pointed out the various places of interest.

On the evening of the same day hosts and guests visited St. Kilda Beach and entered with great zest into the various fun.

This "Show," on the 29th, was given before a very good attendance. The programme included a recitation, "The Boot Boy," by Mr. H. Puddy, "Magical Wonders" by Mr. N. Webb, assisted by Mr. C. Graham, the screening of "Our Deaf and Dumb Citizen" films, Laying of Foundation Stone of our Church, Prayer and Hymns in gesture, Opening of additions to the Blackburn Home for the Deaf, Humorous Sketch by Miss M. Dow & Co., a burlesque, "The Surgical Parlor," by H. Puddy & Co., and concluding with God Save the King by Miss Emily Stephens.

Wednesday, 30th December, was an outstanding day, because it was in itself a full one—a trip down the Bay, per P.S. "Weeroona." After dinner, which was partaken of on board, the party disembarked at Queenscliff and divided into groups, some spending their time in the water, others went round the forts and lighthouse, and a few went to Point Lonsdale. At 4.30 p.m. we re-embarked for home, and before long the dining room was again invaded for tea.

On the 31st December, a plain and fancy dress ball was held, to wind up the old and welcome in the new year, at the Assembly Hall, where old-time and modern dances were enjoyed under the direction of Bert Walter's orchestra. In between dances, ice cream, soft drinks and supper were served.

To wind up the week's programme a sumptuous banquet was held in the banquet hall of "The Victoria," Little Collins Street, where speeches were delivered and toasts drunk. The following were the toasts:—"The King," Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society; "Our Visitors," Mr. Norman Armstrong, J.P., chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Responses:—Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Deputy-Chairman, New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society; Mr. T. Parkinson of Tasmania, and Mr. W. Abbott of South Australia. "Our Societies and Clubs," by Mr. J. M. Johnston. "The Winning Team," by Messrs. W. Ashby (Vic.) and C. Webb (Tas.). Response by Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.). Presentation of shield by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. "Recipient," Mr H. Emerson (N.S.W.). Presentation of tennis trophies by Mr. F. Rees. "To our next happy meeting," Mr. E. R. Peacock. A surprise ceremony was performed during the banquet. Mr. E. R. Peacock, on behalf of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, presented Mr. J. M. Johnston, the General Hon. Secretary, with an electro-plated inkstand, fountain pen and Eversharp pencil for services rendered as Honorary Secretary, 1917-1932. Mr. Johnston feelingly thanked the Association and said his motto is always "Service for the Deaf."

On Saturday, 2nd January, there was a delightful conclusion to the week's programme, a char-a-banc tour to Belgrave, with a hike to Sherbrooke Falls, and finally a tour over Mt. Dandenong, via Sassafras, Olinda, Kilsyth, Montrose and Croydon. Luncheon and tea were partaken of at the "Red Mill."

The Committee, to whom the success and smooth running of the Festival was due:—Messrs. W. Ashby, H. Puddy, E. R. Noble, J. Phillips, Misses Mab Dow, Elsie Stephens, Alice Smith. Messrs. Jack McLean, Hon. Treasurer; J. M. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, and E. J. D. Abraham, Chairman.

INTERSTATE VISIT OF DEAF CRICKET AND TENNIS TEAMS.

From Christmas Day to the 2nd January, the representative cricket and tennis teams, and friends from New South Wales, Tasmania, and the country towns of Victoria, with their hosts, the Melbourne deaf, spent a most glorious festive time together. It was in every way a young folks' affair. To those of us who had never before attended an interstate gathering of the deaf, it was a ruby red time, and we enjoyed every minute of it.

The weather was splendid, so indeed, was everything—the Welcome Social, the Matches, the Luncheons, the Competitive Games, the Matches, the Luncheons, the Competitive Games, the Fun Night at St. Kilda, the Theatrical Evening ,the trip down the Bay, the Ball, the Banquet, the motor trip through the Dandenong Ranges, the tour of Melbourne suburbs, visit to the Shrine of Remembrance, and the Services in the beautiful Church for the Deaf. Every detail of the

lengthy and entertaining programme had been thoughtfully arranged and was carried through without a single hitch.

These words appeared on the Notice Board of the Adult Deaf Club House throughout the Carnival time, and they express the exact conditions that existed all the time:

"The more we are together, together, together, the more we are together, the happier we will be. For my friends are your friends, and your friends are my friends, the more we are together the happier we will be." We were happy, and we were friends, all of us.

FIRST INTERSTATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT, XMAS. 1931.

Results of Interstate Tennis Tournament, held at Wesley College Court by kind permission from the Principal of the College. In each tourney there were three heats.

Men's Singles.—Final heat: J. Dickinson, 6-3; H. Puddy, 6-2.

Ladies' Singles.—Final heat: B. Higgie-J. Campion, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.—Final heat: J. Dickinson, H. Puddy-C. Richards, A. Wilbow, 6-1, 6-0.

Ladies' Doubles.—Final heat: B. Higgie, E. Stephens-E. Johnston O. Minton, 8-6, 86.

Mixed Doubles.—Final heat: Mr. G. Henry, Mrs. J. Johnston-Mr. J. Dickinson, Miss E. Stephens, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The winners and prizes:—

Men's Singles.—J. Dickinson, silver fruit dish.

Ladies' Singles.—B. Higgie, silver fruit dish.

Men's Doubles.—J. Dickinson and H. Puddy, silver vegetable dish each.

Ladies' Doubles.—B. Higgie and E. Stephens, silver rose bowl each.

Mixed Doubles.—Mrs. J. Johnston and Mr. G. Henry, silver hot water jug each.

THE N.S.W. "SILENT MESSENGER" AND THE INTERSTATE VISIT.

Our space is so very limited and the report of the interstate visit in the January N.S.W. "Silent Messenger" so acceptable to our vanity, that we have "scrapped" much of our own account of the festivities, etc., to give extracts therefrom, and who will not be pleased to learn that the efforts of the Victorian deaf to please our visitors were so much appreciated.

"On our arrival a great welcome was given us. . . . Rochester House was the place of our abode, and we were made very comfortable. . . . This report of the Carnival would not be complete without obeying the command of the deaf and the hearing visitors that we should express their grateful thanks . . . for their thoughtfulness to all during the visit."

"The Carnival just closed was one of, if not the most successful, since the inauguration years ago. The 1931 fixture, which lasted ten days, was one of great joy and education to the deaf. . . . The Reception Committee, with such a full programme, was set a big task, and they acquitted themselves in no unmistakable manner. . . . Every detail was carried out punctually and well ,and never was there any delay in keeping to the time-table as laid down."

"The last and the most spectacular evening event . . . the Banquet. This was the most brilliant gathering ever held in connection with the interstate carnivals. The company was excellent, the speeches were not too long, every one of which was enthusiastically encored, the toasts were honored in the true spirit of comradeship and without any intoxicating liquor, and the finishing scenes were remarkable for the manifestations of joy and happiness which prevailed throughout the Carnival."

Extracts from the Speeches at the Banquet.

Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., President, Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (chairman), after the toast of the King, said he was wonderfully impressed by the brilliant scene and being in the presence of so many deaf friends from Victoria and other States. He had travelled the world several times, attending many banquets, but such a sight had never met his gaze before. The chairman bid everyone welcome and commended such gatherings, toward which his Board was sympathetic and would help in every possible way.

Mr. Norman Armstrong, J.P., chairman, Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society: In seeing this gathering of the deaf, and realising their needs, it will be an incentive to the Board to do more, and spur them to greater efforts on behalf of the Deaf. He paid a tribute to voluntary work of Mr. Lonsdale in Sydney, and that he was sure he had the full confidence of the deaf. It was in the interests of every deaf person to be loyal to their boards, and such gatherings as this brought them together, and much good would result.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale (N.S.W.) thanked the gathering for their hearty reception of the toast (The Visitors). The N.S.W. visitors appreciated the wonderful reception Victoria had given them on arrival. Half of his team were young men here for the first time, and it was an education to them, but the great value of these carnivals was the interchange of thought and the making and cementing of friendships which will never be broken and which consolidate the societies into one great body of deaf mutes.

Mr. Parkinson (Tasmania) said Tasmania at present had no welfare worker for the deaf, but the people were caring for them and they were contented.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham: In presenting the shield to Mr. H. L. Emerson (N.S.W.), said: It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Abraham Cricket Shield. Your team won it well. You put

up good games and you certainly represent the best vlub. The shield has more meaning than a cricket trophy. It has succeeded in doing what many conferences have failed to do. It has been a missionary, it has united the deaf, and I hope it will be the means of making the unity stronger.

"KING OF SPORTS" COMPETITION.

At the opening of the cricket season our Cricket Club was burdened with an adverse balance, mainly due to the fact that most of the players had been unemployed for a long time and, therefore, unable to keep up their subscriptions. About £15 was needed for new equipment, also other expenses in connection with the forthcoming interstate cricket tournament had to be met.

With the idea of augmenting the funds, the Vice-President (Mr. W. H. Crush) volunteered to organise a King of Sports penny competition, and five kings were chosen—D. Johnston for Lacrosse, H. Puddy for Tennis, R. Storey for Cricket, M. G. B. Mortimer for Indoor Games, J. O'Gorman for Hockey.

Through the sustained effort of the King of Hockey, J. O'Gorman, Hockey, easily won. Lacrosse came second, Cricket third, Indoor Games fourth, Tennis fifth.

Over 7,000 tickets were sold, and when all is received from country sellers, a sum of over £30 will be realised, which is really a wonderful result in these days of unemployment and hard times. The Hon. Organiser, Mr. W. H. Crush, the five Kings, and their helpers, are heartily congratulated upon the result of their efforts.

A Wind-up Social was held in our Assembly Hall on the evening of December 22. A very happy time was spent and the crowning of the King of Hockey (J. O'Gorman) took place before supper was dispensed.

THE E. J. D. ABRAHAM CRICKET SHIELD.

Results of Deaf Interstate Cricket Tests on the Albert Cricket Ground, Melbourne, during 1931 Christmas week:—

First Match.—Victoria, first innings, 252 runs; Tasmania, first innings, 60 runs; Tasmania, second innings, 140 runs. Victoria won by an innings and 52 runs.

Second Match.—New South Wales, first innings, 138 runs; Victoria, first innings, 74 runs; New South Wales, second innings, 174 runs; Victoria, second innings, 45 runc. New South Wales won second match.

Third Match.—Tasmania, first innings, 75 runs; New South Wales, first innings, 239 runs (declared); Tasmania, second innings, 55 runs.

New South Wales won all tests and retains the E. J. D. Abraham Cricket Shield.



Winners of E. J. D. Abraham Shield: New South Wales Deaf Cricket Team.
—Photo by W. H. Crush.

BAGATELLE COMPETITIONS.

Miss Annie Holcroft was fortunate in winning the "Aird" trophy in the Bagatelle Competition held amongst the Deaf ladies. Miss G. Salmon was the runner-up, and she will receive the Deaf Committee's trophy.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Billiard Tournament of 1931 came to an end a week or two before the Xmas holidays. After playing off in two or three semi-finals, W. McMillen came out winner, defeating G. Henry, who just scraped in for second place from Ossie Quinton who, however, had the consolation of annexing the prize for record break.

GREETINGS.

Xmas greetings were received from the N.S.W. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Mrs. Winn of Sydney, Queensland Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens, South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission, Tasmanian Deaf and Dumb Institution, the President (Mr. E. R. Peacock), and others.

MESSAGE FROM QUEENSLAND.

The opportunity to send a message to the Deaf of Victoria is a gladsome thing. One of our objects is to "advance friendships and good feeling amongst all Deaf and Dumb." The interests of the Deaf are one, and we who are sacrificing greatly to stand for a higher conception of our true weal send to you all the wish that 1932 may

be a year of worthy peace and progress toward our highest ideals. May mutual trust and friendship enrich your lives and service yield its golden harvest.

It can be no intrusion for me to add a personal greeting to the folk whose great kindliness and trust made my years among them a memory that still comforts and is held dear. I do sincerely wish you all that is good. "M. O." is with us, very happy, proud of her deaf and dumb, and, being unable to allow me any independent action, joins in affectionate and hearty greeting, hoping 1932 will be as kindly to you as our feelings are.

Yours sincerely,

M. OVEREND WILSON.

JOHN M. PAUL.

"My mother and I very much appreciate your kindly action in forwarding "The Victorian Deaf" from time to time, which is read by us with great interest.—C. E. Showell."

MOTHER INJURED, BUT SAVES CHILD.

Falls from Embankment into Creek.

In Orbost Hospital is a brave young mother, Mrs. T. Flukes, of Nowa Nowa, who fell twenty feet into a creek and was seriously injured, but who succeeded in protecting her five-year-old child, whom she was carrying.

Mrs. Flukes, the wife of a sleeper-cutter, was walking along the Prince's Highway about 10.30 p.m., carrying her daughter, when she fell over the jagged embankment which forms the approach to the bridge over Boggy Creek.

Dazed and bleeding, she crawled out and, with her little girl walking by her side, succeeded in reaching the hotel, about 200 yards away.

It is thought that Mrs. Flukes's spine s injured, but at present she cannot be moved for an X-ray examination. Her condition yesterday was improved, but she was still in danger.

[Mrs. T. Flukes is a deaf member of our Society. We wish her a speedy recovery from her injury.]

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

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MR. GEORGE NEWNHAM.

Previous issues of the "Victorian Deaf" magazine have outlined the splendid records of the Pioneer Deaf members of our Society—members of the first generation of Deaf and Dumb—who laid the foundations, and helped to build up our Society in Victoria, whose services we, who enjoy the fruits of their labours, can never fully repay. Now, it is up to the present generation of Deaf to show their appreciation for all that our Pioneers accomplished on our behalf, by working hard to improve conditions and facilities for future generations of the Deaf.

Among the present generation of valued and consistent workers in Victoria's Deaf Circles, there is no doubt that the name of George Newnham must be placed in the forefront.

For many years past Mr. Newnham has rendered most helpful service in the cause of his fellow deaf, and a many-sided service at that. He is invaluable at any function, and as a Master of Ceremonies stands alone.

Mr. George Newnham was born in North Melbourne in 1890, and at the age of 6 entered the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, where he remained until 1906. Although an oral pupil, and a successful one, he is seldom seen conversing by this means, but is a past master at sign and gesture, also in pantomimic expression.

Early in his school days, his talent for acquiring a knowledge of drawing was noticed and encouraged, and it was not long before he was quite smart at drawing, painting, and lettering.

On leaving school, he was apprenticed as a lithographic artist, continuing his education at the night classes of the Working Men's College in draughtsmanship, etc. After some years at his trade, it was found necessary, for his health's sake, that he take up some outdoor occupation. So he went on the land at Ringwood, where he remained for three years. His health being restored, in 1920, he started with Mr. W. Rodgerson as a waggon builder and letter and signwriter; and has been connected with this firm ever since. Mr. Newnham married Miss Ida Kennedy, of Hawksburn, in October, 1921.

It was not long after his leaving school that he began to take an interest in our Society's activities, first coming into prominence by rendering much valued help in the production of the old "Monthly Letter," which was in those days printed at the Flinders Street Institute by means of a duplicator. The writing of the copy for duplication entailed much tedious work, and its many pages took up several evenings in preparing; hence those services were always greatly appreciated.

Owing to so many of his evenings being taken up in study, he was not able at this time to enter into much of the active life at the Centre, and it was some time before he contested for a seat on the Deaf Committee, but we find him there in 1927, and he soon became Secretary to that Committee, and held the position for three years in succession, resigning owing to pressure of private work, but still retaining his seat on the Committee. At election times, when the Deaf Congregation express their approval or otherwise of those they deem worthy to represent them, Mr. Newnham is always found near the top of the poll.

This year he was again offered the Secretaryship, but declined, accepting the Hon. Treasurership. He was elected to represent the Deaf on the General Board of Management in 1928, and has retained that seat ever since. His skill as a designer and letter-writer frequently made our notice board quite an attractive feature of the Club House during his Secretaryship.

Mr. Newnham, in addition, has found time to take an active interest in the Men's Guild and the Tennis Club. His services are always in demand at Socials and Entertainments, as a dramatic artist in gesture and pantomime, sometimes rendering his own pieces, and instructing his caste. He has exceptional talents, and whether the vein be sentimental or humorous, is able always to hold his audience. Altogether, George Newnham is a great acquisition to the Adult Deaf Club House, and our most earnest hope is, that long may he be spared to work for, and with, us in our midst.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Every now and then, in our daily perusal of newspapers, we come across the names of Deaf with their doings in different spheres of life, and only recently a par appeared in "The Sun News-Pictorial" of our late Mr. J. E. Muir. Mr. A. A. Manzie, the retired Secretary of the Melbourne Football Club, who has been connected with football for 30 years, gave some happy memories of the old football days, and mentioned Mr. J. E. Muir, who played for Fitzroy as one of the wonderful players in his day—a big man, too, who always played fair even though the rules allowed for rougher play.

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Mr. Ambrose Maloney, of Culgoa, was down for the Easter holidays, staying over two weeks. He told of a much improved outlook for the farmers. The last harvest was good, but, with the bountiful rains coming at the right time, a bumper harvest is expected next summer.

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Mr. F. Lynas, of Charlton, spent a few weeks with us. His harvest brought in good returns, considering that most of the crop was self sown. There will be much ploughing this coming autumn, and they expect the returns at the next harvest to more than repay for previous bad seasons.

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Mr. Tunley, of Brisbane, Queensland, paid several calls at our Centre during his week's stay in Melbourne, and brought greetings from Queensland friends to us. He was in Sydney during the Opening of the Harbour Bridge.

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Mr. E. Martin is back with his Melbourne folks after a long absence. He has been with the Lynases, in Charlton, making himself useful about the farm, and the effect upon him was very noticeable, for he was double his usual size. We all agree that country life is the best for him.

Mr. Theo. Mundelien has been in the Melbourne Hospital for some time. He was knocked down by a motor car in Wellington Parade, near our Club House, and received lacerations of the scalp, broken ribs, bruises, and shock. The latest news is that he is progressing very well.

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A misfortune befell another of our deaf men, C. Haynes, the other day. He also was knocked down by a car. He and Mr. E. McCaffrey went for a day's fishing up country, travelling on their push bikes. As they were coming home, riding along the side track of the left side of the road, at Donnybrook, in the dusk of the evening, an Austin Sports car suddenly dashed past between them. Evidently the driver of the car thought he could get through, but he miscalculated the width between the pair. E. McCaffrey was on the right side, and therefore in full view of the driver, who managed to steer past him, but not so C. Haynes, who was on the other side. Haynes received lacerations on his face and body, and shock. He was brought home by the driver.

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Mr. W. Vivian, of Prahran, is at present engaged as a relieving boot repairing instructor at the School for the Deaf. Mr. Piper, who was the Instructor for many years, died on March 18th.

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Mr. W. O'Bryan, who has been assisting Mr. J. Hunt on his chaff cutting contract round Mildura district for the last two months, has returned to Melbourne, and is very glad, too. He said the work was very strenuous, especially in the terrific heat, and, not being accustomed to it, he did not feel at all well most of the time. He spent some time at grape picking, and the experience gained was an eye-opener to him. He proposes to give an account of his doings there to the Men's Guild at one of its future meetings.

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We are pleased to see Messrs. J. Donnelly, of South Melbourne; Wallace Ross, of Hawthorn, and William Wilkins, of Williamstown, and Miss Iris Wouda, also of Williamstown, at our Centre. They left the Deaf School last Christmas and are happy among their friends.

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Mr. Trafford, of Carisbrook, is in Melbourne for a time. He says things are very quiet up his way, and is anxious to be with his deaf friends.

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Many enquiries have been made as to who was the Father Christmas who was so popular with the kiddies at the last Xmas Rally, as mentioned in the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf." It was Mr. G. B. Mortimer, who has been Father Christmas on several occasions, and a jolly fine one he makes.

Miss D. Edwards is back in Melbourne after a long absence in England. Travelling with her father and sister by way of America and New Zealand, they are making a short stay here before returning to the Old Country.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks, of Longwood, were down in Melbourne for a few days and attended the Sunday evening service. It was the first time they had seen our Church and were very much impressed with it. They returned home on the following day, taking with them Mrs. J. Pierce for a couple of weeks' rest on their farm. Mrs. Pierce has since returned home much benefited in health.

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Mr. R. Waggett, of West Wyalong, New South Wales, was here during the Easter holidays, and paid frequent calls at the Centre. He said things are no so good up his way at present with all this Langism.

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During the earlier part of the year Mr. G. Oakley suffered severely from a pain round one of his eyes. He had many sleepless nights and, as the sight was beginning to go, he was at once taken to the Eye and Ear Hospital. After examination he was immediately operated on, and we are pleased to say he is out of the hospital with his eyesight restored.

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Mr. C. Hunt, of Ouyen, was down for a week or two during the Easter holidays and enjoyed the spell, for he said that there is a large amount of work awaiting him when he gets home, especially ploughing. He is looking forward optimistically to the next harvest after the beneficial rains of these last few weeks.

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Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, recently spent a few days in Melbourne. So did Mrs. Palmer, of Westburn. We were pleased to see them again.

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Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora, South Gippsland, was down in Melbourne for her annual fortnight's holiday, and we were glad to see her once more. She was at our Centre on every important occasion. The little pleasures and companionships in the city after the loneliness of the country life did her a heap of good.

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Miss A. Graham spent a month's holiday around our popular coastal resorts, beginning from Apollo Bay, then on to Port Campbell, Peterborough, Warrnambool, Port Fairy and Portland.

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Mrs. M. Williamson, who has been residing in Queensland for some time, and was in West Australia and South Australia a while back, returned to Melbourne and is staying here indefinitely. She contemplates a visit to Tasmania.

Mr. W. Hately is back home in Terang again after lengthy harvest work in Horsham, and his brother, Arthur, is thinking of taking a trek to Adelaide, seeking work en route, after a brief stay in Melbourne.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Maggs, of Adelaide, who were recently married, passed through Melbourne on the way to Sydney during the Xmas holidays for their honeymoon. They were met by Mrs. Luff, who brought them to the Centre, where they had morning tea with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston then attended the Sunday morning service.

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The H. G. Wells' "Science of Life," in 31 volumes, was recently presented to our Library by a well-wisher, Mr. Chapman. It was agreed that these books be bound as soon as finance permit.

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Miss Monica Schreenan, of Ballarat, wrote to say that she appreciated the regular appearance of our "Victorian Deaf" Magazine, and is looking forward to its continuity.

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Mesdames A. Taylor and J. Nicholson, both of Sydney, have returned home after a lengthy stay of over three months. The former went in time to see the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the latter on the 6th of April per s.s. "Manunda."

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Mr. C. Buck notified us that he is at present in Newcastle, N.S.W. He left Mt. St. George with a swollen hand to receive medical aid, and is now O.K. He remained at Newcastle, having secured a job as a hotel hand.

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Mr. D. Flynn, of our Blackburn Home, is at present an inmate of the Eye and Ear Hospital and underwent an operation for the removal of cataract from his eyes.

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Mr. W. Nancarrow is at present doing light work round Kyneton, and we hope the change benefits him. Mr. W. Grant has taken up hawking and is doing country towns at present.

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Mrs. Richards, of Sydney, who spent her Xmas holidays in Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on her way home during the middle part of February. During her few hours' stay in Melbourne she called at the Centre for rest and refreshment and much admired our property.

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Messrs. A. Collins and D. and W. Ashby called in during the past two months looking fit and well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessey, of Geelong, are making an extended stay in Melbourne and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Donnellan, of Thornbury.

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Mr. P. Smith, of Adelaide; Mrs. Thomas and Miss Bass, of Launceston, Tasmania, were here for a short stay prior to continuing their journey home from the Sydney Harbour Bridge Celebrations and visits to relatives. Each spoke highly of the time spent in N.S.W. Mrs. Thomas and daughter also visited Ballarat.

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A very nasty accident befell one of our popular young members, Mr. Don. Johnston, recently. He had the misfortune to be knocked down by a car whilst riding his push bike in Footscray. He sustained a cut at the base of the skull which necessitated three stitches. By the latest reports we hear that he is progressing favourably. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Busy hands on 5th March transformed the Church into a bower of beautiful produce, fruit and vegetables for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service held on the following day, when Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated, taking for his text, "Behold there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. And there shall arise after them seven years of famine, and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt and the famine shall consume the land."

Thanks are extended to the following for the above goods, which were distributed to those in need on the following day:—Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Mr. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen and friend, Misses R. and M. Dow, Miss D. Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. G. B. Mortimer, Mr. J. McLean, Mr. G. Newnham, Mr. T. A. Nelson, Mr. G. Oakley, Miss E. Smith, and Miss L. Sanders, and the Blackburn Home.

A parcel of clothing was also received from Mr. and Mrs. Cohen for the Inmates of Blackburn Home and the Unemployed. We thank them for their thoughtfulness.

WEDDINGS.

Miss Sylvia Branson was quietly married to Mr. William Burge in our Church, Jolimont Square, by Rev. Hagenaeur, interpreted by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, on Saturday morning, January 30th, 1932.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on 19th March in our Church, the contracting parties were Mr. Robert Anderson (hearing) and Miss Rose Cram. Rev. Mr. Jones, of Northcote, officiated, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. Misses Doris Sharpe and Ethel Dow were responsible for the pretty decorations in the Church, ably assisted by Messrs. L. Owens and G. McCaffrey.

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A quiet wedding took place in Geelong on 22nd February between Miss Lorna Fisher and Mr. James Hennessey. The honeymoon was spent in Melbourne, and many visits paid to our Centre.

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Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the three happy couples.

BAY TRIP.

February 18th brought the Annual Picnic down the Bay for the Home Inmates and Unemployed Deaf, with their families. A very happy day was spent.

EUCHRE TOURNEY.

After a long spell the Deaf Committee arranged a Euchre Tourney on 5th March and Mr. W. Burge and Miss C. Derbyshire annexed the prizes.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

For the programme held on March 8th, 1932, papers were read by Mrs. J. M. Johnston on "The Story of the Willow Pattern" and "Dust Under the Rug," and also a small par on "Keep Smiling," by Miss R. Dow.

On April 12th, 1932, an Educational Class was held, when members were given "Correction on Everyday Errors," etc.

On May 10th, 1932, the Guild held its Annual Meeting, when the usual routine was gone through. Mrs. T. Peters was re-elected President and Miss Connie Ball has accepted the post of Hon. Secretaryship vacated by Mrs. J. M. Johnston.

On June 14th an Opening Social Evening is to be held, and it is hoped to see many old and new members join up for the new term.

A very successful Euchre Tournament was held in aid of the Guild's Fund on Tuesday, 3rd May, when Mr. W. O'Bryan and Mrs. J. O. Gorman were the successful winners.

EDITORIAL.

The "Victorian Deaf News" is the official organ of the Deaf of Victoria. It is published by the Deaf Committee, and gives you all the latest news about your fellow Deaf of Victoria. It is your own magazine, circulated throughout the State, for the benefit, and in the interest of, all your fellow Deaf.

News items from our country Deaf readers would be welcome, for it will interest Melbournians as much as town news interests country cousins. We would also like to hear from ex-Victorians now living in sister States; to learn how the world has been, and is, treating them nowadays. Co-operation is the word.

The object of the Deaf Committee in publishing this little magazine is to keep together and strengthen the many links of our Victorian chain of Friendship. The strength of a chain depends on each link.

New readers who became regular subscribers add more strong links to our chain, and learn what is happening in Victorian Deaf Circles.

We thank all readers who have sent in or paid their subscriptions for the current year and thus help to keep our own magazine alive.

To make sure of its continuance the Deaf Committee aim to secure at least 500 subscribers, and thus make it a self-supporting publication. This magazine is a welcome visitor to many homes, especially those deaf living lonely lives in the back-blocks and other distant places in the country.

To those who have not yet paid their subscription (and many are overdue) the Deaf Committee urge them to do so now, in order to ensure receiving future copies of this magazine. Like all other publications, the "Victorian Deaf News" cost money to produce. Therefore, kindly forward 2/- (penny stamps will do) to the Hon. Treasurer, Victorian Deaf News, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

All other communications, news items, or personal pars intended for publication in next issue of this magazine should be sent in not later than the middle of August and addressed to—

The Hon. Editor,
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East Melbourne, C.2.

Should you be able to persuade hearing friends to subscribe also you will render a service to, and gain the appreciation of, your fellow Deaf throughout the State.

W. H. CRUSH,
Hon. Editor.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

February 23rd being the date of the Annual Meeting, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Wood, read out the Annual Report, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips, the Balance Sheet, both of which were adopted. Then followed the election of Office-Bearers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. E. Frewin; Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Crush; Hon. Secretary, W. Wood; Hon. Treasurer, J. Phillips; Committee, G. B. Mortimer, R. H. Lambert, H. Puddy, and J. M. Johnston. Mr. F. E. Frewin, the newly-elected President, opened the year with an address on "Cheerfulness and Pleasantness" on March 8th, and finished the meeting by entertaining the members at supper, for which he was heartily thanked.

Then followed another meeting on 29th March, when Mr. Ed. Johnson gave a paper on "Surdus in Search of His Hearing."

On 12th April the members spent the evening in trying to learn chess, of which many were ignorant, and others in draughts and various card games.

April 26th, 1932.—"Curio Evening," each member bringing a curio and explaining its origin and purposes, etc. A very pleasant evening.

May 10th, 1932.—"Empire Evening." Talks on British History and the Origin of "Empire Day," led by W. H. Crush.

For our last meeting of the month a most enjoyable visit was made to the School for the Deaf on May 31st, where 25 members were greeted by the Superintendent, Mr. W. J. McCaskill, and Head Teacher, J. H. Burchett. At 8 p.m. we were escorted throughout the boys' wing and workshops, and Mr. Bell then let us see his boys at physical drill. A visit was made to the School's midget golf course, and then, following an inspiring address by Mr. McCaskill, the Superintendent entertained us with a series of wonderful educational films, including "How We Hear" and "How We Speak," followed by one of *Felix the Cat's* humorous adventures. Before we left for our homes at 10.30 the Matron, Miss Marvel, served us with a dainty supper. Several speeches were made by our members thanking all our hosts for the happy time they gave us.

TEAM WORK.

Popular heroes are not always the greatest people, nor do they all become great unaided. They owe their prominence to the help and support received from those who are content to remain in the background. Mere "cogs in the wheel" perhaps, but each cog is as necessary to help the smooth rotation of a wheel and working of a machine as the shaft, and of what use would the wheel be without its cogs? It is the same with our Sports Clubs. The champion forward, playing either Hockey, Football or Lacrosse, cannot score many goals without the feeding, backing up and support of all the rest of his team. Each player is a separate "cog in the wheel." Even though only one scores the goal, the other cogs co-operate in the movements that lead up to it, and that is "team work."

What is not so obvious, except to those who are looking for it, is that the best players in the game would not be so successful unless backed up by the rest of the team. These seldom get into the limelight; they rarely get their rightful share of praise; but they are equally essential to the success of the game and team as the player who scores the goals.

The team composed of players each striving to help his team mates with unselfish play and combination is sure to win more games than the teams that lack these essential principles, and provide more opportunities for the "star forward" to score goals for his team.

It is the same in life. It is not always those on whom the world throws the spotlight of fame who are the most important. We seldom give a thought to the countless women who to-day are keeping a house together, bringing up children decently, and maintaining the atmosphere of a real home on next to nothing a week. We don't hear of them because they don't complain. They just go on, cheerfully and heroically, achieving wonders daily. Mere "cogs in the wheel," yet where would the country be without them?

'Tis the same with the members of our Deaf Committee, who are each striving to help our fellow Deaf, and devote a great deal of time on our behalf and the many needs of the various Clubs at Jolimont Square, and do it gladly.

People like my readers should never forget that it is always "team work" and willing co-operation that brings things to a successful issue, and they should remember that a member of the team who is bitter or resentful is a disorganiser. He is a drag on his fellows and a help to the enemy.

—W.H.C.

OUR SPORTS CLUBS.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Club has passed another year of service satisfactorily. The principal events of the year were the raising of funds toward the Xmas Cricket Carnival by a "King of Sports" Competition, organised by Mr. W. H. Crush, and resulted in about £30 being handed to the Club. Interstate Cricket Matches were then played on Albert Cricket Ground when New South Wales, Tasmania, and Victoria contested for the "Ernest J. D. Abraham" shield, which was again won by the New South Wales team.

The Club wishes to record its indebtedness to the Committee of the M.C.C. for granting the use of the Albert Ground. A letter of thanks was forwarded at the time.

LACROSSE.

The Annual Report of the Lacrosse Club, although much more brief than usual, showed steady progress in spite of the prevailing depression. The Club was again placed in "Junior A" section and made fair showing considering the many new bloods in its ranks. It came fifth on the premiership list last year, and has again been graded in the same section—"Junior A"—for the present season.

The following are the Office-Bearers for the present season:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Crush and F. Rees; Hon. Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Don. Johnston and Arthur Stephens respectively; Hon. Treasurer, R. White; Committee, Messrs. V. and H. Wilson, J. Retallick and E. Roxburgh.

As funds were nearly exhausted and about £25 was required for new equipment and other expenses to tide the Club through the season, the new Committee set to work in earnest to raise the necessary funds. A series of Euchre Parties and other entertainments have been held since and good results have benefited the Club sufficiently to meet present requirements. Further Socials will be held at intervals if necessary until the Club feels safe. Many Deaf Patrons have also contributed good sums in cash, which the Committee appreciate, and tender their thanks; also to all friends attending the Socials, Card Parties and Pictures, and to those who provided eatables for supper.

A successful "Picture Night" was also held for the Club's benefit on May 28th, when a good programme attracted a large audience. Owing to a nasty accident, Don. Johnston, the popular Secretary, has had to relinquish his duties to Arthur Stephens.

Results to Date.

First match of season, Adult Deaf v. Y.M.C.A., under very wet weather conditions, the Deaf team won by 16 goals to 8. Of our goals, G. Henry scored 5, W. Anderson 4, O. Quinton 3, E. Raines and H. Wilson 2 each.

On April 23rd Williamstown outclassed the Deaf and won by 15 goals to nil.

Our boys discarded their past faults and made greater use of their opportunities and established a handy lead over Essendon on April 30th with 10 goals to 5. W. Anderson 3, Geo. Henry 3, Owens, Wilson, Stephens and McGuinness 1 each.

On May 7th Caulfield just managed to prevail in a stirring contest with our boys and scraped home with a margin of a goal. Final scores, 10 to 9. G. Henry 3, G. McGuiness 3, O. Quinton 2, T. Newton and W. Anderson 1 each.

Malvern and our boys always put up a great battle, and on May 14th the game proved no exception. Malvern eventually came out winners, scoring 7 goals to our 4. W. Anderson 2, O. Quinton and G. Henry 1 each.

On 21st May our boys against Camberwell had greater system in their attack and came out winners with a comfortable margin of 16 goals to their 7. W. Anderson netted 6 goals, McGuinness and Raines 3 each, A. Stephens, G. Henry, H. Wilson and O. Quinton 1 each.

May 28th our boys had a bye.

DEAF GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

President, Miss A. Graham; Vice-President, Miss E. Empson; Hon. Secretary, Miss Elsie Stephens; Hon. Treasurer, Miss R. Dow; Assistant Hon. Treasurer, Miss Emily Stephens; Committee, Misses M. Dow, C. Derbyshire, E. O'Gorman, B. Higgie, E. Leber; Delegate, Miss E. Empson, are the officers selected to carry the reins of the Hockey Club for this coming year. Their Annual Meeting was held on the afternoon of 27th February, when it was agreed that the Club enter into the Victorian Ladies' Hockey Association competition, instead of the Y.W.C.A. This season's first match was played on April 30th. Our ground is situated at Middle Park, and the Club is known as "Adult Deaf Girls."

Some of the players intend to go for a day's hike on King's Birthday holiday and will join the "Mystery Express" for "X" Station. A report of this outing will appear in next issue of this magazine if room. Another trip being looked forward to is that to Geelong on August 20th.

The Deaf of Geelong are invited to barrack for our team when we play Geelong (Hearing) on that date.

Results to Date.

Played at Middle Park on April 30 against Messrs. Webber & Rice's team. A.D.G. won by 1 to nil. Scored by Emily Stephens.

May 7 A.D.G. received a bye.

May 14 A.D.G. defeated Symington's, 2 goals to 1, away. Goal Hitters: Emily Stephens 1, B. Higgie 1.

May 21 A.D.G. lost to Firbank College Old Girls by 1 to 3, at Middle Park. Elsie Stephens hit our only goal.

May 28 A.D.G. were again defeated at Golf Links pitch by "Gold," 2 to 1. J. Murphy hit our goal.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Committee of the Tennis Club tendered its account of stewardship for the past 12 months to the members and supporters at its meeting on Tuesday, 5th April, which showed its usual steady progress and stability. The Report stated that £15 had been handed to the Society as 7th instalment on refund of loan for the construction of the court. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Mr.

G. Newnham, Mr. H. Puddy, Miss Elsie Stephens; Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. O'Gorman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. R. Noble; Committee, Miss M. Dow, Miss Emily Stephens, Miss B. Higgie and Mr. W. O'Bryan.

The 2nd Victorian Deaf Championship Tourney was held last Xmas and attracted many entries, including seven from other States and four from the Country.

Cordial thanks were sent to the Principal of Wesley College for granting the use of their court during the Tournament.

On March 5th a friendly match was played on our court between our Club and a team from the Centennial Club of Brunswick. The pleasant games were closely contested, and our visitors proved to be victors by 3 points.

Tennis is an all-the-year sport, but, owing to Lacrosse and Hockey, the court is not in great demand during the winter months.

A "Novelty Games" social was held on the 17th March in the Assembly Hall in aid of the Club's funds. An enjoyable evening was spent, winding up with supper. The Club benfited to the extent of £1/16/-.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING.

The above annual meeting and election of the Deaf Committee was held on the evening of 14th April, before an exceptionally large congregation. Our Superintendent, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The officers, elected by ballot, are as follows:—Messrs. G. Newnham, J. McLean, W. H. Crush, F. E. Frewin, G. B. Mortimer, A. Stephens; Don Johnston, W. Anderson, R. H. Lambert, and H. Puddy. Messrs. F. E. Frewin, W. H. Crush and G. Newnham were unanimously recommended for re-election on the General Board. In the following week at a special meeting of Deaf Committee, Mr. H. Puddy was elected Hon. Secretary, with Mr. Geo. Newnham as Hon. Treasurer, and at a later meeting, held on 17th May, Mr. W. H. Crush, unanimously, as Hon. Editor of the "Victorian Deaf News" magazine.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The 48th annual meeting was held at Melbourne Town Hall, on May 25th. As the full report has not yet come to hand, it is unavoidably held over. Messrs. Newnham, Crush and Frewin, the three Deaf members of the "G.B.," were elected to represent the Deaf on the General Board of Management of our Society. See our annual report for details later.

DEAF MOTORISTS.

Recently "Spark," a writer for the Motoring Page of the "Saturday Mail," South Australia, expressed surprise that deaf motorists are permitted to hold a motor drivers' licence. His statement was noticed by an ex-Victorian Deaf driver, Mr. W. Driscoll, who promptly wrote to the "Mail," and pointed out that Deaf and Dumb motor drivers are no greater menace on the road than drivers blessed with full powers of hearing.—Thanks Mr. W.D.

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It is more surprising that there are still numbers of folk who would deny Deaf citizens the privileges of driving a motor vehicle. It is up to the Deaf to refute statements that tend to deny the Deaf their just rights. Deaf motor drivers are as capable as hearing ones. What a Deaf man lacks in hearing is more than counter-balanced by his other faculties. His sight and feeling become keener, and this, combined with the knowledge that one cannot take undue risk with fast-moving traffic, makes the Deaf and Dumb motorist as careful as any hearing driver.

There is a good number of Deaf motorists in Australia, and they have proved themselves to be safe and capable drivers If a census was to be taken, it would be found that the percentage of accidents is far greater with hearing drivers than with Deaf ones. This has been proved in America and other countries.

Yet there are still some hearing people who would deny fellow-citizens the rights and privileges they themselves enjoy, merely because of deafness. We all know that sight is the all-important sense on the road, and not hearing, especially in driving a motor vehicle. It would be an injustice and a hardship to deprive the Deaf the privilege of driving a motor car or cycle, for the latter are indispensable to many in their occupations, especially in country districts.

—W. H. C.

CONTRIBUTED.

Our tourist member, Mrs. M. Williamson, after many months' absence from Victoria, has once again returned to Melbourne, and writes as follows:—

"I left Brisbane on the 9th March, 1931, for Melbourne, travelling by the new railway route, via Kyogle, and arrived in Sydney five hours earlier than by the old route. I stayed in Sydney three days, and paid two vists to the Society and Association. I admired the fine building and little chapel of the Society, containing the nice polished oak pews and pulpit, which were made by a Deaf man. The new Deaf Citizens' Association, of which Mr. Hersee is the principal, have fine premises, containing billiards, dormitory, kitchenette; hall and offices. All are well lighted. I enjoyed myself there, but had such a short stay. I arrived in Melbourne on the 14th, and only stayed two weeks, leaving for Perth (W.A.) by train. I had a very nice trip, and passengers were very sociable, also had some nice views of hills and treeless plains. Three hundred miles without a curve from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie. A storm came on with a sudden flash of lightning and thunder. Torrential rains lasted for 1½ days. The line was flooded, and the train three hours late in arriving at

Perth. Mrs. Smith met me, and I was her guest, staying for nine months, and had a real good time. The W.A. Deaf Adults Society have rallies at the Deaf and Dumb School, free use granted by Mr. Love, the principal, in the first week of each month. They gave me a welcome social, which I appreciated and enjoyed. Mr. Love is very generous, and I consider that he is one of the best friends to the Deaf children I have ever known, and I do envy them, as I did not have half their share when I was educated. He takes them to see amusements, socials, and dances, and they do make them happy. He kindly entertained me on several occasions. There is a room in the City of Perth where the Deaf Adults hold their Bible Class every Friday night and Sunday service at night. The members take turns in preaching, and they have land bought near Perth free of debt, but they have no collector or missioner yet, owing to the depression. I went to a good few places, and the wild flowers were wonderful and beautiful. We have nothing to compare in any other States of Australia. The climate is rather like Melbourne. The Deaf Adults give me a farewell social and nice gifts. I left Perth on 10th December, by M.V. "Westralia," disembarked at Adelaide for five days, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, and paid a call at the Deaf Mission and Farm Home and Xmas rally and tea meeting, and met old friends there. I left on 19th by M.V. "Manunda" for Melbourne, and reached my destination safely on 21st."

—M. WILLIAMSON.

COMING EVENTS.

1932.

June 6th—King's Birthday Rally. Open to all. "Mystery Night," Games and Supper.

June 11th.—Lacrosse Club's Euchre Tournament. Admission, 6d. Good prizes and supper.

June 14th.—Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.

June 14th.—Deaf Women's Guild Meeting. Opening Social Evening. All members welcomed.

June 25th.—Lacrosse Club's Picture Night. Watch Notice Board for Title.

June 28th.—Men's Guild "Whist Drive" Evening in aid of Unemployed Fund. Admission, 6d. Open to all.

For July and August Syllabus watch our Notice Board.

OBITUARY.

For many years Boot Repairing Instructor at the School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Mr. David Piper, of Kew, passed away on 18th March after a short illness. He was buried at Box Hill. Our sympathy is with his relatives.

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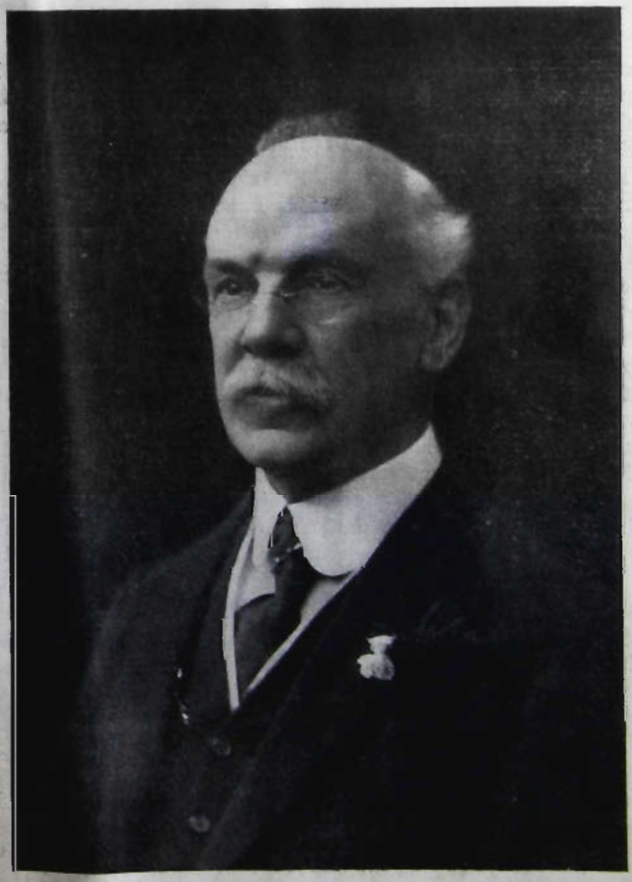
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THE LATE MR. E. R. PEACOCK.

OUR LATE PRESIDENT, Mr. E. R. PEACOCK.

It is with much regret we record the death, on September 3rd, of our esteemed President, the late Mr. E. R. Peacock, who was affectionately regarded by the whole of the deaf and dumb community of Victoria.

To those who came in personal contact with him, he was a true friend and an enthusiastic worker in the best interests of all.

He was very proud of the present status of the deaf, and ever on the alert to still further improve it. The older members of the Society can better realise all Mr. Peacock has done for us, for some can claim a friendship with him of over 30 years.

The news of his sudden death came as a great shock to all and cast a real gloom over our Centre. Mr. Peacock's many kindly acts had endeared him to his deaf friends, and he will long be remembered by them, also for his jolly disposition when at our gatherings. Mr. E. R. Peacock was a prominent man in public life. He was Consul for Czecho-Slovakia and had been awarded the Order of the White Lion. Mr. Peacock was founder of the firm of Peacock Bros., printers and stationers, Bourke Street, and, for 66 years, he was connected with the printing trade. He was a foundation member of the Melbourne Rotary Club, and he attended the International Rotary Conference at Prague several years ago. Mr. Peacock was then elected an honorary life member of the Prague Rotary Club in recognition of his services to the young men of Czecho-Slovakia, where he delivered a series of lectures in salesmanship and business methods. He was a vice-president of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society, and a leading member of the Masonic Lodge, being past-president of the Board of General Purposes. During the last 18 years of his life, Mr. Peacock travelled extensively. Soon after the outbreak of the war in 1914 he went abroad as the honorary representative overseas of the Australian Young Men's Christian Association, first in Egypt, and later in England and France. From Vimy Ridge he heard the last shots fired by the Allied guns. In recent years he visited Japan, America and Africa.

To Mr. Edgar Peacock, his son, and the members of his family, we extend our very sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

A memorial service for Mr. E. R. Peacock was held in our Church for the Deaf at Jolimont Square, Sunday evening, September 11th, which was well attended by a reverent congregation of the deaf. Our Superintendent, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke feelingly of the late Mr. Peacock's devoted service in the cause of the deaf of Victoria. We mourn his passing.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Mrs. J. Boortz underwent a serious operation during the latter part of June, and we are glad to report that she is recovering slowly. Her daughter, Mrs. A. Taylor, came down from Sydney on the 27th of June to be with, and nurse, her until 27th August, when they both departed for Sydney, where, we hope, Mrs. J. Boortz will, with better attention and climate, recover very soon. Mrs. Taylor looked well and robust.

As Mr. T. Curtin, of Warburton, was stepping out of a motor car at Millgrove, near his home, one day last month, he was struck by a car coming in the opposite direction, and suffered a fracture of the left leg. Mr. Curtin did not hear the horn prior to stepping in front of the oncoming car. The driver, who came from Apollo Bay, conveyed him to the Melbourne Hospital, where he was detained for treatment. We hope Mr. Curtin will soon recover.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston and her two children spent a week at Warburton during the children's mid-winter term holidays from school, and Master Ken. Peters was there also. They all met one of the teachers, Mr. R. Cook, who was also holidaying there. They reported a most happy time and enjoyed the snow scenes.

Miss L. Sanders is at present with her relatives in Bendigo for an extended stay during this depression. She will come down to Melbourne again as soon as her works re-open.

Mr. J. Gibson, of Geelong, has returned home after 6 months work on the vineyards of Merbein, near Mildura. He looked well and tanned after his experiences up north.

Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, is at present making a short stay in Melbourne. Her car is very handy to her.

Mr. Dunwoody, late of England, who has been for some years working up at North Queensland, reported that he is still in the land of the living. Unfortunately, he is, like many others, on the unemployed list at present. He reported that our old Victorian, Mr. James Moran, who has resided in Cairns for many years, has at last been married. The Melbourne deaf extend to Mr. J. Moran every happiness in his double-harnessed life.

Miss Jessie Best, of Launceston, Tasmania, recently visited Melbourne, having come over to witness the Interstate Lacrosse Carnival, in which two deaf players were included—Mr. H. Puddy for Victoria, and Mr. H. Emerson for New South Wales. Miss Best also joined the hockey party to Geelong and enjoyed watching the game. "'Tis a case of 'The Best for the Best,' eh!"

Mr. Lockwood, of Sydney, was also in Melbourne for a holiday, and we were glad to renew his acquaintance. He accompanied Mr. H. Emerson. Both spent 10 days here, and have since returned to Sydney.

Mr. A. Hately, of Terang, who had been on the tramp for some time, was up at Bendigo seeking work, but had no luck. He returned to Melbourne and stayed for over a month, and has now gone back to his home to work with his father, who required his help with a contract job for the Terang Council.

Messrs. J. Noonan and W. B. Anderson, who have been on the Unemployed Sustenance list for some time, were called up by the Government Labour Bureau for works at Fisherman's Bend, Port Melbourne, for only a few days. They are looking forward to another call for that repetition of work. Mr. C. Bragg was called up for forestry work, but was rejected. He may yet get another call for work like the above two.

Dr. Orchard, a member of the Queensland Deaf & Dumb Society Board, was in Melbourne for about two weeks on business, and she took occasion to pay us calls a few times, and quite enjoyed her association with us. She was present during the Women's Guild Salamagundi Night and the Lacrosse Club's Dance Night and other occasions.

Mr. W. Hately, of Terang, is again practicing hard for the great Warrnambool Road Race, which is to be run in a few weeks' time. We wish him good luck.

Miss G. Caldwell, of Ballarat, was here for the week-end, and she joined the Ladies' Hockey Team on their trip to Geelong and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Mr. M. Mark, hon. secretary of the Ballarat branch of the Deaf Club, was also down for the week-end to witness the Lacrosse Final between our boys and Malvern. Mr. Mark is one of the playing members of one of the Ballarat clubs, which ended its season a week previously.

We were pleased to see some new faces appearing at "Our Centre," and a hearty welcome is extended to them all—E. Davenport, R. Chaundy, K. Pickett, I. Anderson and McLean.

Mr. I. Guthrie has returned home after many months fossicking at Creswick. Had to report failure and is looking for fresh fields to conquer, probably out at Alexandra District. We hope he finds a new "Welcome Stranger" nugget this time.

Miss M. Cole was for some time in Geelong Hospital, suffering from a fractured leg, through slipping on the oily surface of the footpath outside a garage. We are glad to see her about again. She was at our church recently.

Mr. W. Elwin was down in town for a few days. He remarked that he enjoyed his farm life out at Macedon, and is now quite competent at milking. He looked fit and well, too.

We got word from Mr. F. Cummins, of Boorooban, New South Wales, that he is still doing well on the sheep station, and is quite busy at present, as it is the height of shearing season.

Miss Elsie Dunstan is the latest addition to recipients of the "Victorian Deaf News." As she lives about 10 miles from Casterton, and the place being lonesome for her, she welcomes any news and visitors that would bring her news of the movements of her past fellow schoolmates. She sent in her subscription recently and kind remembrances to old friends.

The Hon. Editor has received many appreciative letters from country and Interstate subscribers to our magazine, and here are some extracts taken at random:—"We liked the last issue of the 'Victorian Deaf News' better than any previous number, and are looking forward to the arrival of the September copy"; "The June 'Vic. Deaf News' proved to be a real Deaf paper, and now may I venture to hope that the deaf will be permitted to express their own views in its columns in future"; "The Magazine arrived to-day and cheered me up, like a visitor with good news"; "I send you my subscription to help keep the 'Victorian Deaf Magazine' going, and wish it and the Hon. Editor 'good luck'"; "The 'V.D. News' is a welcome visitor to these lone parts."

Recent Country and Interstate subscribers are thanked for their letters, and the Hon. Treasurer hereby notifies them that receipts for their annual subscriptions to the "Victorian Deaf News" will be found enclosed in their copies for this (Spring) quarter.—Hon. Editor.

Miss Francis Owens, of Wangaratta, sends kind remembrances to Melbourne deaf friends, and states that she recently enjoyed a week-end with Mrs. S. Ferguson, at Bowman's Forest.

Misses Jean and Beryl McCullough, of Warrnambool; Messrs. T. G. Kelly, of Gippsland, A. E. Beard, of Terang, and others; all send greetings and regards to their former schoolmates through this quarter's issue of the "V.D.N." 'Tis pleasing to know how our Magazine helps to keep old friends together.

Mrs. Waldie, of W.A., writes that she was so pleased with the June "V.D.N." that she at once forwarded a further subscription, and sends remembrances to her "Victorian deaf friends," and wishes our magazine every success.

In an interesting letter to the Hon. Editor, Mr. F. Kendall states that he is enjoying the life as a "Jackaroo" on a large station in the Riverina, N.S.W., where he has been gaining valuable experience during the last four months, and is treated well, like a member of the family. The station is a very large one, consisting of 80,000 acres, containing 26,350 sheep and 2000 head of cattle. One day, Mr. Kendall tried his luck at steer-riding, and after mastering some, received a kick in the abdomen from one, which sobered him up a bit for a while. Nevertheless, he and another Jackaroo shortly afterwards took a mob of cattle to the Murray River siding, to truck them to Melbourne, and were four days on the trip, and enjoyed the experience, especially camping out, which was great.

Why don't more of our young men follow Mr. Kendall's example, and gain health, knowledge and make money instead of clinging to the cities, waiting for something to turn up? Be a go-getter.

On Saturday Evening, September 10th, the Lacrosse players celebrated their successful season with a "Celebration Party," at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, parents of Messrs. H. and V. Wilson, two of the team's players.

There were about 35 present at the Wilson's home that night and all enjoyed themselves to the full. At the sumptious supper speeches were made by the Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Crush and the Captain, W. Anderson, congratulating the players for their good performance in reaching the Final of the Junior A Section and thanking Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Snr. for their kind help at all times to the team. The latter suitably responded and the "Boys" gave them hearty cheers.

OUR SPORTS CLUBS

ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB.

The Lacrosse Club held another Euchre Tournament on evening of June 11th, when 15 tables were used, and the games were won by Miss C. Derbyshire and Mr. W. O'Bryan respectively. On 25th June a picture night was held showing "Wings," an epic war-time scene, and a comedy, "Halfback Hannah"; also another picture night on July 9th, showing "Mysterious Dr. Fu Manchu," and supported by two short comedies, "Long Hose" and "Love Shy." On 23rd July a "Whist Drive" was held and Miss W. Henry and Mr. W. Ross won respectively. Supper at close of evening. August 13th saw a change in the entertainment, for it was a dance night. Fair attendance, music supplied by Bert Walter's orchestra, and, as usual, supper at interval. Another picture night was held on September 3rd, when "The Return of Dr. Fu Manchu" was screened, followed by two comedies, "Are Scotchmen Tight?" The attendance was good, and this wound up the Lacrosse season.

Results to Date.

June 4.—Adult Deaf, against Ivanhoe, had greater system in their attack, and came out winners with the comfortable margin of 13 to 8. McGuiness netted 8 goals, Anderson 3, Raines 3, Henry 1, Newton 1.

June 11.—Adult Deaf just managed to prevail in a stirring contest with Williamstown and scraped home with a margin of a goal. Final scores, 11 to 10. McGuiness 4, Anderson 4, Henry 1, Raines 1, Stephens 1.

June 18.—Faulty placement of players in the second half of our game against Artillery cost us the game. Artillery scored 14 to 12. Our goal-throwers:—McGuiness 3, Henry 3, Anderson 2, Raines 2, H. Wilson 1, McMillin 1.

AN INCIDENT DURING THE RECENT ALL-AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CARNIVAL HELD IN MELBOURNE.



Interstate Lacrosse. Victoria v. N.S.W., was played in the rain on the Amateur Sports ground. L. Wood, the N.S.W. goalkeeper (in front) foils a Victorian attack by H. Puddy.

The above picture is reproduced by the courtesy of the Proprietors of the "Sun News Pictorial," the leading Melbourne daily newspaper, who kindly lent us the Block.

It is very interesting to know that there are many skilled deaf in the field of sport, for only recently, two deafs, one from N.S.W., and the other from Victoria, were picked to represent their States in the Australian Lacrosse Carnival, held in Melbourne. They were H. Puddy (Vic.) and H. Emerson (N.S.W.). Reports in the press spoke highly of their part in the games, and we congratulate them. Victoria retained the Championship, and won every match.

June 25.—Our team, having gained strength, and with the acquisition of F. Rees, were too good for Caulfield, 20 to 4. The consistent McGuiness got 8 goals, Henry 6, Raines 3, Stephens 2, McMillin 1.

July 2.—We gained another win at the expense of Y.M.C.A. after a good clean game, 15 to 7. Henry 7, McGuiness 5, Stephens 2, White 1.

July 9.—Our boys met Essendon in one of the easiest games to date, and outclassed them, 13 to 1. Henry 5, McGuiness 3, Raines 2, Newton 2, White 1, were most effective for our side.

July 16.—Our boys had the bye.

July 23.—Adult Deaf drew with Ivanhoe, 7 goals each. A clever and fast game, characterised by good stick work. Our sharpshooters were:—McGuiness 5, Raines 2.

July 30.—Adult Deaf scored a runaway victory at the expense of Camberwell, scoring 14 to 6. McGuiness 4, Raines 4, McMillin 3, Newton 3.

August 6.—Adult Deaf, playing as a team, outpointed Artillery, who were practically devoid of any systematic attacking methods, in which the winners netted six to nil after half time, and the result was never in doubt. Deaf won with a score of 12 to 1. McGuiness, Raines, Rees, Henry, Newton; White; 2 each.

August 13.—Semi-Final at University Ground. Adult Deaf opened against Ivanhoe with such dash that they had 4 goals before Ivanhoe could settle down. With this lead our boys had no difficulty in keeping Ivanhoe at bay. It was not a spectacular game, but hard and fair throughout. It never lacked interest. Result, 11 to 7. McGuiness scored 5 goals, Henry 4, Raines 1, Rees 1.

August 20.—The final match for the Junior A Premiership was held on the above date at the Amateur Sports' Ground in the presence of a good crowd. Our opponents, Malvern, were in splendid form, piling up a formidable score of 9 to our 3. McGuiness, Newton, and McMillin were the only players who could break through the tough defence line of Malvern. The premiership deservedly goes to Malvern this season, and the Deaf team deserve praise for its excellent prformance in securing the position of Runners-up in the Junior A section for 1932. The Deaf won 11 games and lost 5, and put up 186 goals as against 117. McGuiness succeeded in throwing 50 goals this season, G. Henry 41, Anderson 26, Raines 25, Newton 10, McMillin 8, Stephens 7, Quinton 7, H. Wilson 5, White 4, Rees 3, Owen 1.

Towards the end of the season, W. Anderson, the captain, in order to strengthen the defence, returned to his old position in goals, and was in fine form there.

PLAYING THE GAME.

We can't all play a winning game,
  Someone is sure to lose;
Yet we can play so that our name
  No one may dare accuse;
That when the **"Master Referee"**
  Scores against our name,
It won't be whether we've won or lost,
But "how we've played the Game."

—W.H.C.

ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of 30th August, when the Annual Report and the Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Crush, J. McLean and R. Beattie; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Storey; committee, Messrs. W. McMillen, W. O'Bryan, A. Tyzzer and the elected Captain, J. O'Gorman, and vice-captain, W. O'Bryan. In view of the number of unemployed who signified their intention to join, and to save them the heavy expense of fares to Blackburn, it was decided to secure a pitch nearer to our headquarters, and enquiries were made and one was secured at the back of St. Kilda Cricket Ground. The season opens on the first Saturday in October, when we hope to give results in the next publication of our "News." At the above meeting, trophies, in form of medals, for best batting and bowling averages, were presented to Messrs. R. Lygon and R. Beattie respectively. Mr. W. B. Anderson will receive his for the best all-rounder in due course.

TENNIS NOTES.

Lacrosse and hockey sticks have been put away, and preparations are already being made for the Tennis season, which will soon be here once more. The promise of fine weather always attracts players to the court on Saturdays in considerable numbers.

The court and its surroundings are being cleaned up and marked out afresh. The committee has not been idle, and (if granted) a steady succession of socials will provide entertainment for the coming Summer evenings. These should persuade players to remain at Jolimont after their afternoon's play there.

A.D.G. HOCKEY CLUB.

The Adult Deaf Girls' Hockey Club is one of the happiest functions of our Society, and certainly the most enthusiastic. The team throughout the season has been in splendid health, and, in every way, excellent specimens of young womanhood. The advantages gained fully compensate for the matches lost.

The following is the result of the matches played:—

June 11.—Watsonians d. A.D.G., 6-5. (Emily Stephens 2, Elsie Stephens 1, J. Murphy 1, G. Hunter 1.)

June 18.—A.D.G. d. Geelong, 2-1. (E. Stephens 1, J. Murphy 1.)

June 25.—A.D.G., bye.

July 2.—St. Peter's d. A.D.G., 2-1. (B. Higgie 1.)

July 9.—A.D.G. drew with Weber & Rice, 3-3. (B. Higgie 2, Emily Stephens 1.)

July 16.—A.D.G., bye.

July 23.—Symington's d. A.D.G., 4-0.

July 30.—Firbank d. A.D.G., 4-0.

August 6.—A.D.G. drew with Watsonians, 4-4. (Emily Stephens 3, G. Hunter 1.)

August 13.—A.D.G. drew with Gold. No score.

August 20.—Geelong d. A.D.G., 1-0.

August 27.—A.D.G., bye.

September 3.—A.D.G. d. St. Peter's, 3-2. (J. Murphy 2, Emily Stephens 1.)

The result of the matches to be played on September 10 will decide whether the A.D.G. team will be in the four.

A well patronised and very enjoyable social was held at our Centre, and the only regret was that, through illness, our president, Miss Alice C. Graham, was unable to be with us.

A very happy note was struck when it was arranged that, as the team would play at Geelong on August 20th, to entertain our deaf friends of that town during the evening. A motor 'bus conveyed 40 persons, including the team, and others journeyed by car and rail to Geelong. After watching the match, tea was partaken of at the Savoia Cafe. Mrs. Piper, Hon. Secretary of the Geelong branch, kindly arranged for the use of a hall for the evening, and to there the party adjourned. Soon, we were joined by our Geelong friends and a very happy evening was spent in games, etc. Much enjoyment was derived by the team repeating their very laughable sketch of an Old-time Hockey Match v. Moderns.

Supper, provided by the Hockey Club, was handed round, and, all too soon, a move had to be made for Melbourne to allow of the party getting home by midnight.

Smiles and laughter were the order of the day, even the weather joined in, and so much pleasure was derived from the outing that it has been decided to have a Hockey Club picnic at the seaside in the early Summer.

THE BRIGHT SIDE.

A few readers have suggested that a "Short Address," a "Message of Cheer," be found room for in our little Magazine, for the benefit of those who live far from towns, or are, from various causes, prevented from attending church.

Perhaps other subscribers would like to express their views on this subject. If so, kindly communicate with the Hon. Editor, who has pleasure in contributing the following lesson, for this quarter's issue.

Text.—Turn you at my reproof.—Proverbs i. 23.

We must be always turning if we would keep our life true and according to God's commandments. There are some flowers which always turn toward the sun. There was a little potted rose-bush in a sick-room which I visited. It stood in the window. One day I noticed that the one rose on the bush was looking toward the light. I referred to it, and the sick woman said that her daughter had turned the rose around several times toward the darkness of the room, but that each time the little flower had twisted itself back, until again its face was toward the light. It would not look into the darkness.

The rose taught me a lesson—never to allow myself to look toward any gloom, but instantly to turn from it. Not a moment should we permit our eyes to be inclined toward anything sinful. To yield to one moment's sinful act is to defile the soul. The Bible says, in its every verse, "Turn from the wrong, the base, the low, the unworthy, to the right, the pure, the noble, the godlike." We should not allow even an unholy thought to stay a moment in our mind, but should turn from its very first suggestion with face full toward Christ, the Holy One.

But we should train ourselves to turn also from all shadows and discouragements. There is always a bright side, and we should find it. Discouragement is full of danger. It weakens and hurts the life.

A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

Owing to the continuance of the prevailing depression, subscriptions to the "Victorian Deaf News" Magazine are far below requirements to cover cost of printing, etc., and so the Magazine committee and other members of the Deaf committee decided to raise funds towards the cost of producing the "V.D.N.," by organising various socials and entertainments from time to time.

The first of these ventures took the form of a Variety Entertainment on Saturday evening, August 27th, and proved to be a popular innovation, attracting a crowded audience to our Club House at Jolimont Square All the performers were composed of Deaf members of our Society.

Proceedings opened with a short address by Mr. Crush, Hon. Editor of the "V.D.N.," who explained to the gathering the need of funds, and how the committee proposed to raise them, and urged all readers of our Magazine, who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, to do so as early as possible, if in work, or able to pay. He also, on behalf of the Deaf Committee, thanked all who had paid, before calling upon Mr. F. E. Frewin to render his Shakespearean recital—"The Taming of the Shrew"—

which he did in his usual artistic and convincing style, and earned himself rounds of applause, which was deserved.

Then followed something funny by Messrs. N. Webb and C. Graham, who made us all laugh with their antics in a comical act, entitled, "The Professor and Weary Willie"—after which, another comedian, Mr. A. Israel, acted, "The Fisherman." Fish appeared scarce and hard to catch, but, at length, the fisherman's patience was rewarded. The next item was a sketch by Mr. H. Puddy and Miss Emily Stephens, who gave us an illustration of the ways of Miss 1932, in a performance entitled, "The Boss and the Typist." Truly, the modern "Miss" has a "way with her," which disarms the Boss and melts his heart. But, in the next act, performed by Miss M. Dow and Don. Johnston, entitled, "The Worried Cook and the Naughty Boy," it was the lady's turn to get upset. It was a mystery to her how the dough kept rising suddenly, until she espied the "Naughty Boy" beneath the table inflating a toy balloon, hidden underneath the dough and connected with a rubber tube. Then things happened! 'Tis said poor Don. has had a pain somewhere in the rear ever since. Then came a "star turn" by Mr. Geo. Newnham, who recited and gestured the "Orchestra and Conductor," which threatened to "lift the roof."

His rendering was a masterpiece of pantomiming and he received a deserved ovation for his performance. Mr. Downes then gave a clever exhibition of paper manipulation, and made some pretty designs, merely by tearing papers with his fingers. Mr. W. H. Crush acted as announcer during the evening, which terminated with a programme of "Moving Pictures" and the draw for the "Lucky Number Prize," which was won by Mrs. Unsworth. The performers and members of "Deaf Committee," who were responsible for this successful effort, are heartily thanked and congratulated. A sum of £4 10s. resulted. Well done! —W.H.C.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

On June 14th the subject delivered to the members was "Angling Experiences," by Mr. H. Puddy, which proved interesting and amusing to all. We then joined the Women's Guild Supper Party.

On June 28th, for a change, we held a "Whist Drive" at 6d. each for the aid of "Unemployed Benevolent Fund." There was an attendance of 60, realising £1/10/-, and the two prizes were won by Miss A. Smith and Mr. W. O'Bryan. Supper was provided free to all by the Committee of the Men's Guild, which terminated the night's enjoyment.

Then on July 12th Mr. F. E. Frewin, the President, delivered in his well-known style the story of "Cymbeline" before a good attendance of members of both the Women's and Men's Guilds. Mr. W. H. Crush, Vice-President, was Chairman.

On July 26th a "Beginners' Night" was held to encourage the younger members to come forward and make their maiden speeches. Several gave a promising start, and we feel sure that more will be seen of them before long. Now, Boys, get busy.

On August 9th Mr. E. Johnson gave us a paper on "Churches and Kings of Olden Days," and on August 23rd Mr. Brearley, of the Shell Oil Co. of Australia Ltd., gave us an interesting lecture on the "Origin of Oil," illustrated with films and slides. He demonstrated how different oils are separated from crude oil and how oil is located. This educational lecture was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all, including members of the Women's Guild, who were also present.

Another splendid programme was enjoyed on September 6th, when Mr. W. R. Armstrong, of the State Electricity Commission, came along and entertained us with a lecture, illustrated with lantern slides and moving pictures of Victoria's wonderful electric supply systems, of Yallourn Brown Coal Arears and the Sugarloaf-Rubicon Hydro-Electric Schemes. The members of the Women's Guild again joined us, and the long programme terminated with supper.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The reopening of the Guild was held on the 14th June, and was attended by 23 members. After business was finished, a Games Social was held. Mrs. J. Johnstone introduced three games and Miss Ball a competitive game, which all present enjoyed.

Mrs. Swain showed the members several nice sets of berets, made by herself, which were for disposal, and the proceeds to go towards raising funds for the Guild. Supper was served, and when the Men's Guild closed their meeting the Ladies invited them to partake of the Supper too, which they appreciated.

For July 12th, instead of the original intention to hold an Educational Class, the Women's Guild accepted the invitation of the Men's Guild to join them to witness a Shakespearean Story entitled "Cymbeline," which was finely interpreted by Mr. Frewin and enjoyed by us all.

The next meeting was held on August 9th, and the programme included two interesting stories by the President, "A Workman and a Clock," and "Story of a Stamp," followed by Guessing Competitions by Mrs. Peters and Miss Leber.

The Deaf Women's Guild Benevolent Fund (originally the Deaf Workers' Club) held a Social in the form of a Salamagundi on Saturday, the 6th August. Various games on the tables afforded keen competition, and much interest and skill was displayed. In the interval, Supper was announced, which was obtained at 3d. each. Games recommenced, and were finished where they had originally started, at head of tables. The majority of games for the ladies were won by Miss Gertrude Peters, and for the gents by Mr. W. Crush. Useful prizes were distributed to them by the President, Mrs. Peters. Much of the success of the evening was due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnston for their wonderful help. The supervision of tables by Mr. Newnham and Committee was executed in like manner, equally with the serving of the Supper. The admission and supper charges collected amounted to a total of £2/0/3.

Gifts of clothing were received from Mrs. J. Johnston and Miss A. Smith and others, which were distributed to those needing them. Some of the deaf ladies were Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Kemble, who all appreciated receiving such useful clothing and expressed their grateful thanks to the donors.

SMILES.

Two well-known friends, one the war veteran "Nairana," and the other the old lady, "Miss Loongana," both favourites of Bass Straits, were exchanging notes and experiences, etc. . At last their remarks turned to mail matters, and the "Nairana" said that "Since we carried the 'Tassie' Deaf Cricketers and Tennis Players across the Straits last Xmas time, I've noticed that our cargoes of mail matter are greater than ever." "Same here," says the "Loongana." "Cupid must have been busy in the Deafs' Camp then, but don't forget that this is Leap Year."

They had just said their last "Good-byes," and he sighed—she sighed—they both sighed—side by side—by the boat side. Then, as the ship moved off, the "tears" fell gently from her eyes and nearly drowned a dog that was standing by.

What did the Boss say to you for being absent from work yesterday?"

"He gave me the D.C.M."

"What's that?"

"Don't Come Monday!"

A "MYSTERY HIKE."

An emblazoned advertisement displayed in the "Sun News-Pictorial" for some days prior to the appointed date of King's Birthday Holiday of an arrangement for a grand "Mystery Hike," attracted the desire to join of many of our deaf ladies, so a party of 10 was formed and a reserved compartment was at once secured.

The following were the ones who joined the above hike:—Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Misses R. and M. Dow, E. O'Gorman, O. Minton, Elsie and Emily Stephens, J. Murphy, G. Hunter, and D. Smith.

The venue was not known until they reached Box Hill, when they were handed the route-map and instructions, which showed that they were destined for Belgrave and Clematis. Nothing of great incident occurred whilst on the train journey except for the big question that was on everybody's fingertips, "How will the going be," and what its effect will be on each one of them? etc.

As soon as the train reached its destination, a hurried scamper was made to get near the guide who was to show us the route, and a steady pace was made for and along the Sherbrooke Falls Track. At a certain spot there was a rough and slippery section through the overnight rain, and the majority managed to get over safely, but not so with our Olive, who, in spite of a walking stick which she had brought with her, made a beautiful backward slide and landed flat, almost burying her face in the mud. A most comical sight she made, and the strenuous efforts of Jean and Emily were required to put her on her feet again. When near the top of the falls, the party took a right-hand turn along the track up hills and down valleys till they came to "Kallista Hall," where midday lunch was partaken of. So far the tramp had been good and the party, having stringed out a bit, rested a while. A move was made again, and many, thinking that they had made the pace too slow at the start, began to quicken up for the last stage, whilst others with more confidence slackened, and this applied in same way with our party.

Our Mabel, who had past experience in hiking, set up a lively pace, and little Eileen, to all appearance like a little lyre-bird with her quick pacing, managed to keep in touch with Mabel, and soon they took a handy lead. Eva, the chaperone of the party, came up next, ever watching the two in front and glancing back to see how others fared. Olive, Jean and Emily, the three youngest of the party, drew up next, quite content with everything, and chatting away to their hearts' content. Somewhere in the distance in the rear, Gertie and Dot followed, trying to hide themselves from the prying eyes of the chaperone, Eva, who happened to turn every now and then to see how they behaved. It was rumoured that one or both of them had their share of spills, but they would not admit it. Further behind still, about a mile from the leaders, came the steady pace of Rose and Elsie, who wanted to know "why all the fuss and hurry." It was soon found that they had just cause, for they arrived at Clematis in good time, whilst the leaders had to be content with waiting at the station for about 20 minutes or more. The party returned to town in time for tea, well pleased with the day's outing, and all were hoping for another such trip.

This first mystery hike attracted over 1500 hikers, who were transported in three train loads—two went to Wandin. Miss Lorrie Ellis, unknowing that there was a deaf party, booked on her own, and she went the "Wandin way," but, nevertheless, enjoyed herself immensely.

BRIEF REPORTS.

DEAF COMMITTEE'S RALLY.

A wonderfully pleasant King's Birthday Rally was held on 6th June last with a title as "Mystery Night." It was in the form of "Who is it?" "What is it?" and "Where is it?" Mr. G. Newnham's skill as an artist was in evidence on that night, when the walls of which one and all were asked to answer in "What is it?" or "Where is it?" and the third one was a shadowgraph which we were asked to guess "Who?" Various indoor games were indulged in at intervals between the above puzzles, and the evening finally wound up with supper. Well over 110 were present, and all declared that it was a pleasant evening.

Look out for our next "Show Rally," which is to be held on Thursday, 22nd September, 1932.

BILLIARD TOURNEY.

A Lightning Billiard Tournament was held some time ago which brought in a goodly number of entrants, and R. Storey came out the winner, beating Dick White in the final.

BLACKBURN HOME.

The Inmates of Blackburn Home were treated to a Picture Show on the evening of 10th June. A war picture entitled "Marianne" and a comedy, "Men of War," which brought forth much laughter and merriment.

TABLE TENNIS.

The Deaf Committee has purchased another indoor game for our use, and it is the standard size table tennis top, which can be folded and stored away. It is hoped that a tournament will be arranged in the near future to boost this game, and, if the form of our players warrant it, there is every possibility of a Deaf Club being formed to go in for Wednesday night competitions with outside clubs.

UNEMPLOYED PICTURE NIGHT.

A fine Picture Night, run by the Deaf Committee in aid of its Unemployed Fund, was held on the evening of 30th July, showing "The Legion of the Condemned," with the supporting comedy, "Reckless Rosie," and an educational one, "Group Settlement." The attendance was very good.

COMING EVENTS.

Sept. 13—Deaf Men's Guild: "Quotations of Famous Men."
Deaf Women's Guild: Paper by Miss D. Hickey.
„ 22—Anniversary Rally.
„ 27—Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.
Oct. 1—Watch Notice Board for Event.
„ 2—Holy Communion Service.
„ 11—Deaf Men's and Women's Guild Meetings.
„ 25—Deaf Men's Guild Meeting.

For further events watch Notice Board.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Hood, of St. Leonard's, via Geelong, passed away some time last Easter. We extend our sympathy to his relatives.

The death of Mr. Thomas Greening, of North Carlton, occurred recently. The late Mr. Greening, who was 70 years of age, had been for 25 years a member of the night staff of the "Age" publishing department. His remains were laid to rest at the Box Hill Cemetery. Our sympathy is with his relatives.

NOTICE.

Readers are requested to send all communications for the "Victorian Deaf News" to—

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MUCH TO PRAISE IN MELBOURNE

Deaf and Dumb Cricketers Enjoy Visit

The team of 14 Tasmanian deaf and dumb cricketers, who have been in Melbourne playing a series of interstate matches, will leave for home today.

The manager (Mr. T. Parkinson) said that although the team had been badly beaten in the cricket field, they had learnt more in a few days in Melbourne than they could have in Tasmania in several years. The immensity of the city, and its electric railways and other facilities, had appealed to them, and they had never seen anything like the panoramic view from the Dandenong ranges.

Although the team was refused free passes on the Melbourrne tramways, they were presented with tickets by Cr. T. S. Nettlefold for the whole of their visit. Cr. Nettlefold also provided four cars to take them round the city for two hours. The team were provided with passes for the interstate cricket and the Test match.

The visitors have only one more ambition—that is to see Bradman reach his century this morning.

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UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

Programme in Sign Language.

For the amusement of members of interstate adult deaf and dumb societies, who are visiting Melbourne, a unique entertainment was provided by the Victorian society in its building at Jolimont last night, when a full theatrical programme, containing burlesques, humorous sketches, recitations, and moving pictures, was presented in the "sign language," the medium by which deaf and dumb persons are able to make themselves understood.

The screening of an impressive rendering by signs of an anthem by a choir of young girls, clad in white gowns, with their arms moving in unison, was much appreciated by the large gathering, which was composed chiefly of deaf mutes. A picture of the consecration last year of the chapel connected with the institute, a ceremony which was performed in the "sign" language, was also warmly received, the gathering applauding warmly as each person whom it knew flashed on the screen

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Deaf and Dumb Outing.

Members of the deaf and dumb cricke teams from other States who have bee visiting Melbourne to compete against Vic toria were taken on Saturday afternoo for a motor drive in the Dandenong Range There were about 120 persons in the party 110 of whom travelled by chars-a-bancs, an the remainder by motor-car. Luncheo was provided for the visitors at the Re Mill, Belgrave. A church service, whic was attended by most of the visitors, wa held last night in the church for the dea and dumb at Jolimont.

"Argus"
12th November 1931

APPEAL FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—There is a comparatively large number of our deaf and dumb fellow citizens out of employment, and it will be readily understood that when normal skilled artisans cannot find work there is little hope for those who are deaf and dumb. Also when conditions right themselves the deaf and dumb will of necessity be among the last to be reinstated. We appeal to all employers of labour to give the deaf and dumb the opportunity to prove that they are able to work side by side with the normal with equally good results. If all employers of 100 persons or more would give work to but one deaf person it would mean giving him a chance in life, for the odds are so against him compared to the hearing. In the meantime, temporary work, carpentering, painting, gardening, boot repairing, or any manual work by day or half day would materially ease his present circumstances. We should also be grateful for parcels of clothing. Our telephone number is J1270. With very sincere appreciation we acknowledge the generous help of Miss Alice Graham, who for some time has made a donation of £25 a month to help our unemployed deaf and dumb men and women.—Yours, &c.,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

Jolimont, Nov. 11.

"Age"
12th November 1931

UNEMPLOYED DEAF AND DUMB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—There is a comparatively large number of our deaf and dumb fellow citizens out of employment, and it will be readily understood that when normal skilled artisans cannot find work there is little hope for those who are deaf and dumb. Also, when conditions right themselves, the deaf and dumb will of necessity be among the last to be reinstated. We appeal to all employers of labor to give our less fortunate fellow deaf and dumb the opportunity to prove that they are able to work side by side with the normal with equally good results. If all employers of one hundred or more would give work to but one deaf person it would mean giving him a chance in life, for the odds are so against him compared to the hearing. In the meantime temporary work, carpentering, painting, gardening, boot repairing or any manual work by day or half day would materially ease his present circumstances. We also would be grateful for parcels of clothing.

We here, with very sincere appreciation, acknowledge the generous help of Miss Alice Graham, who for some time past has made a donation of £25 per month to help our unemployed deaf and dumb men and women.—Yours, &c.,

Deaf Committee: J. M. Johnston, W. H. Crush, E. R. Noble, J. McLean, M. G. B. Mortimer, R. H. Lambert, E. Johnson, Geo. Newnham and Ernest J. D. Abraham (chairman).

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont-square, 11th November.

"Herald"
21st November 1931

ONE of Melbourne's best known musical identities, Mr R. J. Oehr, will celebrate his 60th birthday on Wednesday. Mr Oehr has been secretary of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society for nearly 27 years; choirmaster at Cairns' Memorial Church for 31 years; and for many years hon. secretary of the Council of Melbourne Musical Societies. He is a member of the Faculty of Music at Melbourne University, and of the Lady Northcote Orchestra Board. For many years Mr Oehr has been associated with the Government in arranging the musical programme when Royal and other distinguished visitors have come to Melbourne and been publicly received. Since 1909 he has been Registrar of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants, and he is also hon. secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. He is regarded by many as one of the busiest men in Melbourne.



Mr R. J. Oehr

"Age"
16th March 1932

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

The hon. treasurer of this society (Mr. L. A. Cleveland) acknowledges a donation of £12 10/ received from Mr. E. A. McDonald, trustee of the estate of the late John Henry, of Tungamah, who devised the residue of his estate as a trust, the income from which is divisible among charitable objects.

"Argus"
16th March 1932

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria has received a donation of £12/10/ from Mr. E. A. McDonald, trustee of the estate of the late John Henry, of Tungamah.

"Argus"
28th April 1932

April 30, 2.30 p.m.—Secondhand bazaar, arranged by Jolimont auxiliary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in the clubroom at the Jolimont Home. Goods may be left at the home on Saturday morning, or they will be called for if arranged for through Mrs. F. W. Spry, 36 Sackville street, East Kew (tel. Hawthorn 482). This is the first effort of the auxiliary to help the home.

"Argus"
24th May 1932

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

The 47th annual meeting of life governors and subscribers of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, at 3 o'clock. The Lord Mayor (Councillor H. Gengoult Smith) will preside.

"Age"
26th May 1932

DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The greatest problem that all adult societies were faced with was the fitting of the deaf and dumb to fill their positions as independent, self-supporting citizens, said the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. E. R. Peacock) at the forty-eighth annual meeting of the society, held yesterday at Melbourne Town Hall, when the Lord Mayor (Cr. H. G. Smith) presided. "Our deaf are generally as efficient industrially as the ordinary hearing and speaking people," continued the speaker, "but the community does not understand that." Employers made unfair discriminations when deaf and dumb people applied for employment. There were a large number of the unemployed deaf quite capable of filling many positions to greater advantage than ordinary people, but because of their handicap they were not selected.

A number of deaf mutes attended the meeting, proceedings of which were interpreted by the principal, Mr. E. J. Abraham.

The annual report showed that, despite a year of exceptional depression, problems and anxieties, the various activities of the society in its spiritual, educational, philanthropic and social spheres had been continued largely through careful organisation by the board of management. Although the serious financial position of the society had limited the opportunity for providing work and relief for the indigent and unemployed, much assistance had been given at the head quarters in Jolimont-square, while some of the deaf and dumb in a position to help had been most generous, and one deaf contributor had given £300 during the year for this purpose. Activities included the formation of a branch in Ballarat, while the deaf of Geelong were assisted by the branch in that city. A ladies' auxiliary had been formed with three branches; other outstanding events included a successful carnival to entertain deaf visitors from other States last Christmas; various sports, picnics, guilds and conferences. The treasurer's report stated that the year's operations at administrative head quarters, at the Blackburn farm and home, and at the institution in Jolimont-square resulted in a gross loss of £1057.

The Lord Mayor, in congratulating the society on its successful operations under adverse conditions, said that an organisation of this kind lifted a great responsibility from the shoulders of the Government and others.

Office bearers were elected as follow:—President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; vice-president, Mr. E. Gorman; hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, A. E. Atherton, W. H. Crush, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Heath, E. L. Merton, G. Newnham, E. H. Peacock, F. W. Spry, G. W. Sweetland and S. Watkin.

Women's Guild

Tuesday May 3.1932

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Admission 6d Supper

Deaf Lacrosse Club.

Grand Picture Night

featuring

THE PATRIOT

at the Deaf-centre on

Saturday night 28th May 1932

Admission 1/-.

Don Johnston Ken Lee

"Argus"
26th May 1932

PREJUDICE AGAINST DEAF.

Unable to Get Work.

"Prejudice, arising from popular exaggeration of the difficulties of conversing with deaf persons, and ignorance of their capabilities, has made it impossible for us to find positions for our people," said the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. E. R. Peacock) yesterday, presenting his report at the annual meeting. The Lord Mayor (Councillor H. Gengoult Smith), who is a patron of the society, presided, and the discussion was translated by the principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) for the benefit of the many deaf and dumb persons present. Mr. Adam Muir, who has been a member of the society since its foundation 48 years ago, moved, and Mr. C. Crush seconded, the motion for the adoption of the report. The motion was agreed to.

The financial report and balance-sheet, which also were adopted, showed a total deficit in the three revenue accounts of £1,057. A contribution of £300 from Miss Alice Graham, a deaf member, was acknowledged.

"Sun"
26th May 1932

Deaf and Dumb See Speeches at Society's Meeting

THERE is a tendency for employers to be prejudiced against deaf and dumb applicants, even for positions where their infirmity would not incapacitate them," said the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. R. Peacock), at its 48th annual meeting in the Town Hall yesterday.

The Lord Mayor (Cr. Gengoult Smith) was in the chair.

The reception room was filled with members of the society, who waited afterwards to discuss the meeting among themselves in deaf and dumb language. Speeches were translated as they were delivered by the principal of the society (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham), in deft, swift finger movements. Mr. Abraham also translated the vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor.

Mr. Abraham said afterwards that for ordinary conversation, the deaf and dumb language could keep pace with the spoken word. Proper names had to be spelled out.

"Sun"
26th May 1932

None So Dumb As Man With The Talkative Wife

THE Rev. F. A. Hagenauer told this story at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at the Town Hall yesterday.

While in South Gippsland he met in the congregation a happy-looking deaf and dumb man, whom he later invited to join him on a duck-shooting expedition.

For miles they tramped together, discussing the weather and the political situation with gestures and grunts and snorts, with an occasional use of pencil and notepaper. Suddenly the deaf and dumb man bellowed in a rich, sonorous voice: "There they go!"

"I thought you were dumb," said Mr. Hagenauer.

"Not so dumb," rejoined the other, "but I've got a talkative wife, and find it quieter to let her think I am. I couldn't lose anything by it, anyway."

Mr. Hagenauer's story semaphored round the room from the twinkling hands of Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Society, and a lightning translator of picturesque idiom. The audience clapped its approval.

"Argus"
28th June 1932

Councillor Norman Armstrong has been unanimously re-elected chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Deaf Girls' Hockey Club

A NIGHT OF SURPRISES

Saturday, 16th July.
at 7.45 p.m.

Admission 6d.
Supper.

Elsie Stephens,
Hon. Sec.

ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE.
FOURTH CARNIVAL SOCIAL
THURS. JULY. 24th. 8.p.m.
featuring Competitions between the Deaf Ladies Hockey Club and the Deaf Mens Lacrosse Club also Prize Items Open to all.
Supper. Tickets:-1/6

"Argus"
15th Dec 1931

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

There was a crowded attendance of the deaf and dumb of Melbourne at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's clubhouse, Assembly Hall, Jolimont, on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the annual Christmas rally. The president (Mr. E. R. Peacock) presided. Christmas greetings, &c., were also extended by Mr. N. Armstrong, the society's chairman; Mr. L. A. Cleveland, honorary treasurer; Messrs. F. W. Spry, M. J. Hoah, and E. H. Peacock (members of the board of management). Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. For the amusement of the children of deaf parents a Christmas tree was provided in the library. Some excellent films were screened by Mr. Porter, of Kodak Ltd. A committee representing the deaf is completing its programme for the interstate visit of deaf cricketers at Christmas.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD

(Benevolent Fund)

A Night of Fun

"S A L A M A G U N D I"

Saturday, 6th August, 7.45 p.m.

Prizes

Supper 3d. extra, by ticket.

Admission 6d

C. Ball.
Hon. Sec.

"Age"
17th Dec 1931

THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

The annual Christmas rally was held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's club house, Jolimont, on Tuesday evening.

The president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, presided, and Christmas greetings were also extended by Messrs. N. Armstrong, L. A. Cleveland, M. J. Hoath, F. W. Spry and E. H. Peacock, members of the board of management. Charcoal drawings and paper-manipulation competitions, &c., filled in the rest of the evening till supper. A Christmas tree was provided in the library for the amusement of the children of deaf parents.

A committee representing the deaf is completing its programme for the inter-State visit of deaf cricketers at Christmas, when there will be five days of matches for the E. J. D. Abraham shield, a ball, a trip down the Bay, a day in the mountains and a dinner.

ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB

Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melb. C.2

MODERN & OLD TIME DANCE.

at the

Society's Assembly Hall.

Saturday, 13th August 1932, 8.P.M

Ticket 1/- Orchestra

Don Johnston
Hon Secretary.

"Argus"
20th August 1932

GIVE OR GET A MAN A JOB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.

Sir,—Because a man is handicapped by the loss of the sense of hearing, it does not necessarily mean that he is not as skilled a craftsman (or when unskilled, as handy a workman) as the average normal man. Nevertheless, it is but natural that preference goes to the hearing applicant for a job. In these circumstances, with so many thousands out of work, the deaf man is finding it almost impossible to get even a chance of obtaining work. We have on our books a number of deaf men, skilled—carpenters, boot makers, &c.—and others willing to take on anything. Who will give one of these men a trial?—Yours, &c.,

E. J. D. ABRAHAM, Principal Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont, 19th August.

"age"
August 20th 1932

JOBS FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS

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E. J. D. ABRAHAM.
H. PUDDY.
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.
Jolimont, Aug. 19.

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria

Adult Deaf Club House.
Johnson St. East Melb.

A HEARTY WELCOME
TO YOU

and do not miss this

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

THURSDAY, SEPT 22nd 1932, 7.30 PM
(Show Day)

A Good Programme.

SUPPER. Admission FREE.

Church for the Deaf
Johnson St. East Melb.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

to Our
Late President

Mr E.R. PEACOCK.

Sunday Next
September 11th 1932
at 7. P.M.

Adult Deaf Centre.
Johnson Street, East Melb. C.2.

An Invitation
is extended to all to attend the
Cricket Club's
Monster
Penny Dump
Evening

Saturday, October 22nd 1932.
in aid of its fund.

A Host of Attractions which will
keep everybody on tiptoe of expectation.

Admission is FREE but dont
forget to bring your COPPERS as they
will be needed if you desire to win
PRIZES.

Robert Storey
Hon Secretary

LECTURE
illustrated with films
"THE ORIGIN of OIL"

by Mr BREARLEY
of the Shell Co. of Aust. Ltd.

WILL BE THE SUBJECT
for TUESDAY, 23rd AUGUST

A large attendance is requested.

Hearing Friends are cordially invited.

N.B. On account of short notice of this lecture particulars from the Shell Co. were only received on the 19th inst.

R.H. LAMBERT.
(Acting Hon. Sec.)

Mr. Ernest Richard Peacock, who died suddenly at his home in Rivervdale-road, Glenferrie, on Saturday, was connected with the printing trade for 66 years. Born in Gloucestershire, he came to Melbourne as a young man, working at his trade here, in Hobart, and in Napier (N.Z.). When he returned to Melbourne in 1883 he founded the business of Peacock Brothers Pty. Ltd., of which at his death he was governing director. Mr. Peacock, who was 75 years of age, was predeceased by Mrs. Peacock, and his family consisted of three sons and two daughters. One son was killed with the Royal Flying Corps during the war. Consul in Victoria for Czecho-Slovakia, the late Mr. Peacock was president of the Philharmonic Society, and was president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria for over thirty years.

"age"
5th Sept 1932.

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria.
Jolimont Square. Melbourne E.

Church for the Deaf.

Every Sunday. 7. P.M. Divine Worship.
Sunday Oct 2nd Holy Communion

Every Thursday. 8. P.M. Prayer & Lesson.

ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE.

OCTober 1932.

Thursday Sept 29th, 1:30 P.M. Conference of Unemployed Deaf.
Saturday, Oct 1st, 8. P.M. Cricket Club's "Whist Drive" Admission 1/-
Sunday, Oct 2nd, 3:30 P.M. Conference to help Unemployed
Saturday Oct 8th, 8. P.M. Mrs Guild's Picture Night ~~Night~~ Led. for Christmas Toy Fund.
Thursday Oct 13th, 8. 15. P.M. Parent's Night.
Saturday Oct 15th, 8 P.M. Hockey Club's Euchre Tourney.
Saturday Oct 22nd, 8. P.M. Cricket Club's "Penny Dump" Evening.
Saturday Oct 29th. 8. P.M. Tennis Club "Back to Old Time" Social Evening.

Tuesday Nov 1st Cup Day Picnic at "Yarra Park" & the "Centre."

Club House Open Daily 9. a.m. to 10.30 P.M.
(Wednesday 9. a.m to 5 P.M.)

Office Open 9. a.m to 5 P.M Daily.

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Grand Picture Night

in aid of
Christmas Toy Fund
under auspice of Deaf Women's Guild
Saturday, October 8th 1932.
8. P.M.

Admission 1/-

C. Ball.
Hon Secretary

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"Argus"
October 15th 1932

PARENTS OF THE DEAF.

A largely attended gathering of members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and their parents was held at the club house, Jolimont, on Thursday evening. The Deaf Younger Set were responsible for the entertainment, and so successful was the event that a parents' club will be formed and regular social gatherings held. Mr. Norman Armstrong presided.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

November, 1932.

OUR LETTER TO YOU

To One and All.

We have been told, more frequently than ever of late both by deaf and hearing friends, how much the old "Monthly Letter" is missed. It seems to have been looked forward to by a much larger number of people than we thought. It certainly was for very many years a welcomed connecting link between the City and Country deaf, hearing friends and ourselves, and there is a longing for its resurrection. That however is not quite convenient at present. We are sending along this little Newsletter as a temporary communication cord which will unite us until conditions are favourable for a more substantial connecting up. Now that we are again in touch with each other, let us hear more often from your end. Here is our budget of news. Remember we are waiting for a letter from you. Better sit down and write it now.

Our New President.

Mr. L. A. Cleveland is our new President, and his acceptance of the position is good news to our little world. Only those in constant touch with the work of the Society can fully appreciate what it means. For not only does he give abundantly of his own time but that of his staff, and much has been accomplished by him.
Mrs. Cleveland is a frequent and welcome visitor at our Centre.

Mrs. Spry, wife of our new Hon. Treasurer, is making many friends for us by means of dances and other attractions arranged under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and up to the present the Society has received over £50. through these efforts.

The newly appointed Organising Secretary of Women's Auxiliaries, Mrs. Champlin, has entered upon her activities with enthusiasm. She has already arranged a Garden Fete in aid of our Society to be held at Jolimont Square, on Saturday 19th November. Mr. Theodore Fink is to perform the opening ceremony.

Mr. Spry, who so kindly undertook the duties of Hon. Treasurer of our Society until our next Annual Meeting, like Mrs. Spry is taking an active interest in our welfare. Unfortunately he has had to be away from us for two months through illness. We are pleased that he is recovering satisfactorily and will soon be with us again.

Yet another friend to strengthen the vanguard of our Society. Mr. E.J.L. Bremner, being unanimously invited, has accepted a seat on the General Board. Mr. Bremner is a well known business man, and for years has been prominent as an organiser for benevolent work, having raised very many thousands of pounds for hospital and other benevolent institutions.

We would like to see more of our unemployed members employed making useful articles and toys, as are Dick White and Charlie Haynes. Dick is brimming over with activity. He is on his job from early morn, frequently until a late hour at night. The new Lacrosse dressing room is now a going concern as a carpenter's shop, and already there are piles of well made toys and saleable articles in it.

To Help Our Unemployed.

A strong Committee has been formed with our Principal as Chairman, Jim O'Gorman, Hon. Treasurer, and Claude Graham as Organising Secretary, to raise a fund to give our unemployed a worth while gift at Christmas. This movement is to help in several ways. First, our unemployed are to be encouraged to help themselves. Material is being obtained from which they are expected to make toys and useful articles which will be sold at the Exhibition and Sale to be held at our Centre in mid-December. The full amount received for each article, less cost of material, will be handed to the maker. Those who are unable to make saleable goods will be given a liberal commission on all tickets of admission they sell. Every unemployed deaf friend is expected to help in one way or another. Many employed deaf and hearing friends have already promised assistance. Mr. Jim Brooks has sent £1. and promised parcels. Miss Francis Owens and friends (Wangaratta), Miss Caldwell and Miss M. Reiffell (Ballarat) are among the first to help make the Exhibition a success.
The wish of our unemployed is to get back to work. No self-respecting deaf man likes being idle. "We want work" is their slogan. The trouble is none of us have the power to give them work. But we can all do something to help alleviate the position until permanent jobs are available. We shall be glad of word from you telling us how you propose to help.

Principal's Post Bag.

Being extracts from letters and press cuttings from all parts of the world.

Although China must have a population of at least four hundred thousand deaf people, for its total population is four hundred millions, there are only ten small schools with less than four hundred children.

There are 5,733 deaf mutes in Canada, the general population being 9,934,500.

The new buildings of the Roman Catholic School for the Deaf, Cape Town, South Africa, were recently dedicated and blessed by the Revs. F. Lessom and McNutley.

The deaf of U.S.A. are making a vigorous effort for the restoration of silent films. Albert Ballin, a deaf mute artist and author, is the organiser of the movement. He is trying to convince producers by facts and figures that it is to their interests. He says there are 13,000,000 deaf people in the U.S.

No less than eight chaplains to the deaf in England have in recent years left their work amongst the deaf and dumb to become clergy to hearing congregations. W.W. Adamson, A.H. Payne, S.T. Tubbs, T.G. Chetwynd, F. Moore, G.H. Greenslade, C.R.L. Kenworthy, F.W.G. Gilby.

Helen Keller was recently awarded the Honorary L.L.D. Degree of Scotland. During her visit to Scotland, Dr. Keller visited the Henderson Row School for the Deaf and the Langside Deaf School.

There has of late been quite a train of visitors to our old-world garden - Jolimont Square. On these occasions our Church soon becomes the Centre of interest, and everybody wants to know the why and the wherefore of many things and there are always willing enthusiasts ready to tell them, for all of us are only too glad of the opportunity to speak of our "all for happiness" environment.

And that reminds us, how long is it since you were at Divine Worship? Now that the weather is more promising we expect to see larger congregations. Arrangements are in hand for visits from ministers of all Churches. Have you a special minister who you would like to invite to take the Service? This is a great opportunity to introduce your hearing relations and friends. There is talk of Sunday tea at the Club House for those coming from a distance and afternoon fixtures, but more of this later.

Hot mid-day dinner for our unemployed is on the table at our Centre four days a week and there is always a goodly muster gathered at the board, not only for the satisfying of the inner man, but for the camaraderie that is so evident and helpful in these days of difficulties.

Many pleasing developments are not only in the atmosphere but substantially advancing into what may be called the "architect" state of progress. Look out for pleasing new features. Carry this slogan with you: "Watch our Notice Board".

The Lord Mayor of Sydney recently stated that he has a deaf and dumb engineer in his employment who has been with him for over 30 years. The Lord Mayor said that although he is intelligent and efficient he did not have the advantage of a School for the Deaf education.

"The first and only Deaf and Dumb Choir was recently established in Yorkshire" are the opening words of a par going the rounds of the Australian Press. There was a Deaf and Dumb Choir at the Church for the Deaf, Flinders Street, Melbourne, upwards of 20 years ago, and 20 years prior to that one in Bolton, Lancashire.

The population of the British Isles is 49,000,000 and the National Institute for the Deaf recently stated that no less than 3,000,000 of this number have defective hearing in one or both ears. We are also told that instruments to aid hearing can be so cheap as to be within the means of the poor. One is left wondering why the prices for such instruments are so expensive. Also, why those who can afford to do so do not more frequently use them.

Recent gatherings at Our Club House have been exceptionally well attended. The brightest and most harmonious for years past were the Cup Day Picnic and Parents' Social. They will be remembered for their rollicking laughter and whole-hearted merriment. It's good to see our young folk so happy. There was a very large number of deaf from the outer suburbs on Cup Day.

All our Clubs are making strenuous efforts to gather in the wherewithal by means of Whist Drives, Film Shows, Back to Old Times Socials, Euchre Parties, Penny Dumps, etc. We wish we had room for details for there have been some very happy events which would make very pleasant reading.

The General Board and the Deaf Committee, prior to the last quarterly meeting of the General Board, dined together and afterwards the Deaf Committee were guests at the business meeting. It was a pleasant gathering. and some progressive ideas were exchanged.

Francis Owens, of Wangaratta, recently had a visit from her school chum, Gwen Miller of Ringwood. Francis tells us she was very glad to have Gwen with her, that it was just like old times, and was very sorry when the time came for them to part.

Forthcoming Events.

Exhibition and Sale of Work by the Deaf - mid-December.
Children's Christmas Toy Party, 17th December, for our own People's Little Ones.
The event of the year - Christmas Rally, December, 1932. Date to be announced.

Our Final Word.

Best of wishes to all, and do not forget we are expecting an early letter from you.

Ernest J. D. Abraham, Principal.

"Argus" 5th Sept 1932.

OBITUARY.

Mr. E. R. Peacock.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Ernest Richard Peacock, consul for Czechoslovakia, and founder of the firm of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., printers and stationers, Bourke street, which occurred on Saturday night, will be received with regret in business, philanthropic, and Rotary circles. Mr. Peacock was in the city on Saturday morning, and appeared to be in good health, but he collapsed and died suddenly the same evening at his home in Riversdale road, Glenferrie. He was aged 75 years. For 66 years he was connected with the printing trade. Mr. Peacock came from England as a young man, and in 1888 established the firm which bears his name. Mr. Peacock was the first consul for Czechoslovakia in Melbourne, having been appointed in 1924. He was a foundation member of the Melbourne Rotary Club, and he attended the International Rotary Conference at Prague several years ago. Mr. Peacock was then elected an honorary life member of the Prague Rotary Club in recognition of his services to the young men of Czechoslovakia, where he delivered a series of lectures in salesmanship and business methods. Mr. Peacock devoted much of his time to the welfare of the deaf and dumb in Victoria for more than 30 years. He was president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Mr. Peacock was a vice-president of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society, and a leading member of the Masonic Lodge, being past-president of the Board of General Purposes. During the last 18 years of his life Mr. Peacock travelled extensively. Soon after the outbreak of the war in 1914 he went abroad as the honorary representative overseas of the Australian Young Men's Christian Association, first in Egypt, and later in England and France. From Vimy Ridge he heard the last shots fired by the Allied guns. In recent years he visited Japan, America, and Africa. He has left three sons—Charles, Edgar, and Victor—and two daughters—Adele and Elsie. His wife, two daughters, and one son predeceased him. The son, Flight-Lieutenant A. W. Peacock, was killed in France when serving with the Royal Flying Corps. The funeral, which will take place to-day at the Melbourne General Cemetery, will be private.

20 Sept 1932

Mrs Marion M. Champlin has arrived from Sydney to take up a new position—that of organising secretary for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institution, Jolimont. Mrs Champlin came to Melbourne from America at the time the Free Kindergarten movement in Victoria was in the infant stage, and took up the position of supervisor.

"Herald"

November 10th 1932.

Mr Theodore Fink will open a garden fete, to be held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, Jolimont Square, Jolimont, on November 19, at 2.30. The fete will remain open in the evening, when an exhibition of folk and country dances will be given on the lawn. Many additional attractions have been planned for afternoon and evening. Madam Detty, of London, will give free readings at afternoon tea; Miss Kookaburra will be there; the Footscray Schoolboys' Band will play; and there will be Punch and Judy shows and Dutch auctions. Mr E. J. D. Abraham is principal of the Centre, and Mrs M. L. Champlin organising secretary.

The fete has been arranged to raise funds for carrying on the work.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

of Victoria (Incorporated)

Everything for the Deaf and Dumb, EXCEPT a School for Children

HEADQUARTERS:

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Objective: Homes for Dependent Deaf Mutes of both sexes, Relief, Employment, Advice, Central Club House, and Undenominational Church for the Deaf and Dumb of the State.

THE MANUAL ALPHABET.—As used by the Deaf and Dumb



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Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(INCORPORATED)

Headquarters: ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

AND THE

HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM AND BLIND DEAF MUTES
WITH TRAINING FARM FOR MENTALLY DEFECTIVE
AT BLACKBURN, VIC.

BRANCHES AT GEELONG AND BALLARAT

The aim of this Society is to make Full and Complete provision for the whole of the Adult Deaf and Dumb of this State, and to bring into existence conditions that will, so far as is humanly possible, open to our Deaf and Dumb citizens the opportunities available to the normal citizen.

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This Society is NOT CONNECTED with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, which is a RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL for Deaf and Dumb Children.

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D E A F W O M E N ' S G U I L D .

Adult Deaf Centre.
Jolimont Square.
East Melbourne.
C.2.

Dear Friend:-

Xmas is again approaching. With the view of allowing sufficient time for the purchase of presents, please complete the enclosed slip and let me have by 30th November next. The following particulars MUST be given, or no ticket will be sent:- Christian Names of Children, and age of each child up to 12 years, and signed by the parent. Numbered tickets will be sent to you for each child. Toys will be provided for only those whose names are sent in.

Hon Secretary.

GIRLS' NAME — AGE	BOYS' NAME — AGE.

Name of Parent .. ..

P.S. The distribution of presents & toys will be made on CHILDREN'S DAY, Saturday, December 17th, at the "CENTRE" at 3 PM.

GARDEN FETE

AND

SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th 1932

(Afternoon and Evening)

at

ADULT DEAF and DUMB CENTRE

Jolimont Square, Jolimont, East Melbourne

Opened at 2.30 p.m. by

The Hon. Theodore Fink

Practical and Interesting articles for Sale

Footscray School Boy's Band, Miss Kookaburra,
Mandoline Madeline, Punch and Judy Show
Chinese Mystery Laundry, Hoop La
Dutch Auctions.
Madam Detty of London, will give free readings
at afternoon tea.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Silver Coin at Gate

E. J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal

Mrs. M. L. CHAMPLIN,
Organising Secretary

Peacock Bros., Print.

Adult Deaf Centre.
Jolimont Square.
East Melbourne.
C.2.

November 15th 1932.

Dear

The Deaf Men's Guild are holding a "Stag Party" in this Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne on Tuesday, December 6th 1932, at 8 pm. Iam enclosing a ticket & would like a notification, if you intend being present, together with your subscription for the Evening's entertainment, not later than Sunday Night, 4th December. If you wish to bring a friend, kindly send the money including the membership fee of I/- and we will arrange for a ticket to be forwarded.

We would like everyone to be present, so do your best to accept this invitation.

Yours Faithfully,

E.R.NOBLE.

Hon Secretary.

TO OUR LADY FRIENDS.

If unable to help in other ways

will you please send

A CAKE

&

SOME SCONES

for the Cake Stall?

Thank You!

Exhibition and Sale of Work by the Deaf.

Club House,

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

2.30 pm. Saturday, 10th December 1932.

Herald
19th November 1932

FETE AT JOLIMONT

Stalls In Historic Square

ATTRACTED by a fete, many people paid their first visit today to the headquarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in Jolimont Square. Mrs Marion Champlin, who took over the duties of general secretary in October, had every reason to be pleased with the result of her first money-making effort—this garden fete.

In a garden of Old World charm, a variety of wares were set out attractively to tempt buyers. Fortunately, they did not need much tempting. They knew what was expected of them.

Few fetes could have boasted such an interesting environment. This garden, acquired by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, was a barrack square in Melbourne's early days. This is where the beaux and belles — these in their crinolines and cottage bonnets—used to promenade on Sunday afternoons to the music of the garrison band. The quaint houses still encircling the garden were built for soldiers' quarters.

In opening today's fete, Mr Theodore Fink paid tribute to the humane service of this society, which is doing so much to bring color into the lives of those bereft of hearing and speech.

The Mystery Stall provided a gay splash of color to The Square today. This was decked with Chinese banners and panel embroideries. The sellers were in Oriental dress. Here Miss Maud Hazel—who left off being "Miss Kookaburra" to become a Chinese lady—was in charge. She had a lady-in-waiting playing the mandoline.

The verandah of the main building attracted many customers. Tea-cup reading provided the draw. Mrs L. A. Cleveland, wife of the president, and Mrs R. J. Oehr, did brisk business with the sale of fancy goods. Mrs F. W. Spry sold sweets and "hankies." In charge of the jumble stall was Mrs L. Sutton Jones. Miss Dot Armstrong ran a flower stall, while Mrs N. Armstrong, Mrs Edgar Peacock and Mrs M. J. Holt offered more practical stock in the way of provisions for the larder.

Mrs Champlin and Mr Abrahams kept themselves free to lend a helping hand wherever one was needed. The garden will be illuminated tonight, and the young students of Miss Alice Uren will give a display of acrobatic dancing on the lawn. There will be other attractions also.

Sun
21st November 1932

Garden Fete and Sale

AS the opening of a campaign for publicity a garden fete and sale was held on Saturday afternoon and evening in the grounds of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, East Malvern, to raise funds for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. It was opened by Mr. Theodore Fink, who was introduced by the president of the society (Mr. L. A. Cleveland).

Mr. Fink spoke of the energy of the committee and its tireless work to make this society effective and well supported, and said it was to be admired that it was so successful when the institution got no assistance from the Government or the State.

Much credit is due to the organising secretary, Mrs. M. L. Champlin, for the success of the fete. Members of the board of management present were:—Mr. R. J. Oehr (honorary secretary), Miss E. R. Empson (assistant secretary), Cr. N. Armstrong, Mr. M. J. Hoath, Mr. E. H. Peacock and Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham (principal).

Jock, the small Scotch terrier of Mr. Cleveland, dressed in a tartan skirt, caused much amusement and was the means of making more money for the society also the many side shows which included:—Items by the Footscray School Boys' Band, Miss Kookaburra and Mandoline Madeline, a Punch and Judy show and a Chinese mystery laundry, run by Miss Hazel Maude.

In charge of the various stalls were:—Mrs. L. A. Cleveland (fancy goods), Mrs. F. W. Spry (handkerchiefs and sweets), Mrs. L. Sutton-Jones (jumble), Mrs. E. H. Peacock and Mrs. M. J. Hoath (provisions), Mrs. N. Armstrong (cakes), and Miss D. Armstrong (flowers).

"Argus"
21st November 1932

FETE AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The quaint old garden surrounding the Adult Deaf and Dumb centre in Jolimont square, East Melbourne, was a gay scene on Saturday afternoon and evening, when an outdoor fete and evening entertainment was organised in aid of maintenance funds. Little children in pictorial Eastern garb popped in and out of a sideshow entitled "The Chinese Mystery Laundry," where in return for a small sum the visitor could obtain "mystery parcels" done up in gay papers. In place of the usual branpie a huge tree was hung with orange and lemon packets concealing surprise gifts; while close to the tree a pile of golden oranges bore lucky numbers entitling the holders to a prize. "Little Miss Kookaburra" helped to amuse the gathering of adults and children, while a Punch and Judy show attracted an eager crowd. The various stalls included a charming stand piled with posies of flowers. The Footscray school boys' band provided incidental music, and in the evening the garden was illuminated, and there was dancing in the hall. A feature of the entertainment was the dancing exhibition arranged by Miss Alice Uren. The fete was opened by Mr. Theodore Fink, who was introduced by the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), and was presented with a button-hole of flowers by a small girl. Mr. Fink spoke in high terms of the beneficent work carried on so tirelessly by the president and board of management and by the principal (Mr. Ernest J. D.

"Age"
21st November 1932

JOLIMONT SQUARE FETE.

For Deaf and Dumb Society.

Jolimont-square, with its old associations with the early history of Melbourne, made the delightful garden setting for the fete arranged by a special committee of women to raise funds to enable the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria to carry on its work. The gaily decorated stalls were arranged about the garden, while afternoon tea was served on the verandah of the club house at the entrance to the square. A Chinese mystery laundry created much interest, and its youthful attendants in gay coolie costumes added yet another note of color and quaintness to the scheme. A Punch and Judy show seemed to fill a special niche in the old world setting. A growing tree, covered with parcels tied in brightly colored papers, made an attractive change from the more usual bran pie. In the evening the whole garden was lighted with a thousand colored lights, and the pupils of Miss Alice Uren danced on the lawns, while the hall in the club house made a ballroom for other visitors to the fete. During the afternoon the Footscray school boys' band provided an attractive programme of music. The fete was opened by Mr. T. Fink, who was introduced by Mr. L. A. Cleveland, the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Stallholders and helpers included Mrs. L. A. Cleveland (fancy stall), Mrs. F. W. Spry (handkerchiefs and sweets stall), Mr. L. Sutton-Jones (jumble stall), Mrs. E. H. Peacock and Mrs. M. J. Hoath (provision stall), Mrs. N. Armstrong (cake stall), Miss O. Armstrong (flower stall), Miss Hazel March (Chinese mystery laundry), Mrs. L. A. Cleveland and Mrs. F. W. Spry acted as joint honorary secretaries of the organising committee, and the secretary of the women's auxiliaries (Mrs. M. L. Champlin) and the principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) gave valued assistance in many ways.

Sun
21st November 1932.



Mr. Theodore Fink, chairman of directors of The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd., who opened the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute's garden fete at Jolimont on Saturday, accepting a buttonhole from Valda Hoath.

Adult Deaf Club House,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

29th November, 1932

To the Deaf and All Interested in their Welfare.

Dear Friends,

At 2.30 on Saturday, 10th December it will be up to all of us to be prompt in attendance at the opening of the Exhibition and Sale of Toys and Useful Articles made by, and to be sold for, our unemployed.

We expect to see all families, relations, and friends of the Deaf represented at this effort. Come and help us to make it a successful venture financially and a happy occasion socially.

Bring a party with you. It is immensely encouraging to the workers to see people arriving early and in groups.

You can help right away by selling tickets amongst your friends (6d. admission). Shall we send you some?

You can safely promise your friends a pleasant afternoon and evening - quite out of the ordinary and to be remembered.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

To Hearing Friends,

Have you ever visited the Adult Deaf Club House, in its quaint old world Garden, and its still quainter Church in Jolimont Square, Melbourne East?

This beauty spot is the rallying place of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, and there is always a hearty welcome for interested hearing friends. Here is an opportunity for you to make the acquaintance of dwellers in a little world apart from the great outside throbbing world, and with activities peculiar to itself. Help the Unemployed Deaf & Dumb by buying this ticket, and come on the 10th December and spend an hour or two with them.

In Aid of Unemployed Deaf and Dumb

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

AN EXHIBITION

and Sale of Toys and Useful Articles
MADE BY UNEMPLOYED DEAF AND DUMB
will be held on
Saturday, 10th December, 1932,
and opened at 2.30 p.m. by Miss Alice Graham
(Mrs. L. A. Cleveland, presiding)
at the
Adult Deaf Club House
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East
Many Amusements
This is the place to buy your Christmas Presents

Admission, 6d. This ticket may win a handsome prize. 950 - See oth[illegible]

"Argus"
9th December 1932

FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

As part of a movement to encourage the unemployed among the adult members of the Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria an exhibition of toys and useful articles made by the unemployed members for sale will be opened at the adult deaf mute centre, Jolimont square, East Melbourne, on Saturday, December 10, at half-past 2 o'clock. Miss Alice Graham, who has subscribed £25 for the last 15 months to be distributed among the unemployed, will open the exhibition.

"Sun"
10th December 1932

Deaf and Dumb Display of Work Today

An exhibition of deaf and dumb work, toys and other useful articles, will be opened at the society's headquarters, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, at 2.30 today. The proceeds are in aid of the unemployed deaf and dumb.

"Argus"
12th December 1932

Deaf Mutes' Sale of Work.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society organised an exhibition and sale of work at its headquarters on Saturday in connection with the effort to assist unemployed mutes, some of whom have had no work for three years. The society has assisted the needy cases, one deaf member (Miss Alice Graham) having contributed £500 for this purpose. The sale of work was the result of a "get busy" movement by which toys and household articles have been made at the society's headquarters, Jolimont. Mrs. L. A. Cleveland, wife of the president of the society, presided at the opening, and Miss Alice Graham declared the exhibition open. The sale was most successful.

"Sporting Globe"
December 1932

D. JOHNSON, a slow spin bowler who specialises in leg breaks, is the mainstay of the Adult Deaf attack. Against St. Kilda C.Y.M.C. he constantly had the batsmen in trouble and took 6-40. Johnson has now captured 14 wickets in three matches. He is also a capable batsman.

"Leader"
17th December 1932

The Herald

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1932



AN EXHIBITION AND SALE of toys and other articles was held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institution at Jolimont this afternoon. A picture taken early today of helpers arranging the display of exhibits.









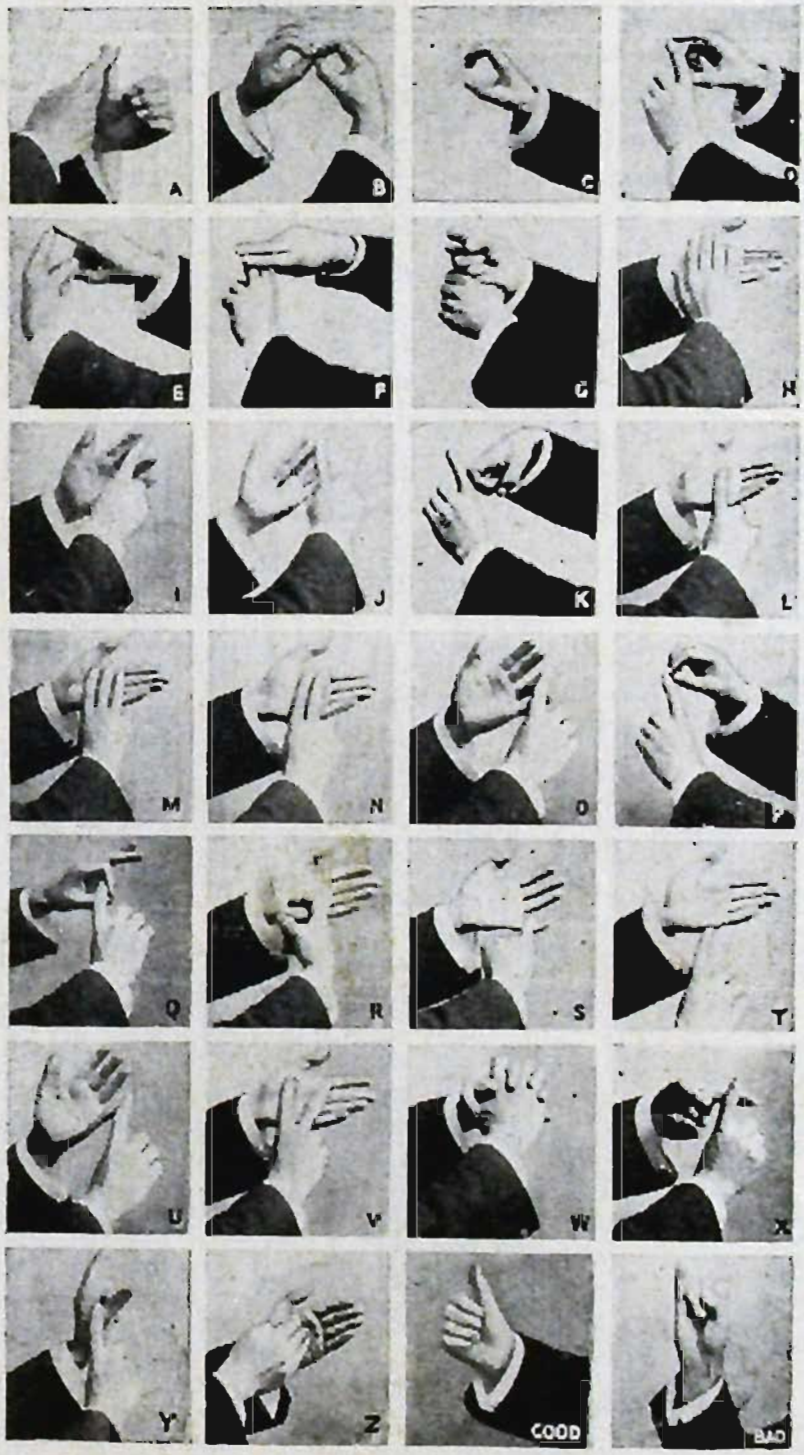




1. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, Principal of the Society, Welcoming Visitors. 2. The Principal with Mr. M. J. Heath, Board of Management, and Mr. L. A. Cleveland, President. 3. Mrs. L. A. Cleveland and Miss Alice Graham. 4. The Deaf and Dumb Church. 5. Deaf and Dumb Members of the Society with some of the Toys. 6. Some of the Deaf and Dumb Girls.

CHRISTMAS TOYMAKERS.—THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA OPENS AN EXHIBITION OF TOYS MADE BY MEMBERS WHO ARE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Manual Alphabet as used by the Deaf and Dumb.



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The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Incorporated)

Headquarters: JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

OBJECTIVE: To be EVERYTHING to the Deaf and Dumb of this State after they leave school.

PROVIDING—

A WELFARE CENTRE, with expert officers, ready to go anywhere in Victoria, to assist in obtaining employment, give relief and advice, visit the sick and others at their homes, and act as interpreters, etc., for them.

A SOCIAL CLUB HOUSE, where everything is done to provide entertainment suited to their handicap.

A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CHURCH, where Divine Worship is conducted in their own language.

A Home for Aged, Infirm and Dependent Deaf Mutes (both sexes).

OPEN TO ALL DEAF AND DUMB PEOPLE

Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C.2.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In Victoria there are about one thousand of our fellow citizens who are deaf and dumb.

Their deafness is a barrier to social intercourse between us and them, and shuts them out from most of the ordinary things that are "life itself" to normal people:—Divine Worship, the Drama, Music, Song, Talkies, Wireless, Telephone, Public Functions, and even the voice of our loved ones.

The objective of this Society is to provide as many substitutes for these as is humanly possible.

You could render splendid service to these doubly handicapped folk by spending even an hour of your time in interesting your friends in their welfare. Who of your friends would turn down an appeal on behalf of fellow citizens up against such odds? Will you help us to help them?

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.
PHONE, J 1270

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All communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed to the

Principal
Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath the sum of £..... to the Treasurer for the time being of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria for the use of the said Society, for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

TO OUR GIRLS.

It will please everybody, your Principal in particular, to see all our girls present at the Opening Ceremony of Our Exhibition & Sale of Work in aid of Our Unemployed- 2.30 pm. Saturday, 10th December 1932.

Miss Alice Graham is to perform the ceremony and Mrs. Cleveland will preside. With you in attendance looking your brightest and with your sweetest smile, the show will be a sure success. You do want to help, we know, and will willingly set aside that afternoon for this purpose.

Meet in the Principal's room at 2.15 pm. so to be ready to escort Mrs. Cleveland and Miss Graham to the Opening.

We also need volunteers for the Flower and the Cake Stalls, and for Refreshments.

Exhibition and Sale of Work by the Deaf

Club House,

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

2.30 pm. Saturday, 10th December 1932.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Adult D. f Centre,

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

The Board of Management are looking forward to seeing you and all deaf friends at

OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY

on Tuesday, 20th December, at 7.45 pm.

The President

Mr. L. A. Cleveland

will preside.

Games Competitions Christmas Cheer Supper

"Age"
22nd December 1932

DEAF AND DUMB CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The annual Christmas rally of the members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has just been held. This Christmas, because of the ever-increasing numbers in attendance and the smallness of the hall, it was preceded by a party for the children of deaf and dumb parents.

The President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, paid a tribute to the work of the late Mr. E. R. Peacock, as president, and to his long period of service to the society. Mr. Cleveland specially commended the unemployed deaf for their highly successful effort in assisting themselves by making toys and useful articles and organising a sale of their goods.

The Principal, Mr. E. D. J. Abrahams, said this year had been one of the most successful for many years past. The deaf had proved themselves more willing every month in giving their services to the many causes which the society has had before it. He paid a tribute to the generosity of Miss Alice Graham, who had given more than £300 a year for the past two years for the relief of unemployment among the deaf of this State.

Mr. A. Sutherland responded on behalf of the deaf and dumb of Victoria, and Mr. R. White, on behalf of the unemployed, made a handsome presentation to Miss Graham in appreciation of her practical interest in them.

"Herald"

DEAF MUTE IN COURT

Cannot Understand Charge

A middle-aged woman—a deaf mute who could not read or write, or understand the sign language—appeared before Mr Bond, P.M., in the City Court today on a shoplifting charge.

The court could find no way of conveying to her the meaning of the charge, and she was remanded until December 29 for medical observation.

Evidence was given that she was arrested last week in a city store, and that in her handbag were found articles of men's and women's wear, trinkets and linen goods, allegedly stolen from John Snow and Co. Pty. Ltd., the Myer Emporium, Buckley and Nunn Pty. Ltd., and Ball and Welch Ltd.

"SUBNORMAL INTELLIGENCE"

Sergeant De La Rue told the Court he was at a loss to understand what to do with the woman. The arresting constable at the shop said that employes had been unable to make her understand any questions. The service of a deaf and dumb sign language expert had been sought, but he also proved unsuccessful. The only method by which partial understanding could be reached with her was through two women who employed her as a domestic servant.

By sign language known only to the three women, her two employers had made her understand certain of the questions and obtained partially intelligible replies to the questions. These women confessed, however, that they were unable to convey to her the meaning of the charge of larceny or give her any indication that she had committed a crime and was being asked to plead guilty or not guilty to it.

The Superintendent of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute, East Melbourne (Mr Abrahams) said that he had interviewed the woman and had tried unsuccessfully to talk to her in the sign language. From her actions and responses he thought that she possessed the understanding of a very small child.

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Under auspices of

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD BENEVOLENT FUND

CHILDREN'S DAY

Saturday, 17th December, 1932,
at 3 p.m.

Present this ticket to
Father Xmas

Tea 5.30

Adult Deaf Centre,

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

1st January 1933.

Dear Friends,

The three last months of the year just closed were months of remakrable activity in our little world. Indeed 1932 was a wonderful year in every way - perhaps the most successful for co-operative effort since coming to Jolimont Square.

I wish to congratulate the Deaf Committee and every Guild and Club upon the effective work accomplished. Let us keep up the highstandard attained by working together in the same Spirit of Unity and Mutual Understanding throughout 1933 and we may look forward with confidence to a very happy and prosperous year. Our General Board have a gigantic task before them, but they can be trusted to pull our Society through all its financial difficulties.

It is for us, and a pleasant occupation it should be, to make the Church and the Clubhouse THE rendezvous of all sections of the Deaf Community. I expect, this year, to see every member of our Clubs and Guilds pulling his or her weight in our progressive movements. Attend meetings as frequently as you are able.

There is a big programme of constructive work before us, an outline of which will be announced after Divine Service on Sunday, January 8th.

I hope to see all ex-pupils of Schools for the Deaf who are interested in the future of the Deaf at Church on this occasion. Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

I am yours faithfully.

Ernest J. D. Abraham

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria.

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Church for the Deaf

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1935 at 3.0pm.

Divine Worship.

Holy Communion.

Important Message

to the Congregation.

Adult Deaf Centre

Thursday, January 12th at 8.15pm.
(after Prayer & Lesson in the Church)

Opening of new Class Meetings.

Subjects to be announced weekly.

Other meetings as usual.

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The Organ of the Deaf in this State. **Edited by Wm. H. Crush.**

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We Wish All Our Readers

A Very

Happy Christmas

and a

Bright and Prosperous

New Year.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND MESSAGES.

From Members of the General Board of Management, A.D. and D. Society of Victoria.

FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT, MR. L. A. CLEVELAND.

In view of the close approach of the Festive Season I take this opportunity to wish all members and friends of the Society, both deaf and hearing, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At the close of the year it is, I think, a good thing to look back and see how we have fared during the past twelve months, and, with a view to our efforts in the coming year, to judge as to whether we can profit by our past experience.

The depression which has hung over us for some three years has not yet lifted, although we can, I believe, see signs of improvement, and in view of the financial difficulties through which we are all passing I want to say a word of thanks for the loyal way in which most of our subscribers have stood behind us. Many have, perforce, been compelled to reduce the amount of their donations, but we understand the necessity and appreciate all the more their practical and sympathetic help. Our thanks are also due to the Ladies' Auxiliary, and although this movement is still in its infancy, the enthusiasm and keenness displayed by the ladies augurs well for the coming year. The various committees have carried on their various functions in spite of difficulties and warm thanks are due to them also.

Turning to the New Year, one outstanding feature presents itself, and that is the necessity for all to pull together harmoniously and with but one object in view—the betterment of those who are less fortunately placed than ourselves. If we unite in one common endeavour to bring happiness and comfort to those who need it, our own happiness in the New Year will be assured.

L. A. CLEVELAND.

From Mr. J. HOATH.

Dear Editor,—

Once again Christmas approaches and so the end of another year. Christmas time is "Greeting" time, and Christmas Greetings, to my mind, mean and convey more than any other. They have been exchanged by Christian people each year since Christ's birth, and convey such a wealth of good wishes. What is finer between friends than a hearty hand-shake and a cheery "Merry Christmas"?

I would like to meet all my Deaf and Dumb friends at Christmas time and greet them personally; but, as that is impossible, I take the best of several alternatives and beg permission to extend my greetings per the columns of our own magazine.

Our Society has had rather an eventful year (1932), and, all things considered, a very fair one. I have thoroughly enjoyed my associations with the Society, and if we continue to pull together and maintain that wonderful spirit of friendship which has hitherto existed between us, next year must be equally happy to us all.

Mr. Editor, I sincerely extend to you and to all my friends of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the Merriest of Merry Christmases and the Brightest of Bright and Prosperous New Years.

Sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. HOATH,

Chairman, Farm and Home Committee.

From Mr. S. E. WATKIN.

The year that is closing has been to one and all a severe test of character, and I trust we all have come through according to true British standard.

May the coming year be such that will gladden the hearts of all and unite us in one big brotherhood.

S. E. WATKIN.

From Mr. N. ARMSTRONG.

Christmas is with us again and the commencement of another New Year not far off. Let us be cheery about it and hope for better times to come. May the Society prosper and continue its good work, and to its individual members I extend the old, old wish—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's a thought to carry through 1933; it is not new, but it is often forgotten—"Whatever you would like men to do to you, do just the same to them."

NORMAN ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

From the HON. EDITOR.

Once again Christmas is at hand, with all its accompanying blessings and cheerful greetings, and memories of past festive seasons. My message to ALL is one of goodwill.

"Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," is a world condition we should all strive to reach, not only at Christmas time, but at ALL times. If we all follow the teachings of Christ, who said, "Love ye one another," goodwill would be natural to all of us.

The year now drawing to an end has been a hard one to many, but let the New Year give us new hope, courage, and a determination to climb back to prosperity.

To ALL readers and their friends I extend the heartiest of the season's greetings, and may the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to ALL of us.

WM. H. CRUSH, Hon. Editor, "Vic. Deaf News."

From Mr. R. J. OEHR.

To members of the Society I send Christmas greetings, with happiest recollections, kindest regards, and best wishes for a New Year full of enriching experience.

R. J. OEHR, Hon. Secretary.

From Mr. E. H. PEACOCK.

Christmas is with us again and I gladly embrace this opportunity of extending greetings and good wishes to all my friends in the silent world.

We have passed through another year with all its difficulties and problems, some of them still unsolved, perhaps; but let us go forward into 1933 with high hopes and expectations and with the determination to put our shoulders to the wheel, and by our mutual help and co-operation make it the brightest milestone in the history of the Society.

Let us express our gratitude to the Divine Creator for all the blessings we have received, and let us look to Him with perfect trust to guide us through the coming year.

EDGAR H. PEACOCK.

From Mr. G. FETHERS.

At this time of the year our thoughts are very much with those to whom we are attached, wishing them all kinds of good things; and as it is a pleasure to me to be associated with the deaf members of this Society, I am glad of the opportunity to wish you all a Christmas of peace and goodwill and a New Year bringing to you a succession of fulfilments of your brightest wishes.

GEF. FETHERS.

From Our Superintendent, Mr. E. J. D. ABRAHAM.

My Dear People,—

Christmas! What memories that one word conveys to us all. Is there another word that has like power to strengthen faith, sooth the troubled mind, and open the heart? At this time we are more ready to forget and forgive; to shelve self for service to others.

This will (D.V.) be my fiftieth Christmas with the Deaf, and I am able to look back upon each and every one that has passed with pleasing thoughts. Our last Christmas together was a very happy one.

May the same harmony and goodwill continue, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year 1933.

God bless you all.

Yours affectionately,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, Principal.

From Mr. G. W. SWEETLAND.

With the approach of the Christmas season I would like to express to all my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and to express the hope that with the advent of the New Year the clouds of depression will be lifted and that the coming year will be the happiest you will have known.

G. W. SWEETLAND.



MR. WM. H. CRUSH.

Continuing the policy adopted by the Deaf Committee about two years ago of reproducing from time to time photographs of prominent deaf members of our Society, the Magazine Committee have chosen a picture of Mr. Wm. H. Crush for this issue of our magazine.

Besides being a member of the General Board of our Society, Mr. Crush is also a member of the Deaf Committee, Hon. Editor of our own magazine, Vice-President of Adult Deaf Cricket Club, Lacrosse Club and Men's Guild, and is a prominent member of several other committees inside and outside of our Society, some of a national character for the deaf.

[Editorial Note—Being aware that some folk are fond of "blowing their own trumpets," I shall not fall into their error by writing my own autobiography here, because it is simply not done.]

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR AND FAR.

A glorious week packed with wonderful sight-seeing was the verdict given by Miss A. Graham, who spent a week as the guest of Mrs. J. E. Muir at Warburton, just a little while ago.

The two Hately Brothers, of Terang, have made themselves conspicuous of late, as one or the other has at times made his appearance at our Centre a good many times, and the last time we saw one of them was when Willie turned up for the football premiership final, the result of which, he said, was worth the 140 miles' travelling.

After some months' absence with her people in Bendigo, Miss L. Sanders came down for a week or two during the later part of October, and then went off to take a position temporarily with Mrs. S. Jeans, of Drouin, Gippsland. It is hoped that the change of environment will be beneficial to her. She expects to be away for three months.

W. Anderson was called up by the Government Labour Bureau for road work up Whitland way, via Whitfield, and was on the job for about a month, when he returned on receipt of an urgent telegram advising him to start at his old trade at Sharp Bros., timber merchants. A bright augury for the future of the unemployed, we hope.

Another member of our unemployed has been fortunate to be called up for work at his old trade—D. Driscoll at boxmaking at Moore's Timber Mills.

Mr. Les. Owen has been given a start at the Richmond Brewery and we hope he likes his new job there.

A note from Jack Anderson, of Swan Hill, appreciating the receipt of the "Victorian Deaf Notes," remarking that three months is too long an interval between its issues. He also deplored the inactivities of the unemployed deaf in not going out into the country to look for work, especially on sheep stations and harvesting, which is plentiful at present, although less than in previous years. Said he was not sorry to leave Melbourne.

Brief and to the point. "I like the 'Victorian Deaf Notes' very much," was the epistle written by R. Daniels, of Deaf Mutes' Home, to our Editor. We are glad to know that our paper is appreciated by the inmates there.

Mr. and Mrs. Allinson, of Wonthaggi, were in town some time in October, and we were pleased to see them again. Mrs. Allinson made a longer stay than her husband, who had to return to work earlier.

In our last issue of the "News" we mentioned Mr. Curtin's accident, and that he was in the Melbourne Hospital. Since then he was transferred to our Blackburn Home and has been there ever since and doing well. He is very happy amongst the people, with whom he can converse there, and the environment suits him. We hope he will be quite his old self soon.

Helen Keller was recently awarded the Honorary LL.D. Degree of Scotland, and whilst touring that country she visited the Henderson Row School for the Deaf and the Langside Deaf School.

Mr. J. Cardwell, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, is at present in hospital, recuperating after an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Winnie Henry is making an extended stay with Mrs. Cardwell while Mr. Cardwell is in hospital. Trust the change will do her good after the city life.

Mr. J. Harris, of Coburg, had a severe illness last month, and is now recuperating at the Blackburn Home.

Miss Gwen Miller, of Ringwood, called to see us soon after her return from her holidays at Wangaratta as guest of Miss Frances Owens. She reported grand times there. She is making an effort to try and come a little oftener to our Club House and meet her old schoolmates. She was with us on Cup Day, and so enjoyed herself that she was reluctant to leave until very late.

Miss Edna Sandon, of Chelsea, is now working in the City. Chelsea is about 20 miles from Melbourne, and we hope she will not weary of her long journey each day.

Miss Iris Wouda, of Williamstown, has also made a start, and we wish them both success.

It is sincerely hoped that a position will soon be found for Willie Gorin, of Williamstown. At present he is helping to make some articles for the forthcoming bazaar at the Centre on the 10th of December.

Miss Marjorie Sandon was, with her sister Edna and brother Fred, at our Annual Cup Day Picnic, and enjoyed herself immensely.

Mr. W. Duncan, of Coldstream, was in town for a day for treatment for facial trouble. We expect to see him again in about a fortnight's time.

Mr. H. G. Smith, of Myall, via Kerang, in his long letter to the Editor, in which he enclosed his subscription for the magazine, stated how deeply he appreciates the receipt of our "News," remarking that it was quite a god-send to them. He had quite a lot to say of the adventures that befell him recently. He had the misfortune to hurt his left eye through being struck by a piece of leather off a stockwhip, which necessitated his attention by a specialist at Bendigo. Another incident was the fraudulent utterance of a cheque, which has been altered at his expense, by a youth whom he engaged to work on his farm, who has since been arrested and is awaiting trial at Bendigo. He regretted that he could not see his way to assist in any way with the unemployed bazaar, but would be quite willing to employ any deaf young man at present in Melbourne who desires work, who has had previous farming experience, including milking. He would be pleased to hear from anyone at their earliest, or please communicate with the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, or his assistants, who will advise re conditions required.

"Had a real jolly good time," was what Mesdames Crompton and Lindsay said after a fortnight's holiday at Daylesford recently.

The Hon. Editor has been informed that, following the example of Victorian H.O.H., pioneers of lip-reading classes in Australia for adults, a Tasmanian class on similar lines was recently begun at the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Hobart.

The Committee of the Tasmanian Institution for the Deaf and Blind state in their annual report that work with the adult deaf and dumb has not been possible to quite the same extent as in recent years, due to the additional effort required to meet prevailing financial conditions.

E. Martin received a start in his old trade again, corkmaking department. We trust it will be permanent.

Mrs. Hartley is back home after a couple of weeks' sojourn at Eurca, where she has been recuperating for health sake. She looked much better for the trip and change.

Edward Mann, of Sydney, is at present taking shelter at our Blackburn Home. It was a good while ago, probably four or five years, when we last saw him. Although a New South Welshman, Victoria appealed to him as a home away from home, for time after time he came to seek the pleasurable benefits provided by our Society.

Miss R. Dow spent a delightful week in Ballarat during October. She visited Mrs. E. Doney and Mr. Maurice Mark and attended the Saturday gathering of the local deaf people. She spent a very happy evening with them.

THE HON. EDITOR'S INTERSTATE TRIP.

During his recent visit to Queensland and New South Wales, the Honorary Editor (Mr. W. H. Crush) visited all the Institutions, Societies, Missions, and New Associations for the Deaf and Dumb in those States, and gained much first-hand information and new ideas and inside comparisons as to methods or systems used by each separate Boards of Management, in their welfare work for their own States' adult deaf, and the degree of success attained by each.

The adult deaf of these two sister States of the north wish to be remembered to their Victorian deaf friends, and requests the Hon. Editor to convey to all hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

He was cordially welcomed by our northern deaf folk, where he met so many old friends and quite a number of ex-Victorians, who have migrated to New South Wales or Queensland. Mr. Crush was impressed with the information gained in deaf circles during his jaunt, much of which has already been conveyed to the Melbourne deaf at various meetings, social gatherings, and At Home parties; but space does not permit of a detailed report of the various functions Mr. Crush attended at the invitation of our northern deaf friends. He speaks in appreciative terms of the courtesy and warm welcome extended to himself by the leaders and deaf friends in each State, and is looking forward to meeting many of them again during the festive season in Sydney, at the forthcoming Conference of Delegates of the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf.

The formation of the A.A.A.D. has created great enthusiasm in Australian deaf circles recently, as is evident by the increased membership, especially in New South Wales and Queensland. Of a total membership of about 400, Victorians number over 130 already. By uniting, the Australian deaf are merely following the example of, and coming into line with, the deaf of overseas, notably the "N.A.D." of U.S.A., and the "B.D. & D. Association" of Great Britain, and marks a progressive step forward in the history of the adult deaf of Australia.

It is one other evidence that the deaf of Australia are **emerging from the limbo** in which they have existed for so long and are assuming a recognised place in the universal scheme of things.

THE HON. EDITOR.

PARENTS' PARTY.

It is a long time since there has been a Parents' Party at our Centre, nevertheless the one held on the 13th October was so much enjoyed by everyone that arrangements are in hand for another merry meeting in the near future. The weather was anything but inviting, therefore the large attendance of hearing and deaf was very much appreciated.

Mr. Armstrong, Chairman of the General Board, and Mr. Hoath, Chairman of the Home and Farm Committee, welcomed the parents and friends of our deaf folk, and the Principal gave a short address and explained the object of the gathering.

The Younger Set arranged a most entertaining programme, and, led by Miss Elsie Stephens and Mr. Harry Paddy, carried it through in real carnival spirit.

It was good to hear the joyous laughter that resounded through the hall while the games were being played. Supper completed a most successful function.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

The Anniversary Rally, in celebration of the coming to Australia of our Principal, Ernest J. D. Abraham, was held on the evening of 23rd September. It was preceded by the weekly little service in our church. Mr. J. M. Johnston acted as chairman, and before com-

mencing the evening's programme asked those present, as a mark of respect and esteem to our late President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) to stand for a minute's silence, which all did most reverently.

The Chairman then gave a short address complimenting Mr. Abraham, who was the guest of the evening, on yet another year of useful service to the Victorian deaf, making a total of 31 years here and over 50 years from when he first started in England. Mr. Abraham briefly responded, thanking one and all for their long and loyal service to himself and the Society, and said that much of his success was due to the loyal help given him by the deaf. The evening's programme was in the form of a vaudeville show, and was as follows:—Recitation by Mr. H. Puddy, humorous stories by Mr. Geo. Newnham, conjuring tricks by Mr. N. S. Webb, manipulating paper dresses of dolls' competition by ladies, blackboard drawings by gents, sewing competition, etc., and the evening wound up with a comedy film of "Mickey's Follies." Supper was served as usual.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

A further meeting of the Deaf Women's Guild was held on the 13th September. A reading of subjects was given by Misses D. Hickey and R. Dow. Miss Hickey gave an interesting account of a trip to Europe, being accomplished by someone in three months at £100. Miss R. Dow gave a similar subject, called "Just Getting Out of a Groove."

At the meeting of the Guild, held on the 11th October, a letter of appreciation from Mr. J. Paul, of Queensland, together with gift of a framed photo. of Miss Overend Wilson, of Queensland, were read and shown to the members. Mrs. Williamson spoke a few words of Mrs. Wilson's wonderful activities amongst the deaf of Queensland.

Then Mrs. T. Peters gave a very interesting paper written by Mr. I. Harada (a Japanese tennis player) on "What I Think About Australia," and Mrs. J. Johnston gave a little grammar lesson.

The next meeting of the Guild was held on the 8th November, and Mrs. Paterson gave a paper on "Royal Service," which was very good, and the evening was then devoted to talks on antiques brought by members, and a very interesting evening it was, too.

In order to help swell the Deaf Women's Guild Benevolent Funds, a most successful picture night was held on 8th October, which brought in the sum total of £3/16/10, and it goes to the Children's Christmas Toy Fund.

Another picture night by the above Guild was held on the 12th November, in aid of the Christmas Toy Fund. Value of tickets sold amounted to £1/0/6.

C.B.

GENERAL BOARD AND DEAF COMMITTEE.

At the invitation of the members of the General Board, the members of the Deaf Committee dined with them on 19th September at our Centre, and a very pleasant time was spent. Dinner over, amidst wreaths of smoke many helpful ideas and suggestions were exchanged, after which all present attended the General Board Meeting. We understand there are to be more of these gatherings.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

The subject given on September 13th at the above meeting was "Quotations of Famous Men," by members, which was very interesting. On 27th September Mr. W. O'Bryan entertained us with a very interesting talk on his experiences up Mildura way recently in the grape-growing industry. At this same meeting night Mr. W. Wood tendered his resignation as hon. secretary, and Mr. E. R. Noble was appointed. Mr. R. R. Lambert, who has been acting hon. secretary for the last three or four months, was heartily thanked for his assistance.

A debate was held on 11th October on "Should Sunday Observances be Strictly Observed?" Mr. C. Graham took the affirmative side and Mr. E. R. Noble the negative. The final result was for the affirmative side, with the narrowest of margin.

On 25th October Mr. T. A. Nelson gave an amusing paper on "Blessed Women," spiced with many humorous stories.

Owing to an unusually large number of absentees, the meeting fixed for November 8th was cancelled. The syllabus showed a paper on "Bees" by Mr. E. Noble, the hon. secretary.

On 29th November Mr. R. H. Luff gave a Shakespearian play story on "Macbeth," which was good and well received.

TENNIS CLUB NOTES.

In view of many picture nights and card parties on various dates, the Tennis Club hit upon a novel title for their social evening, "Back to Old Times Games," on 29th October, when the players reverted to play "old time games" again. The attendance was good and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The court is well patronised by a small but select band of enthusiasts, who turn up regularly, rain or shine. It was intended to hold a picture night on 29th (Henley Night), but through difficulty in obtaining suitable films the project was abandoned.

E.R.N.

HOCKEY CLUB NOTES.

The Hockey Club ran a very pleasant euchre tournament on the evening of 5th November, in the Assembly Hall of our Centre, which was won by Miss E. O'Gorman and Mr. Don Johnston respectively. Supper as usual brought the evening to a pleasant close.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

The Hockey Club members and supporters sprung a pleasant surprise upon their vice-president and delegate, Miss E. Empson, on the evening of 24th November, when they arranged a birthday party in her honour. She was the recipient of a handsome wallet, with love and best wishes from those present. The parcel was tied with the Hockey Club's colours. A bunch of beautiful roses completed the gift. Miss Empson thanked all for their thoughtfulness and presentation, and assured them of her pleasure and appreciation. Riddles, games and supper filled the rest of the evening.

ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB OF VICTORIA.

The Cricket Club held an enjoyable whist drive on 1st October, when Mr. C. Graham and Miss E. O'Gorman won respectively. The evening wound up with supper provided by the Club. On Saturday, October 22, "A Penny Dump" was held, which brought in good financial result.

The cricket season opened on 1st and 8th October, when we were pitted against Renown, who scored 217 runs in the first innings, and we replied with 42 and 51 runs respectively in our two innings, thus giving Renown an outright win by an innings and 124 runs. The next match was against Liberty Socials on 15th and 22nd October, who scored 89 and 70, and we replied with 114 in our first innings, thus giving us a win on first innings by 25 runs.

The match on 29th October and 5th November, against South Melbourne P.A.F.S., provided the surprising sensation. On the first day's play the score showed that we led, and a comfortable win was expected, but we failed badly on the second day. The scores were as follows:—South Melbourne P.A.F.S., first innings 46 runs, second innings, 113 runs; total, 159 runs. Adult Deaf, first innings 74 runs, second innings 28 runs; total, 102 runs. South Melbourne P.A.F.S. won outright by 57 runs.

On 26th November and 3rd December Waratah accounted for our team rather easily. They scored 246 for the loss of six wickets in the first innings. We could only pile up 64 and 67, leaving them winners, outright, by an innings and 116 runs.

"CHEER THEM UP BRIGADE."

Unostentatiously a certain number of well-known deaf have banded into a sort of "Cheer Them Up Brigade," with the purpose of scattering cheer and happiness in the homes of those deaf who are hard hit by the depression, and during the past three months several surprise visits, together with gifts, were made. Games, if needed for the evening's entertainment, also supper, were supplied by the Brigade, and letters of appreciation have been received from those visited.

BALLARAT BRANCH.

The Ballarat Branch of the Deaf Club still continues to be popular, and meetings are held every Saturday night and Divine Services once a month, when the Principal or his assistant goes over to conduct them. Mr. M. Mark, the hon. secretary, is a real live body, ever on the alert to keep things on the vive. A fortnight ago the Club received as a gift from the General Board and Senior Club a new standard size table tennis top, and much enthusiasm was shown by the members who are trying to make themselves proficient in this game. They are hoping that with some practice they will be able to issue challenges to any Melbourne or Geelong deaf when they happen to visit Ballarat. The top was made by one of our unemployed, R. White, who is complimented on his good workmanship.

GARDEN FETE AT JOLIMONT.

Jolimont Square was a happy scene on Saturday, 19th November. In this historic environment was held the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Garden Fete. The charm of the gardens, the joyous throngs, and the music provided by the Footscray Schoolboys' Band must surely have gladdened the hearts of the spirits of past pioneers if they were able to be present.

In the evening the Square was illuminated and a carnival spirit was in the air. The Fete was opened by Mr. Theodore Fink, introduced by the President (Mr. L. A. Cleveland). The Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. J. Oehr), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. W. Spry) and the Principal (Mr Abraham) assisted to receive Mr Fink.

Around the stalls were found Mrs. Cleveland, with the Misses Junor, Morrisey and Taylor assisting, selling fancy goods; Mrs. F. W. Spry and her auxiliaries, handkerchiefs and sweets; Mrs. L. Sutton-Jones, with Mrs. M. Zander, Mrs. L. MacFarlane, and Miss E. Gom, jumble stall; Mrs. N. Armstrong and Mrs. Hoath, cakes; Mrs. E. H. Peacock and Miss Peacock, provisions; Miss D. Armstrong, flowers. Miss Hazel Maude and pupils, with Miss Dorothy Stringer, drew curious crowds to the Chinese Mystery Laundry, and Miss Epson and girls of the Society dispensed refreshments.

Mr. F. Knight kindly donated a lamb and, in addition, sold a book of raffle tickets for it.

Other attractions included a Punch and Judy Show, dart games, tea-cup reading by Madame Detty, of London, and assistant.

In the evening the visitors enjoyed a display of fancy dancing on the lawn by Maisie and June Hamilton.

On the whole the Fete was a pleasing success, due to the efforts of the Organising Secretary, Mrs. Champlin, Mrs. Cleveland (wife of our President), Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Hoath (wives of the Chairman of the Society and Chairman of the Home Committees respectively), Mrs. Spry and members of her auxiliary, Mrs. Peacock and others.

GLEANINGS FROM OVERSEAS.

SWEDEN.—Deaf children in Sweden attend school from the age of six to sixteen, although some attend until eighteen years of age. Most of the deaf are industrious and follow all branches of manual labour, including the industries of fishing, lumbering, factory work, and agriculture by the men, and the women are content, for the most part, to remain at home to take care of the children and household. Others work as cooks, maids, labourers in the fields, and the balance in factories and commercial pursuits.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Johannesburg has a club for the adult deaf and dumb, and they meet on the third Thursday in every month. Amongst the annual efforts on behalf of public institutions, there is an "Our Deaf Day" street collection. The returns this year were:—Cape Province, £474/9/6; Transvaal, £136/0/9½; Orange Free State, £100/12/10; Natal, £24/9/7½; other donations, £8/4/8; total, £773/17/5. In Cape Town, too, there is a club for the adult deaf, and a Sunday service is conducted there. The new buildings of the Roman Catholic School for the deaf, Cape Town, were recently dedicated and blessed by the Revs. F. Lessom and McNutley.

CANADA.—Of a population of 9,934,500 in Canada, 5733 are deaf and dumb.

U.S.A.—The deaf of U.S.A. are making vigorous efforts for the restoration of silent films. Albert Ballin, a deaf artist and author, is the organiser of the movement. He is trying to convince producers by facts and figures that it is to their interests, and says there are 13,000,000 deaf persons in the United States.

CHINA.—Although China must have a population of at least 400,000 deaf people, for its total population is four hundred millions, there are only ten small schools, with a total of less than 400 deaf children.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

The Annual Cup Day Picnic, held on 1st November last, was a success. The Rendezvous was "Our Centre" and Yarra Park. The morning was spent in tennis and table tennis games, and conversazione. After lunch, which was partaken of in the Assembly Hall, the party went down to the Yarra Park, where races were held succesfully. Results:—100 Yards Championship for Men—R. Lygon, 1st; E. Raines, 2nd. Ladies' 50 Yards Championship—Miss B. Higgie, 1st; Miss Jean Murphy, 2nd. 100 Yards' Handicap for Men—E. Raines, 1st; J. Unsworth, 2nd. 50 Yards' Handicap for Women—Miss B. Heggie (off scratch), 1st; Miss O. Minton, 2nd. Half-Mile Race—E. Roxburgh, 1st; H. Puddy, 2nd. Potato Race for Ladies—Miss B. Heggie, 1st; Miss Emily Stephens, 2nd. Throwing Cricket Ball—C. Lyfield, 1st; H. Puddy, 2nd. Quarter-Mile Walking Race for Ladies—Miss Elsie Stephens, 1st. All others disqualified. Men's Walking Race—W. McMillen, 1st; the rest disqualified.

After tea the round of pleasures were continued in the Assembly Hall, when social games were competed for. Disappointment Game—Mr. Box and Mrs. Williamson; Towing—J. Boortz and Miss M. Box; Balance Writing—D. Ross; Collar and Tie Competition—Miss Elsie Stephens; Blindfold Siamese Race—T. Beard and Miss H. Roxburgh. Prizes in the form of various wearing apparel were distributed prior to breaking up for Home. Thus ended a very happy and enjoyable day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

1932—

Saturday, Dec. 10th.—Exhibition and Sale of Works for the Unemployed Deaf.

Saturday, Dec. 17th.—Children's Day.

Tuesday, Dec. 20th.—Christmas Rally.

Sunday, Dec. 25.—Christmas Service, at 7 p.m.

1933—

Sunday, Jan. 1st.—New Year's Service at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8th.—Holy Communion Service at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th.—Guild's Meetings; Holiday Reminiscences.

Tuesday, Jan. 24th.—Deaf Committee Meeting.

Monday, Jan. 30th.—Men's Guild's Annual Picnic to Heidelberg.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th.—Guild's Meetings.

Tuesday, Feb. 28th.—Men's Guild's Annual Meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the **"CENTRE" WILL BE CLOSED** every day and night from Monday, 26th, to Friday, 30th December, 1932, inclusive; and also Monday, 2nd January, 1933.

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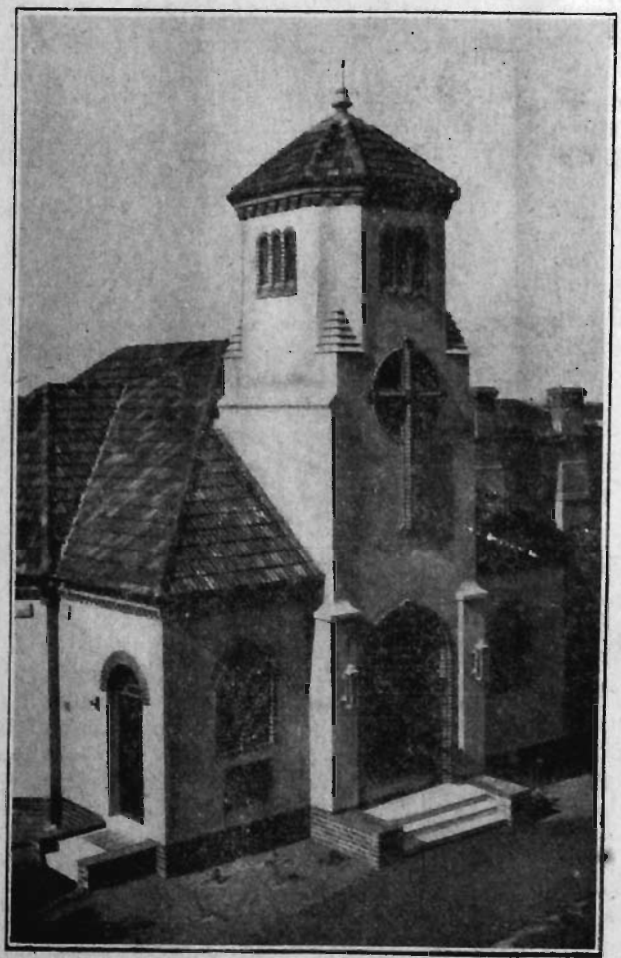
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OUR CHURCH.

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All members and friends are cordially invited to attend the Anniversary Service of the opening of the Church for the Deaf on the first Sunday in June. Due announcements of date and name of minister will be made on Notice Boa d at our Centre.

LET'S DO IT WITH A WILL, THIS YEAR.

As we get older we get wiser. Let us hope 1933 will see us wiser than 1932. There's always room for improvement. As the bells rang out the old year and rang in the new, I sat ruminating and taking stock. 1933 had for me its pleasures, pains, disappointments, and duties. It might have been a lot worse. Did I deserve better? Can I make 1933 any better for those I come in touch with from day to day as well as for myself? Shall I give it a trial? I think I shall find satisfaction in it if I do.

Looking back. I cannot recall that I ever did any good by crossing my fellowmen. Perhaps it is better to give a bit for the sake of friendship and progress rather than be unkind and selfish. Friction frets the nerves of all and poisons the blood. It is well worth the effort to cast our bread upon the waters of friendship, for in due time it will come back an hundredfold, and friendship is just about the best thing anyone can expect to get in this life. To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing. Good friendship is better than riches on earth.

We talk of Christmas as the season of Peace and Goodwill. But the whole year round should be a time of Peace, Goodwill, and Good Works. Every year gone gives us one less to go, and for me, I am going to try and make use of the experience I am gaining all the time in the art of how to live, in order to put myself in a position to reflect as each New Year milestone passes by, that the year just gone, as far as I can make it good, is the best yet. After all, that seems to me a commonsense way of looking at it. What do you think.—A.V.S.



THE LATE SAMUEL MITCHELL.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing away of one of our most loyal members, Samuel Mitchell. He was connected with this Society for about 40 years. He died at the Alfred Hospital from jaundice on 9th December, 1932, at the age of 58, and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated at the graveside, and Mr. J. M. Johnston attended on behalf of the Deaf. We shall all miss his smiling face and welcoming handshake, for up to the time of his illness he seldom missed a Sunday service or any functions at our "Centre."

EXHIBITION AND SALE OF GIFTS.



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Mrs. L. A. Cleveland and Miss Alice Graham.

When it was announced that the unemployed deaf were to have a Sale of Gifts for their own benefit on a certain date in December, many willing helpers banded themselves into a committee and set to work at once in preparation for the event. Mr. C. Graham was chosen Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. O'Gorman, Hon. Treasurer. For two months, more or less, the unemployed, by patient working in their homes or in our shed at the "Centre" amassed a host of useful articles, which, in their belief, would find ready sale—that of toys, kitchen and washhouse articles, ornaments and furniture; and on Saturday, 10th December (afternoon and evening) an exhibition and sale of goods was held. The above mentioned goods were not all, for the ladies arranged other stalls, such as sweets. cakes, dairy produce, fancy goods, fruit, vegetables and flowers and refreshments, which considerably swelled the fund. Mrs. P. Swain is complimented on her excellent work and supervision of the decorative part of the hall and the running of the fancy goods stall, with Miss Gwen Hawkins as her assistant; Mrs. A. Sutherland and Mrs. W. O'Bryan (nee Eileen O'Gorman, cake and dairy produce stall; Miss D. Hickey, sweets stall; Misses A. and — Smith, fruit, vegetables, and flower stall; Mrs. Ed. Johnson, jumble stall; and Misses R. Dow and G. Peters, refreshments, were the helpers.

Mrs. L. A. Cleveland, the wife of our President, presided at the opening, and introduced Miss Alice Graham, who, in a well worded speech, opened the Exhibition at 3 p.m. amidst much applause, and soon after there was quite a rush to buy the toys that were offered, for Christmas was not far off, and they wanted to prepare for it. The sale was carried well into the evening, when a few articles were put up for auction. Mrs. J. M. Johnston acted as auctioneer.

The promoters and workers were immensely pleased with the result, which brought in £42 nett, and which was soon after distributed to the makers of the goods, and the balance to the needy unemployed.



Some of the Workers for the Unemployed Bazaar.

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The committee tender their sincere thanks to the following donors, who gave cash and parcels:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, of Locksley; Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeanes, of Drouin West; Mrs. D Muir, of Warburton; Mrs. Sharpe, of Northcote; Miss Q. Donahue, of Geelong; Miss F. Owens, of Wangaratta; Misses M. Schreenan, V. Rowley and Miss S. Williams, of Ballarat; Messrs. Ching Bros., of Linton; Mrs. Neilson, of Camberwell; and some anonymous givers.

Thanks were also tendered to the Lacrosse Club for allowing the use of its shed for a carpenter's shop, and to the following merchants who donated tea chests and timber whereby the making of the toys, etc., was made possible:—Messrs. Hy. Beecham & Son, Edwards Ensign Tea Pty. Ltd., Griffiths Bros., Bushells Ltd., and Groves, McVitty & Co. Pty. Ltd.

Many compliments and congratulations were bestowed on the two men who worked so hard, and were successful in carrying through the programme, viz., the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Claude Graham, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman.

BALLARAT BRANCH.

Maurice Mark, Hon. Secretary of the Ballarat Branch, writes:—"Dear Editor,—

"I must admit it has taken more courage than I imagined to attempt a venture into "The Victorian Deaf News," but realising that the many friendly readers of the journal will be interested to learn of the "doings" of their Ballarat confederates—"doings" of which we are egotistical enough to feel proud—I have taken my courage into both hands.

"It is little less than a year since the formation of our little band into a club for our mutual enjoyment and edification, and although we have experienced, as in family life, certain vicissitudes, they but link us more closely together, and the spirit emanating throughout remains one of happiness, one of helpfulness, and one of earnest endeavour. We are esprit de corps. The Club has truly filled a long felt want. It supplies the means for amicable social intercourse, the communion with our friends and fellow sufferers in misfortune and tends to double our pleasures and minimise our difficulties. It is the aim of the members of this Club to sink all mean and small enmities in larger issues, and strive to live that broad and noble life He lived whilst on earth; to disseminate happiness among all classes, to spread a spirit of cheerfulness among our people, and contrariwise to oppose all smallness and meanness in our midst. Our efforts are sincere and are meeting with no small measure of success. May we continue to advance. I feel I must mention a few of the leading spirits who have helped to make the Club such an unquestionable success. There is Gladys Caldwell, an example to us all, a veritable rock of moral courage. Monica Schreenan, a cheery optimist and hard worker for the cause. Maisie Reiffell, ever exuding joie de vivre. Jack Stewart and Violet Rowley, both giving of their best; and others.

"The Club is growing. New members are being enrolled, and further success in our efforts is prayed for.

"With kindest of regards and felicitations."

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The 109th Congregational Rally was held on Tuesday, 20th December, 1932, at our Centre, and as usual a large crowd attended. The hall was tastefully decorated, under the supervision of Mrs. P. Swain, who spent many nights at it. Our new President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, presided, and extended a welcome and the compliments of the season to the gathering on behalf of the General Board, and, in the course of his speech, made touching references to the splendid work done for the Society by the late President, Mr. E. R. Peacock. Messrs. G. W. Sweetland and E. J. L. Bremner and others spoke, extending the same wishes, etc. Mr. J. M. Johnston was then called upon to set the jollification in motion, but, before starting, he called upon Mr. R. White to come forward and perform a very pleasing ceremony.

Mr. White, on behalf of the unemployed deaf, spoke in very appreciative and thankful terms of Miss A. Graham for all her great thoughtfulness toward the unemployed during those hard times, and then asked her to come forward and receive a small gift (a handsome chubby umbrella) as a token of gratitude from her beneficients. Taken by surprise, Miss Graham for the moment could not respond, but eventually thanked him for the nice gift, remarking that she was quite happy to know that her gift had been appreciated.

The evening was then given over to games, etc. Ice cream, soft drinks, and supper were enjoyed during the evening.

We were pleased to see Mesdames Cleveland, Sweetland, and Bremner, and hope they will often be present at our gatherings.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in our Church at Jolimont Square, Sunday, 26th March, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

All members and friends are asked to bring their contributions on Saturday afternoon, 25th March, and those able to stay and help to decorate.

Watch notice board at Centre for particulars.

ANUNAL TRIP DOWN THE BAY.

A party numbering over seventy, comprising the inmates of our Home, the deaf unemployed, with their wives and families, and helpers, left Port Melbourne by the p.s. "Weeroona" on 26th January for the annual picnic down the bay.

Mr. Armstrong, Chairman of the General Board, with Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. Hoath, wife of the Chairman of the Home Committee, were with the party. All were sorry Mr. Hoath was unable to make the trip.

After lunch had been served, and the boat was nearing our destination, to the disappointment of all rain began to fall heavily, and prevented most of the party from going on shore. During the many trips down the bay, this is the first time the weather has interfered with the pleasure of the day. Some of the party, however, decided not to forego their swim, and had a great time; the rest spent the time in games and conversation on board. The return trip was good, but it was still raining when we reached Port Melbourne, and for the first time all were glad to get home rather than make the usual evening's arrangements.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Women's Guild Committee chose the afternoon of Saturday, 17th December, 1932, for their party to the children of deaf parents.

Games were played, and merry laughter rang out in the beautiful grounds at Jolimont Square, under the direction of Mrs. Johnston, who later distributed prizes to the winners.

About eighty-four, including parents, sat down to tea in the Assembly Hall, which was gaily decorated for the Christmas festivities, with the addition of a brightly coloured balloon tied to the chair of each guest. A very nice tea was partaken of, with all sorts of Christmas cheer.

Afterwards, to the delight of the children, Father Christmas was seen coming down a ladder, and from a sparkling Christmas tree handed each one in turn a very nice gift of clothes or toys, according to the age of the child.

As usual, Miss Bessie Graham was to the fore in helping to make the party a success. The previous week she bought a large quantity of toys at the Deaf Unemployed Bazaar, and donated them for the Children's Christmas Tree. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnston also gave two very well-made dressers, while the pretty and amusing paper caps and hats worn by all were the gift of Mesdames Peters, Pierce, Halliday, and Fred Johnston.

The party was a great success, and everybody was happy, and at the Christmas Rally on 20th December many congratulations were bestowed on the Committee of the Women's Guild for the all round success they had achieved with the Children's Party.

The kiddies certainly had a wonderful time.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Quite a number of deaf and some hearing folk paid a surprise visit to the home of Mr. Frank E. Frewin, one of the oldest and best liked members of the Victorian Society, on the 17th January, to wish him, in all sincerity, many happy returns of the day. It is hard to realise that Mr. Frewin is 70 years old, for he is still so active and full of fun.

After Mr. Frewin had greeted his friends, games and competitions arranged by his son, Mr. Theo Frewin, interspersed with happy conversation, were the order of the evening until supper was partaken of.

Then came Mr. Frewin's second surprise, for at the head of the table was a beautiful cake with 70 candles on it. Mr. Mortimer, on behalf of those present, made a happy little speech, and wished Mr. Frewin all the very nicest of wishes. Mr. Frewin responded in his cheery manner, and thanked his friends for their gifts and good wishes.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The December meeting of the Guild was held on the first Tuesday instead of the second in order to allow more time for the Christmas preparations.

The President read a paper on the custom of holding Christmas in Mexico, and a sweet poem, entitled "Christmas comes once a year," also the "Scottish National Emblem—the Thistle," and how it became that.

Miss O'Gorman gave an instructive paper on "Grains of Knowledge," and the President would like to see more of the same kind of paper given by the members.

Supper brought the evening to a close, and the Guild went into recess until February.

The next meeting of the Guild was held on the 14th February. Holiday stories were told by Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Misses R. Dow, D. Hickey, and G. Peters, and the experiences recounted, with a description of the places visited, proved very interesting.

A pleasing feature of the evening's programme was the presentation of a very pretty electric light shade to Mrs. O'Bryan (nee Miss O'Gorman), a wedding gift from the Guild, with best wishes for her future happiness.

The President, Mrs. T. Peters, spoke in appreciative terms of Mrs. O'Bryan's good work in the past as Secretary of the Guild. Mrs. O'Bryan thanked the members in her usual sweet way, after which a nice supper brought the meeting to a close. The members of of the Men's Guild joined the women folk at supper.

SOCIAL EVENINGS.

The first of a series of Social Evenings, with the idea of raising funds for the Sydney trip next Christmas, was held on the evening of Saturday, 11th February, when the Cricket Club arranged a Euchre Tournament in the Assembly Hall. Twelve tables were filled, and keen competition resulted. Miss W. Henry (a rose vase) and Mr. W. Burge (a tie) won respectively. The admission charge was 6d.

Then followed another evening on 25th February by the same club, who ran a Picture Night, charging 1/- for admission. The title of the picture was "The Sea God," supported by a couple of comedies called "Lay Out McDuff" and "Dizzy Diver." The attendance was good. The takings for that night were £4/1/9, but the expenses, though small, have still to be deducted.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic Club has been re-formed, and hopes to show the members its skill shortly in a play which will be staged on King's Birthday Rally. A powerful committee has been formed, and one and all are extremely enthusiastic. Mr. F. E. Frewin was chosen Chairman of Committee, with Mr. G. H. Newnham as Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. O'Gorman as Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble Hon. Secretary, and others on Committee

TENNIS NOTES.

The Tennis Committee has decided to postpone the Annual Meeting until spring, as there is likely to be more interest in an election at the beginning of a season. The attendance at the court on Saturday afternoons is exceptionally large at present, so would-be players are advised to come early in future. The next Tennis Social will be held on Saturday, 11th March, at 8 p.m., with the title "School Days," when it is expected that members will don school togs, as games and competitions relating to school curriculum will be played. Admission, including supper, will be 1/-.

JOTTINGS.

Miss A. Graham is at present spending her usual three months' holiday down the coast of Gippsland, visiting Inverloch, San Remo, Cowes, and other places.

Miss L. Sanders is back again after three months with Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeanes, Jnr., of Drouin West. She reported that Mrs. Jeanes and her new baby daughter are doing very well.

Mr. W. Anderson, who was suddenly recalled from Government relief work a few weeks before Christmas for work at his old trade at Sharpe Bros., timber merchants, is still on the job, and we trust it will be permanent.

Mr. D. Driscoll was put on temporarily at box-making at Moore's timber mills, and after a week or so of idleness he found another situation at the Australian Glass Works at Spotswood.

It has been reported that Mr. J. Cardwell, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, is out of the hospital, but is still too weak to do much. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Willie Gorin, we are told, has found a situation in the cabinet-making trade. Trust he will be a sticker.

Mrs. J. Boortz, who underwent a serious operation last June and went to Sydney with her daughter (Mrs. Taylor) to recuperate, has returned home again slightly improved in health. She still has to exercise care in getting about for the time being. Mrs. Taylor has been her close companion and nurse, living and travelling with her mother ever since the operation. Mrs. Taylor returned home on the 21st February.

Taking advantage of the cheap rail fares offering for the cricket test matches, Mr and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland went to Sydney for two and four weeks respectively on 21st February, and we trust they will have a most enjoyable time. As it is Mrs. Sutherland's first visit to our sister State's capital, we have every reason to believe she will be "stock full" of news, especially "our 'arbour and our bridge," when she gets back.

Another of our unemployed deaf men, Mr. C. Bragg, has been very fortunate, for he has been on a Government relief job at drainage work out at Bacchus Marsh for well over three months. He returned home at the end of February.

Mr. F. E. Frewin, on 17th January last, passed another milestone on life's journey, and is a bigger optimist to-day than ever. The amount of work done by this veteran in our Society's activities is surprising. A keen brain fired by a clean soul. That is Frank Frewin. All deaf friends delight to salute him once again.

Mrs. Griffiths, who has lived for some years in Sydney, has, since her husband's death, resided with her brothers in Melbourne. She is a frequent visitor to "Our Centre," enjoying its social attractions.

Mrs. F. Johnson spent two weeks of the Christmas holidays at Toora, South Gippsland, amongst her relatives, and reported happy times. She tried her hand at milking, but found it a bit difficult. She also visited Welshpool whilst there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston spent their quiet fortnight's holiday with their people at Willung, South Gippsland.

Misses Jean and Beryle McCallough, of Warrnambool, send their best remembrances to the Melbourne folk per this magazine.

Mr. Charlie Buck reports that he is still in the land of the living, and is at Newcastle, N.S.W. Also that he often visits the local Deaf Club. His letter wound up with the usual seasonal greetings to all the Melbourne folk.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer spent his yuletide holidays at Mr. S. Ferguson's place at Bowman's Forest, on the Bright-Buffalo line. The weather was hot almost all the time he was there. He had the misfortune to be in bed all day Christmas Day through indisposition, but otherwise he enjoyed his holiday immensely.

Mr. W. Ashby underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Kyneton Hospital during the latter part of January. He looked quite his old self again when he appeared amongst us soon after he was able to get about.

Mr. Bert Hague, of Albany, W.A., sent his greetings, and remarked that he, like many others, is floundering along as well as he can during this depression. He has been on sustenance and various relief works. It is well over 30 years since he left Melbourne and has been in Albany for 27 years. He often yearns for a chance to take a run to the eastern States to renew acquaintances. Let us hope he may yet strike luck and come this way.

Harold Ah Chow, of Orbost, who left school two summers ago, wrote stating how he appreciates our "News," and trusts that he will receive it regularly, as it is a boon companion, which enables him to keep in touch with the movements of his fellow schoolmates, etc. He said that, as far as he knows, he is the only deaf person living out that way.

Mr. Albert Beard, of Terang, is here for some time, expecting to get a start at work. We regret that he had to leave his farm work on this chance.

An appreciative letter was received from Miss E. Lawrence, of Fremantle, W.A., who stated that she was pleased to follow the movements of her deaf friends in the other States.

Edward Raines has bought a baby motor-cycle, a "Coventry Eagle," on time payment system, and has already received his license to drive same.

The following are the names of Our Country Deaf who were down for the Christmas holidays:—Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss M. Stevens, of Warburton; Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce and Mr. A. Collins, of Neerim Junction; Mr. C. Johns, of Horsham; and those down for the second test match: W. Hately, of Camperdown; C. Hennessy, of Geelong; F. Lynas, of Charlton.

Miss Iris Boast, of Yarram, was in Melbourne during the early part of December, and returned home, taking Miss Thelma Whately with her for the Christmas holidays. They both reported good times.

Miss A. Webb is back again amongst her Melbourne friends after a long absence in other States, where she has been working. She secured housework at the seaside soon after her arrival last Christmas.

Miss M. Aram left Melbourne just before Christmas for an extended stay with her relatives in Tasmania.

The names of the deaf and the places they visited during Christmas holidays are as follows:—Mrs. W. Burge, a flying visit to her sister at Tocumwal, N.S.W.; Miss L. Ellis, with her mother at Woolamai, South Gippsland; Miss Emily Stephens, to Ballarat, as guest of Miss M. Schreenan; Miss R. Dow, at Maryborough; Mr. W. O'Bryan, at Yarrawonga; Mr. E. R. Noble, to his brother's farm at Inverloch; Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwin, to San Remo; Misses Elsie Stephens and Jean Murphy, and Mr. H. Puddy, over the Bass Strait to Tasmania. All reported happy times.

Mr. Les Sutton, of Bendigo, was with us at the Men's Guild annual picnic. He came down with a team of Bendigo cricketers for the week-end to play a match against Abbotsford Brewery employees.

Mrs. C. Robertson and Mr. Jim Collins were down for some time during the month of February, revisiting their old schoolmates. So was Mrs. T. Ashby, of Trafalgar. During Mrs. Ashby's stay in Melbourne she managed to visit her relatives in Geelong for a few days.

We had yet another visit from Mr. C. Johns, of Horsham, during the last fortnight of February. He is getting quite a familiar figure amongst us now, and we often wonder how he can find time to visit us, seeing that Horsham is over 200 miles from Melbourne. Of course, a motor-cycle makes all the difference, also in the cost of travelling. He reported a very good harvest this summer, gleaning 14 bags to an acre, whereas last season they only got 8 bags to the acre.

Dr. Orchard, a member of the Queensland Deaf Society's Board, and Mrs. Bryan, a teacher at the Queensland Deaf School, visited us at different times whilst passing on their way to England.

As per a cutting from "Age":—"A serious fire was narrowly averted on Griffiths' farm, Kenmare, yesterday. Messrs. V. and C. Griffiths were engaged fumigating rabbits' burrows with bisulphide of carbon. The warren had been charged with carbon fumes, and as an experiment these were fired. A terrific explosion followed, the earth being torn up for several yards near the burrow. Rabbits were blown into the air, and the grass caught fire. The flames spread into a 160 acre paddock, the whole area being swept. A wide firebreak had previously been ploughed around the paddock, and this had the effect of preventing the fire spreading to a stubble paddock in which sheep and cattle were grazing." Messrs. V. and C. Griffiths are well known to us, and are past pupils of our old school in St. Kilda Road, Prahran.

In the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf News" the Hon. Editor gave an account of his Interstate trip during November last, and it was not long after seeing to the "Christmas Number" of the "News" that he returned to the northern State for the A.A.A.D. Conference held there. He has recently returned to Victoria, bringing back many new subscriptions for this magazine with him from N.S.W.

Mr. R. H. Lambert went over to Sydney in the capacity of delegate, together with Mr. W. Crush, for the Victorian Branch of A.A.A.D., at a conference held there at Christmas time.

A very pleasant surprise was sprung on the staff and those of the deaf present one morning in January, when Miss Doran, the Welfare Officer of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf Society, called at our Centre. She was on her annual holiday and doing the round trip via Hobart to Sydney. All were pleased to see her and hear good tidings of our friends in Sydney.

This year our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary of work among the deaf.

It has just been reported to us that Mr. Arthur Boswell, of Stawell, had the misfortune to meet with an accident. As he was pedalling his push bike along one of the streets, a motor car came along and knocked him over. We trust that with care and attention he will soon recover. It was said that he planned to pay us a call during the middle part of March, and we hope the accident will not upset his plans.

"Deaf and dumb cyclist wins the oldest race of its kind held in West Australia," was the title that appeared in the Melbourne "Sun News-Pictorial" on 19th September, 1932. The twenty-eighth annual Beverley to Perth road race, 114 miles, West Australia's outstanding cycling event and the oldest race of its kind in Australia, was won on Saturday by Joe Williams, 21, a deaf and dumb competitor, from Fremantle, off a handicap of 44 minutes. Riding time, 6 hours 17 minutes 3 seconds. Melbourne folks extend their heartiest congratulations to him.

Speculation was rife as to "Is Joe Williams, of Fremantle, the first deaf and dumb person to win a cycling event of some importance in Australia?" We knew there were a good many who entered in various races. As far as we know, J. Campbell and W. Hately are the only two Victorians who did try in Warrnambool-Melbourne race and other minor events, and we were told that Cooper, also of West Australia, was a prominent cyclist in his day.

Mrs. Cove spent a most enjoyable fortnight's holiday at Warburton as guest of Mrs. J. E. Muir.



W. McMillen.

For some years the Victorian Lacrosse Association has been donating trophies for the best and fairest lacrosse players in the "Senior A" Section, and we had the pleasure of seeing one of our members, Mr. H. Puddy, who was with the Coburg Club, winning twice in succession in 1930 and 1931, and this year, for the first time, a trophy was offered for the "Junior A" Section, and we have the greatest satisfaction to report that Mr. W. McMillen, of our club, has gained the recommendations of the referees as being the best and fairest player in this section. Mr. McMillen was, for many years, the most outstanding man on the defence line, very clean in his play, and always managed to slip out of the most difficult positions with ease and coolness. He has the heartiest congratulations of everyone who knows him on and off the field.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club is to be held on Saturday afternoon, 18th March, at our Centre, when the Hon. Secretary (Don Johnston) will submit the annual report and the Hon. Treasurer (Dick White) the balance-sheet, and soon after the election of Committee will take place. It is hoped that there will be a good muster at the meeting as there is every prospect of another good year for the club. As will be seen, the club will be entering upon its 21st year of existence, and preparation is afoot for a Grand Reunion Dinner to past and present members, to be held on 4th April. Members wishing to take part in the reunion are advised to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, who will gladly give information.

The lacrosse season will begin on the last Saturday of April, when we hope we will do well again. Efforts are being made to secure a ground much nearer than Blackburn.

A Picture Night in aid of this club is to be held on Saturday evening, 1st April, when 1/- tickets will be issued for admission. Members and supporters are advised to buy their tickets early.

CRICKET NEWS.

On 10th and 17th December, the St. Kilda C.Y.M.S. proved the better team, and won the match from us. They scored 136 runs in first innings, and we only managed to score 34 and 35 runs in both innings respectively. At that match Don Johnston was our best bowler, taking 6 wickets for 40 runs.

On 7th and 14th January, our team showed a slight improvement against the South Ports B, but failed to keep it up in the second innings. The scores were as follows:—Adult Deaf, 1st innings, 123 runs; 2nd innings, 58 runs. South Ports B scored 146 runs, and eventually ran out winners after scoring the necessary runs for an outright win in the 2nd innings.

On 21st and 28th January we again failed badly against Clan, playing two men short. Scores were 42 and 15 runs respectively. Clan replied with 199 runs.

On 18th and 25th February, Clarendon had a comfortable win over us, scoring 196 runs, whilst we replied with 68 and 88 runs respectively.

"VICTORIAN DEAF NEWS" SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. H. Puddy, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, acknowledges with best thanks the following subscriptions for our "Victorian Deaf News" for 1933 season:—Mrs. W. O'Bryan, Mrs. A. Moore, Miss G. Peters, Miss G. Miller, Mr. Retchford, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Bruce, Mrs. P. Swain, Mr. W. Hately, Mr. J. McLaurin, Mr. J. Walters, Mr. F. Lynas, Miss M. Box, Miss F. Becher, Mr. H. Ah Chow, Mr. J. Brook, Miss E. Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. A. Hague, Mrs. A. W. Cohen, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss A. Holcroft, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. H. Stirling, Miss E. Lawrence, Mr. L. Ching, Mrs. Mills, Miss McCallough, Mr. W. Kent, Mr. N. Finch, Mr. E. Richie, Mr. J. Cardwell, Mr. J. M. Paul (2 copies), Mr. Harrison, Mr. Howard Smith, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. A. Hole, Mr. K. G. Watts, Mr. J. M. Eccles, Mr. Peter Sutherland, Mr. F. Cummins, Mr. F. Kendall, Mrs. S. Winn, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. W. J. McCaskill.

WEDDING BELLS.

In the presence of a large number of guests and well-wishers, both hearing and deaf, a very pretty ceremony took place at St. Ambrose Church, Brunswick, on the afternoon of 28th January, 1933, when Mr. W. O'Bryan was married to Miss Eileen O'Gorman. The ceremony was performed by the local priest, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. The bride, who looked very sweet and charming in her lovely frock and veil, was attended by a hearing girl friend. Mr. O'Bryan was supported by his cousin as best man.

The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the home of Mrs. Ball, at Parkville, where the usual toasts were honoured. In the course of a very happy little speech, our Principal, Mr. Abraham, said the bride and bridegroom had been most consistent in their loyalty to the Society and its various Clubs.

The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Mornington. Among the telegrams of congratulation received was one from the President and members of the A.D.G. Hockey Club, the bride being a member of the team.

A.D.G. HOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club will be held in our Hall at the Centre on the 11th March, at 3 p.m., when it is expected there will be a large attendance.

The club has been in existence for the last three years, and a source of much pleasure and healthy exercise for the girls, who are as keen as when they started. There is room for some new players this season, and all deaf girls who are eligible to join the team are asked to come to the meeting on the 11th, and stay for tea afterwards.

Send in your name to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Elsie Stephens, at once.

MEN'S GUILD.

On 10th January the subject was "Holiday Reminiscences," when members related their experiences over the holidays, which were amusing and entertaining.

On 14th February, it being the last ordinary meeting night, nominations for posts on committee were received and approved, and then Mr. E. R. Noble gave a discussion on grammar in the English language, which was good.

On 28th February the annual meeting was held, with the usual routine of reading the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed the club in a satisfactory position. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. Puddy; Vice-President, Mr. F. E. Frewin; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. O'Bryan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. R. Noble; Committee, Messrs. J. M. Johnston, M. G. Mortimer, J. O'Gorman, and A. Aird.

The annual picnic of the Men's Guild was held on A.N.A. Day holiday, 30th January, at Heidelberg. Unfortunately, a suitable picnicking spot had hardly been chosen when it began to rain. A move was made for shelter,, and as after a while the rain increased, it was decided to return to the Club House at Jolimont, which was reached about 12.30 p.m. Lunch was immediately prepared, after which all joined in games until 5.30 p.m., when tea was partaken of. Some left after tea, but those who remained enjoyed themselves fully until 10 p.m. when the party broken up. The attendance was 33. A pleasing ceremony was performed during the meeting of 14th February, when Mr. W. O'Bryan was presented with a set of carvers as a wedding gift, with best wishes from the members of the Guild.

Chrismas Spree.—On 6th December, 1932, a Christmas party was celebrated by the Men's Guild for bona-fide members only, and there was an attendance of 20 fully qualified members, each of whom paid 1/- towards the expenses of the party. Mr. F. E. Frewin (the President), Mr. H. Puddy, Mr. J. Phillips, and Mr. G. B. Mortimer donated the principal fare. Fruit, cakes, chocolates, raisins etc., added to the gaiety of the feast, and there were numerous bottles of soft drinks for the thirsty. Paper caps from crackers and streamers gave a festive air to the scene. Toasts were drunk to "The King" and to various members of the Guild. Stories and reminiscences of past Christmases in various places and countries by different members were well received, and the time flew by. About 10 p.m. the party broken up, and many expressed the hope that the scene would be renewed the following year, and extended congratulations to Mr. Puddy on the success of his suggestion.

BIRTHS.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessey, on November 8th, 1932.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, on January 16th, 1933.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Marks (nee Florrie Tyzzer), at Mildura.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeanes, of Drouin West, in January, 1933.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Greening, of Northcote, on 27th August, 1932.

Mr. A. W. Cohen, of East Malvern, on 27th November, 1932.

Mr. S. Mitchell, of North Brighton, on 9th December, 1932.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 11th March, at 3 p.m.—Annual Meeting of Hockey Club.
Saturday, 11th March, at 8 p.m.—Tennis Club's Social Evening—"School Days." Admission 1/-.
Tuesday, 14th March, at 8 p.m.—Men's and Women's Guild Meetings.
Saturday, 18th March, at 3 p.m.—Lacrosse Club's Annual Meeting.
Saturday, 18th March, at 8 p.m.—Cricket Club's Social Evening.
Monday, 20th March—Women's Guild Annual Picnic to Wattle Park.
Saturday, 25th March, at 8 p.m.—Cricket Club's Social Evening.
Sunday, 26th March.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services.
Tuesday, 28th March at 8 p.m.—Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday, 30th March, at 8.20 p.m.—Deaf Committee Meeting.
Saturday, 1st April, at 8 p.m.—Lacrosse Club's Picture Night. Tickets 1/- each.
Sunday, 2nd April, at 7 p.m.—Holy Communion Service.
Tuesday, 4th April, at 8 p.m.—Lacrosse Club's Reunion Dinner.
Tuesday, 11th April, at 8 p.m.—Men's and Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday, 18th April, at 8 p.m.—Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday, 25th April, at 8 p.m.—Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday, 27th April, at 8 p.m.—Congregational Annual Meeting.
Every Sunday.—Services Morning and Night, 11 and 7.
Every Thursday.—Prayer Meeting and Lecturette.
Every Saturday Afternoon.—Sports, Lacrosse, Hockey, Tennis.
Every Saturday Evening.—Social Games and Cinema Pictures.

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MR. W. B. ANDERSON.



Mr. W. B. Anderson.

As will be noted in the Lacrosse News and the account of the Re-Union Dinner, reference was made of Mr. W. B. Anderson's long service with the Club. It is now opportune to make a historical account of his services with us. Mr. Anderson was born on 26th January, 1895, at Essendon. He attended the Deaf School in St. Kilda Road for 11 years, being educated on the combined system. Leaving school during December, 1912, he entered as an apprentice into the waggon building trade, and on the completion of his apprenticeship he entered the joinery works of J. Sharp & Sons, timber merchants, at South Melbourne, where he has remained ever since. He was out of work from 1930 to 1932 owing to the depression, but again started work on his old job.

He married Miss Glady Bates, of West Australia, on 19th December, 1923, in our church in Flinders Street, and is now in the happy possession of two bonny children. He first came into prominence with the Adult Deaf by joining our lacrosse team in the year 1913, the winter following his leaving school. He has been with the club as a playing member consistently for 20 years. He was known in this sporting sphere as one of the crack goalkeepers in the association, and his name and, on one occasion his photo., has often appeared on the dailies. We could do no better than to print the paragraph that appeared in one of our papers with the heading, "Adult Deaf's Champion":—

"To reach the front rank of lacrosse players with all one's senses intact is no mean achievement, but to get among the first flighters minus the sense of speech and hearing is truly remarkable. This has been accomplished by W. B. Anderson, of the Adult Deaf team, who has been wonderfully consistent throughout the season. He not only defended the goal well, but was an inspiration to other players in the team. Anderson's first interest in the game was taken when he was a pupil at the Deaf School. The sportsmaster was an old player of the South Yarra Club, and when the game was introduced it proved more popular than any other. Anderson was first tried as a "home," but later was given a trial at the net, and dropped into the position right away. The first interstate match between the Melbourne and Adelaide Deaf was played in 1914 and Anderson was selected as one of the Melbourne representatives. His progress has been steady but sure. During 1917 and other times he was given a trial on the home line, and so well did he perform that the club was loath to send him back in the goal; but there was nobody to be found who could so capably fill the position as W.B., and there he has remained ever since—an ornament to his club and to the game."

Mr. Anderson was trusted with the leadership of the team on six occasions, first in 1917, then in 1918, and in 1923 (the year the team gained the premiership), 1924, 1928 and last season. On two occasions he was elected vice-captain. He served 12 years on the committee, including four years as vice-president. He represented the Victorian Deaf in four interstate matches against the Adelaide Deaf.

He also took interest in cricket, being on the committee for 10 years, and playing with the team. He played in our interstate team in the season 1931-1932.

At present he is a member of the Deaf Committee, elected at the last annual meeting of the Deaf Congregation.

OUR CHURCH.

On 12th March Mr. H. W. Gladwin of Sydney, Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia, occupied the pulpit at the evening service before a fair congregation, and took for his text St. Matthew, chapter 14, verse 25: "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them walking on the sea." Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Missioner, interpreted throughout with the exception of lesson reading, when Mr. W. Appleton, the trainee, assisted.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were celebrated at our Church on Sunday, 26th March. The rostrum was tastefully decorated by the same willing hands that no kind thanks can ever really cover. Appropriate gifts from members of the congregation were

in evidence, but the bulk of the contributions came from the Blackburn Farm. The givers are gratefully thanked. Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated in the morning and the Rev. C. L. Crossley (C. of E.) preached at night. In an address on "Faith," Mr. Crossley used as his text St. Mark, chapter 6, verse 38: "He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say five, and two fishes." Mr. F. T. Crabb played hymns on the organ and Miss Gibson assisted with singing of solos. The attendance was very good (108); many relatives and friends came. The fruit, vegetables and flowers were given to our own poor and the unemployed. Following are the names of those who assisted with the contributions for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services:—Misses R. and M. Dow, E. Stephens, L. Sanders, D. Hickey, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. J. Pierce, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. T. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Messrs. F. E. Frewin, J. McLean, R. Beattie, T. A. Nelson, and the Blackburn Farm and Home.

On Sunday evening, 4th April, the Holy Communion was partaken of at the close of the service. Our Principal officiated.

Mr. W. F. Appleton, the Trainee, had charge of the Good Friday morning service.

MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild opened its season on 14th March with a presidential address by Mr. H. Puddy, who expressed his hopes and ideals for the future welfare of this guild and sought unity of members to carry out, as looked for, a successful plan. Many members came forward and expressed their views on the subject. A pleasant innovation, which proved popular, was made to the agenda of the ordinary meetings—that of a 15 minutes' discussion of the week's topics. The Guild then adjourned to the hall where, in conjunction with the Women's Guild, it partook of a supper provided by the chairman, Mr. Puddy. At the close of the evening the ladies expressed thanks to the men for their hospitality, to which the men responded.

On 28th March Mr. W. O'Bryan gave an instructive and entertaining talk on "Wheat Growing," and the customary vote of thanks was tendered to him with great heartiness. On 11th April Mr. J. M. Johnston repeated, by request, his paper on "Liberty," which was well enjoyed.

On Anzac Night, 25th April, Mr. W. F. Appleton gave an address on "Toc H," which was most interesting and instructive, and, besides, the evening was made more attractive and sociable by the presence of a number of ladies to whom the Guild Committee extended its invitation to attend.

On 9th May Mr. E. R. Noble entertained the members with an interesting paper on "Police."

WOMEN'S GUILD.

"Drought" was the subject of a paper given by Mrs. T. Peters on the evening of 14th March. It was very interesting and many members came forward and gave accounts of their experiences. After the meeting the members were invited to the supper given by the President of the Men's Guild for which the chairwoman extended the hearty thanks of the Women's Guild members.

On 11th April Miss D. Hickey gave a paper on "Believe It or Not," which was strange and almost amounted to exaggeration.

The Annual Picnic was held on 20th March at Wattle Park. A fair crowd turned up under the seemingly promising weather conditions during the morning; but later on it took a turn for the worse, when it rained intermittently with hail, and soon after midday lunch the party went back to the Centre, where the usual picnic games were indulged in under happy circumstances. The party dispersed to their homes at 9.30 p.m., all agreeing that it had been a great time in spite of the weather.

On 9th May the Annual Meeting was held, when the report and balance-sheet were read and confirmed. Mrs. J. E. Muir, our first Deaf President, who was accorded a hearty ovation, said it afforded her much pleasure to have a talk with those present, although long out of activities, but always interested in the welfare of the Guild, and expressed disappointment at not seeing new faces that they may take the place of older members who have done much to carry on the Guild. The election of office-bearers was as follows:—President: Mrs. T. Peters; Vice-President: Miss E. Empson; Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary: Miss C. Ball; Committee: Mrs. J. Pierce, Misses R. Dow, M. Dow, D. Hickey and A. Smith. The meeting then closed with supper, at which the members of the Men's Guild were invited.

UNEMPLOYED BAZAAR.

Through an oversight the Committee of the Unemployed Bazaar regrets that certain names of those who have so kindly assisted to make the bazaar the success it was, were overlooked in the note of bazaar doings in the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf News." Mr. J. Dickenson was very prominent with his generosity in allowing members the free use of his motor van for conveyance of timber, boxes, tea chests, etc. Such generosity as his was much appreciated, and the Committee has much pleasure in placing on record its heartfelt thanks to him.

The Committee has pleasure in inserting a group photo. of lady helpers at the last bazaar. Through lack of space it was not possible to publish it in our last issue



Lady Helpers at the Unemployed Bazzar held December, 1 932.

RENOVATIONS.

For three or four weeks during March and April the Administrative Quarters of the Club House at Jolimont Square were in the hands of the Unemployed Deaf Relief Workers, who administered new coats of paint to its outside walls and windows. Many appreciative comments were made of its now neater appearance. In addition to this job, much valuable work has been done on the buildings at Blackburn Home.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE DEAF.

On 15th March a public meeting of the Deaf was held in the Assembly Hall at our Centre to inaugurate a National Council of the Deaf. The meeting was the outcome of a request from the Sydney Deaf, seeking the enlistment of support from the Deaf of Victoria.

The chair was occupied by the President of our Society, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, the principal speaker being Mr. Gladwin, Hon. General Secretary of the National Council of Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia.

In introducing Mr. Gladwin, the chairman gave a brief outline of his work in connection with the National Council of Societies, and then asked him to begin his mission. Mr. Gladwin, on moving forward, was given a cordial welcome with hand claps. He opened his address with messages of hearty greetings from the Deaf of

New South Wales, and then spoke of a meeting that was held in Sydney some time ago by the Deaf of that State. At that meeting it was decided that a motion be put re the formation of a new body, to be named the National Council of the Deaf. As he was coming to Melbourne, the Sydney Deaf deputed Mr. Gladwin to seek our opinion and, if agreeable, to second their motion. He gave an outline of its suggested activities, etc., and of its value to the proposed conference at Sydney next Christmas.

Mr. F. E. Frewin moved that the Deaf of Victoria second the motion of the New South Wales Deaf re formation of a National Council of the Deaf for the Deaf of Australia. Mr. A. E. Stephens seconded Mr. Frewin's motion. Mr. W. Crush dissented and spoke on subjects quite out of order to the aims of the meeting. The motion was then put by the chairman and carried, on show of hands, by 71 votes to 20. The question of appointment of delegates was left over to another meeting. The meeting then closed, amidst acclamation, with the customary vote of thanks to the speaker, Mr. Gladwin, and to the chairman, Mr. Cleveland.

HOCKEY NEWS.

The Hockey Club opened its season with the Annual Meeting, held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, 11th March, at 3 p.m., at which Miss A. Graham presided. After the reading of the annual report, which gave an interesting account of the Club's doings in the past year, and the balance-sheet, which showed a good surplus, the following were elected as office-bearers:—President, Miss A. Graham; Vice-President, Miss E. Empson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss R. Dow; Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Miss Emily Stephens; Hon. Secretary, Miss Elsie Stephens; Committee: Mrs. W. O'Bryan, Misses M. Dow, A. Smith, B. Higgie, O. Minton.

With many new girls joining up it augurs well for the Club this coming season. Practice games were indulged in with much enthusiasm for several Saturdays preceding the opening day of the season.

The season opened on 29th April, when our girls met Nettlefolds on their ground at Albion. The teams were evenly matched and the result was a drawn game, each side scoring one goal. The goal-hitter for our team was G. Hunter.

On 6th May we were defeated by Sunshine, who scored three goals to nil.

The match against Spaldings, on 13th May, was cancelled on account of rain.

A successful euchre tournament was held on the evening of 13th May in aid of the Club's funds. Miss D. Smith and Mr. E. Johnson were the winners. Miss Olive Minton was the fortunate winner of a sandwich cake raffled during the evening.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

In order to raise funds to purchase new scenes and stage fittings, the Dramatic Club held a picture night on 22nd April. "Welcome Danger," with Harold Lloyd, was the star feature. "Try and Dot It," a short comedy, was the supporting picture. It was a real good show and deserved better attendance.

TENNIS CLUB'S SOCIAL NEWS.

A very happy evening was spent on 11th March in aid of the Club's funds. With the title of "School Days" Social, it attracted a large number of supporters and friends. Mr. E. R. Noble had charge of the evening and introduced a number of novel games, much to everybody's enjoyment. Skipping, yo yo, marbles, crazy questions, etc., were gone through with much merriment. About a dozen ladies dressed in their school day's "togs" and added to the pleasure of the night by acting their parts most excellently. Miss E. Leber won the judge's critical eye as being the best dressed and best sustained character, for which she received a prize of a box of chocolates. Supper was served before school "broke up."

CRICKET NEWS.

The first day's play of the final match of the season, on 4th March, was cancelled on account of rain, so a one-day match was played on the following Saturday, when Melbourne High School Old Boys defeated us on the first innings by 110 runs. They scored 189 runs to our 79. Thus our team ended its season with a very poor record, having lost all its matches with one exception, when it won on the first innings against Liberty Socials at the beginning of the season. With the perusal of the averages we find Joe Phillips at the head of the batting, with 8.00 to his credit. Bill McMillen won the bowling average at a cost of 11.29 per wicket.

With the closing of its sports activities the committee now reverts to its social activities during the winter months, during which it will raise funds for the Christmas trip to Sydney. On Saturday night, 18th March, a picture night was held, bringing a goodly sum to the Club's coffers. Titles of pictures were "Partners in Crime," featuring Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, and two supporting comedies, "Polo Bear" and "Stage Struck Susie." A very good show it was.

Another benefit night was held on 25th March, when a Euchre Tournament was staged. Mrs. Burge, 18 wins, and Mr. W. Grant, 15 wins, were the winnners. Light supper was served at the close of the evening.

On 20th May the Club held a picture night, when "The Pony Express" and a comedy were shown. The picture was very good, and those who attended enjoyed it very much.

LACROSSE NEWS.

Contrary to last year's half-hearted attempt at forming a team to carry on the game, this season finds everyone full of zeal and

enthusiasm. Having been so near the premiership last year, who can say that we will not secure the pennant this year?

A very successful and well-attended Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on the afternoon of 18th March, presided over by Mr. J. M. Johnston. The annual report, which proved to be a lengthy one, was read, and also the balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance for the new year. Before proceeding with the election of office-bearers, the chairman gave a short address complimenting the committee and players on carrying out their duties successfully, and said he trusted that the coming year would see a repetition of such. He eulogised Mr. W. McMillen for winning the trophy for best and fairest player during last season and said he hoped he would repeat his success this season; if it so happened that he did not, he hoped one of the other players would. Mention was made of the most consistent and twenty years' loyal service to the Club as a playing member by Mr. W. B. Anderson.

The post of Presidency was again bestowed upon Mr. J. M. Johnston, who has now faithfully served 18 years on the Committee. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. J. Wilson, F. E. Rees, W. McMillen; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. White; Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. McGuinness; Committee: Messrs. V. Wilson, H. Wilson, E. Roxburgh, A. Tyzzer, W. O'Bryan; Delegate: Mr. A. J. Wilson.

Much enthusiasm was shown soon after the above recorded meeting, when more than six members went out to Blackburn on several occasions to assist in preparing the ground. The concrete pitch had to be covered with a layer of loam, grass cut or burnt off, hollows filled, etc. Messrs. R. White (who had charge of the "gang"), H. Wilson, E. Roxburgh, W. McMillen, W. Jones, G. McGuinness and his nephew were heartily thanked for their services. Practices were not lacking during the intervening time of the annual meeting and the opening of the lacrosse season. Each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday found members busy acquiring their lost knack of stick-work and stamina. Among recruits, Wally Grant, John M. Boal and Bill Engel were very impressive. Bill McMillen has already shown that he is quite capable of winning this season's trophy, and Dick White appears very formidable on the back line with his long stick. The rest of the players showed fine form, and the team hopes to do even better than last year. As will be noted, W. Anderson and Don Johnston are not available to us this season and the choice of a goalkeeper has become a knotty problem thereby.

The season opened on 29th April when our boys played Malvern, premiers for last year, on Malvern C.G. The match started at 1.30 p.m. Our side started off very well, scoring two goals before Malvern found their feet, but they gradually overhauled and passed us, and at the final bell had thrown nine goals to our five. W. Grant threw two goals and G. McGuinness, A. Tyzzer and E. Raines threw one each.

Williamstown proved too good for our boys on 6th May and had an easy win, scoring 16 to our 7. G. McGuinness netted six goals and W. Grant one.

On 17th May we had our first win at the expense of Y.M.C.A., scoring 25 goals to their 3. E. Raines 9, G. McGuinness 7, A. Tyzzer 4, W. Grant 3, R. Storey and I. Guthrie 1 each, were the goal-throwers.

W. McMillen was elected captain of the team and Dick White vice-captain.

To augment its funds the Lacrosse Club held a picture night on Saturday, 1st April, screening "Four Feathers," featuring Fay Wray and A. Arlen, and two comedies, "Hot Sparks" and "She's Gone Sailor." The attendance was fairly good. On 29th April a euchre tournament was held, when 11 tables were used. Miss W. Henry and Mr. Alex. Anderson were the winners. Each received a thermos flask for a prize. During the evening a large cake was raffled and Mr. W. Grant was the lucky one. He promptly had it cut up and distributed during supper time. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Thanks are tendered to the following donors who have assisted the Lacrosse Club:—Mr. L. A. Cleveland, £1/1/-; Mr. F. W. Spry, £1; Mr. E. H. Peacock, 10/6; Mr. G. B. Mortimer, 10/6; Mr. F. E. Frewin, 10/-; Mr. T. A. Nelson, 10/-; Mr. N. Armstrong, 5/-; Mr. R. J. Oehr, 5/-; Mr. Bremmer 10/-.

LACROSSE CLUB'S RE-UNION DINNER.

To mark the passing of its twenty-first year of existence, the Lacrosse Club held a Re-Union Dinner for past and present members in the Assembly Hall on the evening of 4th April. About 50 availed themselves of the invitation. The novel aspect of the dinner was that the whole of the preparations, arranging and setting of the tables was done, with a small exception, by the men themselves. Those responsible were later complimented on the excellence of the lay-out. The menu of ham and corn beef, with tomato and lettuce salad, preserved fruits, jellies and creams, cakes, fruit, nuts, chocolates, tea and soft drinks, was very much enjoyed.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, the President, presided at the head of the table. On his right was the first president of the club, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and on his left Mr. A. J. Wilson, the present delegate. Mr. A. Kidd, ex-delegate of eight years' standing, was seated on the right side of Mr. Abraham. Very little was said for the first half hour, everyone being fully engaged with the contents of the table, but then the chairman got up and proposed the toast of Health to the King, which was drunk with great gusto. Following the drinking of the toast the chairman gave a resume of the Club's activities from the first year they had entered a team in competition to the present day. Mr. G. McGuinness, the present Hon. Secretary, then proposed the toast, "Our Champion of Champions, the Longest and Most Loyal Member of Our Club, Mr. W. B. Anderson." Mr. Ander-

son, in reply, thanked the gathering for their compliments and said he regretted that the Club had seen the end of his personality as a player. Mr. A. Kidd, delegate for seasons 1920 to 1927, then spoke thanking the Club for the invitation extended to him and giving him an opportunity to renew old acquaintances. He also complimented the Club on its splendid historical record as mentioned by the chairman, and said he trusted that its successes would not dwindle during the next 21 years. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, in proposing the toast of "Prosperity to the Club," spoke of the wonderful prosperity of the Club in former years, congratulating it on carrying on throughout the depression. The toast was drank with great heart. Mr. A. J. Wilson, present delegate of six years' standing, spoke in highest terms of the Club's efforts during his association with it, especially as that period was within the depression, and trusted that the future would be brighter and better, with much smoother sailing for the Club. Messrs. W. A. Paterson, vice-president for the first 13 years and two years president, F. E. Rees, R. White, R. H. Luff, a playing member of the first team and also the first committeeman, W. Ashby and H. Puddy also spoke; the last two mentioned speakers said that the Club ought to be proud of its fine record, as they believed it would be hard to surpass by any club, with one or two exceptions. Mr. Ashby said that Coburg had gained the premiership honours only once in 26 years, and that had been with Deaf support, while our record was six in 21 years. They also stated that the dinner was the best and most splendidly got-up they had ever had the pleasure of attending and congratulated those responsible on their work. The evening wound up with the toast to Past and Present Delegates, Messrs. A. Kidd and A. J. Wilson, and also the President, Mr. J. M. Johnston. The toast was proposed by Mr. Abraham and drank amid great cheering and a "tiger." Messrs. Claude Graham and Clem. Norman played their part as waiters most effectively, and complimentary references were made of them during the speeches. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. the President, R. White, H. Wilson, E. Roxburgh, and W. McMillen. Mrs. Johnston assisted with table decorations and advice as to proper table etiquette, for which she was heartily thanked.

Disappointment was expressed at the non-presence of Messrs. J. McLean, first hon. secretary to the Club, and Les. Downes, first hon. treasurer, who through some unforeseen circumstances were prevented from coming.

HISTORY OF THE ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB.

When a number of young men congregated and, having nothing to do on Saturday afternoons except talk, they naturally form a desire to have some sort of athletic game to take part in. Such was the case with some of our men in the year 1911, and they cast longing eyes on their luckier contemporaries at the Deaf School, which already possessed a team for lacrosse games. Several junior members of our Society, who played with the School both during their school days

and after, expressed the desire that a team be organised in connection with this Society. They said they felt that to continue to play with the schoolboys would be unfair to the opposing team and unsportsmanlike. A meeting for those interested was called by the late Mr. J. E. Muir on 25th January, 1912, at the Old Deaf Club House in Flinders Street, City. Mr. Muir, who presided, explained the object of the meeting and asked for their opinions on the matter. Mr. L. Downes moved that a club be formed and Mr. J. McLean seconded. The motion was unanimously carried by those present. At the same meeting the office-bearers were elected as follows:—President: Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. E. Muir, W. P. Muir, M. L. Miller and W. A. Paterson; Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. McLean; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. Downes. Committee: Messrs. C. Robertson, R. H. Luff, T. A. Nelson, R. Beattie; Delegates: Messrs. E. H. Peacock and J. McLean. Mr. Peacock was soon replaced by Mr. M. C. Hughes, father of Norman Hughes.

Mr. G. Newnham was deputed to submit designs of colours as suggested by various members. The choice fell on a black jersey with red facings and monogram "A.D.L.C." Mr. G. Brown, a member of the General Board and curator of public parks and gardens, assisted the club in securing the ground at Yarra Park for our use. In our first match against Hawthorn, of "C" section, on 27th April, our team proved too good for our opponents and ran out winners by 17 goals to 0. Norman Hughes scored 7 goals, C. Smith, 5, C. Robertson 3, F. Lynas and H. McKenzie 1 each. The Club had 20 members to draw from.

The team came fourth in premiership honours in its first year, but with experience gained in 1912 they ran out premiers in 1913. Throughout its existence the Club has been well to the forefront among teams in the association and the performances of the players most consistent. So popular was the game among our members that a No. 2 team was formed in 1918 and it lasted for nine seasons. Its performances are worthy of note, being runners-up in 1920 and annexing the premiership in 1921.

The Club's record for its 21 years of existence is as follows:—Premiers 6, runners-up 7, third 5, fourth 4, fifth 4, sixth 2, seventh 1, eighth 1. Four interstate matches have been played, all against the Adelaide Deaf. The matches were played two in Melbourne and two in Adelaide and the honours were also even.

In almost very team there are "black sheep" who bring discredit to the club. Our team was not an exception to the rule and got a reputation of being the roughest and toughest to break up, and as a result between the close of 1928 and the opening of 1929 seasons the Club experienced a very turbulent period. Rumours flew thick that our Club would not be recognised by the V.L.A. for the coming season, and as a result a breakaway set in amongst our members which almost broke the Club. It was only because of the persistence and perseverance of some of the enthusiasts that the Club was able

to enter a much weakened team for the 1929 season; but with the gradual understanding of the game and its system the team gradually bettered and bid fair to become equal to its predecessors. The feeling against our team has changed for the better since the elimination of the rough players.

The introduction of prizes for best and fairest players has done much to improve the game of lacrosse and also the individual players. Mr. H. Puddy, since he left our Club for that of Coburg in 1929, gained the distinction of being the best and fairest player for the seasons 1930 and 1931 in the senior section. It was a very high distinction, more so as he had to compete with hearing players, there being no Deaf team in that section. Last year this trophy was introduced into the "A" section and, proud to say, Mr. W. McMillen, our reliable back man, gained that distinction. We hope that we shall see that trophy being won by members of our Club in future years and thus the name of our Club will rise high in the estimation of the public.

PICTURE NIGHTS.

The Deaf Committee has arranged to run picture shows on any Saturday night that might be vacant. They propose to use the funds for the magazine, refunding the cost of replacements of cinema machine, etc. The first picture night was held on Saturday, 6th May, when "The Light of the Western Stars," a comedy drama, and "Footlight Fanny," a comedy, were shown.

BALLARAT NEWS.

The Ballarat Club is still functioning with a fine spirit of camaraderie. That it is very much alive is evidenced by the fact that the attendance has been well maintained throughout its existence, averaging about 90 per cent. The Club meets every Saturday night and holds services on the first Sunday of the month. On Sunday, 5th March, five members of the Melbourne Deaf Society, who happened to make a day trip to Ballarat, introduced themselves to the gathering, renewed acquaintances, and then attended the service conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston, also of Melbourne, but an old Ballarat boy. Those who attended were Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Misses D. Hickey, R. and M. Dow, and Mr. E. R. Noble. Their visit was very much appreciated, and any other Deaf who contemplate making a trip to Ballarat are assured of a hearty welcome from the Deaf there. Such visits like the above will tend to promote deeper friendship between the parent club and its branches.

Two new members have joined the Ballarat branch since last Christmas in the persons of Miss Ruby McDonald, of Ballarat Orphanage, and Mr. Ray Cornall, of Brown Hill, Ballarat East. There are two more deaf persons in the Ballarat district, but they are at present pupils of the Deaf School, St. Kilda Road, Prahran. We had the pleasure of their presence at one or two of our gatherings during their school vacation last Christmas.

Mr. J. Stewart, a Ballarat member, spent some weeks' holiday at Torquay with his people. On 2nd April Mrs. J. O'Gorman, of Melbourne, took a run up to Ballarat and attended the service in the afternoon. Her visit was quite unexpected and was very much appppreciated.

During the middle of May the branch moved into a new room at the premises of Rodda Building, at the corner of Bridge and Peel streets.

GEELONG NEWS.

Geelong branch is not as fortunate as the Ballarat branch with regard to its membership for the last 12 months. Owing to the death of two of its oldest members, Messrs. Monahan and Hood, the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessey (nee Lorna Fisher) to Melbourne, where they have taken up residence, the membership has dwindled greatly.

Mrs. Piper, the Hon. Secretary, has been most unfortunate during the past year, for she has been in the hands of the doctor most of the time. First she had a nervous breakdown, necessitating her to go to the country to recuperate; no sooner was she home than by some misfortune she injured her leg and had to go about on crutches for a few months, and on top of that an attack of influenza and nerves.

Mrs. Monahan and her two daughters during January last took a sea cruise up to Queensland. As they only travelled according to the shipping time table, which made their stay at each port very brief, they had very little time for sight-seeing and were unable to visit any of the Deaf Clubs en route. They had a very enjoyable time

Mr. Bell, of Newlyn, made a holiday visit to Geelong during February last, and Mr. Hennessey, who met him, said he was looking very well.

Owing to the necessity for both Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and J. M. Johnston being present at the Lacrosse Club's Twenty-first Annual Re-Union Dinner in Melbourne on the 4th April, Mr. W. Appleton, the Trainee, came over and conducted the class. Those present were glad of the opportunity to get acquainted with Mr. Appleton.

Arrangements are being made to run a social night very soon and it is hoped that some of the Melbourne folk will join in the merrymaking.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Dr. Rust, of Belfast, Ireland, paid us a visit on the 18th March, and was very much impressed with what he saw of this Society. Dr. Rust is a member of the Board of Management of the Belfast Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.

This season our crop of tomatoes and apples grown at Blackburn Farm was so prolific that the Society was able to send some cases to the school in St. Kilda Road. The gifts were very much appreciated.

Received a letter from Colin Johns, of Horsham, who is very anxious to join the Horsham Lacrosse Club, asking our Lacrosse Club for any cast-off sticks with which he could play. Unfortunately we were unable to spare any, as the sticks are rather expensive, and every player takes care to use them until they are unfit for further use.

Miss Ruby Peters spent a most enjoyable hike with the Melbourne Hiking Club during Easter. The hike was over the Grampians and lasted about three days. She said the scenery was grand and well worth the outing.

The Annual Lord Mayor's Flower Day was held on Wednesday, 10th May. Our Society was allotted a section in Collins Street, and from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. an army of workers, including five Deaf ladies, made a raid on the public's generosity and pocket. The response was good and the result showed that we had done about four times better than last year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Noonan and children took leave for Sydney per the Sydney Limited on Saturday, 13th May. Mr. Noonan's people are getting well up in years and they were anxious that their son and his wife should be with them. As Mr. Noonan was unemployed, our Society assisted them with fares, etc., and it is sincerely hoped that he will have better luck re employment in the sister capital.

Miss Frances Becher, of Welshpool, South Gippsland, in a short note to the Editor, sends kind remembrances to her many friends and also greetings through this magazine.

Miss O. Minton had the misfortune to be knocked down by a motor car just lately and had three stitches inserted in a cut on her head.

We were pleased to see Mr. Fred. Kendall at the Centre lately. He is down from "Coree" station in New South Wales. We hope to see quite a lot of him while he is in Melbourne.

We had a visit from Mr. G. Ames, a young lad who has just left Newtown School for the Deaf, Sydney, and he was quite charmed with what he saw at the Centre. He asked for Mr. G. Butler, a past student of the same school, and we had the pleasure of getting them together, renewing acquaintances a few days afterwards.

Mr. G. Butler made his first acquaintance with our crowd, since leaving St. Kilda Road School last Christmas, on 11th March, and was impressed with the gathering and promised to avail himself of our facilities. He was a past pupil of Newtown School for the Deaf, Sydney, N.S.W. It was about four years ago when he was transferred to the Victorian School.

Mr. Iddles, of Rochester, was down in Melbourne, as guest of our Blackburn Home, to attend the Eye and Ear Hospital for eye trouble. He has since returned home well pleased with his stay here. He has been away from Melbourne since he left school and was so glad to have met many of his old school pals again.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spent his, should we say an interrupted, holiday during the middle part of March at Cowes, Phillip Island, and Mentone. The General Board of this Society was compelled to recall him to attend the Special Board Meeting in connection with Mr. H. W. Gladwin's visit and also the public meeting of the Deaf, when the question of support of formation of the National Council of Deaf was put. A telegram from the Deaf Girls' Hockey Club, wishing our Principal "many happy returns," was sent to Cowes, where he was staying, reached the island after closing time. The Melbourne G.P.O. 'phoned the message through; this was on a Saturday. On Monday our Principal was at Mentone, the G.P.O. sent a duplicate telegram there, and later came the original from Cowes. So the club's good wishes were well and truly delivered.

Mr. Charlie Buck, as noted in his last letter to the Hon. Editor from Newcastle, N.S.W., is getting restless as to the length of enforced idleness, and is contemplating a tramp to his old home town, Melbourne. He stated that he is not seeking any tramping records, but will use every opportunity to get work en route, so our Melbourne folks need not be too sanguine about his date of arrival.

Mr. Harold Ahchow, of Orbost, wrote to say that he has been spending a month at Genoa, about 60 miles further east, near Mallacoota Inlet, and almost on the Victorian and New South Wales border. He stated that his father had a very good harvest of beans and peas and was hoping for a good return of prices from the Sydney markets. He is looking forward to a visit to Melbourne very soon.

Miss Elsie Dunstan, of Wanda Bridge, Casterton, is keeping herself in touch with us and we appreciate receiving news from her now and then. She is looking forward to a chance of paying us a visit some day. She sent her subscription to our Magazine Fund, for which we thank her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cardwell, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, passed through Melbourne on way to Mitta Mitta to stay for the winter months. Mr. J. Cardwell underwent a serious operation some time before Christmas and is still feeling its after effects, so it was decided that he should go to a warmer climate to recuperate. We all earnestly hope that the change will do him good.

Mr. F. Lynas, of Wooroonooke, via Charlton, was down in Melbourne a week before Easter, and stayed well over the holidays.

On 16th March, at the Victorian Lacrosse Association's Annual Meeting, Mr. W. McMillen, whose prowess on the lacrosse field, as mentioned in our last issue, was the recipient of a very handsome trophy, a silver cup, with the association's badge attached, and engraving of his name and purport on the side. The trophy was very much admired and he was the centre of many congratulations.

Mr. C. Haynes, beginning on Eight Hours Day, 20th March, went pedalling over a good part of Victoria seeking work en route. He visited Ballarat, Daylesford, Newlyn, Kyneton, Bendigo, and all out-

lying places, returning home on Saturday, 8th April, well pleased with his experiences, but regretted to report that he failed to land a job. Whilst at Daylesford he had the pleasure of meeting Mr. D. Meredith, and also some Deaf folks at Ballarat. In all he covered 370 miles.

Mr. Les. Sutton, of Bendigo, was down for a month looking for a job and so far no luck has come his way. He said that he has not had a regular job for the last three years.

Mrs. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, was down in Melbourne for some time, and we were glad to see her many times at the Centre.

Mrs. H. Allinson, of Wonthaggi, was in Melbourne for some time, having her teeth attended to.

Miss C. Derbyshire spent a couple of weeks at Victoria's Queen of Watering Places, Lorne, during the latter part of March. She spoke highly of her enjoyable time there.

Mrs. W. Burge had a quiet fortnight at Frankston during the latter part of February, to recuperate from a slight nervous breakdown.

Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, has had her month's rest visiting Melbourne, Macedon and Bendigo before, during and after Easter holidays. She felt much benefitted with the change of climate.

Miss M. Dow spent her Easter Week with her married sister at Maryborough, and she was sorry to return to Melbourne again.

Mr. J. Murphy underwent an operation for nasal trouble and we were glad to see him amongst us, looking quite well again.

Miss L. Sanders, as usual, went home to her people in Bendigo for the Easter Week. As Bendigo was in carnival spirit, she was all carnival talk when she got back amongst us again.

Mr. R. Mills, of Sydney, was down for about 10 days during Easter. He spent most of his time with us and joining us in tennis games. As there was hardly any attraction at our Club House during the holidays, we fear Mr. Mills will not have much to say to his Sydney folks when he got back.

Miss A. Smith chose the Western District for her Easter holidays, Horsham to be exact, and spoke of a wonderfully good time there. She talked of wishing to go back again and live there.

Mrs. W. O'Bryan, nee Miss Eileen O'Gorman, spent three weeks up at Yarrawonga.

Mr. A. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce, of Neerim Junction, were here during the Easter Week. The last-named couple went up to Ballarat before coming to Melbourne.

Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, was also down for the holidays and came back again soon after for a longer period.

Mr. J. Stewart, of Ballarat, was down for the week-end with the Ballarat Y.M.C.A. Viking Team of Swimmers, when they competed with their Melbourne rivals. He snatched the brief opportunity to pay us a call and did not forget his 2/- subscription to this magazine.

Our Society had the pleasure of the visit of Miss Doran, the Welfare Officer of the Sydney Society, during the Anzac week-end, together with Mr. Peter Sutherland, late of Deniliquin, now of Sydney. Miss Doran was attending, in the capacity as an interpreter, a case at Deniliquin for Mr. P. Sutherland, and it was after the case that they paid us the call of which we were glad, as we were enabled to get to know her better. She has won many admirers through her vivacity. She left for Sydney on Anzac evening and many went to the station and saw her off, loading her with their various wishes for the Sydney Deaf. Mr. Peter Sutherland made an extended stay here to renew his many old acquaintances.

Per R.M.S. Orama, which left Port Melbourne on 20th April, Mrs. L. A. Cleveland, wife of our President, bade adieu to her many Melbourne friends for a six months' visit to Scotland. We trust she will have a royal time and return home safely. Mrs. Cleveland got a very pleasant surprise on entering her cabin—she was greeted by an abundance of lovely flowers, a goodwill offering from people of the Deaf Mutes' Home.

Miss Betty Wilkinson, who left school last Christmas and who has been up at Warburton for some time, was given a couple of weeks' holidays in Melbourne as guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston. She was glad of the opportunity to see some of her old school mates again.

Mr. Alex. Anderson made his debut at the Euchre Tournament held on 29th April and won the games. He has been a resident in Melbourne for some time prior to coming amongst us, being a past pupil of Castlehill Institution, New South Wales. He was struck with pleasure at that night's gathering and with the provision provided for the Deaf, and said that he would be pleased to come again.

We regret to report that Mr. C. Reynolds, of Heidelberg, has lost the sight of one of his eyes. Some time ago an ulcer formed in his eye, causing severe pains and necessitating treatment at the Eye and Ear Hospital. Later it was found that he would lose the sight of that eye.

MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF SYDNEY.

I have been inundated by questions since my return from Sydney, viz.: "What do you think of the harbour bridge? What is your opinion of the harbour? Do you like the suburbs?" etc. I shall endeavour to write down my impressions and make same as brief as possible, hoping to give satisfaction to those of my questioners who read this.

My first day in the city was rather disappointing. Melbourne's lovely broad thoroughfares and regulated traffic made Sydney's streets look very narrow and the traffic so very congested; my husband was nearly run over that day. I wondered if we would return to Melbourne alive.

I beheld Sydney's wonderful bridge from a taxi in which we drove over the bridge on our way to Cremorne, where we were to reside for our two weeks' holiday. The bridge is indeed a wonderful feat of workmanship. I have often passed over the Forth Bridge in Scotland, which expands over the Firth of Forth. I used to think the Forth Bridge very wonderful, but Sydney's Harbour Bridge surpasses even the Forth. I did not have the experience of walking over the bridge, as our time was so very short.

I viewed the harbour from the heights of Cremorne and what I saw sent thrills of delight through me. I felt my holiday was really worth while; everything was so peaceful and made up for my disappointment the first day in the city. Sydney may well be proud of its beautiful harbour.

The next place to visit on our programme was Taronga Park Zoo. Words cannot describe just what I thought of all I saw at the Zoo and Aquarium, especially the lions' and tigers' dens, which were cut out in the rocks and were quite unprotected. It made me pause and wonder if the animals could spring out on me. The grounds and surrounding scenery were also very interesting. I think Sydney must have one of the finest zoological gardens and aquarium in the world.

Our next trip was to Manly. We went by ferry and returned by tram via the Spit. St. Kilda, I think, is magnificent compared to Manly, and its buildings more modern. The view en route from Manly to the Spit was very interesting.

Our next visit was to National Park, and from there to Cronulla by launch. I enjoyed the trip down the river very much, and the scenery sent my thoughts flying back to Scotland and the many happy days I spent on the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. Many of the places we passed on our way to Cronulla had Scotch names. One in particular I noticed was Bonnie Doon. Our last week-end we spent at the Blue Mountains. We stayed at Leura, and on Saturday afternoon we drove to Katoomba on a shopping expedition. We were told Katoomba was the largest town and the gayest in the mountains. On Sunday we drove to Mount Victoria and York. We were very fortunate in that the weather was cloudless, so therefore we had a perfect view of the mountains and the surrounding scenery, which simply runs away with my imagination. I am left wondering which has the better background, our Scottish Trossacks or the Blue Mountains. In concluding, our visit to Sydney has really been worth while, even more so as we were able to make the acquaintance of the Deaf, both of the Society and Association. I admired the Society and the good work it is doing on behalf of the Deaf. The Society's Headquarters are also worth while commenting on. The interior is very clean and comfortable, and the members have every convenience, the unemployed being very well cared for. I would like to appeal to the Deaf of Australia to be loyal to their respective societies and unite together, for unity is strength, and in strength you can work together in harmony for your great cause.

N. C. SUTHERLAND.

"CHEER THEM UP BRIGADE."

Some time ago mention was made in the "Victorian Deaf News" that the "Cheer Them Up Brigade" has been visiting their less fortunate Deaf unostentatiously, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakley wishes it be known that they were one of the fortunate ones to receive its surprise visit, which they appreciated very much. We were told the visit was made on the occasion of Mrs. Oakley's 84th birthday, when many felicitations and useful gifts were given to her and her better half.

This same band sprung a surprise upon our Residential Missioner, Mr. J. M. Johnston, on occasion of his birthday, 13th April, when an impromptu bridge party was held in his honour. A very happy evening was spent.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Ernest Daniels on Wednesday, 19th April, at the age of 66 years. Some time ago he took a bad turn and had to be constantly watched, necessitating the employment of a night attendant. A few days before his death he was transferred to Royal Park Receiving Home. Mr. Daniels was one of the first Deaf to be admitted as an inmate to the Home, which at that time was at Box Hill. He entered the Home in the year 1908, together with the late Mr. W. Hindell, who died during 1925. He thus completed his 25 years with us. He was privately interred in the Melbourne General Cemetery.

STOP PRESS.

Results of hockey and lacrosse matches played on Saturday, 20th May:—

In the match against Girl Citizens our hockey girls proved the better, winning by 2 goals to 1. Elsie Stephens scored both the goals for our girls.

Adult Deaf ran out easy winners by 16 to 8 against University. Goal-throwers were:—G. McGuinness 5, A. Tyzzer 4, Henry 3, Raines 3, D. Johnston 1.

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Mr. H. Puddy, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions for our "Victorian Deaf News" for 1933 season:—Mr. F. Rees, Mr. H. McKenzie, Mr. W. Ashby, Mrs. Hull, Miss M. Cole, Miss C. Ball, Miss M. Dow, Miss D. Hickey, Miss Mitchell, Mr. T. A. Nelson, Miss E. Leber, Mr. A. McLellan, Miss L. Sanders, Miss P. Johnstone, Miss F. Owens, Miss M. Stevens, Mr. M. Mark, Miss G. Caldwell, Miss M. Schreenan, Mr. C. Stiff, Miss E. Dunstan, Mrs. G. Damman, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. G. Quantock, Miss M. Gibson, Mrs. W. Rees, Miss G. Salmon, Mrs. J. E. Muir, Mrs. Cross, Miss G. Hawkins, Miss J. Laird, Mr. T. Peters, Mr. O. Tyzzer, Mr. A. C. Muir.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 3rd June, at 8 p.m.—Sydney Carnival Picture Night.
Monday, 5th June, at 7.30 p.m.—King's Birthday Rally.
Saturday, 10th June, at 8 p.m.—Lacrosse Club's Picture Night.
Sunday, 11th June, at 3.30 p.m.—Church Anniversary Service.
Tuesday, 13th June, at 8 p.m.—Men's and Women's Guild Meetings.
Saturday, 17th June, at 8 p.m.—Cricket Club's Euchre Tournament.
Sunday, 18th June, at 3 p.m.—Conference of the Deaf.
Tuesday, 20th June, at 8 p.m.—Deaf Committee Meeting.
Saturday, 24th June, at 8 p.m.—Deaf Committee's Picture Night.
Tuesday, 27th June, at 8 p.m.—Men's Guild Meeting.
Thursday, 29th June, at 8 p.m.—Deaf Congregational Annual Meeting.
Sunday, 2nd July, at 7 p.m.—Holy Communion Service.
Tuesday, 11th July, at 8 p.m.—Men's and Women's Guild Meetings.
Tuesday, 18th July, at 8 p.m.—Deaf Committee Meeting.
Tuesday, 25th July, at 8 p.m.—Men's Guild Meeting.
Every Sunday.—Services, Morning and Night, 11 and 7.
Every Thursday.—Prayer Meeting, Lecturette, Basket Ball Games, and Committee Meetings.
Every Saturday Afternoon.—Sports, Lacrosse, Hockey, Tennis.
Every Saturday Evening.—Social Games and Cinema Pictures.

For fuller information of events, watch the Notice Board at the Centre.

Special Announcement

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

Jolimont Square, East Melbourne.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th, at 3.30 p.m.

Preacher : ARCHDEACON BOOTH.
Organist and Soloist : MR. CHRIS. REEKIE.

The Service will be interpreted to the Deaf by the Principal.

BRING YOUR HEARING FRIENDS

Tea will be provided for those wishing to stay for the Evening Service.

TICKETS - - SIXPENCE.

E. H. Blackwood, Print, Prahran.

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NEW FEDERAL BODY FOR THE DEAF

Meeting To Discuss Plan

It is proposed to form an Australian Council of the Deaf for the Deaf, at an interstate congress of the deaf in Sydney next Christmas.

The proposal originated from members of the New South Wales Deaf and Dumb Society. To secure the endorsement of members of the Victorian society, a public meeting will be held at the society's hall, Jolimont Square, Jolimont, at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The move is sponsored by the National Council of Deaf and Dumb Societies in Australia.

It is intended that the two national councils — the existing one, comprising "hearing" councillors, and the new one, consisting of deaf and dumb members — will work in co-operation.

CLOSER CONTACT

Until last year no link existed between the deaf and dumb societies of the States. In March, 1932, a national council, comprising "hearing" delegates from each State society, was formed to correlate the work throughout the Commonwealth. It is to co-operate with that council, and to bring into closer contact with each other the deaf and dumb of all States, that the New South Wales proposal has now been made. It is intended that all the office-bearers of the new body will be chosen by the deaf and dumb from their own ranks. There will be a committee of "hearing" people to act in an advisory capacity.

The honorary secretary of the National Council in Australia (Mr H. W. Gladwin) has come from Sydney to explain the proposals at tomorrow night's meeting. Later he will visit the other States. It is expected that the National Council of the Deaf for the Deaf will be unanimously supported by members in all States.

COLLECTORS
Wanted for
ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.
Deaf Persons Preferred.

Write, stating experience, and enclosing copies of testimonials, to the
HONORARY TREASURER,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont-square, Melbourne East, C.2.

MEETINGS, LECTURES, &c.

9d. a line; Saturday, 1/ a line.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (Incorporated).

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Hall of the Society, Jolimont Square, Jolimont, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 15th of MARCH, at 8 p.m.

Business:—To inaugurate a National Council comprised solely of deaf members for the advancement of the interests of the Deaf and Dumb in Australia.

The speaker will be Mr. H. W. Gladwin, hon. secretary of the National Council in Australia.

R. J. OEHR, Hon. Secretary.

RELIEF WORKS,

Further Projects Approved.

The Employment Council and Cabinet yesterday approved several further unemployment relief works. The committee of the West Gippsland Hospital, Warragul, was granted a loan of £2500, at 4 per cent., with an interest subsidy of 3 per cent. for two years, for twenty-five years. It proposes to carry out structural alterations to the hospital. The sinking fund provision is to be a payment equal to 12½ per cent. in each period of five years.

To sewer the Mont Albert State school and thus effect a saving in sewerage charges, the Public Works department was granted £300.

The Yarram Water Works Trust was granted a loan of £800 to replace existing mains with larger pipes. The loan is at 4½ per cent. for thirty years, and the sinking fund payment will be 1 per cent. No interest subsidy was allowed.

A further grant of £1100 was approved to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for the provision of work for their employes on the society's farm at Blackburn.

Thursday, May 11, 1933

DEAF MUTE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

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Unusual Case at Flemington Court

RAYMOND Victor Kembler, a frail-appearing deaf mute of no occupation, was brought before Flemington Court on Tuesday, charged with assaulting George Paterson.

"I had never seen him before April 30," Paterson said. "On that morning he chased my son, Bobby, into our yard, and went on with a lot of nonsense about Bobby stealing tuppence-worth of milk from his son.

"I said, 'If you want a shilling or two shillings I'll give it to you, but don't come here making a disturbance on Sunday morning.'

"As I turned away," witness continued, "he hit me with something, and laid me out. I had to have a cut over my eye stitched."

THE DEFENCE

Laboriously given through an interpreter, the defence entered by the defendant was that his son had complained that young Paterson had spilt the milk he was carrying home. Defendant went to remonstrate with the complainant, and was received with a blow. Then he retaliated.

When the defendant had given evidence, Paterson said he did not wish to press the case.

"I shouldn't have brought him to court if I had known what a state he was in," complainant said.

The charge was dismissed.

Took Oath On His Hands

A DEAF mute who gave evidence at Flemington Court on Tuesday was in a dilemma when ordered to take the Bible in his right hand to take the oath. He needed both hands with which to talk. The Clerk of Petty Sessions held the Book in front of the witness while his swift-moving fingers interpreted the oath.

The Dumb Witness

WITNESSES in court, if sworn in the usual way, hold the Book in the right hand and repeat the words of the oath. At the Essendon Court this week a dumb witness, having to "speak" with his hands, could not at the same time take the Bible in his right hand.

A compromise had to be arranged. The witness held the Bible for a moment, replaced it on the stand, and then repeated the oath in the deaf and dumb alphabet.

Here, There, &

The Unspoken Word

UNTIL yesterday afternoon I thought sprinting and wrestling were about the ultimate occupations for men of energy.



Mr. Abraham

And then I saw Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham translating into the finger and sign language the anniversary service for the church for the deaf and dumb in Jolimont Square.

Later, Mr. Abraham told me that an hour or so of constant talking in this language is exhausting enough for the hardiest athlete. Every part of the body is subjected to strain. Arms, hands and fingers are the chief instruments of trade, but to express finer shades of meaning the "speaker" must employ facial expression and swayings of the body in precisely the manner of the pantomimist.

To the uninitiated, it is terrifyingly complicated at first, but when the eyes grow attuned to the strange play it is possible to make sense out of the hand-wavings and mouth-screwings. A deaf mute, knowing no other form of speech from childhood, could, Mr. Abraham tells me, take an entirely creditable note of a lecture as it is interpreted into the unspoken word.

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Oldest Language

PROBABLY the sign language is nothing more than the world's oldest form of speech rediscovered and developed.

In it, you will find all the conventional signs used by normal people to indicate sleep, eat, think, prayer and the like. And it is just as living and elastic as any language talked in Europe or Asia.

When a new invention sweeps over the horizon the deaf mute soon has a sign to denote it. For instance, when the motor car appeared he seized on the steering wheel as the most distinctive characteristic. So now the gesture of steering with two hands on a wheel means "motor car"; and the deaf mute is able to compass the sign as swiftly as you or I could say the words. Similarly with aeroplane. The deaf mute says it by diving his finger outwards from his body in the style of a plane swooping and rising.

Mr. Abraham showed me one sign whose origin I could not even guess at. It consists of tapping the lips with the side of the forefinger — almost as a murderer might hush his accomplice.

"Can't you guess?" Mr. Abraham said.

I was stumped.

"It means 'woman,'" he said.

I understood.

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CHURCH SERVICE BY SIGNS

Anniversary of Deaf and Dumb Worship

THE second anniversary of the opening of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Church, East Melbourne, was celebrated yesterday. The sermon was preached by Archdeacon Booth, and it was interpreted by signs to the congregation by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, manager of the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Mr. Chris Reeke sang several solos, which were also interpreted.

CHURCH FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

The anniversary service of the church for the deaf will be held on Sunday, at 3.30 p.m. Situated in Jolimont-square, Melbourne East, this church is the spiritual centre of the deaf of Victoria. The services are conducted in the finger and sign language, and all unite in a simple form of worship. The church is interdenominational, and is specially designed to fulfil the requirements for public worship by the deaf and dumb. The preacher on Sunday will be Archdeacon Booth, of Dandenong. Mr. Chris. Reekie will be the organist and soloist. The service will be interpreted by the principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

CHURCH FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

Second Anniversary Service.

It is now two years since the little church in Jolimont-square, Melbourne, was opened by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria as a spiritual centre for the deaf people of this State. A simple and beautiful service at the church yesterday, to mark the second anniversary, was attended not only by a number of those people for whom it was especially arranged, but by others interested in the work of the society.

Archdeacon Booth conducted the service, which, by means of sign language, was interpreted by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. Mr. C. Reekie was the soloist and organist.

The Archdeacon, to illustrate his subject, chose the parable used by Ezekiel of the river which ran from the sanctuary steps of the temple at Jerusalem down the barren, dismal Jordan valley to the Dead Sea, giving life and strength and beauty as it flowed. This imaginary river was like faith, which played a tremendous part in one's service and usefulness to the world and in one's own self. It gave peace and assurance of the love of God in face of adversity and difficulties. Faith, like the river, gave life, and cleansing, power to do the right, and light to understand what was right; it gave, too, beauty, and hope—assurance that there would be compensation for the physical limitations which some people endured. God would make clear on the other side what were shadows in this life. "For all shadows here are lights on the other side, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms."



NO PLAY WAS ATTEMPTED in the hockey match arranged by women's teams from the Deaf and Dumb Institute and Spalding's on Saturday. Miss Gerty Hunter (right) is shown explaining to members of the Deaf and Dumb team that rain had caused the match to be postponed.

Adult Deaf + Dumb Society.

Solomont Square,
Melbourne East.

Roll up!

Hearty Welcome!

KING'S BIRTHDAY

RALLY.

5th June 1933.

Entertainments!

Fellowship!

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ADMISSION FREE.



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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

(INCORPORATED)

AND HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND BLIND DEAF MUTES

OBJECTIVE :

The AFTER-SCHOOL WELFARE of the whole of the deaf and dumb citizens of the State; providing Institutional substitutes to replace the lost sense of hearing.

HEADQUARTERS, JOLIMONT SQUARE,
MELBOURNE EAST.

7th June, 1933.

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(To whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.)

Asst. Secretary
Miss E. R. Empson

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The Anniversary Service of the Church for the Deaf will be held on Sunday next, 11th June, at 3.30 p.m.

Situated in the historic Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, this beautiful little Church is the spiritual centre of the deaf of Victoria The services are conducted in the finger and sign language and all unite in a simple form of worship.

Fifty years ago a group of Christians - Anglican, Wesleyan, Baptist and Congregationalist - having heard that the deaf and dumb were without spiritual guidance or means of public worship, organised a Mission, and began a movement to raise funds to erect a little Church especially for them. After nearly twenty years of subscribing and collecting, sufficient funds were raised for that particular purpose, but, by this time, the deaf mute membership had so increased and their temporal needs being better understood, the building had to be so designed that it could be used for educational and recreative purposes also.

This first Home, Church and Institute for the adult deaf and dumb long ago became too small for their requirements. With the purchase of Jolimont Square was made possible the erection of a little Church dedicated solely to worship such as was originally subscribed for by that community of Christian friends.

The Church is interdenominational, and is specially designed to fulfil the requirements for public worship by the deaf and dumb.

At the coming Anniversary Service the preacher will be Archdeacon Booth of St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Chris Reckie will be the organist and soloist. The service will be interpreted by the Principal.

Hearing friends are specially invited.

Subscribers are asked to note that this Society is NOT connected with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution—the Residential School for deaf and dumb children, St. Kilda Road.

Sun 2nd June

CHURCH OF SILENCE



THE CHURCH of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in East Melbourne, celebrated its second anniversary on Sunday, when a service conducted by Archdeacon Booth was interpreted by signs.

The President and Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
request the honour of the company of

and friends, at the
49th Annual Meeting
to be held in The Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Melbourne
on Wednesday, 12th July, 1933, at 3 p.m.

Addresses by
His Grace, The Archbishop of Melbourne
and W. Warren Kerr, Esq., C.M.G., C.B.E.

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Councillor H. Gengoult Smith
will preside

R. J. OEHR, F.I.C.A., F.C.I.S.
HON. SECRETARY

Apr 15th July

Herald 12th July

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT COLLECTORS.

Deaf and Dumb Institution's Warning.

The secretary of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution (Mr. W. J. McCaskill) stated yesterday that collectors are still soliciting funds for the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and he wished once again to warn the public that there was no such institute. The use of such a name had given imposters a chance to obtain money for themselves. The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution was the only home and school for deaf children in Victoria, and employed only two deaf collectors, one in the metropolitan area and the other in the country, and each carried certified credentials which were produced when seeking assistance for the 139 children who depended in large measure on the support given by the public. A receipt on the institution's printed form was given for each subscription.

DEAF AND DUMB

Bogus Collectors Charge

OFFICIAL'S REPLY

The President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr L. A. Cleveland) said today that misapprehension had arisen in the minds of sympathisers with the deaf and dumb following a statement about bogus collectors and auxiliaries made yesterday by the Superintendent and Secretary of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution (Mr W. J. McCaskill).

Mr Cleveland stated that there were two organisations caring for the deaf and dumb of Victoria. The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution catered for children up to the school leaving age, and his own society catered for adults. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society already had several influential groups of women in various suburbs working in its interests, while other auxiliaries were being organised by Mrs Champlin, who carried the full authority of the society.

Some of the women who had interested themselves in the auxiliaries were greatly concerned about the effects likely to arise in the minds of the public from confusion between their own efforts and those of the auxiliaries referred to by Mr McCaskill as bogus.

Mr Cleveland said that he personally had no knowledge of the existence of either bogus collectors or auxiliaries, but he desired it to be clearly understood that women's auxiliaries, working on behalf of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria were fully authorised by that society to act, and were rendering most valuable assistance at a time when financial aid was sorely needed.

All collectors of the society were compelled to carry cards of authority, which they were bound to produce on demand, and were required to issue one of the society's official receipts for every donation received.

Apr 15th July

DEAF AND DUMB.

Society's Annual Meeting.

Unemployment Relief Activities.

Reference to the effect of unemployment among deaf and dumb people was made yesterday at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, at which Alderman Stapley, as acting Lord Mayor, presided.

The annual report, alluding to the aim of the society to befriend in every possible way the deaf and dumb members of the community, stated that there were about 1000 deaf and dumb people in Victoria. There were about 80 more or less directly dependent on the society for regular sustenance, either as permanent employes, as employes on relief work, as inmates at Blackburn home, or as deaf dependants or employes of the society. After stating there were about 70 deaf and dumb on the books as out of employment, and referring to the Government grants of £600 last December, and £1160 more recently, for relief work and employment during the winter, the report contended there was an urgent need for a committee charged with the duty of seeing that every deaf and dumb citizen had employment. The proposal was that a committee representing the State Government, the Municipal Association, employers of labor, trades' unions, and the society, should work with a view to obtaining employment for at least one deaf and dumb person in all Government works, municipal offices, and by employers of labor of 250 or more hands.

The aggregate deficit shown by revenue accounts at 31st March was £657, as compared with a deficit of £1657 at the end of the previous year. Subscriptions and other general revenue showed a decline, but the decline had been more than offset by economies enforced. Rentals at the Jolimont estate had been well maintained, and a decrease in expenses had enabled a surplus to be shown for the year's activities here.

Archbishop Head, praising the work of the society, said he liked to think of philanthropic efforts as springing from the inspiration that came from the belief that we were all children of the Father in heaven.

Sorrowful reference was made to the death during the year of Mr. E. R. Peacock, who had been president of the society for seven years and an active member of the board of management for 30 years. The new president is Mr. L. A. Cleveland. Alluding to the resignation of Mr. R. J. Oehr as hon. secretary, the report stated that the resignation had been accepted with deep regret, but expressed pleasure that he would continue his interest in the society's activities.

The reports were adopted.

DEAF AND DUMB

Bogus Collectors

Reports have been received by the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institutiton that collectors in the city and suburbs are soliciting donations for the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and that auxiliaries are being formed.

The superintendent and secretary (Mr W. J. McCaskill) pointed out today that there was no such institute, and that the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution in St. Kilda Road, was the only home and school for deaf children in Victoria.

The Institution employs only two deaf collectors, one in the metropolitan area and one in the country. They make only one annual call. The organiser who is reported to be forming auxiliaries is not connected with the Institution.

It was pointed out to Mr McCaskill that the May, 1933, issue of the telephone directory contained the name, Deaf and Dump Institute, but he said that steps had been taken to rectify this error.

Mr Double is the Institution's sole metropolitan representative, and doubtful solicitations should be referred to the office (Telephone Windsor 2457).

31 July 1933

At the last meeting of the board of management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society special reference was made to the excellent work being done by the women's auxiliaries. Mrs. F. W. Spry, wife of the honorary treasurer of the society, established the first auxiliary in East Kew, and also the Younger Set, and substantial sums have been raised by this band of workers. The central auxiliary, of which Matron Fitzgerald is president and Mrs. Haslett honorary secretary, held a successful bridge party in the assembly hall at Jolimont, which more than 100 people attended.

In aid of
ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BRIDGE PARTY

to be held on

12 July 1933

at the Club House, Jolimont Square
commencing at 8 o'clock

TICKETS 2/-

SUPPER AND PRIZES

K. M. FITZGERALD
President
Haw. 1276

S. A. HASLETT
Secretary
Haw. 4850

Herald Aug 1933

MAYORESS HELPS
An Essendon Effort

BEFORE going out of office this month, Mrs J. J. Elliott, the Mayoress of Essendon showed her sympathy with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, whose headquarters are in Jolimont, by organising a bridge party, which was held in the lodge room at the Town Hall, Moonee Ponds, this afternoon. As the good work the Society is doing is not very generally known, the Mayoress invited Mrs M. L. Champlin, the organiser, to give a brief talk about it during the tea interval.

Both bridge and euchre were played, and the room was carpeted and made cosy for the players, and decorated with bowls of mixed blooms. Assisting Mrs Elliott with the arrangements was a small committee which included Mrs Leslie W. Scott, who looked after the reservation of tables, and Mesdames J. C. Dillon, W. F. Wellington, E. E. Mott, H. W. Gyles, W. Llewellyn, F. Hanna and G. T. Fitzgerald. There was no expense, as the committee donated the afternoon tea.

Herald 14th Aug 1933

ON his retirement as the honorary secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria after 21 years' service, Mr R. J. Oehr has been presented by the board of management and deaf members of the society with a set of crystal ware and three conductor's batons. The gift was made by the president of the society (Mr L. A. Cleveland). Mr Oehr has been the conductor of Cairns Memorial Church choir for 33 years, and secretary of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society for more than 28 years. He has also been registrar of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants for 24 years.



Mr R. J. Oehr

age 14th August 1933

In recognition of 21 years' service as hon. secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the board of management and the deaf and dumb members entertained Mr. and Mrs. Oehr in the assembly hall of the adult deaf and dumb centre, Jolimont, last night. Mr. L. A. Cleveland, president of the society, was in the chair, and made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Oehr.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

Sept. 10th 1933

VIOLET SUNDAY
Floral Services.

11. am. Preacher.. The Trainee
7. pm. " The Principal

Come and join in the Thanksgiving for "All things Beautiful".

Country Deaf To See City

A special re-union service and conference of city and country deaf people will be held on Sunday, October 29, states the Victorian Deaf News, a quarterly magazine published by the deaf committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

It is proposed to visit Victoria's first Government House, the Fitzroy Gardens, and the conservatory. A special church service will then be held, to be followed by a conference in the Assembly Hall.

The record of activities of the deaf shows that in sport, education and social life they are able to find keen enjoyment.

The annual Cup Day picnic will be held at Mordialloc on November 7.

Herald 26th Oct 1933

Queen of Sports Competition

under the auspices of Deaf Cricket Club.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Melbourne Ea

WHIST DRIVE

in aid of Queen of Cricket
(Miss O. Minton)

Saturday, 14th October, 1933, at 8 p.m.

Four Prizes. Supper.

Admission 1/-

QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION
(Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.)

In aid of Victorian Deaf Cricket Club's
Sydney Carnival Expenses—Xmas, 1933.

Vote for EMILY STEPHENS
Queen of Hockey

Tickets **1d. each.** **No. 496** Save your Ticket for a lucky prize.

LACROSSE.

No. 1788

Name

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Address

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QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION

(Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.)

In aid of Victorian Deaf Cricket Club's
Sydney Carnival Expenses—Xmas, 1933.

Vote for CHRISSIE DERBYSHIRE
Queen of Lacrosse

Tickets
1d. each. No. 1788

Save your Ticket
for a lucky prize.

INDOOR GAMES.

No. 1080

Name

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Address

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QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION

(Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.)

In aid of Victorian Deaf Cricket Club's
Sydney Carnival Expenses—Xmas, 1933.

Vote for ALICE SMITH
Queen of Indoor Games

Tickets
1d. each.

No. 1080

Save your Ticket
for a lucky prize.

CRICKET.

No. 2400

Name

Address

QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION

(Held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria.)

In aid of Victorian Deaf Cricket Club's
Sydney Carnival Expenses—Xmas, 1933.

Vote for OLIVE MINTON
Queen of Cricket

Tickets
1d. each. No. 2400

Save your Ticket
for a lucky prize.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria



"Jolimont Square," Wellington Parade South,
East Melbourne, C.2.

SOCIAL DANCE

At our CLUB HOUSE.

Proceeds in aid of Sydney Carnival Trip Fund.

Wednesday, 1st November, 1933.

Dancing 8.15 till 12.

Good First-Class Orchestra.

Price - 2/6
Tax and Supper included.

EVELYN JOHNSTON,
Hon. Organising Sec.

Adult Deaf Club House,
Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South,
East Melbourne

SOCIAL DANCE

under the auspices of the Congress Committee and in aid of its funds

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1933

Dancing, 8 to 11.30

First Class Orchestra *Novelties* *Cards*

Admission—2/6
(Tax and Supper included)

EVELYN JOHNSTON
Hon. Organiser

ADULT DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA.
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

OUR VILLAGE MARKET.

Dear Friend,

There are only nine (9) more days to go, the next - Nov. 24th - will be the opening day of "Our Village Market" in aid of Our Unemployed and the Congress Fund. Many deaf friends have sent articles, others have promised help.

We have not yet heard from you. We feel sure you are going to help, but committees always become anxious when nearing the opening date, so it will be a great relief to us if you reply by return telling us what you intend to give.

Hundreds of admission tickets have been sold, and are still selling like hot cakes. We are therefore already assured of a great muster.

The attractions to entertain our sympathisers and you are O.K.; but with hundreds attending we need a big stock of goods.

So hurry up and send your parcel and thus make success more sure.

You may look forward to two happy days - both for yourself and your hearing friends.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. Erewin

Chairman

W. Ashby

14th November 1933. Secretary

Adult Deaf Club House,
Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade South,
Melbourne East

OUR VILLAGE MARKET

Sale, Exhibition and Original Games

Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th November, 1933

3 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

In aid of Deaf and Dumb Unemployed and Congress Funds

Ticket of Admission—One Shilling

This ticket admits bearer on both days and entitles holder, should its number be amongst those favoured, to one of the handsome prizes listed on the other side.

PRIZE LIST.

Prize	Donor.
Camera	Kodak (A/asia) Pty. Ltd.
Tennis Racquet	Hartley's, Flinders Street.
Electric Toaster, "Hecla"	Anonymous.
Suit Men's Pyjamas	Henry Buck Ltd., Swanston Street.
Ladies' Umbrella	Hartnell & Co., Flinders Lane.
Box Chocolates	Rowntrees Ltd., 623 Collins Street.
Necklace, with Case	Newman's, 289 Collins Street.
Pair Shoes	R. White Pty. Ltd., Bourke Street.
Photographic Portrait	Spencer Shier, 177 Collins Street.
Ladies' Pyjamas	Lustre Hosiery, Flinders Lane.
Box Chocolates	Hoadley's Coventry St., South Melbourne.
Theatre Seats for Two	Paramount's Capitol Theatre.
Ladies' Hosiery	Prestige Ltd., Brunswick.
Electroplated Pencil	Mutual Store Ltd.
	Julius Kayser Ltd., Richmond.
Enamelled Ash Tray	Damman & Co., Swanston Street.

Prize-winning numbers will be advertised in all daily papers on Thursday, 30th November, 1933.

YOUR NUMBER IS 3401

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

O U R V I L L A G E M A R K E T.

in aid of Unemployed & Congress Funds

- Management of Victorian Congress Committee -

Friday and Saturday, 24th & 25th November 1933.

P R O G R A M M E.

Opening 3 pm Friday, 24th November by L. A. Cleveland Esq.

EXHIBITION & SALE OF WORK by the DEAF

In the Assembly Hall

YARMO the MYSTERIOUS, the living head without a body, will receive visitors at intervals.

In No 1 room - upstairs Tickets 3d.

TARJII the DWARF will receive visitors at intervals.

In No 2 room - upstairs Tickets 3d.

THE GOLDEN AGE THEATRE - Melbourne's only Marionette show. On Saturday afternoon & evening.

In No 2 room - upstairs Tickets 6d.

PUNCH & JUDY - CONJOURING & VENTRILOQUIAL ACTS

In the Assembly Hall at intervals.

Refreshments at all hours. Music.

Herald 6th Nov 1933

Odds and Ends Round Melbourne



JOLIMONT Square in East Melbourne is one of our historic spots, associated with Lieut.-Governor La Trobe. Within the picturesque surroundings of the Square is this church—the church of the Deaf and Dumb Society, the foundation stone of which was laid by Lord Somers on January 13, 1930. Sermons are preached by ministers and simultaneously translated into sign language for the benefit of the congregation, the interior of the church being so arranged that the interpreter is clearly seen from any seat.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

(Take tram in Flinders Street and ask conductor to put you down at Agnes Street, three minutes in tram, fare 2d.)

Our Village Market

IN THE CLUB HOUSE OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY
In aid of the Deaf and Dumb Unemployed and Congress Fund

TO BE OPENED BY

L. A. CLEVELAND, ESQ.,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

on Friday, 24th November, 1933
at 3 p.m.

and continued on

Saturday, 25th, from 11 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

SALE OF ATTRACTIVE GOODS, TOYS & USEFUL ARTICLES
made by the Deaf and Dumb

A great variety of suitable Gifts for Children at pleasing prices

Exhibition of Work by the Deaf and Dumb

Games, Side Shows, and many Unique Attractions.

By coming and bringing your friends you do your fellow citizens, who are deaf and dumb, a good turn, and at the same time you will be well repaid by the uncommon, attractive and pleasing conditions which all make for a very pleasant time for you and the friends you bring.

STALLS AND STALL HOLDERS

Fancy Goods, Mrs. J. Johnston and Miss M. Dow; Cake and Produce, Mrs. O'Gorman and Miss L. Sanders; Sweets, Misses R. Dow and Hickey; Fancy Goods, Mesdames Swain, Ashby and Miss Hawkins; Flowers, Miss A. Smith; "Home Stall," Mrs. Abraham; Unemployed Stall, Mr. O'Gorman.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION, ONE SHILLING EACH

and entitle holder to possibility of one of the following prizes: Camera, donated by Kodak (A/asia) Pty. Ltd.; Tennis Racquet, Hartley's; Electric Toaster, Anonymous; Men's Pyjamas, Henry Buck Ltd.; Lady's Umbrella, Hartnell & Co.; Box Chocolates, Rowntrees Ltd.; Necklace (in case), Newman's; Pair of Shoes, R. White & Co.; Photographic Portrait, Spenser Shier; Lady's Pyjamas, Lustre Hosiery Ltd.; Box Chocolates, Hoadley's Ltd.; Theatre Seats for two, Capitol Theatre; Lady's Hosiery, Prestige Ltd.; Silver Pencil, Mutual Store Ltd.; Ash Tray, Damman & Co.; Lady's Wear, Julius Kayser Ltd.

Prize winning numbers will be published in all daily papers on Thursday, 30th November, 1933.

Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd.

Herald 25th Nov 1933

AGED WICKER WORKER



Mr H. J. Cross, aged 70 years, a worker at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's headquarters at Jolimont, fashioning a wicker chair.

NATIONAL CONGRESS and FESTIVITIES of the DEAF.

to be held in Sydney, N. S. Wales.

Christmas 1933 - New Year 1934.

Under the auspices of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of N. S. W. and

The Australian Deaf Cricket Association.

To our Hearing Friends.

From past experiences it has been proved that the above Congress, held in turn in the various States, have done much to improve the status of the deaf and dumb as citizens of Australia. At these Congresses matters pertaining to the welfare of the deaf and suggestions for the betterment of their lot are discussed with the view to assisting them to overcome their handicap.

Together with the Congress are held the Festivities - Sports Competitions and Oratory (Dramatic Plays and Recitals) - which do much to bring about a closer link between the deaf of the different States.

The Victorian Deaf Cricket Club is raising its own funds for the sending of its representatives and a Committee of Arrangements has been appointed for the raising of the necessary funds to cover the cost of sending representatives to Congress and the other events.

The Committee is confident that our hearing friends are as wishful as it is that our best men and women be sent to represent Victoria.

Together with the Unemployed Deaf the Committee of Arrangements is holding a FANCY FAIR & EXHIBITION of WORK with the DUAL OBJECT of RAISING FUNDS for the CONGRESS & FESTIVITIES TRIP and HELPING OUR UNEMPLOYED DEAF TO HAVE A REALLY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BRIGHT NEW YEAR.

The Committee feels sure you will want to help. Therefore it invites you to contribute something to the Fancy Fair to be held in November next at the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

May we have your assistance? A letter from you to the Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements (Mr W. Ashby) would be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

F. E. Frewin President
J. O'Gorman Hon. Treas.
W. Ashby Hon. Sec.

Adult Deaf Club House,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.
15th September 1933.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY of VICTORIA.

PROGRAMME for SEPTEMBER 1933.

under the auspices of the Deaf Committee

at the

ADULT DEAF ASSEMBLY HALL

Jolimont Sq. Melbourne East.

SOCIALS.

Sat 9th	Lacrosse Club Social	Admission	1/-
16th	Hockey Club Queen Social	"	1/-
23rd	Lacrosse Club Queen Social	"	1/-
30th	Tennis Club Queen Social	"	1/-

Thursday, Sept 28th (SHOW DAY)

ANNIVERSARY RALLY

(The Principal's 32nd year in Victoria + 50th among the Deaf).

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL DEAF.

GOOD PROGRAMME & SUPPER.

BENEFACTORS' DAY,

under the auspices of the Deaf Men's Guild.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 19th.

Illustrated Lecturettes "Our Benefactors."

by the Principal.

Games - - - - - - - - - Supper

Open to all.

ATTRACTIVE COMPETITIONS.

BADMINTON

TABLE TENNIS

BILLIARDS.

DRAUGHTS

CHESS

Join one of them at least! Watch Notice Board!

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VICTORIAN DEAF NEWS

Quarterly Magazine published by the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

The Organ of the Deaf in this State.

Minimum Subscription, 2/- per year, post free. 6d. per copy

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MR. R. J. OEHR'S RETIREMENT.



After having held the position of Honorary Secretary of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria for the past 21 years, Mr. R. J. Oehr tendered his resignation just prior to the Annual Meeting of this Society. He has been Hon. Secretary since 1911, and has, therefore, witnessed and helped in most of the developments which has brought our Society to its present stage of efficiency. Mr. Oehr has many philanthropic interests which take up a great deal of his time, and he now feels that the time has arrived when a younger man with more leisure hours to devote to the work of the Society should take up this important position.

In accepting the resignation with deep regret, the Board places on record its sincere appreciation of the long and valued service so ably rendered to the Society by Mr. Oehr, and expressed the hope that he will be long spared to carry on the splendid work he is doing for the community.

Although his official connection with us is severed he has assured the members of the Board that his interest in the work will be maintained, and that he will assist his successor and the Society generally to the best of his ability.

Mr. R. J. Oehr is a man of many interests and activities, yet he has given us of his time ungrudgingly. He is Registrar of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants, Fellow of the Institute

of Chartered Accountants (Aust.), is on the Local Council of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and has been Secretary of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society since February, 1905. He is a Member of the Faculty of Music, Melbourne University, Member of the Lady Northcote Orchestra Trust Fund, and Hon. Secretary Council of Melbourne Musical Societies. He has been for thirty years Choirmaster of Cairns Memorial Church, is one of the trustees of the Richmond Branch of the A.N.A., and a Justice of the Peace for Central Bailiwick.

On evening of 14th August, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Oehr were entertained to a well attended social in the Assembly Hall of our Centre by the Board of Management and the Deaf Members. Mr. L. A. Cleveland, the President of the Society, occupied the chair. After a number of speeches made by many speakers, including the chairman, Mr. N. Armstrong, Mr. M. J. Hoath, Mr. F. W. Spry, Mr. E. H. Peacock, Mr. Bremner, Mr. F. E. Frewin and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the chairman presented Mr. Oehr with a case of three music conductor's batons, one of which has a gold band inscribed: "To Mr. R. J. Oehr. A token of esteem from members of the Board and the Deaf Community." Mr. Oehr was also asked to accept, on behalf of his wife, a set of three crystal vases. Mr. Oehr responded feelingly and thanked all for their good wishes and appreciation of his services.

The rest of the evening was given over to various games, at which the two trainees, Messrs. Appleton and Engel, acted as M.C's.

Supper concluded a memorable evening.

FROM MR. OEHR TO OUR PRESIDENT (MR. L. A. CLEVELAND).

"Permit me to emphasise my thanks to the members of the Board and the deaf members of the Society for the set of beautiful crystal and conductor's batons with which I was presented at the pleasant evening last Monday. Both my wife and I fully appreciate the kind thought which prompted the gifts. Mrs. Oehr is particularly fond of crystal, and she will always treasure the set, as also will I the batons, which have a special significance, as I understand they were made by deaf members of the Society.

"With best wishes for the Society's welfare, in which I will always be interested,

"I am, yours sincerely,
"R. J. OEHR."

CHURCH NOTES.

Prior to the Special Thanksgiving Service for the unemployed on 28th May, Miss Alice Graham invited the unemployed and their wives to a tea in the Assembly Hall.

After the tea all attended the Church, where our Principal conducted the service, giving as his text the 14th verse of the 27th Psalm: "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord."

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

A simple and beautiful service held on the afternoon of 11th June, to mark the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the Church, was attended not only by our deaf, but by others interested in the work of the Society. Archdeacon Booth, of St. Paul's Cathedral, and one time Hon. Chaplain to the Geelong Deaf Club, conducted the service, which was interpreted by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. Mr. Chris. Reekie played the organ and sang several solos, which were also interpreted.

The Archdeacon, to illustrate his subject, chose the parable used by Ezekiel of the river which ran from the sanctuary steps of the temple at Jerusalem down the barren, dismal Jordan valley to the Dead Sea, giving life and strength and beauty as it flowed. This imaginary river was like faith, which played a tremendous part in one's service and usefulness to the world and in one's own self. It gave peace and assurance of the love of God in face of adversity and difficulties. Faith, like the river, gave life and cleansing, power to do the right, and light to understand what was right; it gave, too, beauty and hope—assurance that there would be compensation for the physical limitations which some people endured. God would make clear on the other side what were shadows in this life, "for all shadows here are lights on the other side, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms."

Many remained for tea, which was served in the Assembly Hall, after which they attended the evening service conducted by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

On the evening of 2nd July, Mr. L. J. Smith occupied the pulpit and gave a sermon on the "Kingdom of Heaven." Mr. Smith is fluent with the Finger and Sign Language, having some years ago taken an interest in the deaf of the Queensland Mission.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

At both morning and evening services on Sunday, 6th August, Memorial Services were held in memory of the late Miss Elizabeth (Bessie) Graham, who passed away very suddenly on 24th July.

The text for the morning service was St. John 14: 1-2, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's House are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

At the evening service the text was St. Luke 10, verse 37: "And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go thou and do likewise." Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, officiated at both services and referred to Miss Graham's wonderful character, always thinking of others and ever willing to help the needy, our unemployed and our Church.

ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIAN ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY.

The old council chamber of the Melbourne Town Hall was crowded on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria on the afternoon of 12th July.

It was a magnificent gathering. The Acting Lord Mayor, Alderman Stapley, presided. The speakers were His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. F. W. Head; Mr. W. Warren-Kerr, C.M.G., C.B.E., and Mrs. I. H. Moss; all of whom spoke in the highest terms of the work accomplished by the Society, and complimented the Board of Management upon their decision to take part in the Centenary Celebrations.

Archbishop Head, in praising the work of the Society, said he liked to think of philanthropic efforts as springing from the inspiration that came from the belief that we all were children of the Father in Heaven.

Mr. R. J. Oehr, the Honorary Secretary, read the report, and Mr. Edgar Peacock the financial statements.

Sorrowful reference was made to the death during the year of Mr. E. R. Peacock, who had been President of the Society for seven year, and an active member of the Board of Management for thirty years.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Spry; Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. F. Rowe; Members of the Board of Management: Chairman, Cr. N. Armstrong, J.P., Messrs. E. J. L. Bremner, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Hoath, S. G. Hobson, Cr. E. L. Morton, Messrs. J. McLean and E. H. Peacock, J.P., Cr. G. W. Sweetland, Messrs. A. Sutherland and S. Watkin.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DEAF CONGREGATION.

The 45th annual meeting of the Adult Deaf Congregation was held at the Centre on 29th June, and attracted a very good attendance.

The Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided. Mr. H. Puddy, the Hon. Secretary, submitted the annual report, and Mr. G. Newnham the balance sheet.

The Chairman gave an eloquent address, in the course of which he referred to the wonderful help given by the State Government and Miss Alice Graham towards our unemployed.

The alteration of certain parts of the Deaf Committee's rules was read, explained, and approved with a slight opposition in regard to the lowering of the annual subscription from 5/- to 2/6.

The election of the committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:—Messrs. J. M. Johnston, G. B. Mortimer, J. McLean, F. E. Frewin, G. Newnham, E. Johnson, A. W. Sutherland, E. R. Noble, A. Stephens and J. O'Gorman.

Messrs. J. M. Johnston and A. E. Stephens were selected to represent Victoria at the conference to be held in Sydney next Christmas, for the formation of the National Council of the Deaf of Australia.

After the customary vote of thanks to the retiring officers, scrutineers, auditor, and chairman, the meeting closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the chairman.

A meeting of the Deaf Committee was held on 18th July, when the new officers were chosen to fill the various positions as follows:—Chairman, Mr. F. E. Frewin; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Johnson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Sutherland; Hon. Bank Manager, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Assistant Bank Manager, Mr. J. McLean; Hon. Librarian, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Assistant Librarian, Mr. E. R. Noble; Hon. Editor of Victorian Deaf News, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Representatives to the General Board; Messrs. F. E. Frewin, J. McLean, A. W. Sutherland. The Executive, Social and Magazine Sub-Committees were satisfactorily filled.

Messrs. E. J. L. Bremner and E. J. D. Abraham are the representatives of the General Board on the Deaf Committee.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

The Quarterly Rally took place on King's Birthday holiday (5th June) in our Assembly Hall. Our Principal presided and gave a short address to the very large number present, and a welcome to Mrs. Puddy.

Novelty games, with Mr. H. Puddy as M.C., followed, and were greatly enjoyed by each of the 175 present. Ten prizes were offered, and were won by Misses J. Murphy, E. Stephens, E.Reade, — Hodges, and Messrs. W. Ross, W. Ashby, V. Buttacavoli and C. Norman. After several minor games supper was served and another harmonious evening came to a close.

NATIONAL CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES OF THE DEAF.

Christmas is coming! and with it the event we have all been waiting for. The National Congress and Festivities of the Deaf is to be held in Sydney from Christmas to New Year.

Under the auspices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of New South Wales and the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, this gathering promises to be an outstanding event in the history of the deaf of Australia. Your own Committee of Arrangements have been hard at work for months, and ahead of us lies a period of strenuous effort, culminating in the FANCY FAIR AND EXHIBITION to be held at Jolimont during November next. The Committee feels sure of your wish to assist and invites you to contribute to the Fair. Write at once to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Ashby) and let him know what assistance you will give.

To guide the Committee in selecting representatives for the games preliminary competitions in tennis, badminton, chess, billiards, draughts and table tennis will soon be in full swing. These com-

petitions are open to all the deaf of Victoria. Enter and win a trip to Sydney with the Victorian team. Our best players and orators are needed to uphold the honour and traditions of the Victorian Deaf.

THE ADULT DEAF AND THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

The Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria proposes to make a feature of the Centenary Celebrations in connection with the work of the Society. It has been decided to hold an exhibition of work by the Deaf of the Commonwealth, and, amongst other attractions, a National Congress and Athletic Competitions. It is felt that with the co-operation of the Board, together with the unique position of the Society in the possession of Jolimont Square (once part of the home of the first Governor of Victoria), it will be able to provide a most acceptable contribution to the Centenary Celebrations.

A tentative programmee is in preparation, and will be printed in the next issue of the Victorian Deaf News.

GOVERNMENT HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED DEAF AND DUMB.

On our books are the names of more than seventy deaf and dumb people, married and single, who have no employment, and there must be many others unknown to us. Some have been out of work for years, some have never had a chance to make a start since leaving school. With a heavy bank overdraft and decreasing subscription list, the Board is powerless to render monetary assistance, and as the position became extremely serious, the Board laid the case of the unemployed deaf and dumb before the Government, asking for immediate help for the more necessitous cases, and in December last a grant of £600 was made to provide relief employment, and some thirty were at once set to improvement work on the Society's Farm at Blackburn. This was continued until March last, when the fund became exhausted. The benefits derived by the grant by providing regular employment of from two to four days a week during the period mentioned was shown in the improved mental outlook and physical condition of the men, and resulted in a considerable amount of useful work being done.

The men were drawn from the various suburbs, some as far away as Oakleigh and Coburg, yet, without exception, these willing workers were regularly at their job at 8 a.m. Quite outside the relief afforded, the moral effect of this regular occupation of mind and body upon these doubly handicapped people is incalculable.

Whilst there are still many thousands of skilled normal people out of work, the possibility of the Deaf and Dumb, no matter how proficient, of securing work, it will be seen, is hopeless.

In these circumstances, the Board again approached the Government for further help, asking for a sum sufficient to tide over the winter months, which, after going into the whole position most carefully, was fixed at £1100. This amount was granted, and is to provide relief work of from one to three days per week.

Mr. McVilly, Inspector of Charities, has visited the Farm, and expressed satisfaction with work done and progress made.

A very pleasing feature in connection with the relief work is the report of the Society's Principal, who has the supervision of this team of deaf workmen.

The all-embracing nature of the work of an Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, which can only properly be understood by personal contact with its many-sidedness, is a continuous and severe mental and physical strain upon the Society's officers. The Board felt it imperative to insist upon their Principal taking at least a fortnight's rest.

The following is an extract from his report to the "Home" Committee: "Before leaving, I got the men together and explained the need of my taking immediate rest, and asked for their co-operation and assistance in the work during my absence. This was promised in a manner that left no doubt in my mind of their intention to carry on to the best of their ability.

"I would here put on record my hearty appreciation of the conduct of the deaf workers throughout the three months that they have been engaged on the work at the Farm, and entire satisfaction with the work done. With the exception of the first week, when conditions of work were being adjusted, and in one or two minor instances, I have every reason to be pleased at the harmony existing."—"The Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Annual Report."

A COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF SEEING THAT EVERY DEAF AND DUMB FELLOW CITIZEN HAS EMPLOYMENT.

Convinced that there is urgent need of a Committee charged with the duty of seeing that every deaf and dumb fellow citizen has employment with remuneration sufficient to maintain himself, and, if married, his wife and family, the Board of this Society has instructed its Principal to move in the matter. The proposal is to form a Committee representing the State Government, Municipal Association, Employers of Labour, Trades Unions, and the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. It is believed that when Government officials and employers of labour are thoroughly conversant with the capabilities of the deaf as tradesmen and their difficulty in securing employment, that positions for at least one deaf mute will be found in all large Government works, municipal offices, and by employers of 250 or more workmen. If this plan is adopted, the deaf mute problem will be solved, as the great majority of these people are capable of earning their own livelihood if given the right opportunity.—"Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Annual Report."

PROVISION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB TO "HOLD THEIR OWN" WHEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL.

The British Minister of Health and Board of Education, in April, 1930, appointed Dr. A. Eicholz, formerly Chief Government Health Inspector in Schools for the Deaf: "To obtain fuller information than

is at present available on the position in industry of deaf and dumb persons, and of the facilities for their education and training and for securing employment."

Dr. Eicholz has just published the results of his investigations. In this report he says the compulsory period of schooling for deaf children—from the ages of 7 to 16—**does not suffice** to provide the training that will enable deaf persons to hold their own when they leave school, and that a further unfortunate handicap to the deaf is the regulations established by present-day labour legislation and by trade unions, the effect of which is to make it exceedingly difficult for the deaf to obtain and hold employment.

In his summary, Dr. Eicholz refers to the two main classes of defective hearing, deaf mutes—"that who from birth or early age are deprived of useful hearing and natural speech"—and the deafened—"those who after possessing useful hearing and speech have lost the power of hearing in various degrees." The latter, he contends, should not be considered as a class requiring special social group treatment under government auspices any more than those suffering from such ailments as rheumatism, heart disease or diabetes, but that the various handicaps of a personal and social nature produce conditions **which make it imperative that deaf mutes, as a class**, receive organised attention under Government agency if adequate relief is to be obtained.

In concluding, Dr. Eicholz says the problem of the deaf depends for solution on two things only—**vocational training and placement.**

He makes certain recommendations for health, education, general welfare and industrial welfare; in the latter he emphasises the "need for further financial assistance by the Public Assistance authorities in support of special placement effort for the deaf and dumb. . . . The need for extension and co-ordination of mission effort on behalf of the deaf and dumb."

The Board of this Society long ago arrived at the same conclusions. It feels that vocational training and employment is the key to the whole problem. Once they are solved, all other deaf mute problems will be easy of solution.

DR. HELEN KELLER AND SWEDENBORG'S WORKS.

An English publication contains the following:—"Dr. Helen Keller, the blind, deaf and dumb philosopher, contributes an Introduction to a new issue of Swedenborg's works, "The True Christian Religion," in which she says: "Since I was sixteen years old I have been a strong believer in the doctrines given to the world by Emanuel Swedenborg. It was his mission to teach men to listen to the inward voice rather than to opinions and disputations. . . I acknowledge my profound indebtedness to him for a richer interpretation of the Bible, a deeper understanding of the meaning of Christianity, and a precious sense of the Divine Presence in the world." Swedenborg claims that he actually saw and heard in the spiritual world the things which he writes about, and that he was divinely appointed

to publish the spiritual sense of the Word of God. This is not the place to assess his doctrines; readers of the book will be able to judge for themselves. Swedenborg maintains that those who acknowledge and worship Jesus Christ as the only God are members of the New Church; instituted in the place of the Old Church, which, he avers, has falsified genuine truth. At the end of the work is the stupendous statement that "after this book was finished the Lord sent His twelve disciples throughout the spiritual world, on 19th June, 1770, to preach the gospel that the Lord Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall be for ever and ever."

MEN'S GUILD.

A good number of members braved the wintry conditions to attend the meeting held on 30th May, when Mr. F. E. Frewin gave a Shakespearian story of "Pereciles," which was rendered in quite a simple and intelligible way. It was very much enjoyed, and the speaker was heartily complimented.

"Other People's Business" was the unique title for a paper given on 13th June by Mr. T. A. Nelson, and it was an amusing subject which the members thoroughly enjoyed.

On 27th June a Pound Night was held, when members contributed various topics and stories, and ended up with advice as to the filling of census papers. The evening closed with supper, supervised by Mrs. H. Puddy and Miss M. Sandon, who were heartily thanked for their services.

On 11th July a Debate was held on "Is War Ever Justified?" Mr. E. Noble spoke for the affirmative side, and Mr. W. Appleton the negative. Both speakers gave very good points, and in the end the majority was for the negative.

"Ghosts," quite apart from visions or dreams, was the paper given by Mr. E. Johnson on 25th July, who expounded some of its weird and mystifying actions on certain people, and was very much enjoyed.

At the same meeting the Guild was in receipt of resignation from the President, Mr. H. Puddy, who has seen fit to sever his connection with this Guild, the Society, and his useful work amongst the Deaf. His resignation was accepted with regret. Our Vice-President, Mr. F. E. Frewin, was again appointed President.

On 8th August, Mr. E. Noble entertained the members with interesting stories on "Greek Heroes."

Preparations are on the way to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Men's Guild, and it is certain that a Grand Dinner is to be held. It is hoped that many old timers, especially those who were in the first year of its existence, will be able to take part. Any Deaf desirous of sharing in the dinner are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Noble, for particulars. The earlier the better.

A Chess Tournament is to be held under the auspices of the Men's Guild. Entry is free, and a prize will be presented to the winner.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The re-opening of the Guild, after its Annual Meeting, was held on the 13th June, an attendance of 25 being present. Amongst them was Mrs. H. Puddy, nee Miss Jessie Best, who has come over from Tasmania to reside, and we hope to see her present at our future meetings. The attention of the members was drawn to the present of a reading desk on the table in their meeting room for their use, and thanks were tendered to Mr. F. E. Frewin for so kindly making it for the Guild. After the business of the meeting, various enjoyable games were played to mark the first meeting of the year. A nice supper was partaken of, provided by the members, after the conclusion of the meeting, and in which the members of the Men's Guild were invited to share.

The next meeting was held on the 11th July, with an attendance of 15; and Miss E. Empson, the Vice-President, was present for the first time after her illness, and accorded a great welcome; also gladness was expressed by members at seeing her with them again. Reading on the "Hollow Cross of Deafness," by Miss R. Dow, caused an all-round debate, and that the combined system of lip-reading and finger language were much favoured. It was a very good paper indeed.

An awful wintry weather condition prevailed on evening of 8th August, which resulted in poor attendance at the meeting, which was presided over by our Vice-President, Miss E. Empson. Mrs. W. Rees gave a paper on "How I Became Deaf." The subject arose out of a paper given by Miss R. Dow at the previous meeting.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on the 12th September; subject to be announced on Notice Board at "Centre."

The "Guild Benevolent Fund" Back to Ancient Games Social was held on the first of July. The programme of the evening consisted mostly of competition games and prize-winning for everyone of the games. Articles left over from the Unemployment Bazaar were laid out for sale, and resulted in bringing in the sum of 8/4; and admission and supper charges amounted to £2/6/9. A dainty supper was partaken of, and afterwards prizes were distributed to the winners by the President, Mrs. T. Peters.

On 20th August a Salmagundi Evening was held in aid of the Guild Benevolent Fund. The large number present enjoyed it greatly, and the sum of £2/11/9 was raised.

GOLDEN JUBILEES.

The first report of the Victorian Society for Promoting the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of the Adult Deaf and Dumb, covering a period of 18 months ending 31st March, 1885, states: "In December, 1883, a Mutual Improvement Society for Deaf and Dumb young men was established in connection with the Society's operations. The members of this Society meet periodically for reading, lectures, discussions, and social intercourse."

The first religious service for the deaf and dumb of Melbourne, held under the auspices of the Victorian Society, was held at the Collins Street Baptist Chapel Hall on the 24th June, 1883, and conducted by the late Mr. Samuel Johnson, the Assistant-Master of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and afterwards Principal of the South Australian Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children. It was Mr. A. C. Muir who received his education at the School for the Deaf in Glasgow, and had attended services for the deaf in that city, who brought influence to bear upon Mr. Johnson, and later Mr. F. J. Rose, founder of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and the Rev. W. Moss, Superintendent of the Blind Institution, to interest themselves in the adult deaf.

Services for the deaf were held before the Adult Society came into existence. The very first, in the sign language, was conducted by Mr. A. C. Muir and Mr. Hesketh, a teacher at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, in the Lower Hall of the Y.M.C.A. Building, Russell Street, on the 20th July, 1879, and an association of deaf was formed, which, however, came to a sudden end in 1881.

This year is also the Golden Jubilee of our Principal, who entered into the work as a teacher of the deaf and dumb in London, England, in 1883. 9th October will be the anniversary of his thirty-second year in Victoria. A special Rally to commemorate his work is to be held on 28th September. See announcement on back page.

Preparations are being made by the Deaf Men's Guild to hold a Reunion Dinner to celebrate its 50th anniversary. City deaf are advised to watch the Notice Board, and country deaf, with a desire to join in the celebration, should write at once to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. R. Noble, for full particulars.

GEELONG BRANCH.

Mr. Abraham took the classes here during the months of June and August, and Mr. J. M. Johnston in July. During the warmer months it is contemplated holding services on Sunday afternoons instead of Tuesday nights.

Miss Clara Monahan is acting as Hon. Sec. to the local deaf community.

BALLARAT BRANCH.

The Ballarat Branch, under the leadership of Maurice Mark, have secured new Club Rooms, situated above Rodda's Store on the corner of Bridge and Peel Streets, Ballarat East. During the football season they meet for recreation on Monday evenings, but during the summer season they will meet on Saturdays.

They are an enterprising little community, introducing most pleasing features into their gatherings. Some Sundays back, after divine service and the usual talk, the whole congregation took part

in what seemed to our Principal the initial stages of a removing job, in which all the members of the congregation took part, instead of which he soon found it was a job of "assembling" a large table, which was very soon laden with all the goodies that go to make up a guest's tea party, and it was not long before our Principal realised that he was the guest. It was a happy party, and the thoughtfulness of the Ballarat deaf was greatly appreciated. This innovation the deaf are continuing as a regular feature of the meetings, and Mr. Johnston and Mr. Appleton, on 2nd July and 6th August respectively, both had the pleasure of being entertained in the same way.

Mr. Fred Kendall, of Coree Station, Jerilderie, spent a fortnight here recently as the guest of Mr. J. Stewart.

Mr. W. Ashby, of Melbourne, came up for the day on 2nd July, and, with Mr. Kendall, helped to swell our number at divine service.

Mr. A. E. Stewart, father of Mr. J. Stewart, has bought "Leigh Park," a property of 640 acres at Inverleigh, for his son, who will take over the management under the guidance of his father.

Many of the Ballarat deaf are eager to be among the Victorian deaf for the Sydney Congress trip at Christmas.

BENDIGO NEWS.

Mr. Les Sutton, in a loyal and most informative letter to our Principal, makes the suggestion that it would be a very popular move if railway arrangements could be made to bring the country deaf to Melbourne on one Sunday in each month, to join the city deaf in afternoon conference, tea, and divine service. It is a happy suggestion, but we are afraid difficult of accomplishment. Anyway, our Principal is in communication with Mr. Clapp, Chief Commissioner of Railways, in regard to the matter.

In a letter to the Editor, Les Sutton wrote that his cricket team, North Bendigo, won the premiership of the Bendigo Association, and that he was the recipient of a cheque for heading the batting average. (Melburnians, keep your eyes on him as a likely choice for the Interstate team.—Hon. Ed.)

D. Gooding has been farming up at Gunbower for a few weeks.

Tom Tonkins is keeping and doing well at present. He is always repeating his wish to see Melbourne folks again.

Mr. H. Cross, who moved to a new place much nearer the city, has been in Melbourne for treatment to his eyes.

THE TRUTH ABOUT LIP READING.

Dr. A. Eichholz, C.B.E., late H.M. Inspector of Special Schools, has for the past two years gathered data relating to the Deaf. From his study of these facts he has compiled a report. This is the most important pronouncement that has been made this century, and we trust that it will be the basis of future legislative action. Dr. Eichholz's trained mind allows him to see the whole problem of the Deaf in its true perspective. His statement is unbiassed, his language unequivocal.

The author has put his finger on many educational blind spots. Foremost amongst these is the necessity of teaching children to spell on their fingers and to read finger spelling. Implicit in this statement is a recognition of the fact that oral teaching breaks down in adult life when the real issue of how to understand and be understood is faced. Here he repeats only the experience of every worker for the adult deaf as well as those teachers who have enlarged their view of the deaf to take in those over school age. However, now that Dr. Eichholz has said it perhaps it will carry weight with those to whom discrimination is always a difficult matter.

We have always been considered old fashioned in our insistence on using the term "Deaf and Dumb," as against that of "Deaf" only. Hear Dr. Eichholz. "It has been found necessary to refer to the differences between the Deaf-Mute and the deafened owing to the confusion occurring in popular and even professional accounts which too frequently adopt an indiscriminate description of the two categories as 'The Deaf.' This confusion . . . . owes its origin to an *entirely praiseworthy object of lifting* the stigma of being dumb from deaf mutes, who have been taught the use of speech." Dr. Eichholz is generous. Another explanation might have been given. —From the Magazine from the Scottish Deaf.

A. D. G. HOCKEY CLUB.

Much disappointment was expressed among the members of the hockey team because of the shortness of the season, for it was a happy and successful one and the players showed good form right through. Unfortunately, our goalie, Olive Minton, met with an accident (not on the hockey field) and was unable to play for several weeks. Although we have more players in the team than required, we were pleased to have our ex-Captain, Mabel Dow, fill the gap on two occasions.

27th May.—Symington defeated our team after a very close game by 1 goal to nil.

3rd June.—A bye.

10th June.—Our team again met Nettlefolds, and again the match was drawn; each side scored one goal.

17th June.—Our team defeated Spaldings by one goal to nil.

24th June.—Sunshine defeated our team by 5 to 0.

1st July.—Our team defeated Spaldings, 3 to 1.

8th July.—Our team defeated Girls' Citizens, by 2 to 1.

15th July.—Our team defeated Symington, by 3 to 1.

—and gained the third place on the premiership list, which meant they had to play "Sunshine," the team at the top of the grade.

A very good match was played between them on the 29th July, and resulted in a draw. The following Saturday (5th August) brought a replay, and Sunshine scored 5 goals to our nil.

And so for our team the season ended; but the beneficial results the game had on the girls will last a very long time.

The "Wind-up of the Season" Social was held in our Assembly Hall, and attended by an unusually large number, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



A.D.G. Hockey Semi-Finalists, 1933.

BILLIARDS.

Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of our Board of Management, has been very active in improving the attractions of the recreative side of our Club House. For some time the Deaf had to be content with a very patchy billiard table cloth and a very much chipped set of balls. All this has been changed now. Mr. Bremner managed to secure for us a very good secondhand cloth, which has been expertly laid on. He has also provided us with a set of ivory balls, the gift of Mr. Wilkins, the Fire Brigade Chief, and some cues presented by Mr. M. Mornane. Lately Mr. F. W. Spry has presented us with three more cues. The Deaf are very grateful to these gentlemen. At present a billiard tournament is in progress, attracting about 40 entrants.

Badminton is also receiving its share of attention at present. Two tournaments are in progress, one for the Mixed Doubles and the other for Men's Doubles. Results will be announced in the next issue of this magazine.

CRICKET NEWS.

The Club is not putting any news of its prowess in this issue, for Winter, as we all know, is a dead season for the game. However, the

Committee has not been lacking in its zeal in regard to the financial side of its activities. Socials and tournaments were held at intervals. On 17th June a Euchre Tournament was held, at which Mrs. W. O'Bryan and Mr. A. Morgan won the prizes. During the evening Mr. W. O'Bryan, who was married some time ago, was presented with a silver cake dish as a wedding present from the Club.

On 15th July a Whist Drive was held and 13 tables were used. Miss Bond and Mr. J. Cariss were the winners.

From 1st July to 30th September the Club is running a Queen Competition in aid of its Christmas Trip Fund. The rivalry is very keen, and the Queens are keeping their takings until the last moment. We expect the Club will be financially sound for the forthcoming Interstate matches in Sydney. The Club received a very pleasant surprise in receiving two donations of 5/- each from well-wishers in Perth, W.A.

The annual meeting was held on 22nd August. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, occupied the chair. After the reading of the annual report and balance sheet, Messrs. J. Phillips and W. McMillen were presented with trophies for batting and bowling respectively.

The sending of a team to Sydney at Christmas was confirmed, and selectors appointed.

The office-bearers for the season 1933-34 are:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. McLean, W. Ashby and D. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Storey; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Hon. Delegate, Mr. W. Appleton; Committee, Messrs. R. Beattie, J. Phillips, W. McMillen and W. Appleton; Captain, Mr. W. Ashby; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. O'Gorman.

LACROSSE.

The Club was fortunate to have made a find in Laurie Walsh, as the new goalkeeper. His keeping at the nets has been most impressive, and he promises to develop into a "good un" for the Club if he sticks to the game. The lure of lacrosse was too strong for some of our chaps who, at the beginning of the season, spoke of retiring from the game.

After watching a few of the opening games, Don Johnston and George Henry decided to don the Club colors once more. This, of course, cheered their mates and put new heart into the will to succeed. George McGuiness is one of the most consistent performers in the game. He seldom fails to get goals, and is well ahead of his team mates in this respect. Unfortunately, he has been forced to miss a few matches, owing to injuries received at work. Owing to being on shift-work, our captain, Willie McMillen, also had to miss some games.

In spite of these, and other misfortunes, we managed to reach the semi-finals, in which we went down to a vastly improved Williamstown team. Results of matches:—

27th May—Ivanhoe, on their own ground, secured the advantage and beat us 7 goals to 5 (Raines 2, W. Grant, Alf. Tyzzer and another).

3rd June—We defeated Artillery by 16 to 6. McGuiness, who is unbeatable on his day, scored 10, Raines 3, and Alf. Tyzzer 3 scored the others.

10th June—At Caulfield, we were defeated in a high-scoring game. Caulfield, 17; Adult Deaf, 10 (Henry 3, McGuiness 5, W. Grant, 2).

24th June—After an exciting finish to a fast and vigorous game our team defeated Essendon by 14 to 10. Goals were thrown by Henry 4, McGuiness 4, Raines 3, Thomas and Guthrie.

1st July—Malvern were fully extended, and thanks to the greater steadiness of their defenders in the concluding stages were just able to stave off defeat. Scores were:—Malvern, 6; Adult Deaf, 5 (McGuiness 4, Raines).

8th July—We turned the tables on Ivanhoe by defeating them—10 goals to 5.

15th July—We had another comfortable win at the expense of Y.M.C.A., scoring 17 goals (Raines 9, Guthrie 3, T. Newton 2, McMillen, Thomas and Grant), to their 6.

22nd July—Yet another runaway victory for our team—Adult Deaf, 25; to Essendon, 5.

29th July—Our team has seldom been seen to greater advantage. Williamstown met their third successive defeat after an unbroken record. Final scores were: 10 to 9 (Raines 4, McGuiness 3, Henry 2, and T. Newton were the goal throwers).

5th August—Camberwell gave their best exhibition for the season in a rough and scrambling game, and subsequently won with 11 goals to 4 (McGuiness 2, Raines and Henry scored for us).

12th August—Caulfield and our team, both equal for fourth position, had a great struggle, and one of the best games played at Blackburn resulted in a draw—11 goals each (McGuiness 5, Henry 3, Raines 2 and T. Newton).

19th August—The match against Artillery was the last of the season's home and home round. We romped home an easy winner by 16 to 6.

Caulfield was eliminated from the finals by its defeat at the hands of Malvern, so we met Williamstown in the semi-final played on 26th August at Malvern.

Williamstown proved a vastly improved team, and gradually forged ahead. They were faster and surer and merited their victory. Scores were:—Williamstown, 16; Adult Deaf, 5.

The Club ran a Penny Dump on Evening of 27th May and benefited to the amount of over £2, and on 10th June a picture night was held showing "Chang," with a supporting programme of "Cruise in the Arctic" and "Happy Heels." A Euchre Party was held on the 8th of July, and then followed another picture night on 12th August, screening the "Soul of France," which depicted the loyalty and faith of the French people toward their nation and leaders during the Great War.

Through an oversight, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's name was not mentioned in the last issue of the Victorian Deaf News as one of those who have assisted the Club with a donation, and we now take this opportunity to record that he contributed 10/-, and since then further contributions have been received for which they were gratefully thanked, Mr. M. J. Hoath, 5/-; Mr. W. Appleton, 5/-.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL ROAD RACE.

By Herb Wilson (Deaf), a Member of Coburg Professional Cycling Club.

The open professional road race from Melbourne to Ballarat was run on Saturday, 29th July, by "The Holland Bicycle," which was also under the patronage of the League of Victorian Wheelmen. The distance was 68 miles, starting at 11 a.m. from West Footscray to Deer Park and Bacchus Marsh. I was placed on 20 minutes' handicap, with four other riders. We started off well along the Geelong road, until we came upon the road leading to Deer Park, which, to our surprise, was in a most shocking condition, in many parts we ploughed through water pools a foot deep, and before we reached the main Ballarat road attention was directed to my back brake, which, to my astonishment, gave way from its proper place, so I had to dismount and adjust it, thus losing a few seconds and putting me well behind my co-markers. With no one to pace, I was forced to make the best of myself to try and overhaul those in front. After passing Bacchus Marsh we encountered hilly country near Pykes' Reservoir, which proved to be very strenuous. Many were forced to walk up to the top. It was my first experience to essay such negotiations, which almost put me out of action, but I persevered and went through. As we neared Ballan a blinding rain began to fall, which made things uncomfortable, and cold, but, nevertheless, we pushed on. Soon after passing Warrenheip, Ballarat came into sight somewhere near 4 p.m., and I was pretty well chilled with the cold. Upon reaching the finishing post we were at once provided with a hot cup of Bovril, which was very much appreciated. I did not gain any honours out of this race, but it has provided me with much experience, which may put me in good stead for future races. I came in at the post somewhere in the middle of the 124 riders that took part. What a sight I was in, and what a pity that none of the readers of this magazine was at the finishing post to witness me. I was soaked and bespattered with mud from head to feet, and I doubted if any of my friends would have recognised me there. To my mind, the Warrnambool Road Race is a smooth race compared to the above. What say you, Willie Hately? Are you entering the "Warrnambool" again this year, Willie? I am.

WEDDINGS.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Matthias' Church of England, Richmond, on 24th June, 1933, when Mr. Les Owen was married to Miss Doris Sharpe. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Frewin, the son of our loyal and popular member, Mr. F. E. Frewin.

Miss Jessie Best, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Best, of Paterson Street, Launceston, Tasmania, was married on Monday, 22nd May, 1933, at 2.30 p.m., to Mr. Harry Puddy, youngest son of Mrs. M. Puddy, of Grantham Street, West Brunswick, Melbourne, and the late Mr. Henry Puddy, at St. Andrew's Church, Launceston, Tasmania, which was made attractive with beautiful decorations.

Rev. J. L. Hurse performed the ceremony, the bride's father escorting her to the altar, and her brother, Mr. Clair Best, accompanying the bridegroom as best man. Autumn shade was used in the decoration of the church, which looked very nice. Following the ceremony, the bride's mother entertained relatives and a few intimate friends to afternoon tea at her home. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Hobart and later made their home in Melbourne.

OBITUARY.

"In the light that nevermore shall fade."

Deep is the regret with which we record the passing from us of Miss E. Graham, on 24th July. Mere words cannot express the measure of our love and esteem for so true a friend. The gratitude of our hearts will keep the memory of her gracious friendliness evergreen in our minds. To Miss Alice Graham we extend our most sincere and tender sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort her with that peace which He alone can give.

Miss Jane Marvel, who was matron of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, for 20 years, died on 1st June last. She has been connected with the Institution for 25 years; the first five years she acted in capacity of a nurse. The school was closed for the day as a mark of respect to her.

Miss Jean Dow, a pupil of Deaf School and a niece of Misses R., M., and E. Dow, passed to a higher life after a short illness on 25th May, at age of 15. She was buried at the new Cheltenham Cemetery.

Another of our old identities in the person of Mr. William Park, of Elsternwick (late of Ballarat), passed to a higher life on 10th July, and was buried at Cheltenham Cemetery. He was an ironworker, and was connected with the famous Phoenix Foundry in Ballarat, having a hand in the making of a number of engines for the Victorian Railways, and was also a riveter in the building of Princes Bridge, Queen's Bridge, and other famous works. He died at the age of 71 years, and left real estate of £2,500, and personal property £3,259, to his brothers and sister.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierce passed the Silver Anniversary of their wedded life on 8th July. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, will be celebrating their Silver Wedding on 7th November. Our best wishes and congratulations to them also.

Mr. J. Brook, of Locksley, gave us a call whilst in Melbourne on business during the latter part of June.

A son (Keith) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Tyzzer on 8th June last.

Mr. Don Wallis, of Seymour, spent a fortnight in Melbourne during July, and enquired of the possibility of joining the Victorian team for Sydney next Christmas. He looked well, and sends his best regards to those whom he did not have a chance of meeting during his stay in Melbourne.

Mr. W. F. Rowe, Chartered Accountant, has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, in succession to Mr. R. J. Oehr.

Mr. F. Kendall was down from the Riverina for some time, and spent two weeks in Ballarat. He has now returned for the shearing season. There were talks of his taking charge of a sheep station up that way very soon. We all wish him every success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins have been in town recently.

After a short stay at Mitta Mitta it was found necessary to place Mr. John Cardwell under care of a doctor and nurses. He was sent to Bethesda Hospital, Richmond, where he stayed for over a month after an operation. He is now residing at Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Paterson's place in Canterbury. A trained nurse is making regular visits.

Mr. H. Cross, of Bendigo, is at present in Melbourne. After attending a Collins Street specialist, it was found necessary for him to be admitted to the Eye and Ear Hospital for an operation. We are glad to report that Mr. Cross came through the operation successfully, and will be leaving for home almost immediately. It is many years since he last visited us, and he noticed that Melbourne has grown enormously, and the traffic is more dense than ever. Mr. Cross was glad to renew acquaintances with old friends and to make new ones.

Mr. G. Oakley has been having a bad time during the past month. His leg was causing him some anxiety, and he was forced to visit the Alfred Hospital to have it attended to. As it did not improve, he was admitted, and is at present occupying a bed in Ward 21. Mrs. Oakley, who has spent many sleepless nights attending to her husband, is now relieved of the responsibilities, and will be able to rest, knowing that her husband is in good hands. It was with regret that we learned that Mr. and Mrs. Oakley have lost their cockatoo, which has lived with them for 51 years.

Mr. R. H. Luff was unfortunately knocked down by a passing motor car some time ago. He was taken to Melbourne Hospital for treatment, and later on was at the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital

for almost a month. We are glad to say that he is now back home regaining his health and strength.

Mrs. G. Ashley, who has been under treatment at the Melbourne and Caulfield Convalescent Hospitals for some internal complaint, has now returned to our home at Blackburn.

Miss Monica Schreeman, of Ballarat, came down for a week-end and tried her hand at Badminton with the Melbourne folk.

Miss E. Empson, our assistant secretary and treasurer, had a bad turn during May, necessitating an operation. We are glad to report that she is well and back among us again.

Miss R. Dow made an extended stay with her married sister at Maryborough during her enforced idleness from work.

Miss M. Dow, with Mrs. J. M. Johnston and children, spent more than a week at Warburton as guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Damman. The weather was bitterly cold, and there was snow on the mountain tops. From the snaps they took it is evident that they lost no time in getting to the snow and enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Mr. A. Stephens is at present doing some work at Queenscliff.

Mr. J. Dickenson is at present at Moe doing some cabinet work. He expects to be away from Melbourne for about one month.

Miss M. Gibson exhibited one of her pedigreed pomeranian puppies at the Combined Clubs' Championship Dog Show, and secured two second prizes. Miss Gibson would like to hear from anyone desiring to buy a pomeranian puppy as a Christmas present.

Mr. J. Murphy is suffering from double pneumonia. He is at present in Ward 6, Alfred Hospital.

On August 11th a Surprise Birthday Party was given to Mr. W. Engel, the trainee for N.S.W. The evening was most pleasant and great fun.

Dick Chaundy and Kevin Pickett left the school during mid-winter holidays. They are making toys at Malvern. We are very glad to have them with us at our meetings.

We regret to say that Miss M. Cole has for a considerable time been having trouble with her leg. She was admitted to the Austin Hospital on 24th August, and is in Ward 1.

Special Announcement.

ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Anniversary Rally

SHOW DAY, THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1933, at 7.30 p.m.

To commemorate Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's 32 years connection with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Games. Prizes. Supper.

Bring your hearing friends. **Admission Free.**

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

Sept. 10th 1933

VIOLET SUNDAY
Floral Services.

11. am. Preacher.. The Trainee
7. pm. " The Principal

Come and join in the
Thanksgiving for
"All things
Beautiful".

NATIONAL CONGRESS & FESTIVITIES OF THE DEAF.

Committee of Arrangements.

Adult Deaf Centre

Jolimont Square, Melbourne C 2.

Dear Friend,

Please read the attached circular carefully. We want to make the Victorian Deaf Visit to Sydney a great success.

To raise funds to cover expenses a Fancy Fair is being held in November next.

The Committee of Arrangements will be greatly cheered by a promise of help from you. Saleable articles of any kind will be gratefully received.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. Frewin

Chairman

W. Ashby

1st September 1933. Hon. Secretray

NATIONAL CONGRESS and FESTIVITIES of the DEAF.

to be held in Sydney N. S. Wales.

Christmas 1933 - New Year 1934.

Under the auspices of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of N. S. W. and The Australian Deaf Cricket Association.

Preliminary Arrangements.

1. Congress. The reading of papers on matters of national interest to the Deaf with discussions thereon and resolutions conveying the decision arrived at by those present.
2. Sport and Games Competitions. The following competitions have been suggested:- Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Billiards, Table Tennis, Chess, Draughts.
3. Oratory in the Sign and Finger Language. Dramatic plays, sketches and recitals.

To the Deaf of Victoria.

The Victorian Deaf Cricket Club is sending a team to compete for the Ernest J. D. Abraham shield.

The Victorian Deaf Committee of Arrangements propose sending competitors for the championships of the following:- Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Billiards, Table Tennis, Draughts.

The Committee of Arrangements has undertaken to raise the necessary funds to cover the cost of sending the chosen competitors to represent Victoria.

The Committee is Confident that all the Deaf of this State are as wishful as it is that our best men and women be sent to represent us. The Committee therefore invites all Deaf of Victoria, who are able, to enter the preliminary competitions, full particulars of which are printed on a separate announcement.

But whether you are able to compete or not, the Committee feels sure you will want to help send a first class all round team to uphold the honour and traditions of the Victorian Deaf. So it invites you to contribute something to the FANCY FAIR and EXHIBITION of WORK by the Deaf to be held at Jolimont, Melbourne East, in November next.

You are interested of course! Write to the Hon. Secretary at once and let him know how you will help.

Committee of Arrangements for Victoria.

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NEWS FROM COUNTRY CENTRES.



THREE BENDIGO DEAF.

Country Re-Union Service and Conference.

In the last issue of our Victorian Deaf News it will have been noted that a suggestion was made by Mr. Les Sutton, of Bendigo, that the country deaf should meet one Sunday in each month to join the city deaf at Divine Service and conference in Melbourne. The suggestion was brought before the Deaf Committee by the Principal, and the members were so enthusiastic over it that they agreed to hold a special re-union service and conference of city and country deaf on Sunday, 29th October, that the country visitors be refunded half fare and that dinner and tea be provided free to them.

A short ramble and a visit to Victoria's first Government house, then Fitzroy Gardens and Conservatory, is suggested.

A special service in the Church will then be held, followed by conference in the Assembly Hall.

A detailed programme, with time-table, will be distributed so that the events may be carried out without a hitch.

Local (city and suburban) deaf are invited to join, but are asked to assist in paying the cost of meals.

Bendigo District.

Our country collector, Mr. O. Quinton, reported that he has met Mr. Allsop, of Echuca, on one of his rounds. Mr. Allsop talked enthusiastically of cricket, and is making an effort to join the Echuca "A" Grade team this season.

Mr. H. J. Cross has returned home after more than a month in Melbourne. He was advised to return in three months' time to report on progress of treatment.

The photograph which you see on front page is a trio of Bendigonians, Messrs. Les. Sutton, Doug. Gooding and Thos. Tonkin, snapped by Mr. Quinton when in Bendigo recently. They certainly look happy and contented. We hope to see them at the Re-union on 29th October.

Ballarat.

As the football season is over the Ballarat Deaf now meet on Saturdays for social intercourse again, for which they are very glad. Much enthusiasm is shown amongst them in the various games for which they are well provided, such as—Badminton, Carpet Bowls, Deck Tennis, Quoits, and other games.

Divine Services were held on Sundays, 3rd September and 1st October. Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated on both dates.

As Mr. R. Miller and Miss V. Rowley have been absent from the meetings for some time Mr. J. M. Johnston visited them on 3rd September and found them both well and contented.

Miss Thora Wade, who was sent home from school to be under doctor's observance for some internal complaint, has been a regular visitor to the services and socials. After the first week in October she returned to school.

Mr. J. Retallick and Dorothy and Eric Johnston, from Melbourne, attended the service on 1st October. The same Sunday Mrs. Crompton and Miss A. Webb were also in Ballarat sight-seeing. The local folk were disappointed at not seeing them at the service and the tea afterwards.

Geelong.

Geelong Classes were held, as usual, on the first Tuesday of each month, and an improvement in attendance was noted at the September meeting, at which Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated. It is pleasing to report that Mr. J. Gibson has returned to his old job at Ford's, where we all hope he will stay on for a long time.

Mr. O'Keeffe is still on relief work.

DIVINE SERVICES.

The members of the congregation were greeted to an unusual floral display in our Church on Sunday, 10th September, it being "Violet Sunday," where appropriate "Thanksgiving for all things beautiful" services were given. The altar and the front rostrum banister were banked high with the sweet perfumed violets, which at this time of season were growing to such profusion at the Blackburn Flower Farm. The Trainee, Mr. Appleton, conducted the 11 a.m. service, and the Principal, Mr. Abraham, the 7 p.m. service, and at the close of each service each member of the congregation was given a bunch or two to take away with them as reminder of their presence at the services.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated at the Communion Service on the evening of the first Sunday in October, when a good number of Communicants partook of the Sacrament.

Readers are reminded that there is to be a Special Re-Union Service of Country and City Deaf at our Church on Sunday afternoon, 29th October. As noted elsewhere, enthusiasm on the part of our country folks was manifested, and it is hoped that our city folks will rally round and give our visitors a hearty warm welcome, and at the same time to volunteer in any work that our organisers may need. Special detailed announcement will be found elsewhere.

The above Sunday (29th October) will be the Hospital Sunday, and special services appropriate to the occasion are to be held, and it is hoped our contribution to the Lord Mayor's Fund will, as usual, be spontaneous. Our contribution last year was £8/6/-. Our Record was £12/14/- in 1930.

THURSDAY NIGHT LECTURETTES.

Some months ago, owing to many matters that necessitated the Deaf's attentions, we had to forego lecturettes after Thursday night's Prayer Meetings, and now, with the resumption of normal activties, the lecturettes have been resumed, the first one starting on 21st September, when Mr. W. Appleton gave a talk on "Japanese Trading." Mr. Abraham gave the next two on 5th and 12th October, on "Antarcticia" and "Deaf World Topics" respectively. These lecturettes are always popular, as seen by the attendances, which were always large.

OUR BENEFACTORS.

How many or how much do our Deaf know of the history of their benefactors, of their work and their struggles to give us our education and status amongst the speaking and hearing populace? As far as is known our Deaf schools do not have this kind of history in their curriculum which, as many thought, ought to be, as it would possibly enable the Deaf to show their appreciation of them all the more in after life, and more likely better than what is shown at the present day. For some years 12th November was set aside as "Benefactor's Day" amongst the Adult Deaf of Victoria, the date of the birth of education to the Deaf of Australia by the late Mr. F. J. Rose, in 1860. To commemorate the "Day," a series of lectures on "Benefactors" were, and are, being given at periodical dates in our Assembly Hall by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

The first of these was held on 19th September when brief outlines of Founders of Deaf Education of different countries were expounded, ending up with our own founder, Mr. F. J. Rose, and the screening of a film showing him giving his final message to the Deaf through Mr. Abraham. After that slides showing founders of Deaf and Dumb Societies and Schools in different countries were thrown on the screen. The evening ended up with a few games and a light supper. The attendance was fairly good, old members predominating.

The second series of lectures was held on evening of 3rd October, when talks on "Arguments for Pure Oral or Manual System of Education between Great Men of the Past" was given. Many members came forward and gave their opinion on same, and the happy instructive evening passed all too soon. The next series will be held on the 24th October when it is hoped a bigger attendance will be noted.

MEN'S GUILD.

On 29th August, Mr. Hobson, a member of the General Board, gave an interesting talk on "Travel," being an account of a sea trip between Sydney and Darwin, and then on to Sumatra and the scenery en route. It was unfinnished and he promised to continue it on a date to be arranged by the "Guild." Invitations were extended to the members of the Women's Guild, who turned up in force and they too enjoyed the evening, which was made more pleasant by the distribution of light supper, provided by the members of the Guild.

Owing to some unforeseen miscarriage of arrangements, Mr. H. L. Smith did not give his lecture on "Character," announced for the 5th September. Instead, the Guild had an impromptu story night, in which members of the Women's Guild took part and helped us to spend a happy evening.

Another meeting night was held on 26th September when the chairman, Mr. F. E. Frewin entertained the members of his "Reminiscences of Old Melbourne," about the time of his arrival in Australia, over 50 years ago. A very interesting bit of historical talk for which he was heartily thanked.

"Vanishing Liberties" was the subject of a paper given by Mr. T. A. Nelson on evening of 10th October, in which he explained that at the present day we are all hemmed in with laws, by-laws, regulations, taxes of all kinds, licences, registrations, restrictions, etc., etc., whereas 20 or 30 years ago such things were hardly used, but all the same these vanishing liberties, he said, were drawn up for our own safety, health, and general well-being. A very good subject, and his methods of rendering in sign language were at times very amusing.

GUILD'S JUBILEE DINNER.

The Guild's Jubilee Dinner has been fixed for Tuesday 5th December, 1933, at 8 p.m., at the "Centre," and all past and present members are asked to keep this date open and do their very best to be present. The Hon. Sec., Mr. E. R. Noble, would appreciate it very much if those wishing to be present would acquaint him of their intentions. As the event will require much *expense the* Committee feels it is not unreasonable that those who intend to be present be asked to finance it, present paid up members, 1/-; non-members, 2/-.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

The Deaf congregation commemorated the coming to Victoria of our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. It was the 32nd Anniversary of his coming amongst us. About 175 members and friends attended the Rally, at which Mr. F. E. Frewin, chairman of the Deaf Committee, presided. In a very forceful speech the chairman congratulated our Principal upon his achievements, and the Deaf upon the benefits they enjoyed mainly through the enthusiastic labours of Mr. Abraham. He regretted to find that there were even a few in our midst who are still blind to his active goodness and achievements, preferring to find fault and magnify it. He appealed to them to show a friendly spirit and loyalty toward Mr. Abraham, concluding with the hope that the present happy harmony will continue. Mr. Abraham responded, thanking Mr. Frewin for the expression of the sentiments of the majority of the Deaf, and spoke of the busy time ahead, especially the Centenary Celebrations, in which the Deaf of Melbourne will take part.

Mr. A. W. Sutherland acted as M.C. for the evening. The Doll Dressing Competition attracted five entries, and was won by Miss Elsie Stephens, with Miss Ethel Leber second. They received a hand bag and a fountain pen respectively. Mr. Charles Hunt, of Ouyen, won the passball game, for which he received a blackwood serviette ring with Melbourne's coat of arms attached.

One of the best features of the evening was a comedy sketch cleverly portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson. It was in the form of a "Clever Titles" Competition, and before the play commenced the audience was asked to choose a title at the end of the performance.

Mr. Johnson was a nursemaid who came on to the platform wheeling a pram containing a baby. Mrs. Johnson was the type of man usually found ready for a mild flirtation, and worked hard to gain the lady's affection. After many rebuffs and screamingly funny situations the nursemaid finally succumbed to his attentions, quite ignoring the patiently waiting policeman.

Every detail was thoroughly and most amusingly carried through. Many good titles were sent in. "Two fools trying to raise a laugh" secured first prize and "Two old goats and a kid" the second. Both winners received very acceptable prizes.

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on their great performance, and thank them. It was at all times highly amusing and thoroughly enjoyed.

Conversazione and supper, supervised by members of the Women's Guild, brought the happy evening to an end.

OUR COUNTRY FOLKS.

The football final, the grand final, and the Royal Show were in and are gone again, and, as usual, they attracted a number of country folks to the metropolis. Those present were Messrs. S. Ferguson, from Bowman's Forest, who stayed for about 3 or 4 days; Charles and George Hunt, from Ouyen, for a week; F. Lynas from Charlton, A. Maloney from Culgoa, both for a week too; H. R. Gillett from Irymple; W. Hately, from Camperdown; J. Gibson, from Geelong; R. Stewart, from Bolinda; Mr. and Mrs. A. Rivers, from Blayney, N.S.W.; Mrs. H. Allinson, of Wonthaggi; Mesdames J. E. Muir and G. Damman, of Warburton, were in after the above festivities.

SOCIALS.

To set the ball rolling to bring in funds to enable Victoria to send its representatives to Sydney to compete in various sports next Christmas, a Euchre Party was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, 26th August, which was well attended. Five prizes were offered, Mrs. W. O'Bryan and Mr. D. Ashby came out winners in their respective sections, and Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Mr. I. Guthrie secured the second prizes. Mr. A. Stephens secured the lucky prize. The happy evening ended with the serving of a dainty supper.

The Lacrosse Club held its last social evening for the year on 9th September, when it ran a Euchre Tournament, of which Mrs. A. W. Sutherland and Mr. H. Luff were the respective winners, and, as usual, supper wound up the happy evening.

The Hockey Club ran a most successful whist drive evening in aid of their Queen, Miss Emily Stephens, on 16th September, and a "full house" notice was announced just before the commencement of the games. Prior to commencement, the Hon. Secretary, Miss Elsie Stephens, spoke of the sad loss their Vice-President, Miss E. Empson, sustained that day in the death of her mother, and requested the gathering to pay its respect by observing a minute's silence, which was given most reverently. Messrs. E. Raines and W. Ross won the prizes offered, and the evening terminated with supper.

A very happy and enjoyable Social Evening was held on Saturday, 23rd September, in aid of the Queen of Lacrosse, Miss C. Derbyshire, where many new and novel games were introduced, much to the enjoyment of everyone present. Mr. W. Ashby and Miss E. Sandon managed to last out the longest on Monte Carlo Dance, and gained the prizes, and this same pair again won the tape walking competition. For the Balloon Tossing Race Miss Dorothy Johnston and Mr. T. Newton won respectively and Miss L. Sinnott, the Musical Chair. Before supper time some very amusing balloon tennis games were played.

A happy Whist Drive Party was held on Saturday, 30th September, in the Assembly Hall of our Centre, got up by the Tennis Club, in aid of their Queen, Miss B. Higgie, which resulted in a substantial financial help for her. Mrs. A. W. Sutherland won the Ladies' Section, and Mr. T. Newton, after two exciting play-offs, on the gentlemen's side.

Miss A. Smith, who was acting as Queen of Indoor Games, accomplished her duties as Hostess most successfully on the Social Evening held on 7th October, in our Assembly Hall, where almost 100 turned up to give her their support, and their patronage was well rewarded, for they were treated to the very best evening so far held for the Queens. Miss Smith's relations, mother, two sisters, aunt, uncle and cousin were present, and they took the responsibility of supper arrangements which was very much appreciated. Mr. G. Newnham, who acted as M.C., came to the fore again with his puzzle drawings, depicting your favourite dinner dishes, which was eventually won by two children, Miss Dorothy Johnston and Master McFayden. Cartoon drawing attracted many, and Miss E. Sandon and Mr. T. Peters were adjudged winners. Master Eric Johnston was complimented for his fine effort for his age (8), and he received a consolation prize. Many other games were played and prizes awarded which were too numerous to mention in detail.

Another happy Whist Drive Evening was held on Saturday, 14th October, 1933, under the auspices of Cricket Club for its Queen in the Queen of Sports Competition. Fourteen tables were used, and again Mrs. A. Sutherland won and received a pair of brass vases. Miss B. Higgie came second. Mr. E. Raines won the gentlemen's section and won the shaver's looking glass. Mr. D. Ashby came second.

QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION.

The Queen of Sports Competition in aid of the Cricket Club's interstate expenses has ended, and the Club's Committee are arranging a Coronation Night in our Assembly Hall on Friday, 20th October, when the winning Queen will be crowned and prizes awarded. During this evening lucky numbers will be drawn. Social games ending up with supper will fill the rest of evening. Admission, 1/-.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, 30th September, at 3.30 p.m., in the Assembly Hall of Our Centre. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, which showed the Club to be still progressing, although the membership has fallen somewhat, were read and approved. Approval was given that the Club be represented in the forthcoming interstate matches in Sydney next Christmas. To keep up the enthusiasm of the game, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, the founder, presented the Club with two handsome silver cups for competition amongst its members during 1933-34—one for Ladies' Singles, and the other for Gent's Singles—to be competed for on point system. It was agreed that the entry fees received from the above competitions are to be earmarked for purchase of trophies in the following year, so that the competitions for the Founder's Cup can be kept up in perpetuity. At this same meeting a promise has been made by an interested gentleman to donate two more trophies for Mixed Doubles' Competition for 1933-34 season, and, therefore, members can now look forward to an interesting year. The membership fee for the new season has been fixed at 5/-. The officers for the ensuing year were as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President, Miss Elsie Stephens; Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Dow; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Committee, Misses B. Higgie, Emily Stephens, P. Johnstone, O. Minton, and Messrs. E. R. Noble, F. E. Rees.

Entries are now being received for the Founder's Cup Competitions of Ladies' and Gent's Singles. Enquiries to be made from Miss M. Dow, Hon. Secretary.

THE BEST AND FAIREST LACROSSE PLAYER.

For four years in succession, it has fallen to the lot of our fellow Deaf sportsmen to receive recognition of the Victorian Lacrosse Association referees as being the best and fairest lacrosse players in the Association competitions in one or other sections. The 1930 and 1931 seasons' awards went to Harry Puddy, who at these times played for Coburg Senior Club. In 1932 Bill McMillen, of our Club, gained it, and this season we have the pleasure to report that George McGuinness, of our Club, was singled out as being the best and fairest player of the "A" Section. George McGuinness began lacrosse four seasons ago, joining the Club in 1930, and has already proved his worth to the Club. He was placed as "home" man, and topped the goal throwing record of our Club this season, and only 2 goals behind in the "A" Section record. At present he holds the position of Hon. Secretary to our Club. Heartiest congratulations.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Winter Season Billiard Tournament came to a close at the end of September, when E. Raines, who received a handicap of 70, met Alex. Anderson, handicap 50, and defeated him by 6 points for 200 up. In this match E. Raines was fortunate to make two big breaks, the bigger one was 37, and thus won two more prizes offered, one for record break in this tournament and the other for breaking the previous best break record.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

A paragraph appeared in the "Country Section" of the "Herald" on 16th September stating that Miss Vera West, of Traralgon, Gippsland, an amateur grower, won the blue ribbon for the best daffodil in the exhibition of the Horticultural Society held there. The Melbourne Deaf folks extend their heartiest congratulations to her on her success.

Miss West was down in Melbourne to see the Horticultural Exhibition in the Melbourne Town Hall early in September, and, by chance, she met Mrs. J. M. Johnston and her two children in the city and she obtained permission from the official in charge of the Manchester Unity Building to go up the tower, where they had an unrivalled view of Melbourne and the surrounding district. They said the view of the Shrine and its approaches were wonderful from that height.

Mr. Colin Johns, of Horsham, paid us a call on 11th September, before continuing on his motor run up to New South Wales with his brother. He said they are going to Curban, which is about 355 miles north-west of Sydney. Since then the Hon. Editor was in receipt of a letter from him stating that he arrived at Curban 2½ days after leaving Melbourne. They took the route via Cootamundra, Young, Forbes and Dubbo. It was 870 miles in all from Horsham to Curban. He spoke highly of the countryside but not a good word of the New South Wales roads. Stayed overnight at Albury and Parkes. He intends to stay till Christmas time and hopes to be with the Victorians at the Sydney Carnival.

Mr. W. Vivian underwent an operation for appendicitis during the month of September, and during his absence from instructionship of Boot Repairing Department at the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Mr. H. McKenzie was engaged temporarily to carry on.

Mr. C. Norman was married in the Collingwood Baptist Church to Miss Nellie Dale on the afternoon of 26th August, 1933. They have taken up residence in Collingwood.

Word came to hand that Mrs. Nicholson, of Sydney, nee Miss Thelma Stephens, of Melbourne, gave birth to another son a few days ago and both are doing well.

Mr. G. Oakley, 81, and his wife, 85, of Prahran, are to celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary very soon. They were married in Warrnambool, on 28th December, 1891.

Mr. Harold Ahchow, of Orbost, was most enthusiastic over receiving copies of our "Victorian Deaf News," and always kept tracks of his past schoolmates' doings. Said he was keeping fit, and joined the local rifle club and did some improved shooting. He is looking forward to the day when he can win some trophies so that he will have reminders of his past glories when he gets old.

News came to hand of Mr. T. Williamson, of New Plymouth, New Zealand, who sends his best wishes to his Melbourne folks. Having read the doings of the Melbourne Deaf per the Victorian Deaf News, he reckoned we seem to be pulling well, despite these hard times. He enclosed his subscription for our magazine fund.

Mr. J. Murphy, after two months in Alfred Hospital with double pneumonia, came out on 1st October looking very well, and two weeks after he went up on a farm at Everton to recuperate.

After responding so well to the treatment at Hospital of his leg Mr. G. Oakley was able to leave the institution feeling more robust than ever. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley contemplated leaving their old home for a smaller one, where he and his wife will not move about too much.

Mr. W. Burge was in Melbourne Hospital for a few days and underwent an operation for an abscess. We were told he had four doses of chloroform to put him to sleep, and for almost a week after his coming out he complained that he could still taste its after effects.

At present there are two more Deaf people in the Melbourne Hospital—they are Miss Emily Stephens, with diabetes; and Mr. T. Curtin, with internal trouble.

Mr. L. Walsh entered his "Under 18 Months" baby in the Carnegie Baby Show, held recently, and won the consolation prize. Congratulations.

Herb. Wilson entered the Warrnambool-Melbourne Road Race on Saturday, 14th October, and was unplaced; it is understood that he will receive a medallion for riding in within the allotted time. An account of his experience may appear in our next issue.

ANNUAL CUP DAY PICNIC.

The Deaf are reminded that our Annual Cup Day Picnic is to take place on Tuesday, 7th November, and it is to be held at Mordialloc. Many of our friends thought it was time we had a change. Mordialloc seems to be a stranger to us at present, for it is six years since we made our last visit there, and we are sure to find some difference or improvements. Tea, sugar, milk and hot water will be provided free by the Deaf Committee.

OBITUARY.

DOYLE, Rose Veronica, late of Hawksburn, on 31st August, 1933, at Ravenswood Private Hospital, from pneumonia.

On 16th Sept., 1933, Mrs. EMPSON, the mother of our Assistant Secretary, Miss E. Empson, passed to a higher life and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. A number of members of the General Board and of the Deaf Committee were present at the graveside to pay their last respect on behalf of the Society and the Deaf community.

It was reported that Mr. L. Ching, of Linton, has lost his brother recently. We offer our sympathy in his sad bereavement.

LITHGOW, Margaret, at Melbourne Benevolent Home, Cheltenham, on 16th October. She was buried at Spring Vale Cemetery, our Principal officiating. Aged 80 years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Hon. Editor of the "Victorian Deaf News," Mr. J. M. Johnston, acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions for our magazine for 1933-34 season:—Mrs. Williamson, Mr. W. Appleton, Mr. R. Storey, Mr. E. R. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland, Mr. E. Martin, Mr. A. Dodson, Miss I. Boast, Mr. Hamson, Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. J. O'Gorman, Mr. J. Cariss, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. C. Hennessey, Mrs. F. Holmes, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. S. Neilson, Mr. C. Hunt, Mr. G. Oakley, Mr. T. Williamson, Mr. O. Quinton, Mr. E. J. L. Bremner.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1933.

Re-Union Service & Conference of Country & City Deaf

to be held at

OUR CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, EAST MELB.

Dinner and Tea, free to Country Visitors, will be served in the Assembly Hall at 1 p.m. and 5.30 p.m., respectively.

All Country Visitors' Fares will be refunded at half cost by the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Service and Conference during afternoon.

Tell your Deaf Friends to come. The bigger the crowd the better.

"OUR VILLAGE MARKET."

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 24th & 25th November, 1933

ADULT DEAF CENTRE,

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

In Aid of Congress Festivities and Unemployed Funds.

PLEASE GET BUSY.

We need your help so greatly. What can you do or give to aid us? Country friends are invited to stock certain stalls. Honey, jam, bacon, cheese, eggs, corn, etc., etc. Fruit will be welcome. Also needlework and knitted goods of all kinds.

There will be a store run by our unemployed members. Unemployed Deaf and their friends are urged to concentrate on this. The Committee of Arrangement has warmly supported this proposal.

Also the Blackburn Home folk are contributing a stall.

Father Christmas will need plenty of toys and Christmas gifts. Please send something for his bag.

"Folk must eat"—Promises of cakes, sandwiches, pastry, meat (for lunches), will be specially welcome. Etc., etc., etc., and then e-t-c-e-t-e-r-a.

HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS?

Have you a good suggestion to make that will help to make the coming Fair a success?

Please write to us at once. Better still, call if you can.

Perhaps you are expert at fixing up a "side-show." Or you know of some happy device that was tried with success elsewhere. Let us know at once and we will eagerly welcome you.

FAIR COMPETITIONS.

You are invited to participate in competitions arranged in connection with the Fair. A selection from the list appears hereunder:—

Section 1.—Best Decorated Sandwich, 1st prize, 2/6.

Section 2.—Best Plate Mixed Biscuits, 1st prize, 2/6.

Section 3.—Best Assortment Small Cakes, 1st prize, 2/6.

Section 4.—Best Cocoanut Ice, 1st prize, 2/-.

Section 5.—Best Assortment Sweets, 1st prize, 2/-.

Six entries must be received in each section. Entry free.

All these articles to become the property of the Fair.

All prizes will take the shape of an order on the Stalls to the value of the prize won.

In connection with our Fancy Fair to be known as "Our Village Market," we have received many generous gifts from business people in Melbourne which will be of great assistance in making this effort succesful. Further donations from this source are expected. Having received such support from outside the Society, we are naturally looking to the Deaf to ensure that all Stalls will be well stocked, and that a vast number of tickets will be sold.

"OUR VILLAGE MARKET."

What part are you taking in this great effort? Have you communicated with the Secretary of the Congress Committee of Arrangement advising him how you intend helping? Time is getting short, and our plans are well advanced. Help us to fulfil them by giving some part of your time, experience and material aid in the form of donations of saleable goods. Also, don't forget our unemployed. They also are participating in the Fair and hope to raise sufficient funds for substantial fare at Christmas.

For those who propose contributing to the Cake Stall we have pleasure in announcing that a Cake Making Competition will be held and cash prizes are being offered. Particulars of this competition will be circularised by letter.

NATIONAL CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES OF THE DEAF AT SYDNEY.

The Victorian Deaf are giving whole-hearted support to the Deaf of New South Wales in connection with the forthcoming Congress and Sports Festivities to be held in Sydney next Chirstmas. It is expected that there will be a party of at least 50 from Victoria.

It is planned to send representatives to the National Council of the Deaf and the Congress of the Deaf, at which latter it is hoped to see brought into existence an association that will fully represent

the Deaf of all the States of the Commonwealth and hearing supporters who are in sympathy with the aims of the Deaf.

In addition to the cricket team, preliminary tournaments are attracting many entries and keen competition. News has just come from our Sydney friends that there will be a needlework competition for the ladies. This includes prizes for suppercloths, traycloths, d'oyleys, cosies, centres, pillow-shams, etc. Full particulars are given on the notice boards.

Orators and thinkers are asked to come armed with papers on matters of national interest to the Deaf.

In the "Silent Messenger," the magazine of the New South Wales Deaf, we note that they are working very hard over these, and are expecting the greatest number of Deaf yet gathered together in Australia.

Many social events are being arranged for the entertainment of visitors, and in the sphere of games there will be the Australian Interstate and Individual Championships in cricket, tennis, athletics, table tennis, badminton, draughts, chess, billiards and competitions in dramatic Art.

Many Victorians are expected to make the trip as competitors and visitors, and to help meet the expenses of selecting representatives we look to all to assist in the forthcoming Fancy Fair, to be held in November.

FANCY WORK COMPETITION.

The Victorian Committee of Arrangment for Sydney Congress and Carnival Celebrations has received the following details of competitions for the Deaf Women of Australia, and our own women folk are asked to enter wholeheartedly:—

Section 1.—**White Embroidery**—A Supper Cloth—1st prize, £1; 2nd prize, 5/-.

Section 2.—**Coloured Embroidery**—A Supper Cloth—1st prize, £1; 2nd prize, 5/-.

Section 3.—**White Embroidery**—Choice of D'Oyley, Centre, Tray-cloth, Duchesse Set, Cosies, Pillow Shams, Tray-mobile Cover and Runners—1st prize, 10/-; 2nd prize, 5/-.

Section 4.—**Coloured Embroidery**—Choice of D'Oyley, Centre, Tray-cloth, Duchesse Set, Cosies, Pillow Shams, Tray-mobile Cover and Runners—1st prize, 10/-; 2nd prize, 5/-.

Open to all deaf and dumb. No age restriction.

Goods must be the work of the exhibitor.

Entries to be judged by experts selected from outside the Society.

All exhibits to be delivered to Elizabeth House, Sydney, **not later than 26th December, 1933.**

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 28th October.—Sydney Congress Fund Social Evening.

Sunday, 29th October.—Hospital Sunday Services, morning and evening. Special Re-Union Service and Conference of Country and City Deaf in the afternoon.

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Greetings from the Chairman of the Board of Management

Once again we come to Christmas and the commencement of a New Year—the former a time of rejoicing, the latter a time for reflection on our doings during 1933, and consideration of what we may do in 1934, not only for ourselves but for our fellowmen. Let us continue in united effort for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb community of this State, at the same time remembering those words of Longfellow:—

"Whatsoever thing thou doest
To the least of Mine, and lowest,
That thou doest unto Me."

With every good wish for the Festive Season,

N. ARMSTRONG.

Xmas Greetings from our Principal

My Dear People,—

What is your message to the Deaf this Christmas? That is the question just put to me. Well, I feel I want to go on to the house tops and cry out with all the joy the human heart can generate:

"Glory to God in the Highest . . . On Earth peace . . . Goodwill to men." What else really matters? Let that angelic message possess you all the day and every day . . . Glory to God—Our Father—May all the nations of the earth live and work in harmony together, and you yourself practice good fellowship always and everywhere, be comrades with all, all the time, and let our hearts resound with:

"The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together the happier we will be.
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.

A Joyous Christmas and an Uplifting New Year for all is the sincere wish of

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

GREETINGS.

To Miss Alice Graham we owe so much that even the most expressive of words could not tell the half of our gratitude and esteem. For many years she has assisted in her own quiet way the Church, the unemployed and distressed, and all causes worthy of help At this season of the year, when people exchange gifts, let us not be unmindful of our gracious benefactress. To Miss Graham we all wish a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of joy, good health and peace.

The members of the Board of Management have given unsparingly of their time and energy. In all things they have sought for the well-being of our Society—at the cost of their valuable business and leisure hours To them we owe many benefits that cannot be assessed in terms of material things. May their's be a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

On Hospital Sunday, 29th October, there were good attendances at three of our services, the same day we held our Re-Union Conference. Mr. W. Appleton conducted the morning service, and he gave for his sermon "The Story of a Good Samaritan." In the afternoon the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, officiated and took for his text St. Mark, 5th chapter, 27th and 28th verses, which said, "When she had heard of Jesus came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but His clothes I shall be whole." In the evening Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted, and gave his text, Acts, 20 chapter, 35th verse, "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak," and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," discoursing on the grace of giving. The collection amounted to £5/16/9, including £1/18/3 from staff and inmates of Blackburn Home.

An impressive Armistice Day Service was conducted on Sunday, 12th November, in our Church by Mr. W. Appleton, who took for his text "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Such love as this commands our respect and gratitude. Do we not owe an immeasurable debt to those who gave all for us in the war? Many of the best lives were spent in that tragic conflict. Many of those who did not return would have been our national and civic leaders to-day had they lived. Let us, then, honour their memory by seeking to do some small portion of the service they would have rendered. They were drawn from all walks of life, and served shoulder to shoulder as brothers. If that is possible in times of war, surely we can forget differences of class and creed in times of peace. Let us unite in a bond of brotherhood each of us aiding the other until we, too, pass to a higher service.

Special memorial hymns were, "O Valiant Hearts" and "The Inheritance."

Members of the congregation are reminded that Holy Communion will be celebrated in our Church on Sunday, 7th January, 1934, at 7.45 p.m.

RE-UNION SERVICE AND CONFERENCE.

Sunday, 28th October, 1933, will long be remembered as the first of a most happy and memorial RE-UNION DAY of the City and Country Deaf, held at Jolimont Square. Twenty-one Country Deaf availed themselves of this meeting, which turned out most successfully. Of these number, eight came from Ballarat, and they were:—Misses E. Doney, G. Caldwell, M. Reiffell, V. Rowley, M. Schreenan, Messrs. M. Mark, J. Stewart, and R. Cornell. Six from Geelong: Mrs. Monahan, Misses O. Donahue, C. and B. Monahan. Messrs. W. O'Keeffe, J. Gibson. Six from Bendigo: Miss G. McCormack (now of Albert Park), Messrs. H Cross, L. Sutton, A. Hart, T. Tonkin, D. Gooding. One from Trafalgar: Mrs. A. Stokes. The Geelong party arrived early at about 10.30 a.m. and they attended the morning service, conducted by Mr. Appleton, the Trainee. Soon after midday the Bendigo and Ballarat parties arrived in time for dinner, which was served at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, presided over by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. About twelve local Deaf joined at the table. The menu consisted of hot roast beef, potatoes, French beans and peas, trifles, bread, butter and tea. Soon after the repast the party, under the guidance of Mr. Edwin Johnson, went visiting to Victoria's first Government House and then a ramble through the Fitzroy Gardens, and looked through the Conservatory, which was displaying one of its most beautiful collection of hot-house flowers and ferns. At 2.45 p.m. a special service was held, in which the whole party attended. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated. At 3.30 p.m. a conference was held on the lawn at the back of the Church. Mr. F. E. Frewin, the chairman of the Deaf Committee, speaking on behalf of the Melbourne Deaf, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and expressed the hope that much good may arise out of this conference. Mr. E. Johnson, the Hon. Sec., Mr. Abraham, Mr. Appleton, Mr. Luff and Mr. J. M. Johnston also spoke. Mr. L. Sutton, of Bendigo, and Miss C. Monahan, of Geelong, spoke thanking the Deaf Committee for making this conference possible, and trusted that it will not be the last. Amongst the many suggestions, it was agreed to hold another conference at about the middle of January. A suggestion that Unemployed Insurance be instituted was left over for consideration. The party then adjourned to tea in the Assembly Hall at 5 p.m., and it was found necessary to have two sittings. Thirty Deaf and three hearing friends participated with the visitors on menu of cooked meat and lettuce salad, jellies and cream, bread, butter, cakes and tea. At 6.15 p.m. the Bendigo visitors bid adieu to us, then followed the Ballarat group at 6.30 p.m. The Geelong party did not go until after the evening service, which was conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston. Their train leaves at about 10 p.m. Everyone spoke highly of the pleasant day spent, and they are already looking forward to another meeting. A very thoughtful remark of appreciation and thanks was made by Mr. M. Mark, of

Ballarat, on behalf of the visitors and others, to the ladies who have performed so wonderfully with the inner needs of the guests. Mr. Abraham supported him. These ladies spent practically the whole day between the kitchen and the dining room: Mesdames J. Pierce, E. Johnson, J. M. Johnston, Misses E. Empson, R. and M. Dow; all of them giving their services free. Thanks are also tended to Mrs. R. Cohen for her generosity in supplying the main items on the tea table, cooked meat and jellies, with cream.

The Deaf Committee has agreed to fix the date for the next Re-Union of City and Country Deaf on Sunday, 21st January. It is hoped an equally big crowd will turn up. Meals will again be provided at the Club House.

THE DEAF AND THE DEAF AND DUMB IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Summary with Suggestions from the Report of Dr. A. Eicholz to the British Minister of Health and President of the Board of Education.

His research concerned the two main types of these afflicted persons—**the Deaf and Dumb**—those who from birth or early age are deprived of useful hearing and natural speech—and the **deafened**—those who, after possessing useful hearing and speech, have lost the power of hearing in varying degrees.

THE DEAF AND DUMB A DEFINITE CLASS.

The Deaf and Dumb form a definite class, isolated by reason of their lack of power of communication. In present circumstances it is likely that they will continue in this position of isolation, depending on special efforts for education, training, employment social and religious activities.

The Deafened, on the other hand, are widely distributed amongst the general population, and include persons with every degree of impairment, from slightly defective power in one ear to complete deafness in both ears. It has been stated on good medical authority that **one person in three** of the whole population suffers from deafness.

It cannot be said that the Deafened form a class by themselves in the sense applicable to the Deaf and Dumb. The Deafened are able to live normal lives in the general community and as such are no more to be considered as a category to be selected for special social treatment at the hands of public administration than are sufferers from other general diseases of a non-infectious nature, such as rheumatism, heart failure, diseases of the circulation and alimentary canal and diabetes.

DEAF-MUTISM—PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL.

Deaf-mutism is of two kinds, pre-natal and post-natal in origin, and the factor of prevention bears upon the latter. We may anticipate, therefore, that post-natal deaf-mutism. which at present includes the majority of cases, will in course of time disappear, leaving only the born deaf to be dealt with.

TEMPERAMENTAL PROPENSITIES.

The Deaf and Dumb, generally speaking, suffer little, if at all, from a physical point of view in their potential capacity to engage in industrial life. Their outstanding disability lies almost entirely on the social side and is connected with their incapacity to maintain normal means of communication with the outside world.

To this are to be attributed certain temperamental conditions due to isolation, misunderstandings in their contact with other people, certain difficulties which occur in securing employment, and a general lack of public sympathy with them as individuals and with their cause as a whole.

The temperamental inequalities of the Deaf and Dumb in their graver forms are reflected in the proportion of Deaf mutes suffering from mental diseases. The proportion of Deaf mutes in mental institutions is seven times as great as that of hearing people. The proportion of Deaf mute inmates in public institutions under the poor law is also seven times as great as that of hearing persons. Those receiving institutional relief is more than twice as heavy.

Deaf-mutism is a condition which has become definitely established at birth or early childhood, and it may be said that no person is Deaf and Dumb who was not so during school age. This fact marks off the deaf and dumb from persons afflicted with deafness pure and simple.

THE DEAF AND THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The problem of the Deaf and Dumb, difficult as it is, is simplified to this extent; it can be envisaged and planned for as a whole in a single scheme extending from childhood through adolescence into adult life for one and all. It is this fact that makes it possible in public and charitable administration to lay down as a general principle that no person shall be eligible for any benefit or special consideration applicable to the Deaf and Dumb who has not been on the register of a certified school for the **totally** Deaf or Deaf and Dumb, a principle now accepted by the British Trades Board Department of the Ministry of Labour.

THE NEED FOR TEACHING FINGER SPELLING.

Oral teaching has prevailed almost unchallenged during the past 30 years, and has achieved extraordinary results, but it has not altogether altered the outlook of the Deaf mute, who, **in spite of all his speech achievements, is obliged in adult life to rely largely on finger spelling, gestures and writing.**

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

The teachers of the Deaf in England and Wales, as a whole, prefer that training should be deferred until 16.

NO DEAF BODY CAPABLE OF VOICING CAUSE OF THE DEAF.

There is, at present, no body of highly educated Deaf persons in the country (England and Wales) such as would be able to voice the cause of the Deaf and Dumb with adequate effect from within.

DEAF AND DUMB IN MENTAL AND POOR LAW INSTITUTIONS.

Dealing with the Deaf and Dumb in the ordinary poor law and mental institutions, he says: "They are in a state of isolation which adds to the misery of their normal and physical condition, and dependent on the chance of an occasional visit from an understanding friend or missionary. In many cases they are deprived even of this comfort. It is suggested, therefore, that the local authorities in considering the re-organisation of transferred institutions should take into account the desirability of classifying the Deaf and Dumb together as far as possible and engaging the interest and services of the local Deaf and Dumb missionaries with a view to alleviating the heavy burden of misfortune which these doubly afflicted persons are obliged to suffer.

OCCUPATION.

The Deaf can follow any occupation for which hearing is not essential.

The skilled Deaf and Dumb follow a great variety of trades.

The main hindrance to their employment is the lack of understanding of the public in general, including prospective employers.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETIES.

These bodies are doing excellent work, but they are cramped for funds and in many cases they are inadequately or insufficiently staffed.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

To meet the need of the Deaf and Dumb, some financial assistance is necessary, as I have shown it to be economical. This assistance can be rendered solely by those who understand the Deaf and Dumb, and that is by their missionaries.

ENCOURAGE SELF-RELIANCE ON PART OF DEAF.

Further, I wish to endorse the view of the missioners, which is practically unanimous, that no public funds should be made available as a compensation for Deaf-mutism. It is realised generally that doles of this kind would undermine the spirit of self-reliance and weaken the steady character which now marks the life of the Deaf and Dumb!

DR. EICHOLZ' CONCLUSIONS IN RELATION TO ADULT DEAF LIFE.

EDUCATION

(d) That there is need of further provision for vocational training.

(f) That there is need for provision of Secondary Schools for the Deaf.

GENERAL WELFARE.

(b) Need for social welfare of mentally and physically afflicted Deaf and Dumb in asylums and infirmaries, including the proper classification of Deaf and Dumb in asylums.

INDUSTRIAL WELFARE.

(a) Need for further financial assistance by Public Assistance Authorities in support of special placement effort for the Deaf and Dumb.

(b) Need of extension and co-ordination of mission effort on behalf of the Deaf and Dumb.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild met on the 12th September, when readings were given by the President, Mrs. T. Peters, on "Cats," telling of how they come back to their owners, and on "The Burning of the Rice Fields," a story of a tidal wave in Japan. Reference was made by Miss M. Dow to the proper beach wear and various opinions were given on the subject by members. Preference for Summer or Winter was put to the meeting by the chairwoman. Summer, of course, was to the fore, as it means more fun and pretty clothes.

The next meeting was on 10th October, and was well attended. A very sincere letter of thanks was received from the Vice-President, Miss E. Empson, for the beautiful floral tributes from the Guild on the death of her mother. Members were notified of the competitions in sewing and knitting arranged to take place in Sydney, and open to the Deaf women of Australia. A talk on the evolution of tennis was given by Mrs. T. Peters, supplemented by other members with remarks on the present-day fashions in shorts. Miss Ruth Peters, daughter of the chairwoman, contributed some riddles which gave the members an interesting and puzzling time.

On 14th November, Miss D. Hickey gave a paper on "Housekeeping in Spain." It was interesting to know how different are the methods employed in other countries.

The Guild's Benevolent Fund was aided by a Penny Dump held on 21st October. The evening was successful, and attracted a good attendance. Many articles left over from previous bazaars were offered for sale by auction and brought in a good sum. At the conclusion of the evening Mr. W. Appleton, saying that we could not let the occasion pass of saying a few words of farewell to Mr. Engel, who was called back to Sydney, wished him every joy and success in his new environment, and expressed the hope that Mr. Engel would pay us a visit during the Centenary year. Mr. Engel acknowledged the good wishes of the Victorian Deaf, and said that he looked forward to seeing a large number of them in Sydney at Christmas.

Gifts of clothing have been distributed during the winter months by the sub-committee of the Guild's Benevolent Fund among some of the needy Deaf people, who all much appreciated this help.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Women's Guild entertained the children of Melbourne deaf parents in the society's beautiful old-world garden and the assembly hall on Saturday, 9th December. The hall was gaily decorated by Mrs. Swain, and from each chair floated a brightly coloured balloon. The floral decorations were sent from the Blackburn farm.

After Christmas cheer was partaken of at prettily arranged tables, games were played until all were gathered together before a great Christmas tree, on which were presents for all. Joy rides round the square in Mr. Sutherland's car provided the last pleasure to a perfect day for the kiddies.

The ladies responsible for the arrangements were Mrs. T. Peters (President of the Guild), Mesdames Pierce and Johnston, Misses Empson, Hickey, Dow, Hawkins, Ball, and G. Peters.

THE SYDNEY CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES.

There has been great excitement at our Centre during the past few months, and now the time draws near when a record party will leave Melbourne to attend the Congress and Festivities to be held in Sydney. This congress will be an historical event in the annals of the deaf and dumb of Australia, as it will be the first time the whole of the States (except W.A.) will be represented by delegates. Attempts have been made in the past to form a national organisation, but never before have more than three of the States been linked up.

Although no official programme has yet been published information received enables us to give our readers a fairly accurate outline of what they may expect.

Monday, 25th December.—Christmas Dinner. Conferences of cricket and tennis representatives. Welcome social.

Tuesday, 26th December.—Cricket and Tennis matches. Opening of Congress in evening.

Wednesday, 27th December.—Cricket and Tennis matches. Plain and Fancy Dress Ball in evening.

Thursday, 28th December.—Cricket and Tennis matches. Congress meeting.

Friday, 29th December.—Visits to places of interest. Social Games and Tournaments.

Saturday, 30th December.—Launch Picnic. Banquet and Presentation of Trophies.

Sunday, 31st December.—Church Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, 1st January.—Picnic to National Park.

This is just an outline of the arrangements. Other meetings and competitions will be conducted simultaneously with the above events.

It is expected, or rather assured, that a party of about 60 will make the trip. The party will be in charge of Miss E. Empson, Mr. J. M. Johnston and Mr. F. E. Frewin, and will leave on Saturday, 23rd December.

OUR VILLAGE MARKET.

On Friday, 24th November, at 3 p.m., our Village Market was opened by the President of the Society, Mr. L. A. Cleveland. Introduced by the Principal, Mr. Cleveland spoke feelingly, and complimented all who had worked so hard on behalf of the Congress Fund and the Unemployed. Mr. W. A. Paterson responded on behalf of the Deaf.

The hall was strikingly decorated, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Swain and her body of helpers. In charge of the stalls were Mesdames Swain and Ashby and Miss Hawkins, Fancy Goods; Misses R. Dow and Hickey, Sweets; Mrs. O'Gorman and Miss Sanders, Cake and Produce; Miss Alice Smith, Flower; Mesdames Abraham and Jackson, "Home"; Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Miss M. Dow, Refreshments; Ice Cream and Drinks, Mr. Buttacavoli; and Mr. O'Gorman supervised the unemployed, who each had charge of their own section.

Special attractions were entertainments of Punch and Judy, and conjuring and paper tricks in the main hall, and upstairs were the side-shows—Yarmo, the living head without a body; The Golden Age Puppet Theatre, voluntarily contributed by the Misses Appleton, and Tarjii, the Dwarf, presented by two of our fellow deaf. In addition to these, music from a radio, lent by Messrs. M. Brash and Co., added to the entertainment of our hearing visitors.

Although over 2000 tickets had been sold the attendance on the Friday was scarcely up to expectations, but on Saturday evening quite a crowd came along and accommodation was severely taxed.

The Congress Committee and the Unemployed desire to express their thanks to all who assisted by donations of money, goods and services, to make this fair the success it was. Also, the following firms are thanked for their support:—Hartley's Pty. Ltd., Kodak (A/asia) Ltd., Henry Buck Ltd., Lustre Hosiery Ltd., Hartnell and Co., Rowntree and Co. Ltd., Mutual Store Ltd., Capitol Theatre, Prestige Ltd., G. Damman and Co., R. White Pty. Ltd., Mr. F. Newman, Swallow and Ariell Ltd., Hoadley's Chocolates Ltd., Julius Kayser Ltd., T. B. Guest and Co. Ltd., MacRobertson's Ltd., Foy and Gibson Ltd., Rosella Pres. Co. Ltd., Goulburn Valley Canners Ltd., Sanitarium Health Food Co., Spencer Shier Ltd., Croft's Stores Ltd., Clegg and Kemp Ltd., Oliver J. Nilsen & Co. (3UZ), and all others who gave us their support.

A number of attractive and valuable prizes were offered in connection with the tickets and the results were advertised in all papers on 30/11/33.



MR. H. J. CROSS, of Bendigo, making one of the Wicker Chairs for "Our Village Market."

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CUP DAY.
(Contributed).

Over 60 of the Deaf found their way down to Mordialloc for Cup Day. One or two left the City as early as 9 a.m., but the greater number left between 9 a.m. and 12 o'clock. The Main Party left Flinders St. at 9.35 a.m. and arrived at Mordialloc at 10.30 a.m. A suitable spot was chosen between the creek and the main road and a mound of bags, coats, rugs, and the like rose at the foot of a tree. The hundred yards race for men was run off in three heats, then the girls showed what they could do.

At 12.30 p.m. lunch was partaken of, after which by common consent the entire party moved to the beach where, after an interval, those lucky enough to possess costumes went bathing. The men wore uniform dark blue togs, but the girls, of course, outshone Solomon in all his glory in white, red, green, blue, and yellow, to say nothing of one suit of beach pyjamas, the leg of which would have made any sailor green with envy. Most of the afternoon was spent in loafing about on the beach till 5 p.m., when a move was made to return to the original camp for tea. After tea a distribution of prizes was made for races won and they were as follows:—130 Yards Championship, first, E. Raines; second, R. Lygon, 75 Yards Ladies' Race, first, Miss B. Higgie; second, Miss M. Sandon.

220 Yards Handicap Race, first, J. Phillips; second, T. Newton. 50 Yards Thread and Needle Race, first, B. Higgie; second, M. Sandon. 50 Yards Married Ladies' Race, first, Mrs. W. Rees; second, Mrs. J. Pierce. 75 Yards Mixed Siamese Race, first, Miss J. Murphy and J. O'Gorman; second, Miss B. Higgie and E. Raines. 75 Yards Ladies' Scramble Race, first, M. Sandon; second, E. Sandon. Gent's Scramble Race, first, E. Raines; second, W. Ross. After the distribution a party of six made for the Creek, where they hired out a boat for an hour, their example being followed by three other parties. The first lot having safely negotiated the railway bridge over the creek, set off cheerfully upstream. There was, at first, some argument between the rowers, as bow's forward swing in some puzzling fashion always coincided with stroke's back-swing, with the result that he received bow's oar in his back every time. Then, too, the boat seemed to have a rooted objection to staying in midstream and was continually digging its nose in either bank. After a while two of the girls eagerly offered to row for a bit, which offer was accepted with thanks. With many giggles the oarsmen changed places, one sitting in the bow so that the two girls could row side by side. The two girls started off full of enthusiasm, digging their oars deep in the water at every stroke, much to the discomfiture of the luckless passenger in the bow, who received a shower of spray from port and starboard alternatively. Such was the vigour of the rowing that the boat began to move quite fast, but somehow it seemed impossible to keep correct time with the oars, so that the boat progressed in abrupt zig-zags. What with this and the energetic but unskilful rowers, the boat must have presented a passable imitation of a destroyer in action zig-zagging to and fro with sheets of water leaping up on either side. The steersman tactfully inquired if the rowers were tired, but they were not in the least, but the man in the bow was very tired of vainly trying to ward off the water with a coat; the said coat being very wet indeed. Still, it was not his coat so he did not worry. Finally the captain ordered a change-over, whereat bow heaved a sigh of relief.

Dusk was thickening over the creek when the boat returned to its moorings and the six climbed out. By eight o'clock a general move was made for the station, where the party broke up, tired, but happy, after a most enjoyable day.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Cricket Club opened its season with a match against Y.M.C.A., on 7th and 14th October, on their ground at Yarra Park, and resulted in an outright win for our team by 109 runs. Y.M.C.A. made 46 and 25 runs. R. Lygon secured 7 wickets for 10 runs in two innings; W. Ashby, 5 for 24; and W. McMillen, 3 for 17. Our side replied with 114 and 66 runs. C. Lyfield topped the score with 42 runs in first innings.

The next match was against South Melbourne Hibernians, on our ground, on 21st and 28th October. We made 60 and 54 runs,

J. Boal made 22 in the first innings, and W. Ashby, 21 in the second innings. South Melbourne Hibernians made 149 runs in the first innings, and won outright by an innings and 35 runs. R. Lygon took 2 for 20, Don Johnston 2 for 29, and W. Ashby, 4 for 66.

The third match was against Albert Park, on 4th and 11th November, at Middle Park. Our opponents batted first and made 172 runs. R. Chaundy captured 3 wickets for 23 runs, W. Ashby 3 for 45, W. McMillen and Don Johnston 1 for 32; R. Chaundy 26 not out, W. Ashby 26, and D. Johnston 11, were the only batsmen who could make an appreciable stand against the opponent's bowling in the first innings, the total of which was 89. We were sent in again and W. Ashby 54, and R. Chaundy 39, batted brilliantly; and Fred. Sandon 10 not out put the score to 2 wickets for 109 at the drawing of stumps. Albert Park won on the first innings by 92 runs.

The next match, on 25th November and 2nd December, was against Clarendon, and they batted first, scoring 5 wickets for 205 runs. With a surprising series of bad luck and also through the wonderful bowling accuracy of our opponents, our side was dismissed for 24 and 23 runs. Clarendon won by an innings and 158 runs.

Our team is an unknown quality at present, being composed of youngsters, who are keen on doing better than last season. W. Ashby is captain, and is very enthusiastic on the game, always having a good word for triers.

The Selectors picking the team for interstate matches did not have an easy task, as many of the old timers are past their prime. Reliance will now be placed on much younger men, and we hope they will prove their worth, and the team worthy to uphold the name of Victoria.

QUEEN OF SPORTS COMPETITION CORONATION NIGHT.

To help and honour our obligation to the Australian Deaf Cricket Association to be present at Sydney for the 6th Series of Interstate Matches, for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield," next Christmas, the Cricket Club organised a Queen of Sports' Competition, for three months, beginning last July and ending about the middle of October. It received spontaneous support from the various clubs, who appointed their own Queen, viz., Hockey, Miss Emily Stephens; Cricket, Miss Olive Minton; Tennis, Miss Bernie Higgie; Lacrosse, Miss Chrissie Derbyshire; Indoor Games, Miss Alice Smith. Keen competition resulted. In all, 15,600 tickets at 1d. each were issued and were practically exhausted at the end of the Competition. Each Queen worked assiduously and kept their results secret until the closing date. At the Coronation Night, held on Friday, 20th October, in the Assembly Hall, the results were made known before a good gathering. The evening opened with a number of games under direction of Warrie Ashby and Don Johnston, and at about 9.15 p.m.

the President of the Cricket Club, Mr. J. M. Johnston, introduced the 5 Queens, who were prettily dressed in Grecian robes, with small gilt crowns adorning their heads. He, thereupon, requested Mr. J. O'Gorman, the Hon. Treasurer of the Club, to present each Queen with a large bouquet of carnations and roses. In a short address the President regretted the absence of 3 actual Queens, Misses Emily Stephens (in hospital), B. Higgie (bereavement), and C. Derbyshire, but expressed joy in seeing Misses Elsie Stephens, Phyllis Johnston and Thelma Whately acting as proxies respectively. He complimented every one on their splendid effort, and on behalf of the Club extended to them and their co-workers his warmest thanks for their wonderful help; thus making a great success of the Competition.

Before announcing the results of each Queen, the President requested the Queen of Hockey (Miss E. Stephens) to take the Central Chair, and then crowned her as Queen of Sports, amidst thunderous applause. The following results were then announced:—Queen of Hockey, £20/8/-; Queen of Tennis, £18/6/11; Queen of Cricket, £15/7/11; Queen of Indoor Games, £14/17/8; Queen of Lacrosse, £9/4/3; total, £78/4/9; and the Prizes of £4, £3, £2/10/-, £2/5/-, £1/15/- were distributed.

Miss Elsie Stephens, the winning Queen, in one of the prettiest little speeches, expressed joy at knowing that her sister had gained the highest honour, and intended to convey to her the news of what happened this evening, and thanked, on her sister's behalf, all those who have supported her, thus making her the Queen of Sports.

Then came the drawing of lucky numbers by the respective Queens. The numbers drawn and names of winners were as follows: Hockey, No. 2559, N. Gamble, "Coree," Jerilderie; N.S.W.; Cricket, No. 585, O.B., 43 Mitchell Street, Brunswick; Tennis, No. 536, Mr. Don Johnston; Indoor Games, No. 1347, B. Dunlop, 13 Herbert Street, Footscray; Lacrosse, No. 611, Mr. Thorneyer, Orchard Grove, Blackburn.

Further games, for which prizes were offered, and then supper, wound up the most happy evening.

To Mr. J. O'Gorman, the Hon. Treasurer of the Club, the Committee feel that no words can express their appreciation of his influence upon the success of the Competition. He bore the bulk of the work and certainly the responsibility of affairs, which were carried through most cheerfully.

The Balance Sheet shows the total receipt, £78/4/9; expenditure, £18; leaving a credit balance of £60/4/9.

NOTES FROM HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

The Lecture booked for on 24th October did not eventuate, as the Lecturer, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, was called away on some important business up Benalla way, and besides this a good many of

the Deaf went up to see the Gymnastic Display by the Pupils of the Deaf School, at the Prahran Town Hall, held that same night.

Mr. D. Robertson, of East Malvern, late of Glasgow, Scotland, was quietly married to Miss L. Williams, of Richmond, on 4th November, 1933, at the Richmond Methodist Church. Mr. W. Appleton, the Trainee, interpreted.

For many months there were agitations for more rigid seats in the Billiard Room, as time after time the ordinary wicker or Viennese chairs became damaged through rough handling, and so at last the Deaf Committee set to work to have them made, and four seats of the garden pattern, placed on raised platform, now graced the room. Mr. E. Johnson, the Hon. Secretary, took the whole responsibility of planning and had them made during his spare time. Timber was ordered through Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of the General Board. Messrs. R. White, H. McKenzie, and J. O'Gorman assisted. All these men, who gave their time voluntarily, have the heartiest thanks of the Committee and the Deaf generally.

"The Star," a Melbourne evening paper, in the "Short Stories of Unusual Happenings" par, says, "A deaf mute, David Taterinsky, has been appointed Commissioner of Oaths of the Supreme Court, in Montreal, Canada."

Mr. Geo. Hodges had the misfortune to be taken to the Melbourne Hospital over a month ago, with a damaged right arm and abrasions on face and shoulder. He is slowly on the mend. Whilst riding out on his push bike to his work at Ivanhoe, he and a motor cyclist met at an intersection and a nasty spill resulted. It was at first feared that his arm would have to be amputated, but fortunately it was found not necessary to do so.

Miss Emily Stephens, who has been in Melbourne Hospital for some time, has returned home again, feeling much better and we had the pleasure of seeing her on our tennis court on Saturday afternoons. Miss Elsie Stephens had an operation for tonsils, and is O.K. again.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. W. Bladier, who lost his father on 27th October last, and was buried at Fawkner Cemetery.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer underwent an operation a month ago at the Alfred Hospital and is progressing favourably. He is hoping to be out of the hospital before Christmas.

Mrs. H. McKenzie, too, is in hospital (Homoeopathetic) for some throat ailment. She was unable to swallow her food and was placed there for observation and treatment.

Mr. A. Morgan has returned to Melbourne after four months' relief work with the Country Roads' Board, at Dromana. Said he enjoyed open-air life alright.

Not in one of the hundreds of pilgrimages, which he has audienced and addressed this Holy Year, has Pope Pius XI. been so deeply moved as on the occasion of the reception of 400 deaf mutes from all parts of Italy. His address to the pilgrims was interpreted in the sign language.

Mr. A. F. Clarkson has retired from the office of President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, of South Australia, after serving for 14 years in that position.

The past few weeks have been strenuous weeks for all the Staff and many of the Committee, who have taken on extraordinary duties.

Among a pilgrimage of 450 unemployed from the British Isles to Rome were five deaf mutes.

In a letter to the Honorary Secretary of the Deaf Committee, Mr. Arthur Stephens states that he realises that the present Committee would have been elected in any circumstances, and is the "best available." This speaks highly of the judgment of the Deaf community, who elected them.

This year is the Centenary of the birth of Adam Lindsay Gordon. Here is a message from him:—

Life is mostly froth and bubble:
Two things stand like stone:
Kindness in another's trouble;
Courage in your own.

GEELONG NEWS.

The service on the 8th December was conducted by Mr. Appleton. Owing to railway breakdowns, due to a severe storm on the previous day, the meeting started late and Mr Appleton spent the night at Geelong as the guest of Mrs. and the Misses Monahan, who kindly invited him to stay. Mrs. Hood, from St. Leonard's, was present at the meeting and looked very well. After a short service and talk the meeting concluded with supper and a really merry conversation full of good humoured fun.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

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TO

POINT ORMOND

FOUNDATION DAY,

Monday, January 29th, 1934.

Tea, Sugar, Milk and Hot Water Provided Free.

Herald 20th Dec 1933

XMAS CAROLS IN SIGNS & SONG















"THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE." Top, songs being interpreted by signs by youthful deaf mutes at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Hall, Jolimont, last night, when the annual Christmas party for the whole deaf and dumb community of Victoria was held. Beneath, St. Paul's Cathedral choir boys singing carols to inmates of the Melbourne Hospital last evening. Right, Miss Coralie Webb, a Melbourne girl, who will spend Christmas at sea in the Orama, which left Port Melbourne for Noumea.

Sun. December 1933

INJURED YOUTH IN ACCIDENT ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Outfit in First Collision Crashes Again 10 Minutes Later

WITHIN 10 minutes of being knocked from his bicycle in Fitzroy yesterday evening, a youth was involved in another accident while being taken to hospital.

Crossing the intersection of Greeves and Gore Streets on a bicycle shortly after 6 p.m., Ronald Stephenson, 17, of Greeves Street, Fitzroy, came into collision with a motor cycle outfit, and was injured. James Quinlan, 35, ran from his home nearby and placed Stephenson in the sidecar. They started off for St. Vincent's Hospital. At the corner of Victoria Parade and Gore Street, the outfit came into collision with a motor car travelling east, and the injured youth was thrown out.

A Civil ambulance took them to St. Vincent's Hospital, where Stephenson, who is deaf and dumb, was admitted with a compound fractured leg. Quinlan received attention for an injured knee.

The rider of the motor cycle escaped in both accidents.

BIG NOVELTY NIGHT

Saturday, 24th February, at 8 p.m.

In Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square.

Play Entitled

"BLUE BEARD AND HIS EIGHT WIVES"

Preceded by Euchre Tournament.

Prizes. Light Refreshments.

Tickets 1/- Proceeds to "Victorian Deaf News"

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C.2.

28th February, 1934.

Dear M

We beg to remind you that the envelope system or subscriptions will close on 31st March 1934, and that your contributions to 28th February amounted to ....

Will you kindly make it a larger amount by the end of March?

We would also like to remind you that contributors of sums under 2/6 are not eligible for membership of the Society. By that we mean you cannot vote for the election of Deaf Committee etc.

May we ask you kindly to give this matter your early attention, and oblige.

Yours truly,

ED. JOHNSON,
Honorary Secretary.

A. W. Sutherland
Honorary Treasurer.

To Deaf Committee.

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Vic..
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East C.2
February, 1934.

Dear Friend,

What an inspiration the 10 days trip to Sydney was to be sure! Sixty of us! It has re-kindled the old desire for each other's company. We had so splendid a time that we want to see all Victorian deaf participate in the great events being arranged for the Centenary Celebrations and our own Jubilee.

This is going to be a great year in our world. It is the Centenary of Victoria and it is the Jubilee of Our Society. Therefore, we propose to have jubilee times. Our thinkers are thinking and our workers working to make all the functions of the year - and there will be many - successes.

For ten days at least we shall have as our guests large numbers of fellow deaf from other States of the Commonwealth for the National Congress of the Deaf to be held in Melbourne from 24th December, 1934, to 2nd January, 1935.

Also the Australian Deaf Cricket Association will hold its contests here for the Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield. The Australian Deaf Tennis Association will hold its competition for the Mrs. Cohen Cup. Other competitions - indoor and outdoor - and festivities will also be arranged.

You will be invited to all and to help with all. Meanwhile, there are interesting events to be featured at our Centre immediately and we want to see the Melbourne deaf there very often. Country cousins will always receive an extra welcome

Our first gathering is to be held on Saturday 24th February. (See list of fixtures)

The outstanding event for March (17th) is a Garden Party at Our Flower Farm, Blackburn. We are to meet at Jolimont Square at 2.15 p.m. The motor cars will leave promptly at 2.30. At Blackburn we are to participate in sports, games, rambles and high tea. Parents with children will return home by car after tea, and it is hoped to arrange for the younger folk to adjourn to the Blackburn Hall for dancing, games and cinema pictures. This is to be the opening great day of a great year. All deaf are invited but the party is limited to 200, so hand in your name at once to the Principal or at the Office.

The Cricket Club is arranging for a match, City V. Country deaf at Easter. A Re-Union of Country and City deaf has been fixed for Easter.

Now just a word or two about Our Society. If you are not a member, join at once. The Deaf Committee are anxious to enrol all ex-pupils of schools for the deaf as members of the Adult Deaf Society. You will all want to be members at Christmas when the festivities are in full swing. The best way to make sure of being one of the happy throng is to join now. Send along your 2/6 to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. A. Sutherland), Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2. This small subscription entitles you to all the privileges of the Society and the Club House, and a voice in the election of the Deaf Committee of Management. You also become one of the hosts and hostesses of the deaf and dumb visitors from all the other States of the Commonwealth.

Let us have word from you soon.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

F. E. Frewin,
Chairman

Edwin Johnson,
Honorary Secretary
to Deaf Committee.

Make a Note of Following Fixtures

Saturday, 24th February.	Euchre Tournament and Dramatic Play in aid of "Victorian Deaf News" Fund	8 p.m.
Saturday, 3rd March.	Hockey Club Annual Meeting	3 p.m.
	Tennis Club Mask Social	7.45 p.m
Saturday, 17th March.	Garden Party at Blackburn	2.30 p.m.
Monday, 19th March.	Women's Guild Annual Picnic.	
Saturday, 24th March.	Lacrosse Club Annual Meeting	3 p.m.
	Cricket Club Wind-Up Social	7.45 p.m.
Sunday, 25th March	Harvest Thanksgiving Services	11 a.m. 7p.m.
Easter Saturday, 31st March.	City V. Country Deaf Cricket Match and Tennis Tournament	2 p.m.
	Easter Rally	7.45 p.m.
Easter Sunday, 1st April.	Re-Union Conference	3 p.m.
	Tea	5.30 p.m.
	Easter Service and Communion	7 p.m.
Easter Monday, 2nd April	**See Special Announcement for Red Letter Day**	

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THE SYDNEY CONGRESS.

The Congress and Festivities held in Sydney during the last Christmas holidays proved to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable occasions in the history of the Sydney Society. The new Headquarters, 5 Elizabeth Street, called forth many complimentary remarks, especially on the spaciousness of the Main Hall and its platform. The Staff throughout were most attentive and the guests had the pleasure to leave with them some tangible reminders of their visit before they took their leave of the City with its beautiful harbour and the famous bridge.

The various Australian Association Bodies, at their meetings held there, by unanimous vote, has designated "MELBOURNE, VICTORIA," as the convention City, Christmas, 1934.

The Melburnians are already beginning to make a start to make this "VICTORIAN CENTENARY CARNIVAL" the best ever.

Watch us and begin making arrangements NOW for the TIME of YOUR LIFE in 1934.



Superintendents, Welfare Officers, and Captains at the Inter-state Deaf and Dumb Congress. Sydney, 1933-34.

THE SYDNEY CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES.

A record party of 67, including 7 hearing members and friends, who are interested in or connected with our Society, made the journey to Sydney during the Christmas Congress and Festivities. Sixty-four went by train, two by boat, and one by motor cycle.

On arrival (2 hours late) we were met by Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Miss Doran, Messrs. W. Engel and S. Phillips and many others, who extended a warm welcome to us. After seeing to our lodgings we went down to the Society's rooms, where we renewed old acquaintances, made new ones, and had tea. After tea we attended the Helen Keller Chapel, where Divine Service was held by the Rev. T. Ellison, interpreted by Miss Doran.

Monday morning saw our players eagerly practising their games. Then followed Christmas Dinner in the main hall, where short Christmas Greetings were extended. In the afternoon our group broke up into a number of small parties and went sight-seeing—principally to the Harbour Bridge. Late in the afternoon the Australian Deaf Cricket Association and the tennis representatives met and made arrangements for the competitions.

In the evening a Welcome Social was held. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale gave an official welcome to the visitors and responses were made by Mr. N. Armstrong (Chairman of the Victorian Board of Management), Mr. O. Lewis (Member of the Queensland Board), Mr. O. R. Redman (Supt. of South Australian Mission), Mr. W. Limbrick (Manager of Tasmanian Team), Mr. O. Flay (Queensland), Mr. E. Juncken (South Australia) and Mr. J. M. Johnston (Victoria).

Cricket and Tennis competitions commenced on Tuesday, December 26th, at the University Ovals and "Lochnagar" Tennis Courts, Summerhill, and were continued until 5.30 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the Congress meeting was opened by the Hon. F. H. Stewart, M.H.R., Minister for Commerce, who expressed the hope that the meeting would be a success. Mr. J. M. Johnston (Victoria) was elected Chairman, and Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.), Acting Hon. Secretary. The evening was devoted to the reading of a paper on "A Survey of the Position of the Adulf Deaf," by the Principal of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and the appointment of a Congress Committee.

Cricket and Tennis was continued on Wednesday, and a fine Exhibition of Fancy Work, by the deaf women of Australia, was held in the Society's rooms. The exhibition was opened and judged by Mrs. Bruxner, who paid high tribute to the excellence of the work. There were more than 100 exhibits—Pillow shams. d'oyleys, table centres, etc. Prize winning entries are given on another page.

In the evening a colourful plain and fancy dress ball was held at Sargent's Ballroom. None of our party dressed up for the occasion, except Mr. T. Peters, who struck a very original note, dressing as "Sport." One half of himself he dressed as a cricketer, and the other half as a tennis girl. This costume carried off one of the prizes.

Cricket and tennis competitions were concluded on Thursday. At 11 a.m. the visitors were accorded a Civic Reception by the Town Clerk of Sydney (Mr. R. Hendy), in the absence of the Lord Mayor, who was indisposed. Mr. Hendy complimented the organisers on the successful carrying out of the big programme. After morning tea the visitors were shown over the Town Hall.

In the afternoon the visitors were the guests of the State Government, who entertained them with a launch trip on the harbour. and a very enjoyable outing it was. The adjourned Congress was continued in the evening, and papers were read by Messrs. E. Johnson, F. E. Frewin, S. Phillips and Miss R. Dow.

On Friday, December 29th, indoor tournaments were in full swing and large parties were out visiting the Taronga Gardens (Zoo), the Spit, and Manly. The Australian Deaf Cricket Association met and decided on Melbourne as the next venue at Christmas, 1934. The tennis representatives met and decided on the formation of a new tennis association, and they also decided on Melbourne for the next Carnival.

The National Council delegates met and made recommendations, after which they adjourned to the third meeting of the Congress, at which their recommendations were submitted and approved. Other recommendations submitted and passed were:—Compulsory Education for N.S.W. (submitted by Mr. E. Johnson), Vocational Training and Placement (Mr. S. Phillips), Abolition of Dual Organisation (Mr. F. E. Frewin), and Uniformity of Sign and Numeral Languages (Mr. A. E. Stephens).

On Saturday the whole party was entertained with a launch picnic round the harbour, visiting Clarke Island, passing the Heads, under the Harbour Bridge, and up Lane Cove. The trip lasted all the morning and two launches were necessary to convey the party.

In the evening a sumptuous banquet was given at Sargent's Banquet Hall. The Hon. William Brooks, M.L.C., President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of N.S.W., presided; and Messrs. N. Armstrong. O. Lewis, W. Larke, H. Gladwin, D. Dey. A. Lonsdale, E. J. D. Abraham, O. Redman and C. Mortlock attended, most of them making brief after dinner speeches. Mr. Lonsdale acted as M.C. throughout. Trophies were presented by prominent lady helpers of the different Societies to winners of various games.

On Sunday morning, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted Divine Service in the Helen Keller Chapel. In the afternoon many parties went off to sea-side resorts, and some tried their skill at surfing.

At 7 p.m. the party attended the official service at the Pitt Street Congregational Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. E. Ruth, and interpreted by Miss Doran.

On Monday (New Year's Day) all went to the National Park, where a most enjoyable picnic was held. Soon after arrival sports

were commenced and continued throughout the afternoon. After mid-day many went out for rambles and boating amidst the beautiful scenery.

Soon after tea the party returned to the Society's building, where a Farewell Social was held. Many speeches of thanks and farewell were given and the Queensland party concluded the evening with a demonstration of physical exercises, which brought them much applause.

On Tuesday short visits to other places of interest and preparations for the return home were made. One party of 15 made a greatly enjoyed round tour of the Hawkesbury River, under the guidance of Mr. C. Plunkett.

Shortly after 7 p.m. the Victorians and Queenslanders made their departure from Sydney, thus ending one of the happiest Carnivals yet held.

The Victorian Deaf extend to one and all in Sydney their hearty thanks for a most enjoyable time and look forward to the coming gathering in Melbourne next Christmas, when they hope to reciprocate the hospitality shown to them during their stay in Sydney.

INTERSTATE CRICKET MATCHES SCORES AND RESULTS.

December 26th, at University No. 1 Oval, Victoria versus South Australia: Victoria, 1st Innings, 4 wickets for 256 runs (C. Robertson 158 not out, W. Ashby 36, M. Mark 25 not out; J. Angove was the best with the ball, securing 3 for 45, and H. Rickard 1 for 14). South Australia, 1st Innings, 71 (W. Abbott 17 and E. Juncken 12; W. Hately 5 for 27, M. Mark 3 for 17, R. Lygon 2 for 22); 2nd Innings, 5 wickets for 76 runs (E. Angove and H. Rickard 26 each). Victoria won on first innings by 185 runs.

New South Wales versus Tasmania, No. 2 Oval:—Tasmania, 1st Innings, 88 runs (A. Wright carried his bat for 23 runs; J. Beath secured 5 for 24, and H. Emerson 3 for 21); 2nd Innings, 107 runs (W. Limbrick 37, F. Williams 20, B. Taylor 18; H. Emerson 7 for 48). N.S.W. 1st Innings, 196 (S. Fullarton 41, H. Emerson 30, J. Beath 24, M. Della 22, P. Kinsella 23; A. Wright 4 for 44. F. Williams 3 for 28). New South Wales won outright, by an innings and 1 run.

December 27th, New South Wales versus South Australia, No. 1 Oval:—South Australia, 1st Innings, 176 runs (H. Langley 49 not out, J. Eddy 25, G. Tunbridge and H. Eldson 20 each; H. Emerson 5 for 58, J. Beath 4 for 52). N.S.W., 1st Innings, 6 wickets for 445 (S. Fullarton 161 not out, H. Emerson 114, A. James 75).

Victoria versus Tasmania. No. 2 Oval:—Tasmania, 1st Innings, 59 runs (O. Fielding 12 not out, C. Webb 10; C. Lygon 6 for 19, M. Mark 2 for 5); 2nd Innings, 4 wickets for 158 (W. Limbrick 67 not out, A. Simpson 33, C. Webb 21). Victoria, 1st Innings, 177 runs (C. Roberston 51, T. Peters 36, L. Sutton 35; A. Wright 3 for 35, F. Williams 3 for 40, W. Limbrick 1 for 7). Victoria won on first innings by 118 runs.



Victorian Deaf Inter-state Cricket Team,
Sydney, 1933.



Victorian Deaf Inter-state Tennis Team,
Sydney, 1933.

December 28th. Tasmania versus South Australia, No. 2 Oval:—Tasmania, 1st Innings, 8 wickets for 274 runs, declared (F. Williams 141, R. Egan 80 not out; G. Tunbridge 5 for 36). South Australia, 1st Innings, 121 runs (H. Rickards 40, E. Juncken 39 not out; C. Webb 4 for 34, A. Wright 3 for 23, F. Williams 3 for 28). Tasmania won on first innings by 153 runs.

New South Wales versus Victoria, No. 1 Oval:—Victoria, 1st Innings, 68 runs (M. Mark 15, Don Johnston 11 not out; J. Chambers 6 for 24, H. Emerson 4 for 35); 2nd Innings, 76 runs (D. Johnston 16, W. Ashby 13, M. Mark 12, W. Hately 10; A. James 3 for 8; H. Emerson 4 for 17). N.S.W., 1st Innings, 111 runs (J. Beath 23, F. Tucker 21, M. Della 19; W. McMillin 5 for 30, W. Ashby 4 for 34); 2nd Innings, 1 wicket for 36 runs (S. Phillips 23 not out, S. Fullarton 11). New South Wales won outright by 9 wickets and 3 runs.

New South Wales 3 wins, Victoria 2 wins, Tasmania 1 win, South Australia nil.

AUSTRALIAN DEAF TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

During the Carnival, held in Sydney last Christmas, Tennis Representatives from different States met and decided on the formation of a new organisation called the "AUSTRALIAN DEAF TENNIS ASSOCIATION," and the constitution similar to the Cricket Association was adopted with slight alterations as to title and conditions.

A handsome Silver Cup, the gift of Mrs. R. Cohen, of Victoria, who is also well known in New South Wales, was presented for perpetual competition amongst the Deaf Tennis Clubs of the Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies and Missions, and it is to be called the "AUSTRALIAN DEAF TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP."

The Cup was presented to New South Wales, the winners of this Christmas Carnival, at a banquet held at Sargent's Sydney, on Saturday, December 30th, 1933.

By common consent the next Carnival is to be held in Melbourne, Christmas, 1934, *in connection with its Centenary Celebrations.*

Mr. J. Dickenson was appointed General Hon. Secretary for 12 months.

Results of Tennis Competitions will be found elsewhere.

INTERSTATE TENNIS RESULTS.

The Interstate Tennis matches were played on Mrs. Polson's Courts, at Summerhill, and the results were as follows:—

In the Australian Cup Championship, Victoria defeated Queensland by 6 sets 40 games to 3 sets 31 games. New South Wales defeated Queensland by 8 sets 48 games to 1 set 25 games. New South Wales defeated Victoria by 9 sets 54 games to 0 sets 20 games.

Total result:—New South Wales, 17 sets 102 games; Victoria, 6 sets 60 games; Queensland, 4 sets 56 games.

In the Individual Championship Ladies' Singles, Miss O. Power (Queensland) beat Miss B. Higgie (Vic.), 7-5, 6-8, 6-4. Gent's Singles, O. Gordon (N.S.W.) beat M. Webb (N.S.W.), 6-1, 6-1. Ladies' Doubles, Misses O. Power and K. Kelly (Q'ld.) beat Mrs. J. Winchester and Miss F. Ninness (N.S.W.), 6-2, 6-1. Gent's Doubles, J. Dickenson and J. Walters (Vic.) beat R. Mills and M. Webb (N.S.W.), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Mixed Doubles, O. Gordon and Mrs. J. Winchester (N.S.W.) beat J. Walters and Miss B. Higgie (Vic.), 6-2, 6-1.

INTERSTATE TROPHIES AND WINNERS.

E. J. D. Abraham Shield, New South Wales Cricket Team.

Tennis Challenge Cup, New South Wales Tennis Team.

Cricket.—Batting average, C. Robertson (Vic.), 108.50 runs per innings; bowling average, W. McMillin (Vic.), 7.57 runs per wicket; aggregate score, S. Fullarton (N.S.W.), 221 runs; most catches, A. Wright (Tas.), T. Peters and D. Johnston (Vic.), 3 each.

Tennis.—Ladies' Singles, Miss O. Power (Qld.); Ladies' Doubles, Misses O. Power and K. Kelly (Q'ld.); Gent's Singles, O. Gordon (N.S.W.); Gent's Doubles, J. Dickenson and J. Walters (Vic.); Mixed Doubles, O. Gordon and Mrs. J. Winchester (N.S.W.).

Indoor Games' Championship.—Billiards. S. Phillips (N.S.W.); Snooker, S. Phillips (N.S.W.); Chess, R. Herbert (N.S.W.); Draughts, J. Sinclair (N.S.W.); Table Tennis, H. Rickards (S.A.).

Picnic Sports.—Tug of War, Tasmanian Team; Shot Putt, F. H. Hook (N.S.W.), 35ft. 4in.; 75 yds. Married Ladies', Mrs. O. Flay (Q'ld); 75 yds. Single Ladies', Miss K. Kelly (Q'ld.); 100 yds. Open Championship, D. Wallis (Vic.); Half Mile Race, D. Wallis (Vic.); Hop, Step and Jump, D. Wallis (Vic.).

Fancy Work Exhibition.—White Embroidery, Mrs. J. Doran (N.S.W.) 1st, Mrs. E. Dan (N.S.W.) 2nd; Coloured Embroidery, Mrs. J. Winchester (N.S.W.) 1st, Miss E. Randall (N.S.W.) 2nd; Sect. 3, White Embroidery, Miss D. Hickey (Vic.) 1st, Miss C. Wood (N.S.W.) 2nd; Sect. 4, Coloured Embroidery, Mrs. A. Fairweather (N.S.W.) 1st; Miss B. Rhoss (S.A.) 2nd; Mrs. J. Winchester (N.S.W.) Special; Knitting Competition, Miss D. Hickey (Vic.) 1st; Pillow Sham, Miss G. Hawkins (Vic.) 1st, Mrs. E. Dan (N.S.W.) 2nd; Apron Special, Mrs. Simons (S.A.) Special.

QUEENSLAND'S COMMENTS ON PERSONNEL AT CONGRESS.

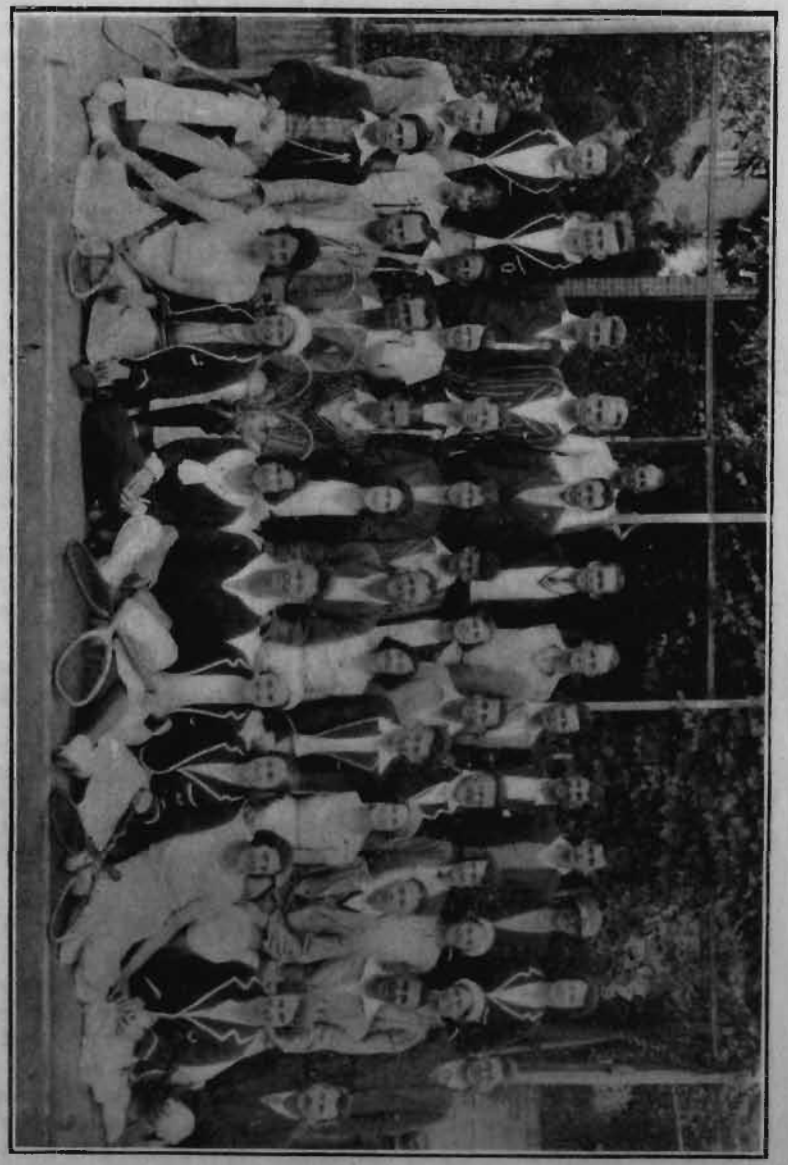
These pars appear to refer to Victorians:—

A wonderful man was there from somewhere. Wonderful personality—seemed to know more about the deaf than anybody else—no lack of interest when he was speaking to the deaf—all seemed to love him. (He has a Bible name).

A very nice lady and gentleman—both tall—quiet spoken—not fond of the limelight—but always friendly and interested. (Name begins with "A.")

A stout kindly man—pleasant face—looked capable of doing things, yet not flurried in any way. (Name begins with "J.")

A bright business-like young lady—good help to a leader—quiet but friendly. (Name begins with "D.")



Combined Inter-state Tennis Teams, Sydney, Xmas, 1933.

CHURCH NOTES.

Church Services are conducted regularly morning and evenings on Sundays throughout the year, with short Prayer and Lesson on Thursday evenings. While Sunday evening services are fairly well attended a larger congregation in the mornings would be appreciated. Try to attend one or other of the services at least once a month. Make it your personal duty.

On December 24th a number of the South Australian Congress party attended the morning service and greatly admired our Church. Mr. Appleton officiated at the service.

Holy Communion was celebrated on the evening of January 7th. The Principal officiated, assisted by Mr. Appleton.

The evening service on January 21st was conducted by the Secretary of the Deaf Committee, Mr. Edwin Johnson, assisted by Mr. J. M. Johnston.

On February 4th a "Back to Church" service was held and was very well attended. The Principal conducted the service.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, March 25th. Last year 108 attended the evening service. With your co-operation we hope this figure will be exceeded this year.

Re-union Services will be held on Sunday, April 1st, and Holy Communion will be celebrated at the conclusion of the evening Service.

MEN'S GUILD.

On December 6th the Men's Guild held a dinner to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Guild's founding. Messrs. F. E. Frewin, President of the Guild, R. H. Luff, and A. C. Muir were the guests of the evening, as they had been present at the inauguration meeting in 1883, when the Guild was founded. Twenty-two members attended, including several past Office-bearers. Toasts were drunk to the King, the Pioneers, Absent Friends, and others. Speeches by the Guests of Honour and others were applauded, and the evening passed very rapidly, so that the announcement that it was past 10 p.m. caused general surprise.

On January 23rd the subject of the Guild meeting was "Holiday Stories," chiefly concerning the Sydney trip.

On the 29th, A.N.A. Day, the Annual Picnic was held at Elwood, near Point Ormond, and was a great success, 56 being present. The day being very hot, most of the time was spent in swimming and sunbathing until evening, when the party broke up, some going to the Club, while the majority preferred to end the day in Luna Park.

Nominations and Pound Night was held on February 6th, when a pleasant evening was spent in discussion.

On February 27th the Annual Meeting was held, when the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. R. Noble, read the Annual Report and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. O'Bryan, the Balance Sheet, which showed 12/8 in hand. The election of Office-bearers for the coming year was as follows:—President, Mr. Ed. Johnson; Vice-President, Mr. J.

O'Gorman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. McMillen; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble; Committee. Messrs. Frewin, J. M. Johnston, C. Graham, A. W. Sutherland.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Women's Guild re-opened their meeting on February 6th after the Christmas vacation, with an attendance of 14 members present. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, spoke of making the Guild's meetings more attractive and suggested that dancing lessons be held at its next meeting on March 6th.

This suggestion was unanimously agreed to. The evening then devoted to holiday stories. The President, Misses R. Dow. A. Smith, and C. Ball each gave an account of their holiday experiences.

During the Festive Season, gifts of Christmas Cheer were presented to Miss M. Cole, a past member of the Guild, and who is a patient of Austin Hospital, by Mrs. J. Pierce, who collected a nice sum and bought a dressing jacket. kimona, handkerchiefs, and biscuits. Miss M. Cole was so delighted to receive such lovely gifts and sent thanks, per Mrs. Pierce. to the members for their kind thoughts.

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

As the guests of the Board of Management a huge number of the deaf attended the Christmas Rally on Tuesday, December 19th. Mr. E. J. L. Bremner presided, in the absence of our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, and made presentations to Miss Alice Graham, as a token of the esteem and good wishes of the deaf of Victoria, and to Mr. W. B. Anderson, in token of his services to the Lacrosse Club and the sporting activities of the Society in general.

The Principal referred to the work of the Society during the year and to the forthcoming Festivities in Sydney, and concluded by leading the gathering in signing and signing, "The More We Are Together," in which all joined most heartily. So successful was this item that the "Herald" sent a photographer to get a picture for the following evening's paper.

By courtesy of Kodak (A/asia) Pty. Ltd., we were treated to a movie show, featuring Charlie Chaplin in a hilarious comedy. Then followed an amusing playlet—"The Film Divorce"—presented by Misses M. Dow and A. Smith and Messrs. A. Sutherland and E. Johnson. The action was repeated three times in normal, rapid and slow motions. Competitions, ice cream, and supper completed the programme.

A rough check of the attendance showed 180 present, but with so many moving around accuracy was impossible. The paper report of 250 must have been nearer the mark. It was truly a great gathering and a very happy one for all present.

Some of the press reports of the Sydney Congress were just delicious. A very amusing Congress menu could have been made from a collection of them. Scarcely an accurate statement appeared in the press throughout the proceedings; most were garbled or inaccurate. Here is one from the Melbourne "Star":—

"Oral and sign conversation was carried on with great facility. The translation of the speech of the Minister for Commerce (Mr. Stewart) was unnecessary in most cases, as those who were deaf 'heard' by reading the lips of the speaker."

This is the kind of clap-trap nonsense that the public are fed on. It is safe to say there was not **one deaf** mute person present who could follow the speech of the speaker named by lip reading. How can we possibly get the public to understand the needs of the deaf while reports of this nature are circulated through the medium of the daily papers.

FROM OTHER STATES.

NO PROVISION FOR COMPULSORY MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Mr. B. J. McKenna, Director of Education, speaking at the school for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, Brisbane, said, "unfortunately the law made no provision for compulsory medical attention to children whose parents were so neglectful of their welfare that they allowed their health to run to ruin."

WOULD BE A TEACHER AGAIN.

At the annual meeting of the South Australian Institute (School) for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Adelaide, the Director of Education (Mr. Adey) said:—"Teachers are engaged in the greatest venture the world offers. This is to prepare children for the great battle of life. I have given my life in the cause of education. If I lived again I would still be a teacher. Things should not be made easy for the children by removing difficulties. They must meet the troubles of life all the way. To be worthy of the race to which they belong they must overcome difficulties.

"NEED SPIRIT OF LOVE."

"Education is difficult to define. It has ramifications which stretch out in every action and thought. Education is a conscience movement towards the divine. All who are engaged in it must have some of this spirit."

CRICKET INJURIES IN S.A.

Charles McRae, of the S.A. Carnival team, met with a nasty injury just before Christmas. He was struck on the head by a fast bumping ball. He stayed on the field and later bowled and fielded. On returning home he complained of pain and was taken to hospital. Another player, L. Spencer, had to receive treatment at home for an arm injury he received when struck by the ball.

JOTTINGS.

Mr. Lawrence Kilpatrick, of Swan Hill, had the misfortune to meet with a painful accident about two weeks before Christmas. He was driving a hayrake on his father's farm, when something frightened the horse and he slipped and sprained his ankle severely. He was laid up for some time and regretted that he could not accompany the party to Sydney, but hopes to be able to do so next time.

Received word from J. Walters, of Leitchville, stating that he is still taking interest in tennis, and in the Wee Wee Rup tournament was runner up in B Grade Men's Singles Handicap. He received a nice little cup for this effort. He was looking forward to the opening of the duck shooting season and hoped to obtain a good bag.

Jim Murphy was up at Everton for about three months on his brother's farm trying to do "physical jerks" to improve his health.

The floods that occurred on the South Coast of N.S.W. and Gippsland during the early part of the New Year have struck a severe blow to the Ahchow family at Orbost. We got word from young Harold saying that their maize and bean crops were badly damaged and that their six months' labour had gone for nought. Before the Christmas holidays. Harold had the good fortune to win 17/6 prize money at rifle shooting—10/- for 300 yards, and 7/6 for 600 yards—and is looking forward to further successes.

W. Bladier, of Oakleigh, is a member of a rifle club, and shoots regularly in competitions, and recently won an event at the Port Melbourne range.

Miss E. Lawrence, of Fremantle, W.A., recently sent us a note appreciating the receipt of our "News" regularly. She stated that the Adult Deaf of W.A. held their annual picnic at Point Walter on Foundation Day. She enclosed her annual subscription to the Victorian Deaf News, for which we thank her.

Mr. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, was in town during the last week of February.

A very happy party of 20 deaf spent an enjoyable outing at Warburton on February 18th. Meals were taken at Mrs. Damman's residence. Just after leaving to catch their train for home the party was caught in a sharp, heavy rainstorm and everyone was wet through. However, it did not damp their enthusiasm and all went home in good spirits.

David Calder, of Box Hill, spent his Christmas holidays on the Barrier Reef, Queensland, and for long after his return home was very enthusiastic about his experiences. He has a good collection of snapshots taken on the cruise.

Ray Cornall, of Ballarat, is at present making a prolonged stay in Melbourne, and is a frequent visitor to our Club Rooms.

Miss Iris Boast, of Yarram, is staying in Melbourne for about twelve months. She is taking up tennis and comes to our court on Saturday afternoons.

Miss Alice Graham is at present enjoying a month's holiday at Inverloch, South Gippsland.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer, who has been a patient at Hamilton Russell House for some time, is now staying with relatives at Noble Park, and recovering slowly.

February 12th saw the passing of the 25th year of Miss Empson's service to the Society. She joined the staff on February 12th, 1909, taking the place of Miss White, who left to enter matrimonial life, as Mrs. Prior.

Ambrose Maloney, of Culgoa, was here for a few days. He spoke of the slightly improved outlook for the farmers. His crop has been fairly good this season.

Both the Hately brothers were in Melbourne at one time or another during week-ends, and enjoyed social events with the deaf.

Fred Lynas, of Charlton, is at present making an extended stay with us and intends remaining here till after Easter. He hopes to join in the City v. Country cricket match at Easter.

Roy Mewett, of Koromburra, is now staying at our Blackburn Home.

Les. Sutton, of Bendigo, who was with the party that went to Sydney, stayed in Melbourne for some time in hopes of finding work, but was unsuccessful. He returned home in the middle of February.

Edwin Johnson and Miss Lorrie Ellis were successful in securing prizes for the best holiday snapshot competition in connection with the trip to Sydney for the Congress and Festivities. Handsome prizes were presented to them at a social evening on February 24th.

Mr. Freeman, of Albury, has now taken up residence with relatives in Caulfield and is a frequent visitor to our club rooms.

Ossie Quinton had an unforgettable experience soon after the conclusion of the Sydney Congress and Festivities. He returned home, via the Princes' Highway, intending to do some collecting en route. He ran into the worst weather conditions imaginable with the result that floods, impassable roads, broken bridges, etc., blocked his way. Nevertheless, he managed to get through better than most travellers. At Batman's Bay a big motor truck carried his bike on the radiator over a bridge, which was covered with 3ft. of water. Further on, owing to a break down of the ferry punt, his bike was carried over in a motor boat, and further on he came to a broken bridge, over which he crossed safely after rearranging the planks. After passing Moruya he and the machine were next carried in a farm dray, as the road was 5ft. under water in most places, and had to travel over hilly paddocks and climb fences en route. Near Cobargo a broken bridge confronted him and he had to turn back 7 miles to go by another road. Again he came to a damaged bridge, but managed. by using much physical strength, to get across and rode on through water encountering many fallen trees.

At Kiah River Bridge another dray came to his rescue, and on reaching Orbost he and his motor bike were ferried over the Snowy River in a rowing boat. Since leaving Sydney Mr. Quinton found 11 bridges washed away and 15 covered with water and all along the way many waiting travellers came crowding round enquiring road conditions of the parts he had left. Mr. Quinton appears to be the

only one to have come through without waiting for the fall of the rivers. The sight of flooded farms and homesteads made him very sad for the farmers.

Mr. Harris, of Coburg, was recently hit by a car near his home. He sustained slight concussion and minor injuries to head and back. He is making good progress.

E. Beaumont is at present an in-patient at the Melbourne Hospital, and in a rather serious condition.

Times seem to be improving of late, as several of the deaf have obtained employment. Some, it is true, are in temporary jobs only, but the future seems now to hold more hope than at this time last year.

CRICKET NOTES.

On 9th and 16th December our team was opposed to "Alfred Socials," which is a new team at Port Melbourne. They won the toss and sent us to bat. We gave a disappointing display, scoring 53 runs. R. Lygon topped the score with only 17 runs. In the second innings we were all out for 56 runs. "Alfred Socials" made 6 for 235 runs, declared, and won the match by an innings and 126 runs.

On the first Saturday soon after our arrival from Sydney, the weather was too wet for play and the match was postponed to the following Saturday. The Fur Traders made 78 runs. R. Chaundy took 3 wickets for 9 runs, M. Mark 2 for 6. Our side made 148 runs. R. Chaundy made 45 runs, Don Johnston 20, and we won the match on the first innings by 70 runs.

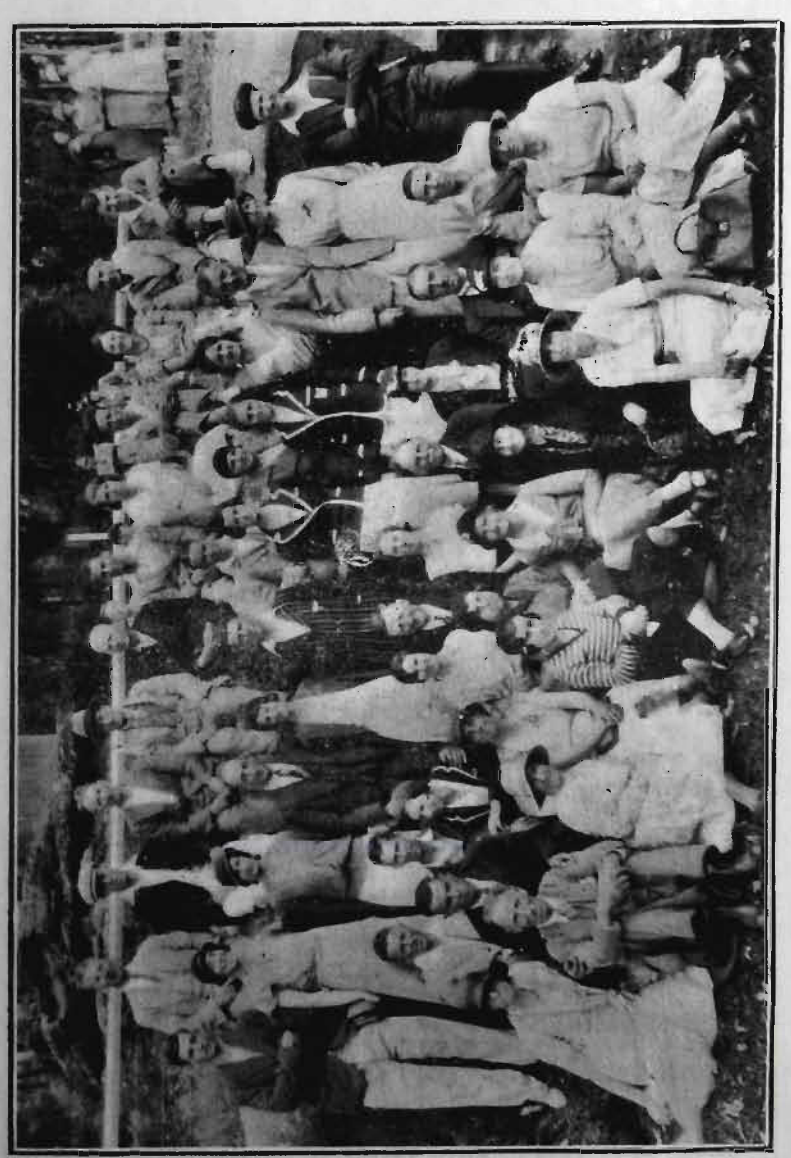
The next match was against South Melbourne A.N.A., and we made a fair score of 172 runs. I. Phillips carried his bat for 45 runs, and W. Ashby 32. The opponents made 154 runs. W. Ashby 4 for 42, R. Chaundy 3 for 26. Our side won the match on the first innings by 18 runs.

On February 3rd and 10th we were pitted against Renown, who were at that time on top of the premiership list. We were sent in first and made 130 runs with two men short. W. Ashby 48, R. Chaundy 33. Renown replied with 143 runs and thereby won by the narrow margin of 13 runs on first innings.

We met Nelson on February 17th and 24th and were beaten rather easily. We scored 80 and 73, and Nelson made 237 runs, winning the match outright by an innings and 83 runs.

BIRTH.

SUTHERLAND.—On January 25th, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. S. Sutherland, of Upper Hawthorn, a daughter, Romaine.



Group of Victorians at the Sydney National Park Picnic, on New Year's Day, January 1st, 1934.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the passing away of Mr. Gerald Turnley, at the Sunbury Mental Hospital, on December 27th, 1933, from pneumonia, and of Master William Beard, age 9, of Terang, who was struck and killed by the Warrnambool to Melbourne passenger train on January 4th, 1934, at the level crossing near his home. He was at that time holidaying from school.

Miss B. Higgie suffered bereavement in the death of her step-father, Mr. Brown, who died on Christmas Day, and Miss Higgie, who was with the Congress Party in Sydney, was much upset by the news.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the relatives and friends in their bereavement.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 17th March.—GARDEN PARTY, at BLACKBURN.
Monday, March 19th.—WOMEN'S GUILD'S ANNUAL PICNIC.
Saturday, March 24th.—LACROSSE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING, at 3 p.m. CRICKET CLUB'S WIND-UP SOCIAL EVENING.
Sunday. March 25th.—HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES in CHURCH, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 31st—CITY AND COUNTRY DEAF CRICKET MATCH. EASTER RALLY IN EVENING.
Sunday, April 1st.—RE-UNION CHURCH SERVICES, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. RE-UNION CONFERENCE at 3 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Hon. Editor of the "Victorian Deaf News" acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions for our magazine:—Mr. W. O'Keeffe, Mr. J. Gibson, Miss C. Monahan, Miss B. Monahan, Mrs. Monahan, Mr. S. Phillips, Mr. H. Emerson, Mrs. Farr, Mr. W. Anderson, Miss D. Reynolds, Mr. J. M. Paul, Mr. A. McLellan, Miss A. Barrie, Mrs. Crompton, Mr. C. Johns, Mr. A. Fairweather, Mr. A. C. Muir, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. C. Robertson, Miss E. Smith, Miss L. Sanders, Mr. A. Israel, Mr. W. Kent, Miss E. Lawrence, Mr. F. Lynas, Miss A. Foster, Mr. T. A. Nelson, Miss G. Hawkins, Mr. N. H. Finch.

Special Announcement.

GARDEN PARTY

at BLACKBURN, SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
17th MARCH, 1934.

Meet at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, by 2 p.m. Motor cars will leave for Blackburn at 2.30 p.m. prompt.

SPORTS, RACES, GAMES, HIGH TEA.
ALL DEAF AND DUMB WELCOME.

The accommodation being limited, deaf friends are urged to give in their names at once to the Principal, or to the office, and so make sure of invitations.

SOCIAL GAMES IN THE EVENING.

APRIL.

SUNDAY	1st	EASTER SERVICES, II am & 7 pm. RE-UNION CONFERENCE at 3.30 pm. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 7 pm.
MONDAY	2nd	PICNIC to BRIGHTON BEACH.
Thursday	5th	Prayer Meeting.
SATURDAY	7th	GET-TOGETHER-RALLY for Lacrosse Club.
SUNDAY	8th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	10th	DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING. Women's Guild Meeting.
THURSDAY	12th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	14th	NOVELTY EVENING for DRAMATIC CLUB.
SUNDAY	15th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	17th	Men's Guild Meeting.
THURSDAY	19th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	21st	WHIST DRIVE for CRICKET CLUB.
SUNDAY	22nd	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	24th	Men's Guild Meeting.
THURSDAY	26th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	28th	
SUNDAY	29th	Services, II am & 7 pm.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A Reunion Church Service and Conference of Country and City Deaf

will be held in our Church and Centre

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Sunday, 1st April, 1934.

Dinner and Tea will be served in the Assembly Hall at 1 p m. and 5.30 p.m. respectively. No charge will be made to country visitors.

Half cost of fares of all country visitors will be refunded by the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, providing the visitors attend the Service and Conference held during the afternoon.

Tell your deaf friends to come. The bigger the crowd the better.

In order to guide with the catering, the Committee would appreciate it if you will let me know by Monday, 26th March, if you are able to come.

EDWIN JOHNSON,
Honorary Secretary, Deaf Committee,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C 2.

Tear this part off.

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Dear Sir,

Book me for the Reunion Service and Conference on Sunday, 1st April, 1934.

Name .....

Address .....

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MAY.

TUESDAY	1st	WOMEN'S GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING.
		Men's Guild's Ordinary Meeting.
THURSDAY	3rd	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	5th	"A NIGHT OF FUN" by Lacrosse Club.
SUNDAY	6th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
		Mr A.L.LONSDALE will take EVENING
TUESDAY	8th	Rehearsal. SERVICE
THURSDAY	10th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	12th	EUCHRE TOURNAMENT for Xmas Congress Fund.
SUNDAY	13th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	15th	DEAF COMMITTEE.
THURSDAY	17th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	19th	SOCIAL EVENING for XMAS CONGRESS FUND
SUNDAY	20th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	22nd	Full Dress Rehearsal of HAROUN EL RAS
THURSDAY	24th	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.
SATURDAY	26th	HAROUN EL RASHID'S PLAY.
SUNDAY	27th	Services, II am & 7 pm.
TUESDAY	29th	. . . . .
THURSDAY	31st	Prayer Meeting & Lecturette.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY, MONDAY,, JUNE 4th 1934.

Argus April 2nd 1934

Busy Easter for Deaf and Dumb

At the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's headquarters in Jolimont there have been interesting events during the holidays. From all parts of Victoria those of the deaf and dumb who were able gathered for the Easter rally, conference, and cricket. On Saturday the Country Deaf met the city at cricket and won by an inning and 17 runs. In the evening the Easter rally was attended by more than 200 deaf mutes. The principal event of the night was a performance of "Bluebeard" by the Deaf and Dumb Dramatic Club, arranged as a drama by a Melbourne deaf and dumb man. The "speaking parts" were rendered in the finger and sign language. Games, speeches, and supper were other items in a very enjoyable evening.

A conference of country and city deaf took place on Sunday afternoon. The principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) told the gathering that there were busy times ahead, and he asked for the active interest of all in preparing for the forthcoming jubilee of the society and the Centenary celebrations. Mr. J. M. Johnston spoke of the National Council of the Deaf Congress to be held in Melbourne at Christmas. Mr. E. Johnson, honorary secretary of the deaf committee, outlined the programme for the ensuing 12 months, the principal events of which are the jubilee celebrations of the society and also of the principal's 50 years among the deaf and dumb, and the festivities and congress at Christmas. Mr. W. Appleton addressed the meeting on the appreciation and gratitude due to hearing friends and benefactors, and he emphasised the need for interesting the public more in the life and work of the deaf and dumb.

To-day the deaf and dumb will hold a picnic at Brighton Beach.

Age April 2nd 1934

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Sport, Drama and Conference.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's centre at Jolimont was the sphere of many activities of deaf and dumb citizens during Eastertide. On Saturday a cricket match between teams of country and city deaf mutes was won by the country team by an innings and 17 runs. In the evening an Easter rally was attended by a large gathering of deaf and dumb, and some hearing friends. The principle item on the programme was a production of Bluebeard, dramatised by a Melbourne deaf and dumb man, and presented by the Deaf and Dumb Dramatic Club. The play was received with favor by the 200 deaf mutes present, the acting being in natural signs and gestures with such speech as was necessary conducted in the finger and sign language. On Sunday church services were conducted, and a conference was held to discuss the events taking place during the Centenary celebrations and the jubilee year of the society. The principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, in his address stated that this year would be the busiest in the history of the deaf and dumb in Victoria. Mr. J. M. Johnston addressed the meeting on the newly-formed Federal body—the National Council of the Deaf and Dumb—which is to hold its next congress in Melbourne at Christmas.

Herald April 2nd 1934

DEAF MUTES' HAPPY EASTER RALLY

Picnic Today After Cricket and Theatrical Show

A large picnic for deaf and dumb people from many parts of Victoria is being held today at Brighton. It is the culmination of a happy Easter rally of deaf mutes in Melbourne.

A country team played city members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at cricket on Saturday, and won easily. More than 200 altogether attended the rally at night, when the main attraction was the performance of "Bluebeard" by the deaf and dumb dramatic club.

Speeches, games and supper made up the rest of the programme.

Divine services were held in the Church for the Deaf at Jolimont on Sunday. During the afternoon a conference was held. The Principal (Mr E. J. D. Abraham) said the next nine months would be the busiest in the history of the deaf and dumb in Victoria, in view of the forthcoming jubilee of the society and Centenary celebrations.

Age April 2nd 1934

DEAF AND DUMB: COUNTRY V. CITY. Country 233 (Nathan 99 retired, Boall 36, A. Collins 23; Lyons 3/40) d. City 85 (Chamby 24, Johnson 22; O'Grady 4/30, Lyons 2/1) and 125 (Phillips 50, O'Gorman 50; Lyons 4/38), by an innings and 17 runs.

CHURCH for the DEAF,

Jolimont.

Mr. A. L. LONSDALE,

The Honorary Superintendent of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of New South Wales, will officiate at the Evening Service on

SUNDAY, 6th MAY, 1934.

It is hoped that there will be a large congregation to greet Mr. Lonsdale.

Also that the whole of the Sydney Congress Party (1933-34) will be present.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

OBJECTIVE:
THE AFTER-SCHOOL WELFARE OF THE WHOLE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB CITIZENS OF THE STATE: PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL SUBSTITUTES TO REPLACE THE LOST SENSE OF HEARING.

DEAF COMMITTEE FOR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

PHONE—J 1270

JOLIMONT SQUARE
MELBOURNE EAST

31st May, 1934.

Dear Friend,

The response to our first letter was very encouraging - over 100 deaf became subscribing members of their Society. Many of the deaf have possibly overlooked the letter, or put it aside intending to answer it later, and forgotten it. If you have not already done so please let us have word from you at once, enclosing your 2/6 subscription. We are looking forward to a subscribing membership of 500 by the time of our Jubilee in October next.

Of course all the advantages of the Society are open to all the deaf and dumb of this State free, but the payment of the small sum of 2/6 will show that you are taking a personal interest in the affairs of your organisation and will confer upon you the power to vote for the election of officers to the Deaf Committee of Management.

We would draw your attention to the forthcoming great events - actually the greatest times in the history of the Australian deaf and dumb. In October your Society's 50th birthday will be marked by Jubilee Celebrations and at Christmas the Centenary Celebrations and National Congress and Festivities will attract deaf and dumb from all parts of the Commonwealth.

This will be the greatest gathering of deaf and dumb ever held in the Southern Hemisphere. Will you be one of the number? There will be special attractions and competitions for country deaf for whom arrangements are being made for cheap rail fares.

Come and meet your old school fellows. Meet the deaf from other States at Jolimont at Christmastide. Remember this is YOUR Society and YOUR Club House, and your contribution to the Centenary Celebrations.

You are advised to start saving NOW for the coming Festivities.

Let us have a reply from you without delay, as your Committee desires to have all catering and other arrangements completed quickly in view of the great influx of visitors from all parts of the world during the Centenary Celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

F. E. FREWIN (Chairman)

EDWIN JOHNSON (Hon. Secretary)

Deaf Men's Guild

will stage

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HAROUN - EL - RASHID

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in the Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
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Proceeds in aid of Xmas Congress and Carnival Fund.

Tickets 1/-
Front seats 6d. extra
(Blue Tickets)

W. McMillin,
Hon. Secretary.

"Sun" 26th May 1934

ROYAL COMMISSION SOUGHT

Plea to Acting Premier From Deaf and Dumb

WITH the claim that nothing less than a Royal Commission could satisfactorily clear up the matter, representations have been made to the Acting Premier (Mr. R. G. Menzies), following a public meeting of the deaf held last month.

The allegation has been made that complaints to the Charities Board during the past nine years about treatment and conditions of deaf and dumb people in Melbourne have been disregarded, and it is recommended that an enquiry should be placed in the hands of any authority but the Charities Board.

Both of the letters, which have been sent to Mr. Menzies, press strongly for a Royal Commission.

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MELBOURNE CENTENARY YEAR.

Things are moving rapidly now-a-days, and every organisation is preparing its programme to give all visitors to Melbourne and all parts of the State every chance of enjoying their stay during the Centenary Year. The programme promises to be attractive and eventful.

Our Society will not be backward in its share of contributions to the celebrations, and deaf visitors can safely look forward to happy times.

As it happens that the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's 50th Birthday, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's 50th year of work amongst the deaf and dumb falls due this year, a strong executive committee has been formed to prepare a programme for the Jubilee, as well as the Christmas Congress and Festivities.

The programmes, at the time of going to press, are not fully completed, but it is expected that the following will be included:—

The first event of importance will be the Exhibition and Fancy Fair to be held at our club house on Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th of August, 1934. It is earnestly hoped that everyone will help by contributing some articles and by selling tickets to make this a huge success.

The second event—or rather series of events—will be the Jubilee Celebrations. These will be held at a most auspicious time—October 18th—27th—when H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester arrives in Melbourne. This period also coincides with Show Week, when we expect to see some of our country deaf in town. On Saturdays, 20th and 27th October, there will be JUBILEE SOCIAL evenings. On Tuesday, 23rd, a DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE will be given. A MONSTER JUBILEE RALLY will take place on Thursday, 25th, and SPECIAL JUBILEE SERVICES and other meetings will be held in the Church for the Deaf throughout October.

In November there will be such attractions as the JUBILEE PICNIC on Cup Day, Tuesday, 6th; BENEFACTORS' NIGHT, on Thursday, 15th; and a FLOWER SHOW, on Saturday, 24th, at which prizes will be offered for the best collection of blooms.

Then come the biggest and best attractions of the year. During the Christmas and New Year week-end we expect the greatest gathering of the Deaf and Dumb ever seen in Australia, when the UNITED AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES OF THE DEAF

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East

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ANNIVERSARY

SERVICE

7 p.m. Sunday, 10th June 1934.

Preacher:

REV. PALMER PHILLIPS
of Wesley Church

Organist: Mr. Crabbe
Soloist

COME AND BRING YOUR HEARING FRIENDS.

Sun 4th June 1934

For Deaf and Dumb

SEVERAL members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria helped the president (Matron Fitzgerald) and members of the central auxiliary of the society at the auxiliary's monthly bridge party yesterday. It was held at the society's assembly hall, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne.

Others assisting were Miss Roma Heeman, who sold sweets, and Miss G. Hunter, who supervised afternoon tea arrangements.

Herald June 21st 1934

DEAF AND DUMB AIDED

Musical Afternoon at Kew

TO assist the funds of East Kew Deaf and Dumb Auxiliary, Mrs C. V. Cavenagh gave a successful musical afternoon at her home in John Street, Kew, today.

An enjoyable musical programme was arranged by Mrs S. M. Arms. Those who contributed items were Miss Beatrice Oakley, Madame Elsie Lorton Campbell, Miss Alba Zacutti and Miss Joyce Norman.

During the afternoon Mr Abraham, superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, gave a short address on the work of the Home. To supplement the proceeds flowers were sold by the Misses Lois Cavenagh and Edna Peele.

Among those present today were Mesdames Fred Mathers, S. Perry Hambleton, Cook, R. Macleod, E. Davies, John, S. Reid, F. Blatchley, T. Wright, E. Robinson, J. Hemmerde, Bone, Dalton, Piesse, E. Roberts, Murray, S. Allsop, the Misses M. Seymour, A. E. Middleton and Eunice Peele, secretary of the auxiliary.

age 6th June 1934

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

The quarterly rally of the deaf and dumb citizens of Melbourne was held at the head quarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont-square, East Melbourne, on Monday. Nearly 200 attended, and all enjoyed themselves to the uttermost. The rally marked the starting point of much earnest endeavor, and many celebrations on the part of the deaf and dumb during the next six months. On Sunday next the anniversary of the opening of the church for the deaf at Jolimont will be held. Rev. Palmer Phillips will conduct the evening service, which will be interpreted to the deaf. An exhibition and sale of work made by the deaf and dumb will be held on 24th and 25th August, the jubilee celebrations of the society in October; a flower show in November, and the national congress and festivities of the deaf and dumb of Australia at Christmas.

Argus 6th June 1934

Adult Deaf and Dumb Rally

On Monday the quarterly rally of deaf and dumb citizens of Melbourne was held at the headquarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, in Jolimont square, Melbourne East. Nearly 200 attended. The programme included many novel games, in which the deaf and dumb and their hearing friends took part. The rally marked the starting-point of many celebrations by the deaf and dumb during the next six months. On Sunday there will be the anniversary of the opening of the church for the deaf at Jolimont. The Rev. Palmer Phillips will conduct the evening service, which will be interpreted to the deaf. All hearing friends are invited. Other events include an exhibition and sale of work made by the deaf and dumb, to be held on August 24 and 25. The jubilee celebrations of the society and of its principal's 50 years of work among the deaf and dumb, a flower show in November, and the national congress and festivities of the deaf and dumb of Australia, to be held at Christmas.

Herald June 28th 1934

Deaf Societies In Conflict

Differences existing between the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf (Victorian branch) are referred to by the Treasurer (Mr J. P. Bourke) in his report on the Association's balance sheet issued today.

Mr Bourke states that his Association has ended the year with a debit balance because the Society refused the loan of its hall at Jolimont. His Association was forced in consequence to hire halls at the cost of £17. Many of the 138 members of the body were also members of the Society, and these claimed that they owned an interest in the Hall.

[The principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr E. J. D. Abraham) said today that the loan of the hall had been refused for reasons which were considered justifiable by the committee of the Society. He would not care to comment further without consulting the committee.]

age 6th June 1934

A BRIDGE PARTY.

Final arrangements for the bridge party in aid of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, to be held this afternoon at the club house, Jolimont-square, were completed yesterday at the meeting of the women's auxiliary. The bridge party will commence at 2.30 p.m., and a pleasant afternoon is assured those who attend. Prizes for the finalists have been donated, and sweets and afternoon tea will be served. Mrs. K. M. Fitzgerald (Haw. 1276) is president of the society, and arrangements for the afternoon have been in her hands.

Deaf Girls' Hockey Club

will hold a

CRAZY WHIST EVENING

Saturday, 9th June, 1934, at 7 45 p m.

Admission 6d.
Prizes ... Supper

Alice Smith,
Hon. Secretary.

will be held in Melbourne, under the auspices of the National Council of the Deaf, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, the Australian Deaf Tennis Association and the Victorian Deaf Committee. The provisional programme includes a SPECIAL SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, on Sunday, 30th December, when Archbishop Head will preach. The NATIONAL CONGRESS of the Deaf, where papers will be read and addresses made on matters relating to the welfare of the deaf and dumb of Australia. Interstate CRICKET MATCHES for the E. J. D. Abraham Shield. Interstate TENNIS MATCHES for the Cohen Challenge Cup, individual TENNIS TOURNAMENTS (Australian Deaf Championships), ATHLETIC, SWIMMING, BILLIARDS, CHESS, DRAUGHTS, TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, FANCY WORK AND HOBBIES EXHIBITION, DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND RECITALS, MOUNTAIN TOUR, BAY TRIP, PICNIC, BANQUET AND GALA NIGHT, SOCIALS, GRAND BALL—Plain and Fancy Dress and a whole host of other functions.

Come to your Society's 50th Birthday Celebrations, which also mark your Principal's 50th year of work amongst the deaf and dumb.

Come to the Centenary Congress of Achievement and Carnival of Joy and Good Fellowship.

CONCENTRATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND ENERGIES AND SAVE FOR THESE WONDERFUL EVENTS.

Tickets will be sold at 1/-, entitling holder to visit the Exhibition and Fancy Fair in August, Flower Show and Sales in November, and Art Needlework and Hobbies Exhibition in December, and each ticket carries a possibility of one of over 200 prizes.

All prizes will, if possible, be articles made by and purchased from the Unemployed Deaf and Dumb.

All Deaf Friends interested are invited to communicate at once to the "ORGANISING SECRETARY" Deaf Centenary Committee, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.

Don't miss any one of these great events. It will be the time of your life.

DIVINE SERVICES.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on March 25th. The Church was beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc. We are indebted to many Deaf Friends and to Blackburn Home for the various gifts, and also to those willing helpers for their services in the decorations. The morning service was conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston, and Mr. W. Appleton the evening service.

Easter Services, mornings and evening, were conducted by Mr. W. Appleton and the Principal, respectively. At the conclusion of the evening service, Holy Communion was celebrated, communicants numbering 28.

Impressive Anzac Memorial Services were held on April 22nd. Mr. W. Appleton conducted the morning service, took his text from I. Corinthians, 6th Chapter, 20th Verse, "For ye are bought with a price," and Mr. J. M. Johnson the evening service, with text from

Exodus, 12 Chapter, 14th Verse, "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it throughout your generation."

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Supt. of the N.S.W. Deaf and Dumb Society, occupied the pulpit on the evening of May 6th, and gave his address on "Faith." Miss Empson and Mr. J. M. Johnston interpreting.

May 13th being the "Mothers' Day," and Mr. J. M. Johnston opened, and also closed, the beautiful morning service with the rendering of Rudyard Kipling's well-known poetry of "Mother o' Mine," of which we reproduce underneath:—

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' Mine, O mother o' mine:
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' Mine, O mother o' mine.

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine:
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine.

The Anniversary Service is to be held on Sunday, June 10th, at 7 p.m., when the Rev. Palmer Phillips, of Wesley Church, City, will officiate. It is hoped to have a large congregation. Hearing Friends are welcome.

LECTURES.

Several interesting Lectures were given by Mr. W. Appleton after each Thursday Night Prayer Meetings, the titles were "Advertising," "Will Germany Swallow Austria." "Japan," and "Percentage of Employment and Output."

Kindness is a language the Deaf can hear and the Dumb can speak.

EASTER RE-UNION.

A very happy Easter Re-Union was held when a varied programme of attractions was listed. On Easter Saturday, a cricket match between the City and Country Deaf was held at Richmond Park, near M.C.G., and an enjoyable day was spent. The Country Deaf, with assistance of Nathan from Sydney, came out winners. They scored 233 runs in the first innings; Nathan topped the score with 99 runs. The City Deaf replied with 88 in the first innings, and 128 in the second innings, thus losing the match by an innings and 17 runs. The Club entertained the players and officials to a midday dinner at Lyon's Cafe.

In the evening a monster Easter Rally was held, when nearly 200 attended, and almost all joined in the various games with much enthusiasm. In the latter part of the evening the guests were treated to a Stage Play of "Blue Beard and His 8 Wives."

On Easter Sunday the usual morning and evening services were held, and in the afternoon a conference was held, when various matters, re the approaching Jubilee and Christmas Celebrations, were laid before the visitors as well as the locals, by the Principal. Sumptuous Midday Dinner and Evening Tea were given to the visitors. The meals were under supervision of Mrs. J. Pierce.

This "Re-Union" wound up with a happy picnic on Easter Monday, at Brighton Beach, where the usual picnic games were indulged as well as sea bathing.

The visitors declared that it was about the best Easter Gathering they ever had.

The following are names of the Country visitors who came down for the Easter Re-Union:—A. Collins, R. White, from Neerim Junction; Hately Bros., from Camperdown; J. O'Grady, Miss F. Owens, from Wangaratta; W. O'Keeffe, J. Gibson, Mrs. and Misses Monahans, Miss Daltzie, from Geelong; Misses E. Doney, V. Rowley, from Ballarat; A. Hart, J. H. Cross, from Bendigo; G. Damman from Warburton; E. Sturcke, from Main Ridge; E. Ritchie, from Mortlake; F. Lynas, Charlton; Miss G. Mortimer, Toora; R. Mills and Nathan, Sydney, N.S.W.

STAGE AND DRAMATIC PLAY.

For some months past applications were made to the Deaf Committee for an improved stage to be erected in the Assembly Hall. This has been done and a well got up platform, with sides and tops, greeted the attendants at the first theatrical show, held on May 26th, when the Men's Guild staged a play, "Haroun El Rashid," in aid of the Christmas Fund. The play, itself, went off most successfully, ten performers taking part. The programme included a farce, "The Nurse and the Lover," display of physical strength exercises, and contest for strongest deaf man, which was eventually won by E. Rainer, and a dancing duo.

The performance of "Haroun El Rashid" was in full Eastern character dresses, which brought forth many complimentary remarks upon the skill of the makers. The Dramatic Club is much indebted to Mr. J. O'Gorman for doing the major work of putting up the new stage, and to Mesdames J. M. Johnston, E. Johnson, N. Sellen, Misses M. Dow and E. Leber, for making dresses. Messrs. A. Tyzzer and W. Burge shared in the final help prior to the show. All the above named have our best thanks.

MEN'S GUILD.

On March 6th, after three-quarters of an hour business and topical talks, the members adjourned to an invitation dance lessons of the Women's Guild in the Assembly Hall, and a very happy and instructive evening was spent.

A very well composed explanatory talk on the "Solar System" was given by Mr. E. R. Noble, on the evening of March 27th, after which many questions were put and answered. Then followed a discussion on the formation of a "Cast" for a new play called "Haroun El Rashid," to be staged in two months' time, in aid of Christmas Congress Fund. It was an enthusiastic meeting. Mr. G. Mortimer, who was absent on sick list for a long time, and Mr. Nathan, of Sydney, were present and were given a warm welcome.

A Question Box occupied the evening of April 17th, when each member in turn have to come up and give an answer to a question he had picked from out of a box. It was surprising how many cannot answer off-hand without requiring to look up information from books.

May 1st, being "May Day," the Guild took that title for its subject of discussion on the Origin and Purposes of such celebrations. Interesting review of custom and method employed in different countries on that day was given by various members.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Guild got up two entertainments in aid of worthy objects, such as the Dramtic Club and the Christmas Congress Fund. It is pleased to report success on both occasions.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

An innovation was introduced into the routine of Women's Guild Meetings, when the members agreed to conduct dancing lessons at certain periods. The first of these lessons was held on March 6th, after the ordinary business of the meeting. Mr. W. Appleton and Miss Hunter gave instruction, for which they have our hearty thanks. As the Men's Guild were having their meeting the same night in another part of the building, the members were invited to join us. The invitation was accepted and a very happy evening terminated with supper.

Taking advantage of a public holiday on Eight Hours' Day, Monday, March 12th, the Guild held its annual picnic at a pretty spot, Wattle Park, under ideal conditions. After lunching under the shade of the trees the picnicers went for a ramble through the park, and later formed teams for rounder games, in which much healthy excitement prevailed. The attendance of over fifty was very good considering the many other attractions offering in the city. Soon after tea the party broke up; some returning home and others to places of amusement in the city. Thus ended another very happy day.

On April 10th the President, Mrs. T. Peters, gave a paper on the "Legend of the Seven Sirens." Her rendering of this wooing tale was very good. Many members expressed a desire to see the picture of the "Seven Sirens" in the National Gallery, so an outing was arranged to see it.

A party of 24, including some members of the Men's Guild, visited the National Gallery for a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, on April 29th, and saw the picture referred to above, and also a picture of early Melbourne, presented to the National Gallery by the President's uncle. After visiting the Gallery the party had tea at the Centre, and later attended the evening service at the Deaf Church.

Another Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held on May 20th, when over 40 paid a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance and returned to the Centre, by way of Queen Victoria Gardens, Alexandra Avenue, Anderson Street Bridge, and through Yarra and Richmond Parks. After tea the members attended the Church.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held on May 1st, when Mrs. T. Peters presided over a fair attendance. It was a good meeting judging by the debates, and several new faces were present. It is to be hoped that many more will come to swell the membership roll. As the date coincided with the President's birthday she was presented with a blue China set by Miss M. Dow, on behalf of the

members, and a dish of similar colour by Mrs. Pierce. The members were warmly thanked for their kind thoughts by Mrs. Peters, who gave a brief address thanking all who had helped to make the year a pleasant one.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters; Vice-President, Miss E. Empson; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Miss C. Ball; Committee, Mrs. J. Pierce, Misses R. and M. Dow, D. Hickey and A. Smith.

STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF OF VICTORIA.

So many readers having asked us just exactly what is the relationship of the School for the Deaf and Dumb to the ordinary State Schools. Not knowing ourselves, we sought information from the Education Department, by whom we were informed that:—

1. The School for the Deaf on St. Kilda Road is a State School in the ordinary sense of the term.
2. The Government bore the cost of the erection of the building and pays, in the usual way, for cleaning, etc.
3. The teaching staff is directly under the control of the Department, which pays the salaries of all members of the staff.
4. The curriculum is determined by the Department, after consultation with the Head Master.
5. The compulsory age for attendance is from 7 to 16 years.

HE NEVER USED SIGNS.

A correspondent, who is of the opinion that we are suffering from a severe attack of "oral system" fever, sends us the following as an illustration of the difficulties of orally taught deaf:—A young deaf man, who had been educated on strict oral lines, got off a tram-car, a few days back, and stood on the other line of the rails. The conductor pointed in the direction of the on coming car, but the deaf man, remembering the parting warning of his teacher, "never under any circumstances to take notice of signs," called out, "What's up?"

"Look out, there's a car coming," shouted the conductor.

"What?" replied the deaf man.

"T-H-E-R-E'S A C-A-R C-O-M-I-N-G," bawled the conductor.

"What did you say?" At that moment the car came along and knocked the deaf man down, and as he picked himself up, rubbing his bruised limbs, he said to himself, "I wonder what that idiot kept me there talking about."

TESTIMONIAL.

Twelve months ago mention was made in the "Victorian Deaf News" of W. B. Anderson's wonderful service to the Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club and of the termination of his activities as a playing member. The members of the Club took the opportunity of showing him some tangible form of their appreciation of his past services by getting up a collection, which was well responded to. The presentation was made to him by Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of the Society's Board of Management, on behalf of the Club, at the last Christmas Rally, in the form of a handsome Silver Waltham

Watch with a gold chain attached. The inscription on the watch was, "Presented to W. B. Anderson, by members and supporters of Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club for services rendered, 1913-1932." Of course, Mr. Anderson was very much taken back with the present and very feelingly thanked all for their kindness, and he remarked he felt proud that his services has been well appreciated.

GARDEN PARTY.

After a lapse of four years the Garden Party was re-instituted on March 17th, and it was held at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne. The weather was overcast with slight misty rain at times. Tennis, Conversazione, and some indoor games were the various items that kept the visitors occupied. During the early part of the afternoon a panoramic photo. was taken of the group in front of our Church, and while the guests remained seated, opportunity was taken to make presentations to Mr. F. W. Spry, the Hon. Treasurer of the Society, of mementos of three or four books from his fellow-members of the Board, and a Gold Mounted Propelling Pencil from the Deaf Community, as a token of our best wishes for a happy trip abroad. By special arrangement with members of the Rotary Club, car rides to Blackburn Farm and Home, and return, were given to a number of Deaf visitors. These Rotarians have our best thanks for bringing happiness to our gathering. High Tea was served in the Assembly Hall, when 148 persons sat to it.

In the evening social games were played till late, and everybody went home happier though tired.

Five Country Deaf Friends were counted amongst the crowd; they were Mrs. and Miss Monahan, of Geelong; Miss Q. Donahue, of Buckley; Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora; Mr. R. Cornall, of Ballarat.

BAY TRIP.

Through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., the inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with some deaf friends and Staff, all to the number of 50, were treated to the Annual Trip down the Bay, per the P.S. Weeroona, on January 31st. The weather was glorious and the majority stepped off at Sorrento. A good many made a bee-line for the baths and spent the whole time there.

SOCIALS.

The first two months of the New Year has been very quiet at Headquarters, there being some kind of "Mondayitis" amongst us after our strenuous and happy times in Sydney.

Saturday, 24th February, saw the opening of our activities, when the Deaf Committee staged an Euchre Party in the first half of the evening. This was won by Miss L. Sinnott and Mr. W. Grant. The other half of the evening was given over to a dramatic play, "Bluebeard and His Eight Wives," a splendidly got up play, in full Eastern character dresses. The performers acted their parts wonderfully well. Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mis E. Leber, Messrs. C. Graham and E. R. Noble were the "stars," and they were complimented from all sides on their fine acting. Supper brought the evening to a close. The above event was in aid of the Magazine Fund.

Saturday, 3rd March, the Tennis Club put on a Masked Fancy Dress Social Evening, and it, too, turned out successful. Quite a number turned up with masks and 15 dressed up in fancy dress, and much originality was witnessed. Mrs. J. Boortz and Mr. F. E. Frewin were the judges, and they had no easy task to pick out the best ones. Eventually Miss Emily Stephens, who disguised herself very well in "Grotesque Witch," and Mr. A. Anderson, in "Clown," were singled out as winners in their respective sections. The evening wound up with supper.

To augment the Dramatic Club's fund for new dresses for future plays, an Euchre Tournament Evening was held on Saturday, 10th March, when the usual exciting finishes were witnessed. A buffet supper was instituted, and was well patronised.

On 14th April, the Men's Guild arranged a Novelty Evening in aid of the Dramatic Club's Fund. Many new and novel games were introduced. Messrs. W. McMillen, C. Graham, and E. Johnson were responsible for the successful carrying out of the programme.

Various competitive games requiring skill and dexterity took up the programme on the evening of Saturday, 28th April, in aid of the Xmas. Congress and Carnival Fund. Prizes were distributed to the fortunate winners during the supper spell.

Another benefit night for the Xmas. Congress and Carnival Fund, in the form of an Euchre Tournament Night, was held on 12th May, and Miss G. Salmon and Mr. G. McGuinness won respectively. A very pleasant evening was spent.

A yet another benefit night for the same purpose was held on 19th May, under the title, "Novelty Night," when still more new games and competitions were arranged. Messrs. J. M. Johnston and E. R. Noble were responsible for the programme.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The Annual Meeting of the Hockey Club was held on Saturday afternoon, 3rd March. The weather being so pleasant, the meeting took place on one of the lawns in the Square. In the absence of the President, Miss A. Graham, Miss Empson presided, and after the reading of the annual report and balance-sheet, the election of office-bearers, and general business, a happy afternoon was followed by tea.

Coaching practices were held at the team's home ground, Middle Park, on 7th and 14th April, also at C.E.G.G.S. on 28th April.

The premiership matches commenced on 5th May, when we had a disappointing defeat by Sunshine, 13—0. The following Saturday we again fared badly against Nettlefolds, the score being 11—0. The team was much encouraged by defeating Brunswick on 19th May by 2 goals to 1 (G. Hunter 2), but on 26th May, Firbank proved too strong, scoring 4 goals to our 1 (G. Hunter 1).

There is a decided improvement in the play of the team from week to week, and we hope to be in top form very soon.

A Crazy Whist Evening will be held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, 9th June, at 7.45 p.m., to augment the funds of the Club.

CRICKET CLUB.

Having laid aside the cricket materials for the winter season, the club is having a slight spell before entering into bigger activities in connection with the forthcoming Xmas Matches. Two social evenings were held to augment the club's fund, which is fairly low. On 24th March a "Wind Up" Social turned out to be a happy one, and a big crowd turned up. The games were in charge of Messrs. Don Johnston and Joe Phillips. A cold and wet night greeted our Club on 21st April, which resulted in a very small attendance for the Whist Drive. Only 6 tables were used. Miss C. Derbyshire and Mr. E. R. Noble were the fortunate winners.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on 24th March. Mr. J. M. Johnston occupied the chair. The twenty-first annual report and balance-sheet were submitted and adopted. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £13/14/1, which, considering the heavy expenditure during the past season (£30/17/-), is most satisfactory. The meeting decided to enter two teams, one in the "B" and the other in the "D" or "E" sections of the V.L.A., but by later enquiries, only one team was entered, that of "D" grade. The following officers were elected for the season:—President, Mr. A. Stephens; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. M. Johnston, W. Appleton, and C. Haynes; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E Roxburgh; Hon Secretary, Mr. G. McGuinness; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. Kev. Pickett; Committee, Messrs. Don. Johnston, V. Wilson, W. Ashby, G. Butler, R. Chaundy.

When, at a later date, it was found that only one team would enter the competition, Geo. McGuinness, finding it impossible for himself to go down to lower grade, was granted a permit to play with Coburg senior grade team. He thereupon resigned his post as Hon. Secretary in favour of his assistant, Mr. Kev. Pickett, but remained in office as a committee man. A permit was also granted to T. Newton to play with Williamstown Club. Permits were withheld from E. Raines and L. Walsh pending financial clearances. V. Wilson was elected Captain, with Kev. Pickett as Vice-Captain.

The season opened on 28th April with a match against Power House, at Blackburn, in which our team fared very badly. Power House scored 23 goals to nil.

The second match showed that we still need improvement in tactics and system. Camberwell won with 13 goals to our 3.

The match on 12th May against Hawthorn was lost to us through an unfortunate oversight on the part of our Captain. Our team played 13 men up to half-time, when the score was 8 to 2 in our favour. When the error was discovered, our 8 goals were wiped off, and the game finished with Hawthorn as victors, with 6 goals to our 5.

Our team had a bye on 19th May.

On 26th May, Sunshine defeated us by 5 to 3.

The Club got up a "Get Together Rally" on Saturday, 7th April, in aid of its fund. A real happy evening was spent, with Geo. McGuinness acting as M.C. And the same may be said of the 5th May, when "A Night of Fun" was held.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Easter Season came and went, and with the usual Easter Greetings, the Hon. Editor received one from Mrs. G. Thomas, of Launceston, who penned a note wishing every Melbourne Folk a happy Eastertide.

After many months of silence, we were in receipt of word from Albert Hague, of Albany, W.A., who is one of the old Victorian Deaf School pupils. He stated that he is in common with other unfortunate men in not having regular work for two years. He is still nursing a wish to come back to Melbourne and see his old school friends.

H. Ahchow, of Orbost, is most regular in keeping in touch with the Melbourne Deaf, and in his letter, recently received, he stated that he has had two months' holiday at Genoa, and enjoyed it extremely. He is now back once more on his home farm picking maize.

Miss M. Gibson's Orange "pomeranian" was one of the 300 entrants paraded at a Charity Dog Competition in aid of the Mont Park Hospital, held at Ivanhoe, on April 14th last, and carried off First and Second prize Congratulations.

Mr. F. Kendall is still in the land of the living, managing the "Cara" Station, at Jerilderie, N.S.W. In appreciation of the regular receiptance of the "Victorian Deaf News," he sent in a substantial donation, for which he has our hearty thanks.

Mr. T. Tonkin, of Bendigo, reported that he has been in indifferent health for a good while and is longing to be with the Melbourne Deaf. He stated that he felt very lonely up there and longed for company of the Deaf. Mr. Tonkin was brought up orally and his is one of the example that the Speaking Public would not take readily to his company, hence his plea for company of Deaf and Dumb people.

Mrs. Osborne, of Cobden, was in Melbourne for a short three days' business and sight-seeing stay. It is a long while since she was in Melbourne last, and she regretted being unable to stay longer to see many of her old friends, However, she sends her best wishes to all, per this magazine.

Mr. W. Ashby spent a very pleasant Easter week as guest of Mr. F. Kendall, of "Cara," Jerilderie, N.S.W. Mr. Ashby spoke highly of the country he visited.

Mr. W. Wood, of Cockatoo, was quietly married to Miss Boys (hearing), of the same locality, on March 16th, 1934, and they are now residing at Newmarket. Mr. Wood is at present working for his uncle as builder.

Mr. W. Smith, of England, called here on January 28th, whilst his boat berthed at Port Melbourne.

Mr. Nathan, of Sydney, is amongst us for some time, doing hawking business. He was at Mildura for a month during the height of grape picking season doing boxmaking. He met Mr. J. Hunt while there. He stated that he intends to remain in Victoria until after Christmas.

Mr. R. Ryan, of Mailor's Flat, via Warrnambool, is at present in Melbourne, looking out for a job. It is hoped he will be fortunate to land one. He will be a great acquisition to our sporting bodies, as he is known as an all-round athlete.

Hately Bros., of Camperdown, were here at times and are quite at home with the Melbourne folks.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Supt. of the N.S.W. Deaf and Dumb Society, is also a frequent visitor to our Club House He has been here close on three months

Mr. F. W. Spry, the Hon. Treasurer of our Society, left Melbourne for a trip to England on March 20th, travelling on the same boat as our test cricketers and Davis Cup players, s.s. "Orford." He is expected to be away for six months.

Miss Jean Laird, of Toolangi, was here for the Garden Party on March 17th and remained till after the evening social.

Mrs. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, was also in during the Garden Party evening.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer has recovered sufficiently to be able to resume his work collecting. During his round of collecting one of the subscribers gave him a disused radiator and he promptly had it repaired and presented for Society's use. He has our best thanks.

Mr. E. Johnson, who was on the collecting staff for a good while, was suddenly called up for work by his old firm, Neelands, who reported increasing business.

We were so glad to see Mrs. Hartley present at the Garden Party. She has, for a long time, been in indifferent health, which necessitated much care.

Tom Smith, of the Blackburn Home, recently killed a four foot snake.

The Congregation of St. John's Church, Blackburn, presented to the Deaf Mute's Home the groceries sent to their Harvest Thanksgiving.

There is a right way and a wrong way of doing everything. Anything that causes divisions in a Community is a wrong way.

Miss E. Empson is at present resting at Healesville after a week's illness. We trust she will return in best of health after her rest.

Mr. J. Unsworth underwent an operation for hernia at the Alfred Hospital, and we are glad to report that he is well again. He is taking a few weeks rest before starting on his usual work.

Reports came to hand that Mr. B. Hall, late of Goorambat, has lost his leg. Owing to malignant growth it had to be amputated.

BRANCHES.—BALLARAT.

Services on first Sundays of January and February were cancelled, because the Melbourne Staff were fully engaged during those days. Mr. J. M. Johnston came along in March and resumed the services. Two new visitors were present that day and stayed over for tea. They were Messrs. Colin Johns, of Horsham, and Fred.

Sandon, of Chelsea, and they spoke highly of the pleasant time they spent in our company.

As there was a Re-Union Service and Conference held in Melbourne on Easter Sunday, no service was held. Misses E. Doney and V. Rowley went over and enjoyed themselves.

Mr. W. Appleton took the May Service.

Mr. E. Russell, one of the past pupils of the Victorian Deaf School, was fortunately found and brought to the Social Evenings and Services. Being Deaf and Dumb, and having been isolated for some years, he has almost lost the knowledge of the art of conversation in writing or otherwise. With constant association and encouragements to talk, he is gradually picking up, and it is hoped that he will become normal before long. His parents now realised the usefulness of such a Club, as this Society, for their deaf and dumb son.

GEELONG.

Like the Ballarat Branch, no services were held in January and February, and it resumed on the first Tuesday in March. The Congregation was much interested in the news of Victorians doings in Sydney last Christmas, which Mr. Johnston expounded.

On March 17th Mrs. and Miss Monahan and Miss Donahue took a trip to Melbourne for the day and joined the Deaf there at the Garden Party, at which they had an enjoyable time.

For Easter Re-Union Conference Mrs. and Misses Monahans, Miss Daltzie and Messrs. W. O'Keeffe and J. Gibson, went over and also reported another good time.

Mr. W. Appleton came over in May and conducted the Service.

Mr. J. Hennessey is in Geelong for a time assisting his brothers in the dairy. He has been unfortunate in regard to work in Melbourne. He takes a regular run up to Melbourne visiting his wife and baby.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Hon. Editor of the "Victorian Deaf News" acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions for Our Magazine:—Mr. Eaton, Miss J. Laird, Mr. A. Aird, Mr. R. Jose, Mr. G. Damman, Mr. W. O'Keeffe, Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. F. Kendall, Mr. M. Mark, Mr. Stirling, Mr. G. Oakley, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. R. Cohen, Mrs. G. Thomas, Mrs. A. E. Lawson, Miss F. Owens, Mrs. Monahan, Miss Monahan, Miss C. Ball, Miss M. Gibson, Mr. Richie.

BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to report the passing away of Miss Maggie Cole, on March 20th, at Austin Hospital, where she has been ailing for a good while. She was buried at Burwood Cemetery, privately.

COMING EVENTS.

Monday, 4th June.—King's Birthday Rally, at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 9th June.—Hockey Club's Social Evening.

Sunday, 10th June.—Anniversary Church Service. Rev. Palmer Phillips, of Wesley Church, City, will officiate at the 7 p.m. Service.

Saturdays, 16th, 23rd, 30th June.—Social Evenings. See Notice Board.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C.2.

21st June, 1934.

Dear

The Annual Meeting of subscribing deaf members will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Society on Thursday, 28th June, 1934, at 8.15 p.m., and it is sincerely hoped you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,

EDWIN JOHNSON,

Honorary Secretary,
Deaf Committee.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

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Welfare of Aborigines

CANDIDATES FOR SEATS ON THE

DEAF COMMITTEE

1934 - 1935.

Vote for 10 candidates by crossing out 4 names.

1. F. E. Frewin
2. James M. Johnston
3. Edwin Johnson.
4. A. W. Sutherland
5. J. McLean
6. M. G. B. Mortimer
7. J. O'Gorman
8. E. R. Noble
9. Mrs. J. Pierce
10. Miss R. Dow
11. W. Ashby
12. G. McGuiness
13. R. Storey
14. C. Haynes

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THE CENTENARY

PRELIMINARY PLANS.

AN EIGHT MONTHS' PROGRAMME.

Comprehensively surveying the work which has been accomplished by the Centenary organising staff, the director (Major-General W. A. Coxen) has forwarded his first report to the members of the Centenary Council for consideration at the special meeting of that body which will be held to-day in the Melbourne Town Hall. The director's report represented the combined efforts of the organiser (Brigadier-General C. H. Jess), the deputy organiser (Mr. C. B. Nicholson) and the secretary (Mr. E. V. Neill).

Conveying a vivid impression of the character of the forthcoming celebrations, the director itemised features which have been arranged for a period of eight months, commencing on the first Sabbath before the date of the official opening which has been fixed for 18th October, 1934. His report stated that on that Sunday there would be thanksgiving services conducted in all churches throughout the State. Then on 10th October there would be the opening of the All-Australian Exhibition, which would continue till 13th November. The report contained no mention of the location of this exhibition, but it was stated that this was a matter for farther negotiation between the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, the metropolitan committee of the Australian Natives' Association and the trustees of the Exhibition Building. Regarding exhibitions generally, it was stated that many organisations had planned displays affording a great variety of interest, one of the more notable being that arranged by the National Museum trustees and the council of the Historical Society of Victoria, which would be in the National Gallery from early in October for a period of three or four months. Also commencing in October, and running for the duration of the celebrations, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont-square, had arranged an exhibition representative of all States in the Commonwealth, which would incorporate dramatic performances in the language of gesture and inter-State athletic sports. There would also be an international congress of leaders and teachers of the adult deaf and dumb. The Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution (children's) and the Commonwealth Institutions of this nature would hold a conference in Melbourne in January, 1935, whilst the local institution would conduct an exhibition of past and present pupils' work in the institution's buildings, St. Kilda road.

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Deaf and Dumb Exhibition.

The deputy organiser of the Centenary celebrations (Mr. C. B. Nicholson) announced yesterday that arrangements had been made for an interstate congress and exhibition to be held in Melbourne during the Centenary by adult deaf and dumb. The exhibition will be held at Jolimont square, in the grounds of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Dramatic performances in the language of gesture will be given, and there will be interstate athletic events. Governor Latrobe's first residence at Jolimont, which adjoins the institute, will be open for public inspection at the time of the exhibition.

The Victorian society also proposes to hold a floral display at its farm at Blackburn during the centenary.

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For the Deaf and D[illegible]b.

The deaf and dumb citizens of Melbourne are arranging to entertain some 300 deaf and dumb guests from the States of the Commonwealth and country districts of Victoria in December in connection with their congress festivities and share in the celebration of the Centenary of Victoria.

As one effort to raise money for this object, a fancy fair will be held at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Hall, Jolimont-square, on Friday and Saturday next. The president (Mr. L. A. Cleveland) will preside, and Mrs. I. H. Moss will open the fair at 3 p.m. on Friday.

"Sun" July 6th 1934

DEAF AND DUMB SEEK RELIEF WORK

Request To Government

Pointing out that, as householders, they carried full responsibilities of citizenship, and wanted work before sustenance, a meeting of the unemployed deaf and dumb recently carried a motion that the Government and municipalities be asked to consider their difficulties in finding employment.

It was suggested that each municipal council should give employment to one deaf man from its own district.

Several employers had been approached, it was stated, with a similar proposal, and had promised favorable consideration.

The following committee was appointed:—The principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham), chairman; Mr A. Stephens, secretary; and Messrs W. A. Paterson, C. Haynes, V. Wilson, L. Owen, and W. Bladier.

Age 6th July 1934

UNEMPLOYED DEAF AND DUMB.

At a meeting of the deaf and dumb unemployed at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society their position was reviewed. It was realised that whilst so many skilled normal workmen were without jobs it was not in the least likely that openings could be found for the deaf and dumb. Employers of 250 men had been approached by the society, and the suggestion that each employer find a place for one deaf mute had been received sympathetically, and promises made that, when all their old employes had been placed, the request would receive favorable consideration. It was resolved that the Government and municipalities be asked to give the deaf and dumb special consideration. The following committee was appointed:—Messrs. W. A. Paterson, C. Haynes, V. Wilson, L. Owen, W. Bladier, E. Stephens (hon. secretary) and J. D. Abraham (principal of the society, chairman).

Herald July 19th 1934

JOBS FOR DEAF AND DUMB

Plea to Employers

An appeal to employers to find work for deaf mutes is made in the 50th annual report of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, which states that satisfactory progress has been made by the society during the year.

The Lord Mayor (Cr. Sir Harold Gengoult Smith) presided over the annual meeting of subscribers today. Among the speakers were the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (Rev. John Mackenzie) and Lieut.-Colonel Knox, M.L.A.

"The deaf and dumb as a whole are eager to shoulder their share of the responsibilities of citizenship," states the "Jubilee" report. "It is the aim of the Deaf and Dumb Society to provide facilities for training and obtaining employment for the deaf and dumb, and making the community as highly efficient as conditions and means permit."

"An appeal to all employers of large numbers of workmen to find a position for at least one deaf mute has not met with much response.

"One of our biggest problems is the young men without sufficient experience in trades, and those who have never had a chance to learn."

An appeal to the Government brought a grant of £1100 for relief works at the Blackburn Home, it was stated.

CENTENARY RALLY

"The next Deaf and Dumb Congress in Melbourne at Christmas will form part of the Centenary celebrations. About 300 country and interstate visitors are expected to take part — the greatest gathering of the deaf and dumb ever held in the Southern Hemisphere.

"Cricket and tennis matches, sporting championships, dramatic performances, and a series of social functions, have been arranged.

A special service for the deaf and dumb will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, December 30. Archbishop Head will preside.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - JUBILEE - CONGRESS, 1934-1935

FILL IN THIS FORM AND POST TO THE

Organising Secretary
Deaf Congress and Centenary Celebrations
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2

Will you be with us at Christmas?.....

Will you be with us in October?.....

What will you send to the Sale of Work in August?.....

What will you send to the Flower Show in November?.....

What will you send to the Art Needlework and Hobbies' Exhibition in December?.....

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The President and Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
request the honour of the company of

and friends, at the
50th Annual Meeting
to be held in The Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Melbourne
on Wednesday, 18th July, 1934, at 3 p.m.

Addresses by
The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria
and Lieut.-Col. E. H. Knox, M.L.A.

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Sir H. Gengoult Smith
will preside

W. F. ROWE, HON SECRETARY

Age July 2nd 1934

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

Annual Meeting of Members.

At the annual meeting of deaf and dumb members in the club house, Jolimont-square, Mr. F. E. Frewin presided. The forty-sixth annual report was submitted by the honorary secretary of the deaf committee, Mr. Edwin Johnson. In the report appreciation was recorded of the society's board of management on behalf of the cause. Reference was made to the forthcoming jubilee of the society, to be held in October, and the Centenary celebrations and congress of the national council, to be held in Melbourne next Christmas, when representatives from every State will be present.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. A. C. Muir, one of the founders of the society, seconded by Miss D. Hicker, and carried. The honorary treasurer, Mr. A. W. Sutherland, presented the balance sheet of the committee, which was approved. The election of officers resulted in Mrs. Pierce, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. A. W. Sutherland, J. M. Johnston, F. E. Frewin, E. Johnson, J. McLean, M. G. E. Mortimer, W. Ashby and G. McGuiness being returned.

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In the Wake of the News

By The Stargazer

Talking in Shorthand

THOSE who attended the meeting of the Deaf and Dumb Institute yesterday must have marvelled at the rapidity with which some of the adepts of the deaf and dumb alphabet translated the speeches for the benefit of others unable to hear.

Some finished at the same time as the speakers—and one before, providing a most amusing sequel. As the speeches were translated by spelling out the words and using certain signs, the phrases necessarily had to be curtailed, without the context being altered—and that was where the amusement came in.

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Beat Him To It

THE Lord Mayor (Sir Harold Gengoult Smith), who presided, was telling his audience how he regretted having been unable to attend the last annual meeting because of sickness, but was delighted to be with them that day. The interpreter, with uncanny anticipation, told the deaf and dumb that the Lord Mayor was delighted to be present that day, and this was made known to them just as Sir Harold had made his statement that illness had prevented his attendance last year.

The deaf and dumb cheered loudly—and the rest, including the Lord Mayor, himself, laughed heartily.

Mr. Ernest Abrahams undertook to translate the speech of Colonel Knox, M.L.A., but as Colonel Knox began to say nice things about Mr. Abrahams, the latter blushingly called upon another assistant to continue the translation.

Sun July 19th 1934

CONGRESS OF DEAF MUTES PLANNED

300 Interstate And Country Visitors Expected

MELBOURNE will be the scene of a congress of Australia's deaf and dumb during the Centenary celebrations. About 300 deaf mutes from the country and other States are expected to join with city deaf and dumb in deliberations during the Christmas holidays.

There will be interstate tennis and cricket matches, other sporting events, dramatic performances, and a service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, December 30, at which Archbishop Head will officiate.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society will celebrate its jubilee on October 9 with a rally in the Masonic Hall, at which a dramatic performance will be given by a deaf and dumb cast. On Cup Day there will be a picnic.

The jubilee of the Society's principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham), will be recognised at the same time.

Mr. L. A. Cleveland was elected president at yesterday's annual meeting of the Society.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Adult Deaf Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Deaf and Dumb Fancy Fair

and Sale of WORK BY UNEMPLOYED DEAF MUTES

Attractive Entertainments

Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th August, 1934
(also Flower Show, 24th November, 1934)

Ticket of Admission for Two Shows—One Shilling.

THIS TICKET, as well as admitting holder to the Fancy Fair and the Flower Show, ENTITLES TO A CHANCE OF WINNING one of the 200 articles made by the Unemployed Deaf Mutes and one of the 500 flowering plants grown at the Deaf Mutes Farm, Blackburn.

GIFT TICKET—FOR YOUR NUMBER SEE BACK.

Keep this and see morning papers on 3rd September and 3rd December, 1934

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East
FLOWER SHOW
24th November, 1934
ADMIT BEARER

Sun August 25th 1934

TWO FETES OPENED YESTERDAY

One For Deaf and Dumb

TO raise funds to entertain about 300 deaf and dumb guests from Victorian country districts and from other States in December in celebration of the Centenary, a fancy fair was opened by Mrs. I. H. Moss at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Hall, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, yesterday afternoon. The fair will continue until 10 tonight.

A display of work by unemployed deaf mutes was in charge of Mr. S. G. Hobson and Miss Rose Dow.

Supervising the other stalls were: Mesdames J. Pierce, W. Elwin, I. Halliday, J. M. Johnston, J. Boortz, Arthur Sutherland, Tom Peters, Misses G. Hawkins, D. Hickey, C. Ball, M. Gibson, I. Boast, M. Dow and A. Smith.

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ORGANISED by the parents of children attending the Brunswick Free Kindergarten a two days' fete was opened at the kindergarten by the mayoress of Brunswick (Mrs. G. Hooper) yesterday afternoon.

The voluntary helpers, under the supervision of the directress of the kindergarten (Miss Anne Dreyer) served refreshments, and the mothers were in charge of the well-stocked stalls.

The fete will be continued this afternoon, and will conclude with a dance tonight.

Herald 31st Aug 1934

Deaf and Dumb Couple To Wed Tomorrow

A young deaf and dumb couple are to be married at St Ignatius Church, Richmond, tomorrow.

They are Miss Eileen Parker, second daughter of Mrs M. Parker, of Green Street, Richmond, and Mr Thomas Derby, teacher at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, in St Kilda Road.

A brother of the bridegroom will act as interpreter at the ceremony, and afterwards at the reception, which will be attended by 60 people, many of them old school friends of the couple.

The romance began at the Institute about eight years ago, but the marriage was delayed until Mr Derby found permanent employment. He has learned the trade of a frenchpolisher.

Deaf and dumb since birth, both are keen readers and tennis players, and are fond of dancing.

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JUBILEE — CENTENARY — AND CONGRESS FESTIVITIES.

Dear Friends,—

This is a great year for the deaf and dumb of Victoria. First in direct interest to the whole deaf community is the Jubilee of our Society. Fifty years ago the only provision for the adult deaf was a Sunday service in a rented room, and occasional meetings of the deaf young men. To-day, we have our own Church and Club House in one of the most historic and picturesque gardens of Melbourne, and a Home for our aged and dependent fellow deaf, which also is located in beautiful and healthy surroundings at Blackburn. Truly this is a real occasion for special celebration in which every deaf fellow citizen should take part. This event alone is good reason for much rejoicing.

Then, it is expected of us to join our fellow citizens in the general Centenary Celebrations, and we mean to be to the fore with our part in this national event Further, we are to have the honour and pleasure of entertaining the members and delegates of the National Council of the Deaf of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Chairmen and Superintendents and other representatives of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia; also the deaf cricket, tennis, and other sports teams that are coming from the various States, for a 10 days' visit to Melbourne at Christmas, when the test matches and tournaments will take place.

The excitement over the forthcoming events, to be held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, has already set in. Strenuous and enthusiastic efforts are being made by the deaf to raise sufficient funds to enable the Melbourne deaf to entertain their guests, who are expected as likely to number some 300, in right good style.

The following events are of paramount importance to the deaf and should be attended by every deaf Victorian who can possibly do so.

THE JUBILEE OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, on 9th October, at 8 p.m. Admission free, by ticket obtainable from the Society's Headquarters, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, on and after 1st October.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT, to be held in the Assembly Hall of the Club House, Jolimont Square, on 15th November, at 7.45 p.m. Admission free, by ticket obtainable at the Society's Headquarters. This is the night when the deaf honour those who have rendered signal service in the cause of the deaf. The programme is of exceptional interest.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AT THE VICTORIAN DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION, St. Kilda Road. Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and all ex-pupils of the Victorian Institution should participate in at least one of the events being held at their Alma Mater, in celebration of the Centenary. Let your old teacher see how very much you appreciate all that he or she has meant to you.

OTHER CENTENARY AND JUBILEE EVENTS.

OCTOBER.—AT THE LEVEE OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, presentation to His Royal Highness of gift made of Australian wood by a deaf cabinetmaker, in the name of the deaf and dumb of Australia, by L. A. Cleveland, Esq., President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

JUBILEE SERVICES IN THE CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, at 7 p.m :—7th October, Rev. Edward Taylor; 14th, Selected; 21st, Rev. C. L. Crossley; 28th, Rev. G. Mackie Baird. Public invited. The Services will be interpreted to the Deaf.

REVIVAL—GET TOGETHER MEETINGS, in Church and Assembly Hall, Sundays, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October, at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Principal. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Hearty welcome to all deaf.

JUBILEE PICNIC, at the seaside, 6th November (Cup Day). Sports and prizes.

FLOWER SHOW in the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Saturday, 24th November. Prizes. Details later.

FULL PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF CHRISTMAS CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES.

DIVINE WORSHIP.—Special Services will be held in ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. Preacher, His Grace Archbishop Head.

IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, Preacher, His Grace Archbishop Mannix.

In the CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, Preachers, Principal Ernest J. D. Abraham, and visiting Principals of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies. Also in other Churches.

WELCOME SOCIAL TO COUNTRY AND INTERSTATE VISITORS.—Hosts—the members of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Place and date to be announced later.

PUBLIC MEETING AND OPENING OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Place and date to be announced. The Congress sessions will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

CONGRESS OF BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND OFFICIALS OF ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA, Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

INTERSTATE CRICKET MATCHES for the Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield. Competing teams: New South Wales (Holders), Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

INTERSTATE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS for the Mrs. R. Cohen Challenge Cup. Also, Billiard, Table Tennis, Draughts, Chess, Swimming and other Championships.

EXHIBITION OF WORK BY THE DEAF, at the Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square.

BAY TRIP, with two meals on board. Limited to visiting guests and Victorians who have purchased their ticket by 1st December.

MOTOR CAR TOUR, with two meals. Limited to visiting guests and Victorians who have purchased their tickets by 1st December.

BANQUET.—Limited to visiting guests, teams, competitors, and members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

GRAND BALL.—For particulars see special announcements.

LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON TEA, daily at the cricket ground.

CHRISTMAS TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.

Besides the Australian Deaf Tennis Championship for the "Challenge Cup," presented by Mrs. R. Cohen, to be played in Melbourne during the Christmas week (interstate teams only), the Victorian Deaf Tennis Club will hold individual Victorian and Australian Championship Tournaments.

An invitation is hereby issued to any deaf tennis player of any State to compete in the above. The following is the list of matches and entrance fees:—

	Per player
Men's Singles Championship	2/-
Ladies' Singles Championship	1/6
Men's Doubles Championship	2/-
Ladies' Doubles Championship	1/6
Mixed Doubles Championship (own partners)	Free, providing entrants are in the above matches, otherwise 3/6 per pair.

Entrance fees, as per above list, must reach Miss M. Dow, the Honorary Secretary, before 24th December, 1934.

NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION.

CONGRESS AND CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS, MELBOURNE, CHRISTMAS, 1934.

FANCY WORK COMPETITION.

Section 1.—WHITE EMBROIDERY. Eyelet or Richelieu.				
Supper Cloth	1st Prize	£1	0	0
	2nd Prize	0	5	0
Section 2.—COLOURED EMBROIDERY. Eyelet or Richelieu.				
Supper Cloth	1st Prize	10	0	
Apron	2nd Prize	10	0	
Section 3.—WHITE EMBROIDERY.				
Choice of: D'oyley, Centre, Tray Cloth,				
Duchesse Set	1st Prize	10	0	
	2nd Prize	5	0	
Section 4.—COLOURED EMBROIDERY.				
Choice of: D'oyley, Centre, Tray Cloth,				
Duchesse Set	1st Prize	10	0	
	2nd Prize	5	0	
Section 5.—CROCHET.				
Best article in Crochet work. D'oyley,				
Lace, etc.	1st Prize	10	0	
	2nd Prize	5	0	
Section 6.—KNITTING.				
Jumper	1st Prize	15	0	
	2nd Prize	5	0	
Section 7.—KNITTING.				
Babies' Woollies, set consisting of				
Bonnet, Coat and Booties	1st Prize	10	0	
	2nd Prize	5	0	

Open to all Deaf and Dumb.

No Age restrictions.

Goods must be the work of the exhibitor.

Washed articles will be accepted.

Entries to be judged by experts selected from outside the Society.

All exhibits to be delivered to Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, not later than 24th December, 1934.

We accept no responsibility, but every care will be taken of the goods exhibited.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2.

LOVE—THE KEY TO HEAVEN.

There came into Israel a Saviour who taught that God is love, that His grace falls freely like rain and sunshine upon the just and the unjust—to quicken and give life if they will receive it.

Jesus turned His back on the religion of sackcloth and ashes and proclaimed the good tidings of joy. We can, even now, create a Kingdom of Heaven in a sordid world if we tap the resources of love within us. Love is the secret of the happy life, and where love is there is no need for expiation, for love is above forgiveness.

It requires only the willing heart. The repentant prodigal goes through no ceremony of expiation. He is given a banquet.

Forgive your brother seven times? Nay, seventy times seven. Love does not count offences. Love is above pity in the vulgar sense. The priest and the Levite pity the unfortunate man—and walk on the other side.

The good Samaritan forgets all about pity and in love heals his wounds.

The test of forgiveness is in the expression of love. To her that loves much, much is forgiven. There is only one sin—selfishness; only one virtue—love, which is the fulfilment of the law.

There is only one test of fitness for the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is the love of one's neighbour; by that we stand approved or condemned. This love shows itself not in the quantity but in the sincerity and wholeheartedness of one's gift. It seeks no reward but the act of love.

Love is a gentle mother to the poor, the sick, the oppressed, to those who would learn the way of life, but, oh! the wrath of love against those who would destroy love—the selfish ones who would use men's holiest instincts to victimise them, the hypocrites who, under pretext of making long prayers, rob the widow of her substance.

Love must become incarnate in humanity. We worship God by loving man.

There are no classes of man except those who love and those who do not love. All are pure and good who love, and all are impure and evil who fail to love.

LIGHTS IN THE WORLD.

There is one definite mission for all followers of Christ Jesus. The Master designated this mission when He said.—"Ye are the light of the world . . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

SUCCESSFUL FANCY FAIR.

The first important effort on the part of our deaf and dumb to raise funds to entertain the guests from Victorian Country Districts, and from other States, attending the Victorian Centenary Celebrations, and the Deaf Congress and Festivities in December next, was very successful. It was in the form of an Exhibition and Fancy Fair, and held in our Club House on Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th August. Good crowds were present on both days and the business was brisk. On Friday, 24th August, at 3.30 p.m., the Fete was opened by Mrs. I. H. Moss, C.B.E., introduced by the President of the Society, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, who spoke of the excellent work Mrs. Moss has done for Australia and Australian womanhood. Mrs. Moss spoke feelingly and thanked the deaf for asking her to open the Fair. A pretty bouquet was presented to Mrs. Moss by little Elizabeth Sutherland, on behalf of the Fair Committee. The speeches were interpreted by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Attractive stalls round the Assembly Hall were laden with goods, mainly the work of members of the Society. The wood work of the unemployed deaf was particularly worthy of notice. The Fancy Work Stall was covered with beautiful hand work, principally done by the working bee of the Women's Guild. Our country deaf were not lacking in their support, of which the Executive Committee are appreciative; the other stalls, Confectionery, Cake and Fruit, displayed appetising wares.

The following are complimented on their excellent work in running the stalls. Furniture and other articles made by unemployed deaf, Mr. S. G. Hobson, and Miss R. Dow; Fancy Goods, Mesdames J. M. Johnston, J. Boortz and Miss G. Hawkins; Cake and Produce, Mesdames T. Peters, A. W. Sutherland, and Miss L. Sanders; Confectionery, Misses M. Gibson, D. Hickey and C. Ball; Flowers and Fruit; Misses I. Boast, M. Dow and O. Minton; Refreshments, Mesdames J. Pierce, W. Elwin, I. Halliday, and with many helpers; Lucky Dip, Mrs. O'Sullivan.

The special attraction was an entertainment of magic and mystery, performed by Dr. Rowe in the library. Music from radio, kindly lent by Miss Laurie Hill, during the run of the Fair, entertained our hearing visitors.

A number of attractive prizes, mainly made by the unemployed deaf, were offered in connection with the sale of tickets, and the results were advertised in daily papers on 3/9/34.

The Committee tender their sincere thanks to all who assisted in one way or the other, also to many firms and anonymous donors.

Altogether it did one's heart good to see the happy crowd of our fellow deaf, especially on the Saturday night, when it was just a continuous round of merriment.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

The beautiful things are the things we do; they are not the things we wear, as we shall find when the journey's through, and the roll call's read up there. We're illustrating the latest styles, with raiment that beats the band; but the beautiful things are the kindly smiles that go with the helping hand. We burden ourselves with gleaming gems, that neighbours may stop and stare; but the beautiful things are the diadems of stars that the righteous wear. There are beautiful things in the poor man's cot, though empty the hearth and cold, if love and service are in each thought that husband and wife may hold. There are beautiful things in the lowest slum where wandering outcasts grope, when down to its depths they see you come with message of help and hope. The beautiful things that we mortals buy and flash in the crowded street, will all be junk when we come to die, and march to the judgment seat. When everything's weighed on that fateful day, the lightest thing will be gold. There are beautiful things within reach to-day, but they are not bought or sold.

—From "Horse Sense," by Walt. Mason.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE.

For forecasting the highest and lowest scores in the League and Association football matches, played in Melbourne on 25th August, Mr. W. R. Limbrick, Hobart, Tasmania, received £190 from the "Sporting Globe." This sum had accumulated under the "Snowball" system.

Mr. Limbrick is one of the leading men in the deaf world in Tasmania, having held various positions in committee of the Tasmanian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and of its Cricket Club. He is well known practically to every one who is connected with adult deaf work in Australia. He has travelled extensively with the Tasmanian Deaf Cricket Team in the quest for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield." He holds the position of representative for Tasmania on the Australian Deaf Cricket Association, and is the Tasmanian representative to the National Council of the Deaf of Australia. At present he is a clerk in the Tasmanian Tattersall Office.

The Melbourne Deaf extend their heartiest congratulations to him on his good fortune.

Miss M. Gibson exhibited her pomeranian at the Centenary Dog Club's first championship show held at the Show Grounds, on the 9th June, and was awarded two second prizes. Miss Gibson stated that this show had a record entry for any show apart from that of the Royal Show.

The fancy dresses of the Dramatic Club, worn at their various performances held recently at the Centre, came to good purpose the other day. They were hired out to the deaf who wished to parade in a Fancy Dress Competition. Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Bryan picked out the outfit of the rajah and his wife to wear at a private party held in their home suburb on 26th June last, and they were awarded prizes for the best dressed pair. This speaks well of the clever workmanship of our women workers, who made the dresses. Congratulations to them.

Dick White is back with Collins Bros., Sawmillers, at Neerim Junction, where he has been since before Easter. It is rumoured that he intends to make Neerim Junction his permanent home.

Miss E. Dunstan, of Wando Bridge, is at present under the care of the Matron of Blackburn Home. She has entered in the varied activities of the deaf with much interest and enthusiasm.

A very happy week-end was spent by a party of about nine deaf persons during King's Birthday at Olinda, where hikes were made to the surrounding districts. Mrs. J. Sutherland, the mother of Mr. A. W. Sutherland, very graciously allowed them the use of her lovely week-end house there. The party comprised Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. T. Peters, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Miss D. Hickey, R. and M. Dow, and Mr. F. E. Frewin.

After more than a month of strenuous activities for the Fancy Fair, Mrs. J. Pierce is taking a well earned rest. She went to Mildura for nearly a fortnight visiting relatives and the surrounding districts. Whilst there she visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, when they had good old time yarns.

Mr. W. Page, an American visitor, who was working as cook on s.s. "Mariposa," called at this Centre one day and made acquaintance with many of the deaf present. He is fluent with the one hand alphabet (American style), which puzzled us at times. He stated that he is the son of deaf and dumb parents and thought he would like to see the Melbourne Deaf Club House, hence his presence. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent in comparing signs. He very quickly felt at home with us all, and has promised to pay us another call in the future.

Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, was down during the early part of September to take part in the "Coming of Age" party of her son, Ronnie, which was held at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Damman.

Miss E. Empson, Assistant Secretary of the Society, spent a very pleasant three weeks cruise up the Queensland coast during the month of July. She had the pleasure of visiting both the Deaf Centres in Brisbane.

Mr. W. Crush, after almost a year's absence, popped into our Centre one day in early September, looking the picture of health and quite tanned. He stated he has been working on motor transport all over northern New South Wales, Riverina, and northern Victoria. At present he is at Renmark transporting oranges for the New Zealand trade.

Miss L. Bond underwent an operation at the Alfred Hospital during the later part of August, but is now convalescing and is expected to come out of hospital very soon.

A nasty accident befell Mr. F. E. Frewin recently. One gusty day he opened the double gate at the back of his home and, whilst standing and looking up the lane, the wind blew the gate back to its original position, knocking him insensible. When he regained consciousness, he found he was all aches and pains, with one part of his face lacerated. He, however, made a wonderfully quick recovery and is now quite his old self again.

Mr. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, was down for a week or so during the later part of August. So were Messrs. W. Hately, of Camperdown, and A. Stokes, of Trafalgar.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeans, of Drouin, Gippsland, have sold their farm and gone to live in New South Wales.

Mrs. and the Misses Monahan, of Geelong, together with Miss Q. Donahue, of Buckley, were down here for the Fancy Fair.

Mr. J. McLaurin is back amongst us again after being away for about seven years. All these years he has been on a farm with his mother at Meenlyan, South Gippsland. He has secured work at Sharp's Timber Mills.

Mr. C. Bragg was recently called up for work in the country and the Honorary Editor has received a letter from him saying that he is located at Grass Camp, Yanakie, via Foster, South Gippsland, doing plantation work.

"IN THE BUNDLE OF LIFE TOGETHER."

The following is a message from the Rev. C. L. Crossley to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne:—

"The recent election reminds us that we are all tied and bound up in the bundle of life together, and cannot escape the consequences of the social order under which we live. Some dear old people—whom I sincerely love—think I have too much to say about the social order, and would have me confine myself to personal problems of ethics and religion. But the Church dare not ignore the social situation. To do so would largely nullify her work. We may convert a youth, but we do not give him a fair chance to practise his Christianity if we send him out to earn his living in a society that is organised on principles the opposite of those he has learned from Christ. He is taught in the Church that as the body has many members, and all the members being many are one body, so we all belong to Christ, and if one member suffers all the members suffer with it; if the eye is injured the hand goes to its aid because they are both sharers of the same life of the body. But when the youth goes into the world what does he find? Certainly our social order recognises this principle in some directions (hence the provision of public schools and public hospitals); but in other directions it is organised on the jungle law of tooth and claw competition, the strong preying on the weak. The Church tells him to pray, and the world he has to live in encourages him to 'prey.'

"In all really modern hospitals there is a staff of social workers who follow individual cases from the hospital to see what social conditions the patient lives in. We cannot cure men and women even physically if 'for anguish of spirit and cruel bondage' they do not respond to what the physician does. If a hospital cannot afford to be individualistic, how can a Church be?

"How can we give adequate religious instruction to our children unless we pay attention to the kind of world the children will have to live in when they grow up? We send our boys to Sunday School to-day. To-morrow they may have to go and fight amid mud, and vermin and stench against men whom they have never met, and for reasons which they may never understand. Shall the Church then go on merely teaching personal ideals and have nothing to say against the sordid struggle for trade, which is the root cause of nearly every war?

"Certainly the Church must work at both ends of this problem, the social and the individual. She has to make the world a better place for men to live in, and she has to make better men to live in the world. She has to transform individual lives, give to individual men a deep and patient faith in God, create individual men who can rise superior to the world. But she has to do this in order that the transformed men with sensitised consciences may see and alter the evils that are in the world; that the men with faith in God may be able to persevere, against all cynicism and despair, in the effort to bring in the Kingdom of God. She has to create high-

souled men because 'it takes a soul to move a body; it takes a high-souled man to move the masses even to a better sty; it takes the ideal to blow one inch inside the dust of the actual.'"

ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of our Society was held in the Melbourne Town Hall on the 18th July, 1934. The Lord Mayor (Sir H. Gengoult Smith) presided, and the principal speakers were the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria (Right Rev. J. Mackenzie) and Lieut.-Col. Knox, M.L.A. The report, which was of considerable length revealing the varied nature of the work of the Society, was read by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. F. Rowe, and the financial statements were presented by the Acting Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Edgar Peacock.

In supporting the adoption of the report, the Lord Mayor paid a warm tribute to the Society and to Mr. Abraham, upon a fine and long record of useful work, which commended itself highly to the appreciation of the citizens.

The Moderator wished the General Board God speed in their efforts to develop and expand such truly splendid work, and Lieut.-Col. Knox, after referring to his early recollections of Mr. Abraham, said he would be pleased to support the Society in any reasonable request they might make to the Government.

The following officers were re-elected:—President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Spry; Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. F. Rowe; Board of Management, Messrs. N. Armstrong, E. J. L. Bremner, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Hoath, S. G. Hobson, J. McLean, E. H. Peacock, Cr. Sweetland, and A. W. Sutherland.

OUR GENERAL BOARD.

The General Board of our Society is divided into many sub-committees, and no small share of their time is devoted to the affairs of the deaf community of Victoria. In addition to the meetings of the General Board, there are monthly meetings of the Executive, Finance, Farm and Home, and Centenary Committees; to say nothing of the extraordinary meetings for special work, which are frequent. The President, Chairman and Acting Treasurer are called upon almost daily on some pressing matter.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Rev. Pamler Phillips, of Wesley Church, Lonsdale Street, City, occupied the pulpit of our Church on the occasion of our Fourth Anniversary Service, held on 10th June, 1934. He preached from the third chapter of Ephesians, verses 17, 18 and 19, on the wonder and strength of God's love. Who am I? Being one of the countless millions of God's creation, an insignificant being, and yet to be loved of God. There is no end to the length, breadth, depth, and height of His love. The Church was well attended in spite of the cold night. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham did the major interpreting, Mr. W. F. Appleton assisting. Mr. T. F. Crabb played the organ, and Miss V. Gilbert contributed hymnal solos.

Holy Communion was administered on the evening of Sunday, 22nd July. Mr. Abraham officiated.

During the month of October there will be a series of Jubilee Services, conducted by hearing preachers, specially invited for the occasion. Mr. T. F. Crabb will be at the organ and provide the soloists. It is advisable for the congregation to watch the notice board for names of preachers and dates on which they will occupy our pulpit.

On Sunday, 7th June, a Pioneer's Re-Union Service was held in our Church at 3.30 p.m. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham was the preacher and took his text from the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah, verse 7, speaking on good tidings and God's message of love. This service was followed by an Old Time Talk in the Assembly Hall, and after that high tea was served, arranged by the younger deaf. Many remained for the evening service, which Mr. W. F. Appleton conducted.

OUR HONORARY ORGANIST—MR. T. F. CRABB.

The Board of Management here place on record their indebtedness to Mr. T. F. Crabb who, from the first choral service held in our Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square, has, with one exception, played the organ on each occasion. Added to that, Mr. Crabb has, when asked, brought along soloists, and at all times shown a most willing and kindly interest in our deaf and dumb.

We thank you very sincerely, Mr. Crabb. Your most enjoyable service is much appreciated by one and all.

HOME AND FARM.

There is splendid harmony and good fellowship with "Our Family" at Blackburn. Early in September the members for the district, Lieut.-Col. G. H. Knox, M.L.A., and Councillor W. J. Boyland, M.L.A., paid a visit to the Home and expressed themselves highly pleased with the homeliness of the institution and happiness of the inmates. Mr. Shirra (blind and deaf), by his witty talk made the verandah ring with the laughter of members and Committeemen. The sales at the Farm are gradually returning to the high mark of the days of old.

DAILY MEALS.

The daily luncheons at the Centre have apparently become a permanent part of the Society's activities. It was a welcomed innovation—a solid meal for two-pence. The Thursday and Saturday evening dinners are, in the words of one of the diners, "just O.K.," and for 6d. Our chefs deserve and shall have not a word but many words of praise. Mrs. J. Pierce and Mrs. I. Halliday, with the help of "the Manager," Mr. J. M. Johnston, have made the venture a popular feature.

THE LATE MR. SIDNEY MYER.

A few days before his death Mr. Sidney Myer sent a cheque for £10/10/- toward our Centenary Entertaining Fund.

LADIES' AUXILIARIES.

The Ladies' Auxiliaries have been very active in their efforts for our Society. We were glad to see Matron Fitzgerald, Mrs. MacArthur and Mrs. Sutherland (wife of Mr. Sutherland, of Kodak Ltd.), amongst others at our Fancy Fair.

WORKING BEE.

The Centenary Executive appreciates the services of the Working Bee of the Deaf Women's Guild, who gave their Tuesday afternoons to the making of articles for the Fancy Fair, the sale of which added substantially to the takings.

To Mr. Hobson also do we owe thanks for giving the best part of two days in supervising sales at the men's stall; also his genial and kindly interest in all of us added to our pleasure.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

On Monday, 4th June, 1934, the Quarterly Rally of the Deaf was held at the Assembly Hall of our Centre, Jolimont Square. Nearly 200 attended and all enjoyed themselves to the uttermost. The programme included many novel games, in which practically all the deaf and their hearing friends took part.

One new game, the air race, attracted tremendous interest. Each competitor had to walk blindfolded from one end of room, with chairs arranged as obstacles, to the other end, where a map of Australia was set up. The blindfolded competitor had to pin a flag as near as possible to Melbourne, and whoever pinned nearest to Melbourne won the race. A hearing lady friend won that competition. Other games were jumbled footballers, won by W. Ashby; motor race (teams), monte carlo, by Miss M. Dow and Alex. Anderson; hot poker, by Fred. Sandon, and musical chairs, by Arthur Stephens.

Mrs. Stokes, of Trafalgar, and Mr. M. Mark, of Ballarat, were present, and enjoyed themselves immensely. Misses E. Dunstan, of Wando Bridge, and E. Denman were present too.

Dainty sandwich and cake supper ended the wonderfully happy evening.

Mrs. J. Pierce and Miss C. Ball were heartily thanked for their services in seeing to the supper arrangements, etc.

This rally marked the starting point of much earnest endeavour, and many celebrations on the part of the deaf and dumb during the next six months.

SOCIALS.

A Christmas Congress and Carnival Benefit Night was held on the evening of 16th June, in the form of a euchre tournament, which resulted in wins for a hearing lady friend and Mr. J. O'Gorman respectively. A buffet supper wound up the happy evening.

The following Saturday night saw another benefit night in the form of a whist drive, and Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Mr. L. Smith won respectively.

Mrs. A. W. Sutherland and Mr. T. Peters annexed the honours of the euchre tournament, held on the evening of 7th July.

PICTURE NIGHTS.

A series of Picture Nights was held to augment the Christmas Congress and Carnival Fund, the first on 14th July, with titles of "The Texan" and "With Byrd at the South Pole." A very good show it was and everybody went home well pleased. The following one was held on 28th July, showing a romantic South Seas picture called "Tabu," and minor ones of English Gazette and "Bimbo." This was partly spoilt by lighting failure. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," with supporting programme of British Gazette, and "Gentlemen of Leisure," were shown on 11th August, to a good crowd present. The lighting system was much improved. On 8th September a thrilling stunting picture, "Sky Bride," with a supporting comedy, "My Wife's Gone to the Country," were shown.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On 12th June, at the request of the members, the President, Mrs. T. Peters, gave a paper on "Shearing." It being the opening meeting of the year, the dancing lesson was cancelled. Mrs. T. Peters' home life on a sheep station was very interesting and instructive, so likewise that of Mrs. J. M. Johnston on "Dairy Farming." Both subjects proved interesting. It was a pity there was not a better attendance that night. Supper was partaken of, supplied by the members.

The second meeting was held on 3rd July, when a good many were present following the afternoon meeting held that same day. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, and the Vice-President, Miss E. Empson, were both absent. Miss R. Dow was voted to the chair and presided over an attendance of 25. Mr. J. M. Johnston gave a Bible talk, which was given clearly and followed with interest.

The next meeting was held on 7th August, when an attendance of 20 listened to an interesting subject, "The Origin of Pins," given by the President. Misses R. Dow and E. Leber also spoke on the subject. Miss M. Gibson gave instructive papers on "Grain of Knowledge" and "National Emblems."

The September meeting was cancelled to allow members more time for rehearsals for the Jubilee Rally.

A Working Club, under the auspices of the Guild, was sucessfully launched on the afternoon of 3rd July. Mrs. T. Peters, the President of the Guild, was elected Honorary Social Secretary, and the work of making articles for the Fancy Fair started straightaway. The Club meets every Tuesday afternoon and promises to be popular.

The Guild held a Crazy Whist Drive on Saturday, 21st July, in aid of the Christmas Congress and Carnival Fund, when Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Mr. W. B. Anderson were the winners respectively. Supper brought the delightful evening to a close.

On 28th July, as mentioned elsewhere, a picture night was held in aid of the Working Club's Fund.

On 9th August, the Guild arranged a welcome home surprise party to Miss Empson on her return from a health trip to Queensland. In responding to the several little speeches of welcome, Miss

Empson said she did not know how much she missed her own girls till she saw the Sydney girls at a very nice afternoon party, given her by the Women's Guild of New South Wales. Then she suddenly felt homesick for us and was very pleased to be back amongst us again, and we are to have her. All the nice messages from the girls of Queensland and New South Wales were given then, and heartily reciprocated by all present.

LEVEE FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

Mr. L. A. Cleveland, President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, will present an article made from Australian wood by a deaf cabinetmaker to His Royal Highness, in the name of the Deaf and Dumb, at the Levee on 19th October.

OVERSEAS VISITORS.

At the request of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the Rev. F. W. G. Gilby, M.A., late Chaplain of the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, and Mr. S. A. N. Oxley, Organising Secretary of the Guild of St. John Association of the Deaf and Dumb, have been invited to attend the Deaf and Dumb Congress, etc., as guests of the Victorian Government.

BALLARAT.

The usual monthly services have been held on the first Sunday of each month and conducted as follows:—

June.—Mr. J. M. Johnston. He was sorry to miss Mr. Mark, who was in Melbourne for the King's Birthday week-end.

July.—Mr. W. F. Appleton, and with him went Mr. Joe Phillips. Mr. Sandon, who was week-ending in Ballarat, was also at the service.

August.—Mr. Johnston, who, being a native of Ballarat, always finds pleasure in visiting his home town, as well as seeing many of his old friends.

September.—Our Principal was in charge of the Ballarat meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, 2nd September. There was a record attendance and, after service and class meeting, sixteen sat down to tea. It would be hard to beat our Ballarat comrades as hosts and hostesses, and no gathering could be more happily blended.

GEELONG.

Regular services have been conducted at Geelong by Mr. W. Appleton, and much interest shown by the members there.

Mr. J. Gibson has been absent from many meetings owing to overtime work at Ford's factory.

Mrs. and Miss Monahan and Miss Donahue were in Melbourne for the August Fancy Fair. Mr. W. O'Keeffe was the fortunate winner of the prize of £1/1/- for selling the largest number of bazaar tickets in a stipulated time.

FANCY DRESS SOCIAL EVENING.

The Tennis Club ran a most successful evening's entertainment on 30th June in the form of a Fancy Dress Social, coupled with a display of conjuring tricks by Dr. Rowe, who has had world wide

experience. The success of the evening was to a large extent, due to Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, brother of the Honorary Suprintendent of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, who brought the magician to the meeting, for which he has our best thanks. The evening opened with words of thanks and appreciation of the attendance by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, who afterwards set the games rolling by distributing "Halved Book Titles," to the audience, who had to find the other half, which made their partner in the games. Musical mats followed, and as two partners were out simultaneously, no prize was awarded. This was followed by a merry mix up game of finding the solutions on one another's button hole Conjuring tricks for half an hour were then given by Dr. Rowe, who acted quite simply and plainly, at the same time mystifying everyone. He was vociferously applauded for his show.

Then came the parade of fancy dresses (26 of them), who did most creditably. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale and his relatives were given the task of selecting the winners, and eventually their choice fell on Mrs. T. Peters, who was dressed in plus-fours as a golfer, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, as Granny of the Victorian era, and Miss E. Leber as Lover of Music. On the gentlemen's side, Mr. W. B. Anderson gained the prize dressed as John Bull, next in order was Mr. Dodson as Bill Sikes, and Mr. V. Buttacavoli as Mr. Centenary. Miss B. Higgie as Cow Girl, and Miss Ruth Peters as Miss Robur, received consolation prizes. After the distribution of prizes by Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, and speeches of thanks and responses, games were resumed and the most happy and enjoyable evening brought to a close with supper.

TENNIS.

Soon after the return of the players from the Sydney Christmas Carnival, the singles tournament for the "Founders' Cup," and the mixed double for "F. E. Rees' Trophies," were started and carried on intermittently until the 8th September.

The results were as follows:—Gents' Singles, Joe Dickenson, 100 pts.; T. Peters, 75 pts ; J. M. Johnston, 66 pts.; Ladies' Singles, Miss B. Higgie, 100 pts.; P. Johnstone, 75 pts.; O Minton, 40 pts.; Mixed Doubles (partners for which were drawn), J. Dickenson and Miss M. Sandon, 100 pts.; T. Peters and Miss O. Minton, 75 pts.; J. M. Johnston and Mrs. T. Peters, 33 pts. The trophies will be presented to the winners at the Annual Meeting on the afternoon of 29th September in the Assembly Hall of our Club House.

HOCKEY.

On 30th June Y.W.C.A. Green defeated our girls by 2 goals to 1. Miss Hunter scored the goal. Sunshine scored 5 to our nil on 7th July, and on the 21st Brunswick won by 5 goals. On 4th August University D won by 3 goals to 2. Misses Hunter and Lumsden scored the goals. Firbank had a victory on 18th August, and the following Saturday we were again unsuccessful against Nettlefolds.

It must here be mentioned the team has played under a great handicap this season. Five or six of the girls were young and inexperienced, but show promise of form for next year.

An enjoyable evening in the form of a Crazy Whist Drive was run on 9th June by the Hockey Club. Miss A. Smith and her sister Leila acted as M.C.s, and did their part well. Fourteen tables were used. Much amusement was derived from many crazy decisions on the deal, and the game was won by Mrs. W. O'Bryan, who received a lovely cake dish, and Mr. C. Haynes a double copper inkstand. Supper wound up this happy evening.

Another happy evening, "Advertisement Social," was held on 4th August, and many novel games, under the charge of Miss Hunter, were played with much enjoyment. Only six dressed up to represent an advertisement, and the Committee gave each one a prize for their interest in that part. As usual, supper ended the evening.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The Lacrosse season ended on the last Saturday of August, and the Club has nothing to be proud of to report this time, except to state that with practically a new team, with exception of two or three seasoned players, they did very well, accepting hard knocks and defeats with patience, and we confidently look forward to their improvement the following year. The results of the remaining matches were as follows:—30th June, our team met its reverse from Sunshine by only one goal, 4 to 5; 7th July, we accounted Hawthorn, 4 to 3; 21st July, a drawn game with Essendon, 9 goals each; 28th July, Royal Australian Naval Reserve won, 10 goals to 5; 4th August, Camberwell was defeated comfortably, 12 to 3; 18th August, Power House defeated us by 11 to 2; 25th August, we received a walk-over from University.

A surprise birthday party was tendered to our Delegate, Mr. A. Wilson, at his home on the 16th June, when presentation of a scarf and a tie of Australian wool was made to him from all Lacrosse well-wishers. It was his 60th birthday, and we believe he is the oldest delegate on the V.L.A. He has held this position for the last seven years.

On 1st September a happy "Wind-Up Dinner" was tendered to the players, members and supporters, in the Library of the Club House, to mark the termination of the season's activities. About 24 availed themselves of the invitation. The whole of the preparation of the tables was done by the male officials of the Club, and they were complimented on the excellence of the lay out. The menu consisted of vegetable soup, roast mutton, with pumpkin and potatoes, preserved pineapple and cream, cakes, fruit, chocolates, tea, soft drinks and smokes, and was very much enjoyed. Mr. A. Stephens, the President, presided, and proposed the toast of the King, after which he gave a resume of the Club's activities during the past year, and complimented the players on sticking together throughout the season, and wound up with thanks to all the patrons and supporters for their loyal support to the Club. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham spoke on behalf of the patrons, thanked the Chairman for his nice remarks and said that nothing could please the patrons more than to know that the Club has done well during the season.

The Chairman then called for the toast of health of the patrons, which was drunk, with applauds. Messrs. A. Wilson, W. B. Anderson, G. B. Mortimer, V. Wilson and W. Appleton, in turn, spoke, complimenting on the Club's doings. Mr. J. M. Johnston ended the happy occasion with a short speech and a toast to the future prosperity of the Club.

The same evening a "Wind-Up Social" was held in the Assembly Hall at 8 p.m., where a good many turned up and gave the Club its last jollification of the season.

"HERALD'S" SPORT EDDIES (14th SEPTEMBER, 1934).

NEARER HIS AMBITION.

Since the best and fairest trophy in lacrosse was inaugurated six years ago, it has been the ambition of Warwick Ashby, a deaf and dumb player in the Coburg side, to gain the honor. Each year he has finished closer than in the previous voting, until this season he has moved into the position of runner-up. In his 11 years as a lacrosseur—nine of which have been in the senior section—he has earned a reputation as one of the coolest deaf and dumb players in the Association. His coolness in the exciting stages of a game is unique—most players so restricted for speech being easily excited and annoyed.

Although he missed the senior trophy this season, he topped the Association's goal-throwing list with 77—the highest in his career. His 70 in 1930, for Coburg, which also topped the list, was his previous best tally.

Warwick has been with Coburg since 1929, when he transferred from Adult Deaf. In 11 seasons he has thrown 483 goals in interstate, senior, and junior matches. Of that total, 389 have been scored in senior club lacrosse in nine years. He has been in four Victorian representative sides, including the successful 1929 combination at the Perth carnival.

Captain of the Adult Deaf team in club and interstate cricket matches, he has developed as an all-rounder. All his sporting and social interests are bound up in Deaf Society activities, in which he has worked for the welfare of less athletic colleagues.

ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB.

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club was held on the evening of 9th August, when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnston and G. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Hon. Delegate, Mr. W. Appleton; Committee, Messrs. T. Newton, R. Storey, R. Chaundy and W. McMillin. The selection of captain and vice-captain was left over until the opening of the cricket season. The Club has again entered the V.J.C.A. Third Grade competition, and is looking forward to a better season. In the absence of the Donor, Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, Mr. A. Aird, a prominent supporter, was asked to honour the Donor and the Club by presenting trophies, which he did. R. Chaundy (batting)

and R. Lygon (bowling) were the recipients. Then Mr. W. Appleton presented his two trophies to W. Ashby, for aggregate batting and bowling. Mr. W. Ashby made a presentation to the best fieldsman, Don. Johnston, and finally the Chairman, on behalf of members and Club, presented Mr. A. Aird with a propelling pencil for his valuable services to the team during the past season. The season opens on 4th October.

MEN'S GUILD.

The meeting on 3rd July was devoted to Short Stories given by members. Owing to his meeting with an accident, Mr. F. E. Frewin was unable to fulfil his promise of giving a rendering on a Shakespearian Play on 17th July, so the Chairman, Mr. E. Johnson, gave a Spanish Love Story, which was very interesting. Some ladies were present and a light supper was provided by the members.

Debate on Democracy v. Autocracy, occupied the evening of 7th August, between Messrs. E. Noble and E. Johnson. A pleasant evening was spent with the final decision in favour of Democracy.

On 21st August saw members giving "Hints and Recipes."

SOCIAL TO MR. A. L. LONSDALE.

The Deaf of Melbourne tendered an Open Social Evening to Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Superintendent of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in the Assembly Hall of our Centre, on Tuesday, 26th June, just prior to his returning to Sydney. During the middle part of the usual round of games, speeches of a felicitous nature were made by the Chairman of the evening, Mr. F. E. Frewin, Mr. Abraham, Mr. E. Johnson, and Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer, ending up with the presentation of a pair of motor gloves by the Chairman, on behalf of the Melbourne Deaf Well-Wishers, as a token of appreciation for all Mr. Lonsdale has done for the Deaf of New South Wales. Very feelingly, Mr. Lonsdale responded with thanks. Supper as usual ended the happy evening. Mr. Lonsdale was with us for just over three months on business bent.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DEAF CONGREGATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf Congregation was held on Thursday evening, 28th June, in the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne. Mr. F. E. Frewin presided. The Forty-sixth Annual Report was submitted by the Honorary Secretary of the Deaf Committee, Mr. E. Johnson. In the report appreciation was recorded of the Society's Board of Management, and gratitude for the personal interest shown at all times by the members of the Board. The Chairman, Mr. Frewin, in his address, congratulated the members of the Committee on the keen and harmonious way that they had carried out their responsibilities. The Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, thanked the Committee and the members for their co-operation. The election of officers resulted in Mrs. J. Pierce, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. F. E. Frewin, J. M. Johnston, A. W. Sutherland, E. Johnson, J. McLean, M. G. B. Mortimer, W. Ashby and G. McGuinness being returned.

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM'S JUBILEE OF WORK AMONG THE DEAF — 1884-1934.



MR. E. J. D. ABRAHAM, 1903-4.

Eight years ago we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of our Principal, Ernest J. D. Abraham, in Australia. And it is with very glad hearts and a big feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we are arranging to celebrate, next month, his jubilee of work among the deaf in England and Australia.

Mr. Abraham's fifty years was completed early in this year, but, because of the Jubilee Celebrations of this Society that are to be held in October, it was decided to wait till then. Space will not permit of a long resume of Mr. Abraham's life work, but the following facts, we know, will be of special interest to his many friends, both deaf and hearing.

It was in London, in 1884, just 50 years ago, that Mr. Abraham succeeded John Jennings as Pastor of the South London Gospel Mission for the Deaf and Dumb. John Jennings was the successor to Matthew Robert Burns, the first of all Missionaries to the deaf and dumb.



MR. E. J. D. ABRAHAM, 1933-34.

Mr. Abraham was elected to this position by the deaf congregation, and began his pastoral work in the Memorial Hall of the Pilgrim Fathers' Congregational Church, New Kent Road. After two years' strenuous work in the great metropolis and with the object of making his services of greater value to the deaf, he accepted a position under the Superintendent of the big Manchster and district Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and was placed in charge of three important stations—Bolton, Bury and Rochdale. At the age of 24, Mr. Abraham became the Editor of the "Deaf Chronicle," and changed its title to the "British Deaf Mute." Under his leadership the circulation increased from 1000 to 15,000 copies per month. Later, the magazine again changed its title, and became the "British Deaf Monthly." At that time, Mr. Abraham had on his editorial board Mr. W. S. Besant, of the Royal School for the Deaf, Manchester, and Mr. Peter Dodds, of the Royal School for the Deaf, Exeter. This magazine was for years "The Organ of the Nation

Teachers of the Deaf," "The Institute of Missionaries to the Deaf," and the "Guild of St. John Association of the Deaf," the last two organisations being founded by Mr. Abraham.

Owing to health reasons, Mr. Abraham was compelled to leave England just at the time the Committee of this Society, then known as the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, were endeavouring to bring a Superintendent from the Old Country, and it was their good fortune to be able to secure Mr. Abraham's services for the position.

Before leaving England he was presented, in Exeter Hall, with an illuminated address from his fellow workers, in which his departure to Australia was referred to as a national loss. The address bears the signature of the Rev. W. B. Sleight, Royal Commissioner on the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and President of the British Deaf and Dumb Association; Sir Arthur Fairbairn, Honorary Treasurer of the Royal Association of Deaf and Dumb, London, and Superintendents and Missionaries to the deaf and dumb of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Mr. Abraham, so far as is known to us, has the unique honour of being the only Pastor who has twice been chosen by the deaf and dumb themselves. It was on the motion of the late Mr. F. J. Rose (Founder and Superintendent of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution), seconded by Mr. F. E. Frewin (who is still with us, and a valued member of our Society), and unanimously approved by the Deaf Committee, that Mr. Abraham was invited to accept the position of Leader of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Mission, and so on the 9th October, 1901—thirty-three years ago, truly a fortunately memorable day for the deaf of Victoria—Mr. Abraham, with his wife and two children, arrived in Melbourne.

His success was phenomenal, and well it should be, for his whole heart has ever been with the deaf, and his efforts to secure as many advantages for them as is humanly possible.

A campaign for funds to erect a Church and Institute was opened with a concert in the Melbourne Town Hall in March, 1902—a never-to-be-forgotten day by the older deaf—when the hall was packed by 7.30 p.m., and a crowd of 5000 waiting outside to gain admission. He afterwards succeeded in filling every suburban town hall again and again, and in 1904 the Church and Institute in Flinders Street was erected.

In 1907 the Melbourne Town Hall was again the scene of another of his great efforts. This time it was a bazaar, when seventeen municipalities were represented, and some 500 stallholders took part. £4000 was raised toward the purchase of land and erection of a Home for Aged and Dependant Deaf Mutes, Lake Park, Blackburn, was purchased, and in 1909 the central building and men's wing erected. Mrs. Abraham was the first matron. In 1922, the women's wing and additions to the men's wing were opened.

In December, 1923, Mr. Abraham "found" Jolimont Square, where our beautiful little church and headquarters stand in the historical old grounds that once belonged to the first Governor of Victoria,

Mr. Chas. Latrobe. To enable us to make the change, a purchaser for our Flinders Street building was found, and in March, 1924, the Society arrived at the Square.

The greatest Congress of the Deaf and for the Deaf that was ever held was in March, 1903-4. It was open for a week, and as an added attraction there was an exhibition of work by the deaf. Out of this eventuated the Australasian Adult Deaf and Dumb Association, which, before its disbandonment, had some fine achievements to its credit.

Victoria, however, has not claimed the whole of his interests and time. In response to a petition from the New South Wales deaf and dumb, Mr. Abraham visited Sydney on several occasions and, against great outside opposition, succeeded, with the help of the Sydney deaf, in founding the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. He also helped in the organisation of the Queensland Deaf and Dumb Mission, on one occasion filling their great Exhibition Building.

Mr. Abraham much appreciates his good fortune in having had the following gentlemen on the Board of Management, who so enthusiastically encouraged and assisted him during his strenuous campaign:—The late Edward Newbigin, Esq., H. Sumner Martin, Esq., the late E. R. Peacock, Esq., and G. G. Mercy, Esq.

OUR BENEFACTORS.

The deaf of Victoria are to commemorate, that is, to call to remembrance, their many benefactors on the evening of 15th November. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, and will include an exhibition of relics, a cinema picture of bygone days, showing the late Mr. F. J. Rose speaking his last message to the deaf, a talk, and supper. All deaf and dumb folk welcome.

The following may be numbered amongst our benefactors. There are others. You may know one more. If you are able to call to mind the name of any hearing or deaf person who has done outstanding service for the deaf and dumb community of this State, please forward name and outline of service rendered to the Editor.

DEAF.—F. J. Rose, E. Salas, M. L. Miller, J. E. Muir, A. C. Muir, Mrs. D. Muir, S. Moss, F. E. Frewin, W. A. Paterson.

HEARING.—Rev. Mr. Moss, S. Johnson, M.A., E. Newbigin, H. Sumner Martin, Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. C. Luke, J. M. Griffiths, E. R. Peacock, Sir Thos. Bent, G. G. Mercy.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

At the request of the Secretary of the Government Educational Department we have pleasure in printing the following further particulars in relation to the Victorian School for the Deaf:—

(a) The School for Deaf and Dumb differs from the ordinary State School in that the Institution and its officers exercise oversight over the children, both in and out of school.

(b) Though the Government erected the school building, the Institution contributed £1000 towards the cost, and has since provided from its funds the necessary furnishings. The Institution also maintains the school ground in proper order for children's outdoor instruction and sports.

(c) School books are purchased by the Institution, which also meets the cost of the augmentation of the salaries of certain members of the staff.

(d) The Education Department regularly confers with the Superintendent and Head Teacher in regard to the appointments of teachers, the determination of the curriculum and methods of instruction.

(e) All instructors in trades and other extra-school subjects are appointed and paid by the Institution.

(f) While the **compulsory** age for attendance is from seven to sixteen years, every effort is made by the Committee of Management to enrol children at five years of age.

These further particulars seem to show that the Victorian School for the Deaf is not a State School in the ordinary sense of the term.

We are very pleased to learn that every effort is made to enrol children at five years of age. Parents should be persuaded to enter their children at an even earlier age, other conditions being favourable—Editor.

POPULAR MAN COMPETITION.

To augment the Club and Xmas Congress and Carnival Funds, the Committee of the Cricket Club has launched a whirlwind drive—"The Most Popular Man Competition." Four of the Committeemen have entered their names, viz,:—Messrs. Don Johnston, Tom Newton, William McMillen, and Joe Phillips. Each ticket, which means 1d. a vote, carries a lucky number prize in its section. The competition is to close on 1st December, and the crowning of the winner will most likely take place the same night, also the drawing of lucky numbers for prizes.

A Special Social Evening was held on 22*nd* September, when admission charge of 6d. was made at the door, and the takings were divided amongst the four popular men. A very happy evening was spent.

BIRTH.

ROBERTSON.—On 16th July, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Robertson, of Richmond—a daughter.

CHRISTENING.

A pretty christening ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, Selwood Street, Upper Hawthorn, when a daughter of the host and hostess was christened Ann Romaine by the Rev. G. Mackie Baird, of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. Quite a party was present to witness the ceremony, and many pretty presents were bestowed upon the baby. Various card games were afterwards indulged. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, of N.S.W., was one of the happy guests there, too.

WEDDINGS.

Mr. Walter Grant, of Myrtleford, who last Easter went over to Adelaide on business, was quietly married to Miss Hilda Harford, of Prospect, Adelaide, on 16th June.

On Saturday, 1st September, 1934, Mr. Thomas Derby was married to Miss Eileen Parker, both of Richmond, at St. Ignatius' (R.C.) Church, and a reception was held afterwards; about 60 people, many of them old school friends, attended.

DEATHS.

After a long illness, in which he lost one of his legs, Mr. Benjamin Hall, late of Goorambat, near Benalla, passed this life on Monday, 18th August, 1934, at Epworth Private Hospital, aged 50. Buried privately.

CENTENARY AND JUBILEE VISITOR.

We are informed that Mrs. Smith, of Perth, Western Australia, will be our first Centenary and Jubilee Visitor, and we trust she will have an enjoyable time here. She is due in Melbourne about 9th October, if she is to travel overland.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Hon. Editor of the "Victorian Deaf News" acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions for our magazine:—Mr. H. McKenzie, Mr. W. A. Anderson, Mr. E. Martin, Mr. J. Unsworth, Mr. J. Retallick, Mr. F. E. Frewin, Miss R. Dow, Mr. Retchford, Mr. W. Ashby, Mrs. T. Peters, Mr. H. Ahchow, Miss V. Martin, Mrs. W. Rees, Miss Bentley, Miss McCallough, Mr. A. Tyzzer, Miss M. Schreenan, Mr. J. McLaurin, Mr. W. McMillen, Mrs. J. E. Muir, Mr. N. Webb, Mr. F. Rees, Mr. Dodson, Mr. H. H. Smith, Mrs. Hood.

Centenary Thanksgiving Service

Sunday Afternoon, 14th October, 1934,

in the

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, JOLIMONT,

Simultaneously with That Being Held on the M.C.C. Ground.

Re-production from 3LO.

All over Victoria fellow citizens will be meeting together to give thanks to Almighty God for His loving kindness and care for the people of this State during the 100 years of its existence. This service in the Church for the Deaf will be exactly the same as that used in the general Thanksgiving.

Jubilee Celebrations

of the

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria and Its Principal.

Under the Auspices of the Board of Management and The Victorian Deaf Committee.

Tuesday, 9th October, 1934, at 8 p m.

MASONIC HALL,

COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

AN EVENING YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENTERTAINMENT.
DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE BY THE DEAF AND DUMB.

His Excellency the Governor, Lord Huntingfield, will attend.

A HEARTY INVITATION TO EVERYONE.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS WITH YOU.

OUR JUBILEE RALLY.

Since the last issue of this publication, the Jubilee Celebration Committee have experienced much difficulty in finding a suitable hall to accommodate the expected big crowd for the Monster Jubilee Rally.

The Melbourne Masonic Hall was found to be the most suitable, but, unfortunately, the hall had already been booked for all dates except three in October, so the Executive Committee fixed on the 9th of October, it being the nearest available date to our Jubilee week.

Preparations are going apace to make this rally a most successful one. Dramatic performances by the deaf and dumb, and vocal and instrumental entertainments are included in the programme.

His Excellency the Governor, Lord Huntingfield, has written to say that he will be pleased to be present.

It is going to be a night of nights, so come along and bring as many friends as you can.

JUST A THOUGHT.

This world is most beautiful,
And folk are wondrous kind.
It's just the way you look at things,
And the way you use the mind.
THE FATHER gives ABUNDANCE!
He does nothing else but give.
Stretch forth *thine* hand, take what is thine.
THANK HIM!—AND LEARN TO LIVE.

—J. M. MOOREY.

TO THE DEAF

Church for the Deaf & Club House
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER

- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th -

HOW WOULD THE

L O R D J E S U S

have you spend your Sunday?

COME AND SEE.

Prayer & Praise 3.30pm.

What Jesus said 4 pm.

Fellowship

T e a 5.30pm.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade Sth.
Melbourne East.

J U B I L E E S E R V I C E S

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7.45 pm. Holy Communion.

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Soloists.

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FOR SELF AND FRIENDS

ADMITTING TO

THE

JUBILEE RALLY

TO BE HELD IN THE

MASONIC HALL,

COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE

TUESDAY: 9th OCTOBER at 7.45 pm.

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IF NOT,

DO SO AT ONCE.

ACCOMODATION IS LIMITED

AND TICKETS OF ADMISSION

ARE IN GREAT DEMAND.

MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURS - APPLY NOW.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

6th November, 1934

CUP DAY PICNIC TO THE SEASIDE.

Another "get-together" Jubilee event.

Sports - prizes valued at £2/10/-.
Tea, milk and sugar provided free.

Old folk, young folk - join the happy throng,
Pack your lunch and bathers and bring the kids along.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1934 at 8 pm. in the Assembly Hall, Jolimont.

B E N E F A C T O R S' N I G H T.

This is the occasion when all ex-pupils of schools for the deaf and all members of adult societies have the opportunity of showing their appreciation for all that these organisations have meant, and still mean, to them.

OUR SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN PICTURE AND STORY

S O C I A L

S U P P E R

ALL WELCOME - FREE.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

VICTORIAN CENTENARY 1934 - 1935.

CONGRESS of ADULT DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY

CONGRESS of NATIONAL COUNCIL of the DEAF

During the period of these Congresses a cafe will be open daily at the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square, for the convenience of members and friends.

Luncheon, afternoon tea, and other refresh-ments.

Special arrangements for mothers with children.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

OBJECTIVE:
THE AFTER-SCHOOL WELFARE OF THE WHOLE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB CITIZENS OF THE STATE: PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL SUBSTITUTES TO REPLACE THE LOST SENSE OF HEARING.

DEAF COMMITTEE FOR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

PHONE—J 1270

JOLIMONT SQUARE
MELBOURNE EAST

Dear Friend,

The Jubilee Rally of our society is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, on Tuesday evening the 9th of October. A heavy demand for tickets of admission on the part of the public is anticipated. As the accommodation is limited the committee is most anxious to arrange for the seating of the deaf and dumb and their relations and friends before issuing invitations to the general public.

Will you, therefore, let us know how many tickets you will require by filling in the enclosed form and post it to reach the office on or before 15th September - or deliver it personally by that date - so that we shall know how many tickets you want and to whom to send them.

There will be no charge for admission to the Rally, but a collection will be taken up towards expenses.

The programme is exceptionally unique consisting of a dramatic performance and other items by the deaf, also choral selections and solos for the entertainment of our hearing guests.

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Lord Huntingfield, has promised to attend.

Awaiting your early reply,

We are,
Yours sincerely,

Ernest J. D. Abraham

Chairman of Deaf Committee.

A. W. Sutherland

8th September, 1934.

Hon. Secretary of Deaf Committee



ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND CLUB HOUSE, JOLIMONT



CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, JOLIMONT



HOME FOR DEPENDENT DEAF MUTES, BLACKBURN

Centre Phone—J.1270
Blackburn Phone—WX.2216

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

(INCORPORATED)

AND HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND BLIND DEAF MUTES

OBJECTIVE :

The AFTER-SCHOOL WELFARE of the whole of the deaf and dumb citizens of the State; providing Institutional substitutes to replace the lost sense of hearing.

HEADQUARTERS, JOLIMONT SQUARE,
MELBOURNE EAST.

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The Lord Mayor of Melbourne

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339 Collins St., Melbourne

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Principal
Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham
(To whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.)

Asst. Secretary
Miss E. R. Empson

TO MY YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear

We have a beautiful Church in which to meet for worship and thanksgiving and through fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ better fit ourselves for social service amongst our fellow deaf. Let us show our appreciation of these blessings to the full

On three of the Sunday afternoons in October - 7th, 21st, and 28th - at 3.30 p.m. we are holding Revival Meetings chiefly for our young folk in the Church and Club House, commencing with Prayer and Praise, then talks about Jesus, and social service, then the enjoyment of each other's company in the way that we believe Jesus would have us do, followed by a fellowship meal together.

On the afternoon of the 14th, the Centenary Thanksgiving Service to be held in the Melbourne Cricket Ground, will be reproduced simultaneously in our Church and interpreted to all present.

You are invited to tea as the guests of the General Board of the Society on the 7th. On the following three Sundays there will be a charge of 6d. for tea.

I am looking forward to your company and hope you will attend all these special gatherings.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Subscribers are asked to note that this Society is NOT connected with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution—the Residential School for deaf and dumb children, St. Kilda Road.

VICTORIAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Established 1883

Jolimont Square, Melbourne, C.2

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

of the Society and its Principal.
Under the auspices of the Board of Management and the Victorian Deaf Committee.

Preliminary Announcement

EXHIBITION AND FANCY FAIR. Work by the Deaf.
200 Prizes, mainly made by unemployed Deaf and Dumb.
24th and 25th August, 1934.

MONSTER JUBILEE RALLY,
October, 1934.

JUBILEE SERVICES IN THE CHURCH FOR THE DEAF
Throughout October.

JUBILEE SOCIALS—Special Announcements.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES

JUBILEE PICNIC
Cup Day, 6th November, 1934

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT,
November 15th.

FLOWER SHOW 500 PLANT PRIZES.
24th November.

Your Society's 50th Birthday Festival.
Your Principal's 50th year of work among the Deaf and Dumb.

TWO JUBILEES IN ONE

Herald Sept 14th 1934

Nearer His Ambition

SINCE the best and fairest trophy in lacrosse was inaugurated six years ago it has been the ambition of Warwick Ashby, a deaf and dumb player in the Coburg side, to gain the honor. Each year he has finished closer than in the previous voting, until this season he has moved into the position of runner-up. In his 11 years as a lacrosseur—nine of which have been in the senior section—he has earned a reputation as one of the coolest deaf and dumb players in the Association. His coolness in the exciting stages of a game is unique—most players so restricted for speech being easily excited and annoyed.



Warwick Ashby

Although he missed the senior trophy this season, he topped the Association's goal-throwing list with 77—the highest in his career. His 70 in 1930, for Coburg, which also topped the list, was his previous best tally.

Warwick has been with Coburg since 1929, when he transferred from Adult Deaf. In 11 seasons he has thrown 483 goals in interstate, senior and junior matches. Of that total, 389 have been scored in senior club lacrosse in nine years. He has been in four Victorian representative sides, including the successful 1929 combination at the Perth carnival.

Captain of the Adult Deaf team in club and interstate cricket matches, he has developed as an all rounder. All his sporting and social interests are bound up in Deaf Society activities, in which he has worked for the welfare of less athletic colleagues.

Herald Oct 1934

Deaf and Dumb Tribute

Headed by the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Head) in his scarlet robes, the Church of England was the first to present its address to the Duke. The Anglican churchmen's robes were the only touch of color in the ceremony as the groups of three filed up to the dais and presented variously mounted addresses.

The most elaborate address was that mounted in a beautifully made cabinet, presented by the Municipal Association. The Duke betrayed a moment of embarrassment as the delegation from the Deaf and Dumb Citizens came forward with a cake stand nearly three feet high made of Australian blackwood.

In doubt for a moment, Captain Howard Kerr, the Duke's equerry, who had received the addresses only after the Duke had handed them to him, saved the situation by taking the present directly.

Herald Oct 1934

DEAF AND DUMB

SOCIETY HAS JUBILEE

Items will be rendered in the language of signs by 15 deaf and dumb girls and simultaneously, vocally, by the Cairns Memorial Choir, when the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society celebrates its jubilee anniversary and the jubilee of its principal (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham) in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday night.

THE first deaf and dumb organisation in Melbourne was probably the cricket club formed in 1882, and during 1883-84 the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was formed for the spiritual well-being of its members.

In 1907, £2,000 from the Government and £4,000 from the public made possible the erection of a home in beautiful surroundings at Blackburn. Mrs. Abraham was its first matron, and still holds the position.

In 1922 the building in Flinders street became too small for the society, and the present site in Jolimont square was obtained. There remains — paid on the purchase.

Mr. Abraham has been largely responsible for the growth of the society, and for the establishment of similar organisations in New South Wales and Queensland.

ADULT DEAF LACROSSE CLUB

The President and members request the pleasure of your company at a "WIND-UP DINNER" to be held at the Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne on

SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1934, at 6 p.m

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Please let us know if you are able to come.

K. Pickett,
Hon. Secretary.

"Star" 28 Sept 1934

ENTERTAINMENT IN GESTURE

Deaf And Dumb Concert

Songs, choruses, recitals, and a dramatic performance, all in gesture, will provide an entertainment for deaf and dumb people at the Masonic Hall, Collins street, on October 9.

The Governor (Lord Huntingfield) will be present.

The performance will be part of the jubilee celebrations of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Appreciation of the work of Principal Ernest J. D. Abraham, who celebrates his jubilee of work among the deaf and dumb in England and Australia this year, will be made during the evening.

VICTORIAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
DEAF CONGRESS
MELBOURNE 1934-35

Herald 28 Sept 1934

SONGS BY DEAF AND DUMB

Finger-Sign Language Will Be Used

A gathering of the deaf and dumb people of Victoria and their friends in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, on October 9, will form part of the jubilee celebrations of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

The programme will consist principally of performances by the deaf and dumb—songs, choruses and recitals in the language of gesture—musically accompanied by the Cairns Memorial Choir.

The Governor (Lord Huntingfield) intends to be present.

The principal of the society (Mr E. J. D. Abrahams) celebrates his jubilee of work among the deaf and dumb of England and Australia this year. A presentation will be made to him during the evening.

Souvenir Programme

of the

JUBILEE



THE LATE F. J. ROSE
Founder of the first School for Deaf and Dumb Children in Australia, and one of the Founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

OF THE

Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria

1884 - 1934

MASONIC HALL
COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1934
8 p.m.

Unique Performances

by Members of the
ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

VOCAL PROGRAMME
by
CAIRNS MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR

In the presence of His Excellency the Governor,
LORD HUNTINGFIELD,
K.C.M.G.

Chairman
L. A. CLEVELAND, Esq.



E. J. D. ABRAHAM
Principal, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

. . . Programme . . .

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

The Anthem—

(a) "HYMN OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY"

(b) "THE MORE WE ARE TOGETHER"

BY THE DEAF AND DUMB CHOIR
(In the Language of Gesture)
AND CAIRNS MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR
Organist - - MISS F. F. THURMAN

"THE KEYS OF HEAVEN"

MR. ARTHUR SUTHERLAND and MISS OLIVE MINTON
(In Gesture)
MRS. ABERY and MR. FRANK DAVIES
(In Song)

"THE ARROW AND THE SONG"

BY THE DEAF AND DUMB CHOIR
(In the Language of Gesture)
MR. FRANK DAVIES
(In Song)

"WHO WILL O'ER THE DOWNS SO FREE"

MR. G. McGUINESS
(In Gesture)
AND CAIRNS MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR

"THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY"

A film showing the late Mr. F. J. Rose (aged 94) spelling his last message to the deaf and dumb.—The first Home of the Society, the Church and Institute in Flinders Street, erected in 1904.—Opening of the women's wing of the Blackburn Home.—Laying the Foundation Stone of the Church for the Deaf and Dumb at the Society's new "Home," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.—The Lord's Prayer in the Language of Gesture.

ADDRESS

By L. A. CLEVELAND, Esq.
(President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria)

Introducing the Pioneers of the Deaf and Dumb; the 2nd, 3rd, 16th, 17th, and 28th pupils of Mr. F. J. Rose, and some of the early members and workers of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Remarks by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria,
LORD HUNTINGFIELD, K.C.M.G.

ITEMS BY CHOIR OF CAIRNS MEMORIAL CHURCH

MOTETT—"Hear My Prayer" . . . . (*Mendelssohn*)
Solo—MISS LOUISE THORNTON.

HYMN—"Lead Kindly Light" . . . . (*tune, Sandon*)

ANTHEM—"Send Out Thy Light . . . . (*Gounod*)

Conductor - - MR. R. J. OEHR

THE DEAF AND DUMB DRAMATIC CLUB

presents

WHO'S TO WIN HIM?

A COMEDY IN ONE ACT

(In the Language of Gesture)

CHARACTERS

CYRIL DASHWOOD (a young officer in search of a wife) . . . . . Alex. Anderson

MR. PRATTLETON PRIMROSE (a middle aged bachelor with an undecided turn) . . . . . G. H. Newnham

SQUIRE BRUSHLEIGH (a country gentleman) . . F. E. Frewin

ROSE (Brushleigh's daughter) . . . . . Miss Rose Dow

SYLVIA (a young lady fond of sport . . . . Miss Mabel Dow

MINUETTA (a young lady fond of dancing) . . Miss Alice Smith

MUSIDORA (a young lady fond of romance) . . Miss Doris Hickey

(Brushleigh's nieces)

ARABELLA (their friend, a young lady fond of flirtation) . . . . . Miss Ethel Leber

Director . . . . Mr. EDWIN JOHNSON
Stage Manager . . Mr. G. H. NEWNHAM

MELBOURNE DEAF AND DUMB COUNCIL, 1902

Organised to assist Mr. Abraham in his Publicity Campaign to raise funds for a Church and Institute for the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Victoria.



J. E. MUIR ERNEST SMITH S. MOSS L. DOWNES E. BURKE
F. E. FREWIN C. REYNOLDS E. J. D. ABRAHAM W. PETERS A. C. MUIR W. A. PATERSON
I. TENNY J. DEMPSEY J. BOORTZ F. J. ROSE M. L. MILLER

Age 28 Sept-1934

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

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Argus 29 Sept-1934

ENTERTAINMENT BY DEAF AND DUMB

A programme composed mainly of the performances of the deaf and dumb songs, choruses, and recitals in the language of gesture, musically accompanied by the Cairns Memorial choir, and a play in the finger and sign language will be features of the jubilee celebrations of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria in the Masonic Hall, Collins street, on October 9.

Argus 29 Sep 1934

Mr. Norman Armstrong has been re-elected chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria by the board of management.

JUBILEE RALLY.

of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria to be held in the MASONIC HALL, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Tuesday evening

9th OCTOBER, 1934.

in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

To the Honorary Secretary of the Deaf Committee,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C 2.

Please send complimentary admission tickets to:

Relations.

Name Address

Friends.

Name Address

Myself.

Name.....

Address.....

Please return this form on or before 15th September, 1934.

Herald 1st Oct 1934

IN connection with the jubilee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society a monster concert will be held in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, on October 9. Lord Huntingfield will be present. There is no charge for admission and tickets may be obtained at The Herald Office, Flinders Street, and at Newspaper House.

Argus 2 Oct 1934

DEAF AND DUMB CONCERT

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Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

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Herald Oct 1937

Deaf and Dumb Jubilees

IT is interesting to note that the jubilee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, to be celebrated this year, is also the jubilee of its principal, Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham.

He began teaching the deaf and dumb in London 50 years ago, and in 1886 was elected by the deaf and dumb congregation pastor of the South London Gospel Mission. Later, for 14 years, he was missioner in charge of three important stations of the Manchester Deaf and Dumb Society.

In a Silent World

TO learn why Mr Abraham came to Melbourne, we must go back to the origin of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Fifty years ago, the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, founded 14 years before by the late F. J. Rose, began to send out its deaf and dumb pupils to make their own way in the world. They, with deaf and dumb migrants from Great Britain, realised their isolation, and pleaded for religious services in the sign-language.

These were at last provided in a church school room, and from this small beginning has developed the present society.

After many years they had collected enough money to buy land in Flinders Street. It was then, in 1901, deemed wise to bring an expert from England, and Mr Abraham was selected. Three years later a church, with an institute, was erected on the Flinders Street land. By 1922 it had become too small, so the headquarters of the Society were removed to Jolimont Square.

Four years ago, a beautiful little church, specially designed for services in the silent language, was erected in the centre of the square.

"Sun" Oct 1934



IN LANGUAGE OF GESTURE this choir from the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society will give items at the jubilee celebration of the society in the Masonic Hall tonight. The Cairns Memorial Church choir will sing. The Governor (Lord Huntingfield) has been invited."

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

AMATEUR FLOWER SHOW

by the

DEAF AND DUMB.

Saturday, 24th November, 1934 3 pm. - 10.30 pm.

ENTRIES - FREE ADMISSION - FREE.

Entries must be delivered or posted to reach the Club House not later than 20th November. Exhibits must reach the Club House by 11 am. on 24th November. Entry form attached.

SECTION 1. POT PLANTS.
- a. 3 Plants in bloom, distinct kinds.
- b. 3 Ferns " "
- c. 3 Table plants.

SECTION 2. CUT FLOWERS.
- a. 3 vases Stocks, distinct colours; 3 stems of each.
- b. 6 vases " " " not less than 6 of each
- c. 12 Pansies " "
- d. 6 spikes Gladioli " varieties.
- e. 3 " " " " (one of each)
- f. 3 vases Antirrhinums " colours
- g. 3 " Lupins
- h. 3 " Iceland poppies, each vase distinct colour.
- i. 3 " Sweet Peas " " " "
- j. 1 " Shirley poppies.

SECTION 3. ROSES. Wiring permitted.
- a. 1 Rose, any variety. (Best Rose of Show)
- b. 3 Roses, distinct kinds.
- c. Table decorative, bowl of 6.

SECTION 4. CARNATIONS
- a. 12 Carnations, distinct varieties, 3 stems of each.
- b. 6 " " " 2 " " "
- c. 1 vase " not less than 12 stems - any variety,
- d. 3 " " Pink; not less than 6 stems each.

SECTION 5. MISCELLANEOUS BLOOMS. Made up and arranged. Flowers need not be grown by exhibitor.
- a. Best display of mixed flowers and foliage.
- b. Posy of Fairy Roses.
- c. " " mixed flowers.
- d. Bouquet of mixed flowers.

SECTION 6. VEGETABLES.
- a. Basket of mixed vegetables.
- b. Bowl of tomatoes.

Church

CONGREGATION OF DEAF MUTES

Jubilee Services To Be Interpreted

On the remaining Sundays of this month, the public will be given the opportunity of attending religious service with a congregation of deaf mutes. All will be able to follow the services, for they will be given orally and interpreted to the deaf and dumb.

This is the jubilee year of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and the celebrations include these thanksgiving services in the little church at Jolimont Square.

Special preachers are taking the services at 7 a.m. They are: October 14: Rev. Palmer Phillips (Methodist). October 21: Rev. E. L. Crossley (Anglican). October 28: Rev. G. Mackie Baird (Presbyterian).

The hymns, sung by hearing people attending the services, and those rendered by soloists, will also be interpreted —the music of the voice and the poetry of the gesture.

The Thanksgiving Service at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday will be reproduced from the A.B.C. station.

Herald Oct 11th 1934.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

JUBILEE

Tuesday, 9th October, 1934, at 8 p.m.

in the Masonic Hall, Collins St., Melbourne

in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria
Lord Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCES
by members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society
and Selections by the
CAIRNS MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR

RESERVED SEAT
Please be seated by 8 o'clock

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

F L O W E R S H O W.

Saturday, 24th November, 1934.

ENTRY FORM.

Section.	Exhibits	If to be sold.

Name.
Address.

Entries close 20th November.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1934 at 8 pm. in the Assembly Hall, Jolimont.

B E N E F A C T O R S' N I G H T.

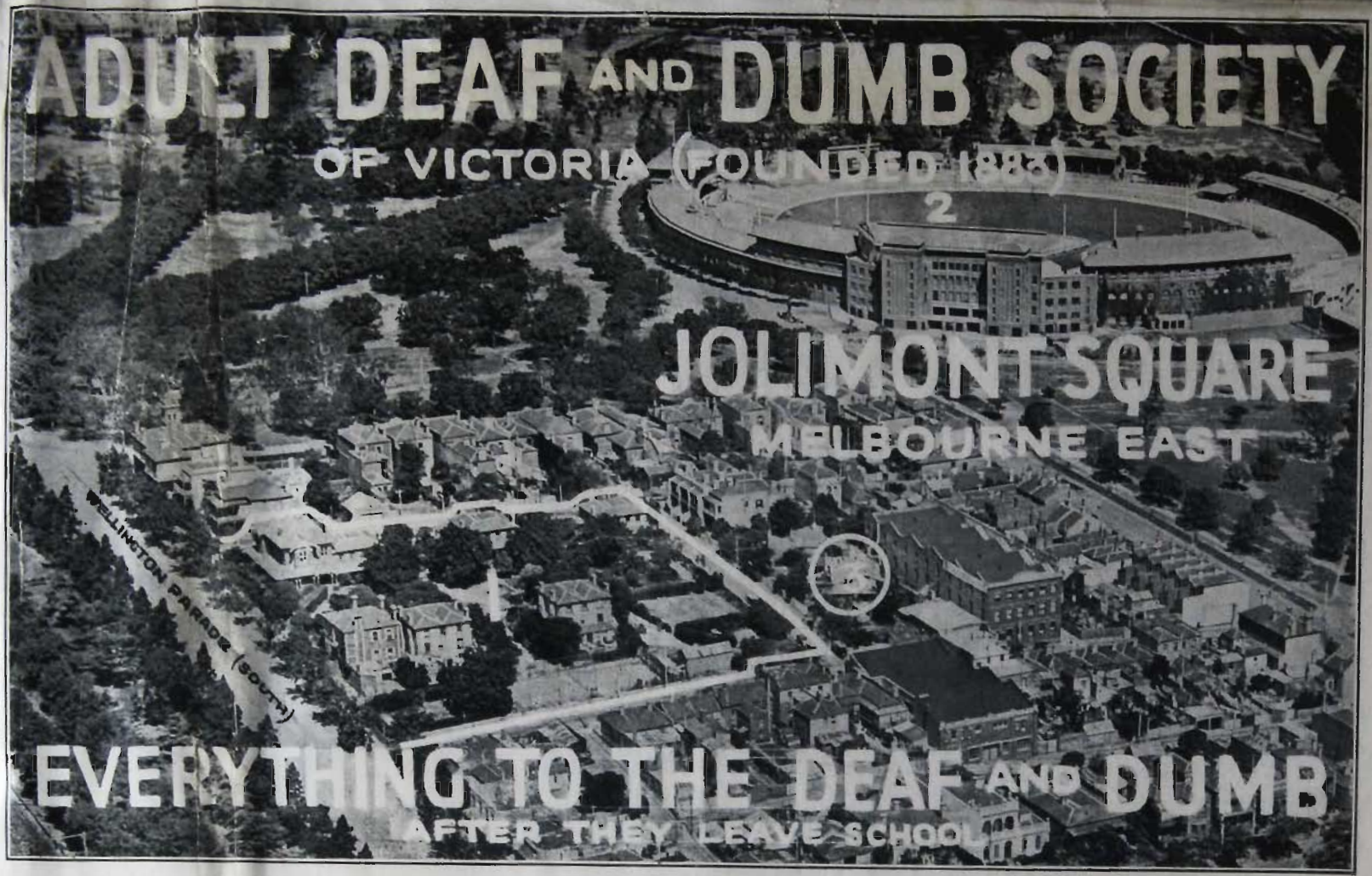
This is the occasion when all ex-pupils of schools for the deaf and all members of adult societies have the opportunity of showing their appreciation for all that these organisations have meant, and still mean, to them.

OUR SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN PICTURE AND STORY

S O C I A L

S U P P E R

ALL WELCOME - FREE.



1. Jolimont Square, Wellington Parade, South.

2. M.C.C. Ground.

3. Home of the first Governor of Victoria, Jolimont.

Our Deaf and Dumb Fellow Citizens!

. . . If this appeals to you kindly help!

For the normal population of Victoria there are institutions available for almost every conceivable public and private purpose founded and supported by the Government, Municipalities, Public Enterprise, Religious Communities and Philanthropists, **all of which are closed to our Deaf and Dumb Citizens, because to benefit thereby or enjoy the advantages provided hearing is essential.**

The State provides an Elementary School for Deaf and Dumb Children, and the Public and the State subscribe to maintain the Residential Home for these children whilst attending school to the age of 16 or thereabout: here the responsibility ends.

But for the normal Victorian there are High Schools, Technical Schools, University, Town Halls, Churches, Lecture Halls, Theatres and all kinds of public functions. What use would it be for the average deaf and dumb person to attend these?

It is the aim of the Adult Deat and Dumb Society to bridge this difficulty by providing substitutes.

AT JOLIMONT SQUARE is the Society's Administrative Building, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m and 7.30 to 10 p.m., with skilled officers of both sexes in attendance to give advice and other assistance, seek for employment, visit the sick, interpret, etc., etc.



THE CLUB HOUSE.



HOME FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

A CLUB HOUSE, which is the Social Centre of the Deaf and Dumb, open until 10.30 p.m. Lectures and Classes are conducted in the Finger and Sign language also orally. A Library, Billiard Room and suitable entertainments arranged for their social wellbeing. The deaf and dumb members have their own Men's and Women's Guilds, Cricket, Lacrosse, Tennis, Hockey and Dramatic Clubs, their own Bank and Magazine.

A CHURCH specially designed for the deaf and dumb stands in the centre of Jolimont Square. Here services are regularly conducted in the language of the deaf and dumb.

HOME AND TRAINING FARM, BLACKBURN, for dependent deaf mutes, that is to say, those who by reason of other handicaps, such as infirmity, age, mental deficiency, the blind-deaf, etc., are unable to maintain themselves, and need lifelong shelter and care.

There are about 1000 deaf mutes in Victoria.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria is **the only** organisation that makes provision for the care and protection of our fellow deaf and dumb citizens after school life.

In October next the Deaf and Dumb will celebrate the Jubilee of the Society and its Principal by a unique entertainment to which the public will be invited.



THE CHURCH.

From December 22nd to January 2nd, 1934-35, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and its members will be the hosts of deaf and dumb folk from every State, who are expected to number some 500—attending the Centenary Celebrations, the Congress of the National Council of the Deaf and Dumb, the Test matches of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Cricket Association, the Tournaments of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Tennis Association, and various sports and festivities.

Will You Help our Fellow Deaf and Dumb Citizens to Help Themselves?

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AN APOLOGY.

Owing to the amount of work in preparing for the Jubilee of our Society and the National Congress and Festivities of the Deaf, and the accumulation of work consequent upon concentration upon these special celebrations, the publication of a December issue of the "Victorian Deaf News" had to be abandoned. The Magazine Committee apologises for its absence, and sincerely trusts that readers will be more than compensated by this present greatly enlarged issue.

Our Jubilee.

NATIONAL CONGRESS, FESTIVITIES OF THE DEAF, CENTENARY AND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.



MR. L. A. CLEVELAND, President of Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Will the Melbourne Deaf ever know another year such as the last? Truly, never before in the history of the Australian Deaf has such a galaxy of events been placed before them than those held under the auspices of our Society during the past nine months. One event followed the other so quickly that interest was maintained at the highest pitch. First came the Easter Re-union of city and country Deaf—the Cricket Match between city and country, Easter Rally, Divine Services, Picnic at Brighton—followed by the Pioneers' Re-union Service held in May; the never-to-be-forgotten Tennis Club's Fancy Dress evening, with the

Magician on the programme; the two days Fancy Fair in August, which raised a considerable amount for the Congress Fund, and the Lacrosse Club's Windup Dinner in September. Then came the Jubilee of our Society in October—the Monster Jubilee Rally held in the Masonic Hall, attended by over 1000 people, and the Jubilee Services held in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square, on each Sunday in the month. In November we had our Jubilee Picnic at Mordialloc, Benefactors' Night, Pioneers' Dinner and the Flower Show, the first of its kind in the history of the Society. In between all these events were dramatic performances and many socials, and the Cricket Club's Popular Man Competition.



MR E. J. ABRAHAM
expressing pleasure at success of Celebrations.

Then came the greatest event of all time for the Deaf of Australia. The National Congress and Festivities of the Deaf held in Melbourne, during the Victorian Centenary, from December 22nd to January 2nd, was an outstanding success, and has been remarked as the most wonderful ten days the Australian Deaf have known. The gathering will also be remembered as the most representative ever held. Every State of the Commonwealth was officially, and Queensland and New Zealand unofficially, represented, and a happier gathering could not be found. The visitors numbered about 200, including 78 representatives from New South Wales, 47 from South Australia, 20 from Tasmania, 3 from West Australia, 2 from New Zealand, and the rest from Victorian country districts.

WELCOME SOCIAL.

By kind courtesy of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Collingwood, the Collingwood Town Hall was lent for the occasion of a public reception to the delegates and visitors of every State of the Commonwealth and New Zealand on Monday evening, December 24th, 1934. Mr. L. A. Cleveland, the President of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, presided. He welcomed the visitors, of whom there were about 400 present, expressing the hope that the Congress would achieve much good and that all delegates would spend an enjoyable and instructive time in Melbourne.

Cr. Smith, on behalf of the Mayor of Collingwood, also welcomed the delegates.

Mr. Olney, M.L.C., said there were a thousand deaf and dumb people in Victoria. They have been denied gifts given to the rest of the community, but everybody was impressed with their self-reliant character, by which they so ably assisted themselves. It was remarkable that the deaf always seemed to radiate happiness and



Congress Group, Outside Collingwood Town Hall, Christmas, 1934.

were always striving to solve their own problems. Because of that fine spirit they deserved the sympathy and assistance of the whole community.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Deputy Chairman of the New South Wales Society; Mr. A. Rankine, Manager of the South Australian party, also delivered addresses of reply, and Mr. S. Phillips, of New South Wales, spoke upon the high ideals of citizenship of the Deaf.

The evening was then given over to a special programme of entertainment, which was enjoyed to the full.

The National Anthem was rendered by the Victorian Deaf Women's Choir, with graceful gestures in the Sign Language, and later the hymn, "Meet me at the Fountain," followed by a lively item, "The More we are Together." A short comedy sketch, "Are All Men Fools?" was a funny piece of mimicry by Miss A. Smith and Messrs. G. Newnham, A. W. Sutherland and J, Dickenson, in which a designing woman in a cafe made some easy thefts from simple men. With full pantomime effects, every degree of humor was brought to the surface and exploited to the utmost.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home," a gesture recitation by Mr. F. E. Frewin, and "A Scene in the Bar," by Mr. W. A. Paterson, prepared the audience for "Who's to Win Him?"

"Who's to Win Him?" is the story of five maids and one man, and only the clever acting of Messrs. G. Newnham and F. E. Frewin, and the mimic gallantry of Alex. Anderson, prevented the honours from being completely carried off by the women—the Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, Doris Hickey, Alice Smith and Ethel Leber.

FIRST DAY.—The visitors, particularly the South Australians and the New South Welshmen, began to flow into Melbourne on Sunday, December 23rd. They were met at Spencer Street station by the Melbourne officials of the Carnival Committee, who had the whole party transported to our headquarters in chars-a-banc, and their luggage sent to the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, where accommodation was provided through the kindness of the Board of Management of that Institution, and to Rochester Lodge.

Soon after their arrival the South Australians joined the local Deaf at Divine Worship in the Church for the Deaf. Later, on the arrival of the representatives from New South Wales, all were entertained at dinner in the assembly hall of the Club House, after which all had the afternoon free—except that splendid band of workers, headed by Mrs. Pierce, which was busily engaged in preparing for tea.

At 5.30 all returned to Jolimont Square for tea, and later attended the Church for the Deaf.

SECOND DAY.—The morning being free, most of the visitors went sight-seeing or shopping in the City. Lunch was served in the assembly hall at 1 p.m. to all interstate and country guests, followed

by cricket practice at Melbourne Grammar School ground and the meeting of delegates of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association. At 5.30 p.m. all returned to the Club House for tea.

THIRD DAY.—The Tasmanians arrived on the morning of Christmas Day, in time for the major part of the festivities.

During the morning a party of approximately 200 visited the Shrine of Remembrance, where the Chairman of the National Council of the Deaf placed a wreath on behalf of the deaf and dumb citizens of the Commonwealth. After a short stay the party made a tour of the new park, the King's Domain, visiting the "Grottoes," the Pioneer Women's Memorial, and the ponds. During the afternoon visits were made to Captain Cook's Cottage and the lovely conservatory in the Fitzroy Gardens, and to the home of the first Governor of Victoria, Charles Joseph La Trobe, which adjoins Jolimont Square.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Collingwood Town Hall was again the scene of merry-making, when the whole of the deaf and dumb community of Melbourne and the interstate and country guests were entertained at a Christmas dinner, tea and social evening given by the Board of Management of the Victorian Society. Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, J.P., acted as host, and Mr. G. H. Newnham was M.C. Amongst those present the whole day, representing the Board of Management, were Mr. Norman Armstrong (Chairman), Mr. M. Hoath, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham (Principal), Miss E. Empson (Assistant Secretary). During the afternoon a group photograph was taken on the lawns at the rear of the hall. Wearing gay party hats, about 350 Deaf danced and played games throughout the evening. Exhibitions of Apache and ballroom dancing were given by two of the Sydney visitors during a lull in the games. The whole atmosphere was one charged with happiness and good fellowship.

FOURTH DAY.—Boxing Day saw the commencement of the interstate sporting contests, details of which are reported in other pages, at the Albert ground (cricket), the Melbourne Grammar School (cricket and tennis), the Y.M.C.A. (billiards), and the Club House (chess, draughts, etc.). Luncheons were served at the Albert ground and the Club House, and tea at the latter.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIETIES.

A Conference of representatives of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of the Commonwealth was held in the Old Legislative Council Chamber, Exhibition Building, on the evening of December 26th. New South Wales, South Australia, West Australia, Tasmania and Victoria were represented. An apology was received from Queensland, the only absentee State.

Mr. L. A. Cleveland (V.) was appointed provisional chairman and Mr. M. J. Hoath (V.) provisional secretary.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

"That this conference deems it desirable that a Commonwealth organisation of incorporated adult deaf and dumb societies in Australia be formed."

"That the membership of the Commonwealth organisation comprise two members to be appointed by the Board of Management of the incorporated society in each State, executive officers of the several incorporated societies to act as advisory officers."

"That a draft constitution be prepared and submitted to the Boards of Management of the incorporated societies of the various States for their consideration and comment."

"That this conference learns with regret that the State of New South Wales does not provide for the compulsory education of deaf and dumb children, and respectfully suggests that early representation be made to the Government of New South Wales to include the compulsory education of deaf and dumb children in its Education Act."

"That Colonel Payne (Tas.) be asked to convey to the conference of representatives of deaf and dumb schools in the Commonwealth, to be held in Melbourne in the near future, fraternal greetings from this conference, to assure them of the support of this conference, and to ask that the two organisations co-operate in the interests of the deaf and dumb of the Commonwealth."

FIFTH DAY.—On Thursday, December 27th, the interstate sporting events were continued throughout the day and part of the evening. In the latter part of the evening a party visited the offices of "The Argus," "The Australasian" and "The Star," and had a most interesting and instructive time. Amongst other things, they saw the proof reports of the cricket matches in which some of them had taken part, being printed.

The principal events, not including sports, were:—

CIVIC RECEPTION.

Alderman S. H. C. Crespin, who was acting Lord Mayor in the absence of Cr. A. G. Wales, on holiday, caused surprise at a Civic Reception in the Melbourne Town Hall on December 27th. Welcoming interstate delegates of the Deaf and Dumb Congress, Alderman Crespin rose and addressed them accurately in finger language. He spelt carefully, deliberately and accurately with his fingers the words, "I give you a very hearty welcome," without the assistance of the interpreter. Then he apologetically explained that he used to be able to speak the deaf and dumb language well in his younger days, but had had very little practice lately.

He paid tribute to the Deaf and Dumb for their remarkable adaptability and mastery of the art of production.

Returning thanks for the reception, Mr. E. H. Peacock stressed the fact that deaf people, apart from their disability, were normal

and able to hold their own in every other way with people who could hear, and they also sought to make themselves a living factor in the community for the uplift of Australia.

After a few more addresses by State delegates and some light refreshment, the party, led by Alderman Crespin, was shown over the building, and finally to the roof balcony to view the City's busiest corner.

NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION.



MISS EMPSON

During the run of the Congress and Carnival Festivities in Melbourne, an Exhibition of Needlework by deaf women from all parts of Australia was held at the Club House, Jolimont Square, and its success was largely due to the enthusiastic efforts of Miss Empson Approximately 200 exhibits were received, and all were of an exceptionally high standard, and some of the white embroidery was particularly attractive. Miss L. Simmonds, of the Myer Emporium Ltd., judged the work, which was divided into seven sections.

In Section 1, for white embroidery (eyelet or richelieu), the first prize was won by Mrs. Richards, of Sydney, whose beautiful supper cloth was made with a deep border in a floral design, and which took nine months to complete The second prize went to Mrs. H. Bundy, of Adelaide.

Two first prizes were awarded in Section 2. A linen supper cloth, embroidered with bright colours in a conventional border design, by Miss Doris Hickey, Melbourne, gained one prize, and the other went to Miss Freda Carpenter, of Tasmania, for a beautifully worked apron.

One of the most attractive exhibits was a lovely white centre in richelieu work, made by Miss Ella Richards, Tasmania, which gained first prize in Section 3, for white embroidery. The second prize was won by Miss Doris Hickey, Melbourne.

Another outstanding entry by Miss Kathleen Kelly, Queensland, gained first prize in Section 4, for coloured embroidery. So neat was the work in two shades of blue that it was difficult to distinguish between the right and wrong sides of the centre-piece. Miss Burnie Higgie, Melbourne, gained second prize in that section.

The crochet work in Section 5 was greatly admired, and prizes in this section went to Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Melbourne, and Mrs. H. Bundy, Adelaide.

Knitted jumpers in lacey designs by Miss E. Leber, Melbourne, and Miss D. Lehmann, Adelaide, gained prizes in Section 6; and in the babies' woollies section, Miss Doris Hickey's white set was the only entry.

A special prize was awarded for a beautifully made shawl of white Shetland wool by Mrs. Jamieson, of Sydney.

Miss Simmonds, of the Myer Emporium, who judged the exhibition, said that some of the work was of the highest standard she had seen for some time.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE DEAF



MR. J. M. JOHNSTON, Chairman of National Council of the Deaf.

The National Council of the Deaf of Australia held its second Conference in Melbourne, and met in the old Legislative Council Chamber at the Exhibition Building on the evenings of December 27th and 28th.

It was decided that the council shall consist of 18 members, three from each State. Present delegates will remain in office for a further two years. Newcomers to Australia, from the British Empire only, shall be entitled to membership after twelve months' residence in Australia, and may take office after three years. A resolution was passed affirming that the council was composed of and controlled by deaf and dumb persons only.

In a paper on "The Training of the Deaf," Mr. E. Johnson (Vic.), a former pupil of Edgbaston (England) Deaf School, emphasised the barriers which met the Deaf when they went out into the world to earn a living. Of many deaf persons out of work, few had obtained advanced technical training. Employers would not give time to training deaf youths to undertake complicated tasks. He believed in apprenticeship, even if the Deaf had to pay premiums. Such trades as engineering, advanced building and shop fitting were suitable. Deaf youths who, at the age when they should be earning adult wages, had not acquired the necessary proficiency, should be allowed to continue earning at lower wages. Deaf persons should not be compelled to take part in strikes as, with their disability in conversing and exchanging ideas with others, they were liable to be misled. Trade unionism hampered the chances of the Deaf. It was to be hoped the council would request the Arbitration Court to make allowances for the deaf people. Mr. Johnson, speaking on the subject of education, disapproved of the teaching of lip reading to the detriment of the manual system. All deaf children should be taught the manual system. The oral system would never allow a deaf persons to understand a sermon or a lecture.

Mr. F. E. Frewin (Vic.) said that in the old days in factories and workshops, manual dexterity in an apprentice was all that was required; but to-day technical education was compulsory, and this was not available to the deaf.

A motion moved by Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.) was carried, setting out that the meeting emphatically protested against published statements to the effect that the deaf people were "brow-beaten and neglected" by the council, and that such statements came only from a small and discontented body of the Deaf.

"AGE" VERSION ON NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE.
A NOISELESS CONFERENCE.

There was never conducted in Melbourne a quieter conference than that held in the Exhibition Building last night. This was the gathering of deaf and dumb persons from all States, who have just formed themselves into the National Council of the Deaf. There was scarcely a sound in the room as the addresses were being given, and one was reminded that this was the room in which, years ago, State members of Parliament used to indulge in more or less stormy debates. Everything was conveyed by the sign language, and the speakers showed remarkable dexterity in making the requisite motions of the fingers and hands. Parts of the sign language may be understood by anyone who watches closely, for, to some extent, it consists of gesture. Thus anyone could enjoy the joke, along with the audience, when Mr. E. Johnson, with purposely exaggerated facial expressions, struck a supplicating attitude, and followed it by a threatening one, as of one about to strike a blow "Pray them not to attack us," was the interpretation of this "clause." The only member of the council possessing vocal power was the chairman. He translated the sign language into words for the benefit of "The Age" representative, who took the words down in shorthand. Later, the words were typed out, and eventually went through the complicated process of being turned into print. In so many ways may the English language be expressed.

SIXTH DAY.—On Friday, December 28th, a trip down the bay to Queenscliffe and Sorrento was made. The weather was really glorious and did much to help make the day the success it was. The majority remained on the boat until Sorrento was reached and soon found their way to the rock pool at the Back Beach, where all enjoyed themselves. Indeed, some were so loth to leave that they had to sprint to catch the boat. One of our local lads had to make such an effort to get back in time that one wondered just who really was the world's champion sprinter.

Dinner was provided on the boat on the run down and also (to our guests only) on the return journey.

In the evening the Congress of the National Council of the Deaf was continued, whilst the indoor games advanced another stage.

SEVENTH DAY.—Saturday brought the finals of the cricket and tennis matches and the semi-finals of the indoor games. Luncheon and tea were served in the Club House.

BALL.

One of the most enjoyable functions organised during the festivities was a Plain and Fancy Dress Ball, held in the Hawthorn Town Hall. So busy a programme of entertainments had been arranged that very few had been able to obtain fancy dress, but those who had were very amusing, and their fun and antics were enjoyed by dancers and spectators alike. Quite a small number of the dancers could hear the music, and yet the rhythm and grace of the dancing was pleasant to watch, reported "The Age." Truly this was so. The evening was so enjoyable that even those who were non-dancers could not but help feeling in the happiest of moods. Among the 300 people present were representatives from all the States attending the Congress. The host for the evening was Mr. M. J. Hoath, of the Board of Management, who was responsible for the success of the dance.

EIGHTH DAY.—A special service was held for the Roman Catholic Deaf in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, December 30th, There was a good attendance.

At 3 p.m. a service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, where more than 200 members of the Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia attended. The hymns and prayers were interpreted by Mr. W. F. Appleton; the lesson was read orally by Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, of the Sydney Society, and interpreted by Mr. Fred Frewin, who was missioner to the Deaf from 1888 to 1892, and the sermon, which was delivered by Archbishop Head, was interpreted by the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

"After this manner, therefore, pray ye." (St. Matthew, 6th chapter, 9th verse.) "I am very glad to welcome you to our Cathedral," Archbishop Head said. "I hope that this afternoon's service will help us all a little nearer to God. I want to say something to you about prayer because you and I, whatever our circumstances, must needs pray if we are going to live a Christian life. Sometimes it is difficult to pray. Sometimes we wonder if our prayers are heard. But if we cease to pray we are cutting ourselves off from the great strength which God has given us. Then our spiritual life must decay and die. I would have you remember two things. First, Jesus Christ Himself prayed, and that not once or twice, but over and over again. Secondly, Jesus Christ has given us a model prayer. The first half of that prayer is about God and not about ourselves. It speaks of God our Father, His name, His kingdom, and His will. When we pray we want to put Him first, and if we begin with God and His will what we want for ourselves will be subject to His will. The second part of that model prayer is about ourselves. But I think that we should notice that when we pray for ourselves we also pray for others. Jesus does not say, 'Give me my daily bread,' but 'Give us our daily bread.' Again, it is not 'deliver me from temptation,' but 'deliver us,' and it is not 'forgive me' but 'forgive us.' Surely this is to remind us that when we are on our knees we must think

of others whose needs are as great as, if not greater than, our own. So I would have you go back to your lives, your work, and your homes with a fresh consciousness of the power of prayer."

After tea, in the assembly hall of the Club House, all attended the service conducted by Mr. Abraham in the Church for the Deaf.

NINTH DAY.—The last day of the Old Year was indeed a full day. At 9.30 a.m, eight chars-a-banc full of visiting and local deaf left for a tour of the ranges. The party stopped for an hour at Blackburn to pay a visit to the Farm and Home, and very happy the inmates were to greet them. After leaving Blackburn the trip was continued by way of Croydon and Mount Dandenong to Sassafras at a leisurely speed to enable the party to enjoy the beautiful scenery. The sight of the Sylvan dam, nestling in a hollow among the hills, was just exquisite. On arriving at Sassafras luncheon was waiting at the Sassafras Cafe, after which the party broke up into groups and went for walks through the fern gullies. The return trip was made via Fern Tree Gully, where a halt was made for refreshments, and back to the city through Burwood.

BANQUET.



Mr. N. Armstrong, Chairman of the Victorian Society

In the evening a banquet was held in the new banquet hall of "The Victoria." The gathering was one of the most representative held during the Congress. Those present included Miss Wallace, hon. secretary of the W.A. Society; Lieut.-Colonel Payne, hon. superintendent of Tasmanian Society; Messrs. A. L. Lonsdale, deputy chairman of N.S.W, Society; E. J. Lonsdale, member of board of N.S.W, Society; O. R. Redman, superintendent of S.A. Mission; J. O. Love, superintendent of W.A. Deaf School; W. J. McCaskill, superintendent of Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution; N. Armstrong, J.P., W. E. Rowe (Hon. Sec), M. J. Hoath and S. G. Hobson, of the Victorian Board, and E. J. D. Abraham, Principal of Victorian Society. In all, about 250 were entertained.

Mr. N. Armstrong, the Chairman of the Victorian Society, presided and proposed the toast of "Our Visitors." He stated that the Congress gave Victoria the greatest encouragement to continue the 50 years of progress already accomplished. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale responded on behalf of the New South Wales visitors, saying that the New South Wales Society had recently celebrated its 21st birthday and already had a central building equal to any in the Commonwealth. He regretted that his State had not yet provided for compulsory education of the deaf and dumb. Now that a National Council of the Deaf had been formed, he said, one of its first duties would be to make representations to the State Government for compulsory education of the deaf and dumb of New South Wales.

Mr. O. R. Redman responded on behalf of South Australia, expressing the hope that the South Australian Congress and festivities to be held at Christmas, 1936, would compare well with the grand success of this one. Lieut.-Col. Payne and Miss Wallace responded on behalf of the Tasmanian and West Australian visitors.



Banquet of the Deaf at the Victoria Palace.

Other toasts honoured were those of "Our Societies," proposed by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and "The Deaf Sporting Clubs and Winning Teams," proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnston. Then came the presentation of trophies. At the express wish of the donor, his grand-daughter, Miss Pat Jackson, after her pretty maiden speech, presented the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield" to the captain of the winning team, Mr. W. Ashby, who said that all the players had responded as a team and deserved to have won the shield. The rest of the prizes, including the "R. Cohen Cup," were presented by the chairman.

MENTONE PICNIC.

The programme of Christmas Congress and Carnival Festivities was wound up with a picnic at Mentone, where the Athletic and Swimming Carnival was held. About 500 attended the Mentone Recreation Reserve, kindly lent for the occasion by the Mentone Recreation Committee. Soon after arrival a sports programme was gone through and the results were as follows:—

100 Yards Championship—F. Hook, N.S.W., 1st; E. Raines, Vic., 2nd.

75 Yards Championship (Ladies)—B. Higgie, Vic., 1st; E. Sandon, Vic., 2nd.

75 Yards, Married Men—J. O'Gorman, Vic., 1st; W. Limbrick, Tas., 2nd.

50 Yards, Married Women—Mrs. W. O'Bryan, Vic., 1st; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Vic., 2nd.

50 Yards, Old Buffers—J. McLean, Vic., 1st; A. Stokes, Vic., 2nd.

One Mile Championship—F. Kendall, Vic., 1st; J. Walters, Vic., 2nd.

Hop, Step and Jump—T. Newton, Vic., 1st; F. Kendall, Vic., 2nd.

Shot Putt—F. Hook, N.S.W., 1st; E. Raines, Vic., 2nd.

Sack Race for Women—E. Denman, Vic., 1st; Mrs. W. O'Bryan, Vic., 2nd.

Egg and Spoon Race—Mrs. W. O'Bryan, Vic., 1st.

Tug of War for 7 Men—Tasmania.

One Mile Relay Race—Victoria (F. Kendall, J. Walters, T. Newton, E. Raines).

All the visitors were entertained to dinner at Glenworth Cafe on Beach Road, and after an hour or so rest many went in for swimming. Two swimming races were put through, and the results were:—Men's 200 Yards Free Style: J. Dickenson, Vic., 1st; J. Shaw, N.S.W., 2nd. Women's 50 Yards Free Style: E. Sandon, Vic., 1st. Others failed to finish.

In the evening after tea a farewell party was held at the same place, Glenworth Cafe. The Principal Organising Secretary, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, farewelled the visitors. He stated that it was a fine experience to have been the organiser of a congress for such an enthusiastic body of men and women. He also said Victoria appreciated the spirit shown by the South Australians in allowing Victoria to hold the Congress during the Centenary Year. This meant that the South Australian Congress would be held up for another year. Immediately after Mr. J. M. Johnston, Sports Organiser, took charge of the proceedings and invited Miss Alice Graham to distribute the prizes for races won during the day. Then followed parting speeches by managers and representatives of each State. Mr. A. Struthers, of New Zealand, wound up the evening with an exhibition of a Maori war dance.

"E. J. D. ABRAHAM SHIELD."

Concurrently with the National Congress of the Deaf of Australia, sporting fixtures, notably cricket and tennis matches, were held. Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania contested for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield." The matches were played on the Albert and the Melbourne Grammar School grounds.

On December 26th New South Wales (holders) met South Australia on the Albert ground. By sheer perseverance with fine fielding and bowling, and the anxiety on the part of the batsmen to score, South Australia managed to snatch victory by one run on the first innings. South Australia batted first and scored 181 (H. Rickards 77, J. Angove 26, N. Angove 21; H. Emerson 4/64, J. Beath 3/44, A. James 2/38). New South Wales, 180 (H. Emerson 80, S. Phillips 26; C. McRae 4/39, H. Rickards 3/43, J. Angove 2/16).



"E. J. D. Abraham Shield."

Victoria met Tasmania on the Melbourne Grammar School ground and won by 61 on the first innings. Tasmania, 107 (R. Egan 28, Wright 15; Mark 4/27, Chaundy 3/27). Victoria, 168 (W. Ashby 78, H. Nathan 36, D. Johnston 26; O. Fielding 3/16, T. McGrath 3/26, K. Smith 2/12). Tasmania scored 55 without loss in the second innings before close of play.



Victorian Deaf Cricket Team. Winner of " E. J. D. Abraham Shield."



New South Wales Deaf Cricket Team. Ex-holder of the Shield.

On December 27th Victoria met South Australia at the Albert ground. South Australia made a tactical blunder, after winning the toss, in deciding to have first use of a wicket that favoured the bowlers. The Victorian bowlers made best use of their opportunities and, assisted by two run outs, ended the South Australian innings for 68, and later again went through the side for 58 and won the match outright by an innings and 56 runs. South Australia, 68 (H. Rickards 29; J. Boal 4/14, J. Brundell 3/19) and 58 (H. Rickards 15; R. Chaundy 6/21, W. McMillen 4/22). Victoria, 4 (dec.) for 182 (W. Ashby 94 not out, R. Chaundy 37, H. Nathan 17).



"Barrackers"

New South Wales met Tasmania at Melbourne Grammar School and won the match easily by 150 runs on the first innings. The start was delayed owing to the state of the wicket. New South Wales, 8 wickets (dec.) for 189 (J. Chambers 46 not out, A. James 33, H. Emerson 26, P. Kinsella 20 not out; R. Egan 5/29). Tasmania, 39 (Williams 11; H. Emerson 6/16, J. Chambers 4/11) and none for 36 (Williams 21 not out).

The fixtures for the final day were disorganised by heavy rain. The Victoria v. New South Wales match had to be abandoned, and the match between South Australia and Tasmania at the Albert ground had to be delayed until after lunch. South Australia batted and scored 91 runs for the loss of six wickets, when further rain fell and the match was abandoned. Victoria, with 9 points, won the shield. New South Wales gained 6 points, South Australia 5 and Tasmania 4.

"THE R. COHEN CUP."

Approval was given at the delegates' meeting of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association to Victoria's arrangements for the Cohen Cup tournament. By kind permission of the headmaster of the Melbourne Grammar School, four asphalt courts were placed at the disposal of the Association. Three grass courts at the Albert ground were to have been made available by the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria, but, unfortunately, a week or two prior to the tournament the L.T.A.V. courts at Kooyong were flooded by the unusual storm that swept over Melbourne, and the permit had to be withdrawn. This unavoidable happening was a great disappointment to the Association, as it necessitated playing all the matches on the four courts at the Grammar School.

New South Wales (holders) sent a very strong team and managed to retain the cup for another two years. Its representatives were:—Messrs. O. Gordon, J. Schulz, R. Mills, M. Webb, Mrs. Winchester and Miss F. Ninness.

South Australia, a new challenger, showed impressive form and may prove a serious contender in future tournaments. South Australia was represented by Messrs. J. T. Jones, D. Ferguson, A. Simons, G. Dunnett, Mesdames Stanbury and Jones.

Victoria was represented by Messrs. J. Dickenson, J. Walters, G. Damman, J. McLaurin, Misses B. Higgie and I. Boast.

Queensland, owing to the distance, was unable to send a team.

Results of matches were:—New South Wales, 8 sets 52 games, d. Victoria, 1 set 27 games. Victoria, 7 sets 48 games, d. South Australia, 2 sets 21 games. New South Wales, 9 sets 54 games, received a walk-over from South Australia.

Final results:—New South Wales, 17 sets 106 games; Victoria, 8 sets 75 games; South Australia, 2 sets 31 games.

INDOOR GAMES COMPETITIONS.

Billiards—S. Phillips (N.S.W.), 1st; H. Eldson (S.A.), 2nd.
Chess—W. Bundy (S.A.), 1st; R. Herbert (N.S.W.), 2nd.
Draughts—J. Sinclair (N.S.W.), 1st.
Table Tennis—Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.), 1st; Miss O. Minton (Vic.), 2nd.

JUBILEE RALLY.

The monster Jubilee Rally held in connection with the Jubilee celebrations of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria and its Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, on Tuesday, October 9th, in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, was truly a night of nights. It was easily the biggest rally held to date. The attendance was just a few under 1000, and everyone in that vast audience was highly delighted with the unique and entertaining programme prepared.



MR. E. J. D. ABRAHAM, Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

The rally was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Lord Huntingfield, K.C.M.G., who, after watching some of the performances of the deaf artists, gave an address, praising the work of the Society and complimenting the Principal on attaining his fiftieth year of work amongst the deaf and dumb. Other addresses were given by the President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, and the Chairman, Mr. N. Armstrong, J.P., who presented a cheque to Mr. E. J. D. Abraham in recognition of his 50 years' work, and Mr. F. E. Frewin, who presented Mr Abraham with a handsome clock on behalf of the deaf and dumb community.

The Cairns Memorial Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Oehr, gave excellent vocal items, and assisted the deaf performers by vocal renderings simultaneously with the gesture rendering.

The programme, which was a lengthy one, opened with the signing and singing of the National Anthem. Then followed the "Hymn of St. John of Beverley" and the bright number "The More We are Together," all of which was rendered by the choir and in the language of gesture simultaneously. "The Keys of Heaven" was given in gesture by Miss Olive Minton and Mr. A. W. Sutherland and sung by Mrs. Abery and Mr. F. Davies, and the next item was "The Arrow and the Song," by the Deaf Choir and sung by Mr. F. Davies.

The screening of films, showing our Society of yesterday and to-day, showed the late Mr. F. J. Rose (aged 94) spelling his last message to the deaf and dumb; the first home of the Society in Flinders Street, erected in 1904; the opening of the Women's Wing

of the Blackburn Home; the laying of the foundation stone of the Church for the Deaf at Jolimont Square; photographs of benefactors, and the rendering of the Lord's Prayer in the language of gesture.

The anthems, "Hear My Prayer," "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Send Out Thy Light," were sung by the Cairns Memorial Choir, after which came the performance by the Deaf Dramatic Club of the comedy "Who's to Win Him?" This one-act play was acted throughout in the language of gesture and was most admirably presented. The director, Mr. Edwin Johnson, and the stage manager, Mr. G. H. Newnham, were complimented on the excellence of the show. The performers were:—Misses R. Dow, M. Dow, A. Smith, D. Hickey and E. Leber, and Messrs. F. E. Frewin, G. H. Newnham and A. Anderson.

JUBILEE PICNIC.

Mordialloc was the rallying place for our Jubilee Picnic, held on Cup Day (November 6th). The main party went early and secured a favourable site for the holding of the sports. Shortly afterwards a bus load of inmates from the Blackburn Home arrived and the sporting events were entered into with great enthusiasm. The day promised to be fine at first, but just as the party was having lunch storm clouds gathered and brought a deluge which completely drenched everything and everybody very quickly. Just as quickly as the storm broke was the picnic ground vacated, and the party returned to Jolimont and spent the rest of the day at the Club House. After tea a very happy social evening was arranged, during which the prizes won at the sports were presented. The sporting results were:—

100 Yards Championship (Men)—E. Raines, 1; R. Lygon and J. Brundell dead heat, 2.
75 Yards Championship (Women)—B. Higgie, 1; J. Murphy, 2.
50 Yards Old Buffers' Race—D. Ashby, 1; J. M. Johnston, 2.
75 Yards Siamese Race—E. Raines and Miss E. Sandon.
75 Yards Blindfold Driving—G. McGuiness and Miss T. Whateley.

PIONEERS' DINNER.

On Thursday, November 8th, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, the Society arranged a dinner to our Deaf Pioneers (60 years and over). This was held in the Assembly Hall and about a dozen of our pioneers were present. Messrs. S. G. Hobson, who presided, M. J. Hoath and W. F. Rowe represented the Board of Management. After addresses by the abovenamed gentlemen and responses by Messrs. A. C. Muir, M. G. B. Mortimer and F. E. Frewin, who expressed thanks to the board for its kindly interest, the party was taken around the City in a bus, hired specially for the occasion, from which they were able to view the Centenary illuminations in comfort. At the close of the tour the pioneers were taken direct to their homes or to the nearest railway station, much to their appreciation.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT.

Originally started as "F. J. Rose Day," after the founder of the Victorian School for the Deaf, it was decided, after many deliberations by the Deaf (in 1927) to change the name to "Benefactors' Night," so that all friends of the Deaf might be included and honoured annually at the same time. On November 15th a wonderfully good attendance was recorded, when the benefactors of the Deaf were honoured at a meeting held in the Assembly Hall, with Mr. F. E. Frewin in the chair. After short addresses by the chairman and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham on the benefit the Deaf have received from the valuable work done by the benefactors of the Deaf, past and present, the evening was given over to a cinema show of bygone days in the history of the Society, and to the inspection of an exhibition of relics and work of past benefactors. Many historical photographs were displayed in the library and card room, some dating back to the earliest days in the history of the Deaf of Victoria. Later, social games were held in the hall, and supper brought the evening to a close.

The decorations in the Assembly Hall were most striking and appropriate. Red, white and blue crepe paper festoons draped the walls and framed photographs of local benefactors, and painted shields with the names of benefactors from all parts of the world were hung along the walls at intervals. The general effect was most impressive.

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVITIES.

Some months prior to the Centenary Congress and Festivities, our Principal wrote to Mr. F. E. Frewin, 'the only one' of the old pioneers of this Society who still retains a seat on the Deaf Committee, that the Victorian Centenary gathering of the Deaf was to be his "swan song" so far as the organising of Congresses was concerned.

Mr. Abraham has organised many successful functions in the past, but, without doubt, it will be many a year before such another will be held in Australia. We wonder if anything like it has ever been held before.

Ten days of continuous activity, with scarcely breathing time. There were—

Eighty visitors from Sydney—a distance of 500 odd miles.
Fifty visitors from South Australia—a distance of 483 odd miles.
Twenty visitors from Tasmania—a distance of 240 miles approximately.
Three visitors from West Australia—a distance of 2170 miles.
Two visitors from New Zealand—a distance of 1000 miles approximately.

Also a big contingent of country Deaf who travelled from all parts of Victoria.

The generosity of our Board of Management and our many friends enabled us to entertain a large number of guests, and our sincere thanks are tendered for the following donations:—From our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, we received £10, and from Mr. Edgar H. Peacock four hundred beautifully set up programmes.

DONATIONS TO THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION FUND.

The Board of Management, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society	£25	0	0
The Late Mr. Sydney Myer	10	10	0
Anonymous	10	10	0
Anonymous	10	10	0
Mr. G. J. Coles	5	5	0
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board	2	2	0
Commercial Travellers' Association	2	2	0
Messrs. Byron Moore, Day & Journeaux	2	2	0
Mr. C. N. McKay	2	2	0
Kraft Walker Cheese Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Benney	2	2	0
Mr. N. Armstrong	2	2	0
Mrs. B. C. Brown	2	2	0
Mr. E. J. D. Abraham	2	2	0
Mrs. Cohen	2	0	0
Mr. S. G. Hobson	1	5	0
Mrs. J. E. Muir	1	1	0
Sir Arthur Robinson	1	1	0
Mr. E. L. Baillieu	1	1	0
Mr. A. K. Oak-Rhind	1	1	0
Mr. H. W. Cummings	1	1	0
Mr. F. M. Syme	1	1	0
Mr. M. J. Hoath	1	1	0
Mr. W. F. Rowe	1	1	0
Mr. J. G. Latham	1	1	0
Victorian Softgoods Association	1	1	0
Mr. S. Ferguson	1	1	0
Miss E. R. Empson	1	1	0
Mr. Hartley	1	0	0
Mrs. Barter	1	0	0
Mr. Robert Hamilton	0	17	6
Mr. T. J. Frewin	0	10	6
Mr. Percy Smith	0	10	0
Mr. F. E. Frewin	0	5	0
Mr. J. Walters	0	2	6
Mr. H. H. Smith	0	2	6
"L.P.," Elsternwick	0	2	6
Mr. C. P. Cayzer	0	2	0
Anonymous	0	2	0
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FLOWER SHOW.

The Flower Show held at the Club House on Saturday, November 24th, in connection with the Centenary celebrations, turned out a wonderful success; indeed, beyond our expectations, considering it was our first effort. The Assembly Hall was one mass of flowers, except in a few places where fancy work, sweet stalls, etc., were situated.

Although the season was not the best for a display of blooms, a very creditable display was made. Mr. Savage, curator of the Fitzroy Gardens, acted as judge, and the results were as follows:—

Best Rose of the Show—Mr. G. Damman.
Three Roses (distinct kinds)—Mr. W. B. Anderson.
Twelve Carnations (distinct)—Mr. G. H. Newnham.
Three Vases of Carnations (Pink)—Mr. W. B. Anderson.
Three Vases of Antirrhinums—Mr. G. Damman.
Twelve Pansies (distinct colours)—Mr. J. McLaurin.
Display of Mixed Flowers and Foliage—Mr. G. Damman, 1st; Mrs. J. Pierce, 2nd.
Posy of Mixed Flowers—Mrs. J. Pierce.
Bouquet of Mixed Flowers—Mrs. G. H. Newnham.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

During the month of October a series of Jubilee Services was held in the Church for the Deaf by visiting preachers.

On Sunday, October 7th, the Rev. Edward Taylor, of the East Melbourne Congregational Church, conducted the service. His text was very appropriate for the Jubilee—St. John 4:38—"I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestow no labour; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." Miss Gilbert rendered solo items, with Mr. Crabb at the organ. Holy Communion was celebrated at the close of the service.

An unusual service was held on the afternoon of October 14th. The Centenary Thanksgiving Service at the Melbourne Cricket Ground was broadcast by radio and reproduced in our church. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted for the benefit of the congregation.

The members of the congregation remained for tea at the Centre and later attended the service conducted by the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips, of Wesley Church, City, who preached on the "Friendship of Jesus Christ."

On Sunday, October 21st, the Rev. C. L. Crossley, of Holy Trinity Church of England, East Melbourne, officiated. His address was on the power of light, heat, warmth, health, joy etc. of our Heavenly Father. His text was Psalm 84:11—"For the Lord God is a Sun."

The Rev. G. Mackie Baird, of the South Hawthorn Presbyterian Church was the preacher on Sunday, October 28th. His text was Psalm 23:5—"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Being Hospital Sunday, the collection (£2/12/3) was devoted to the Lord Mayor's Hospital Fund.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham occupied the pulpit on the evening of the first Sunday of the Congress, December 23rd. Many interstate visitors were present. Isaiah 41: 6 and 7 was his text—"They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he

that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering." The general theme of the address was unity and co-operation.

Mr. C. Hawkins, one of the deaf representatives from Adelaide, was invited to take the service on Sunday, January 6th. He addressed the congregation on the story of Joseph. Holy Communion was celebrated at the close of the service, the Principal officiating.

RETREAT FOR DEAF MUTES.

A Retreat for adult Roman Catholic Deaf Mutes, the first of its kind in the State, was held from Wednesday to Saturday, November 28th to December 1st, in St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage, South Melbourne, and was conducted by Rev. Father Phillips, C.M., of Sydney. Forty adults took part, and they listened for the first time in their lives to sermons given in the sign language. Benediction was given each evening. The Retreatants were entertained at tea by the Christian Brothers at the Orphanage on Saturday evening, and were addressed by Bishop Gleeson, of Maitland, and Bishop Norton, of Bathurst, both of whom used the sign language. A gold pyx was presented by the Deaf Mutes to Rev. Father Phillips to mark their appreciation of his work on their behalf. Bishop Gleeson, who has just returned from a visit to the Pope, conveyed the Apostolic blessing to the Deaf Mutes.

"Age," December 3rd, 1934.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Meetings were cancelled during September and October to enable many of the members to devote their time to rehearsals for the Jubilee Rally.

On November 17th a special meeting was called by the President for the benefit of the younger members. Many came early and had tea at the Centre, and afterwards attended the meeting which was held in the ladies' room. The President, in a well prepared address, gave some excellent advice on the various temptations and pitfalls that may beset them and on the necessity for girls to guard themselves well for the sake of their futures. She was heartily thanked at the conclusion of the meeting.

A break in the ordinary routine was made during the December meeting, when, after the Vice-President had given her paper, dancing was held. In the course of her talk about her trip to Queensland, Miss Empson displayed many interesting souvenirs, one of which was a cocoanut, which was later divided amongst the members. Miss R. Dow, in tendering a vote of thanks, remarked that she thought the trip had done Miss Empson the world of good, for she had returned to us in the best of health once more. Supper followed, after which dancing lessons were conducted in the Assembly Hall under the tuition of Miss E. M. Scott and Mr. W. F. Appleton.

On February 5th the Guild met for an open meeting and social, As the members had a lot of discussion on various interesting topics, the social games were omitted, with the exception of a guessing competition. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and wound up with supper with the Men's Guild at the close of the evening.

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, February 26th, when Miss G. Hunter brought the members of the Highfield Road Methodist Girls' Club to meet the members of our Guild. A most enjoyable programme was given by the visitors, and all too soon the very happy time passed. After supper was partaken of, complimentary little speeches were made, and we hope the visitors will come again.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon, December 8th, Jolimont Square rang with merry laughter from many children of deaf parents who were present on the occasion of the Women's Guild Annual Treat.

Various games were played in the grounds of the square, and ice cream was served during the intervals. At 5.30 p.m. the whole party—over 40, including parents—was accommodated in the Assembly Hall for tea. The place was made gay with the decorations left over from the Benefactors' Night. Gas-filled balloons made captive from each child's chair floated high above their heads, making a gay kaleidoscopic scene. The tea was presided over by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

After tea the hall was cleared quickly and the children were all eagerness awaiting the coming of Father Christmas. At 7 p.m. the curtain on the stage was raised, revealing a well-laden and glittering Christmas tree, and soon after Father Christmas came in amid the clapping of tiny hands. He at once set about distributing toys to each child in turn. Before dispersing, Mr. A. W. Sutherland, on behalf of the parents, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Women's Guild for their kindness in bringing about this happy party. Mr. J. Leber seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer was also thanked for acting as Father Christmas.

MEN'S GUILD.

At the meeting on November 20th Mr. E. R. Noble told the story of Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder Plot.

An appreciable increase in attendance was noted on December 4th, when Christmas stories were related by members, most speakers giving reminiscences of past Christmases. On a show of hands, Fern Tree Gully was decided on as the place for the picnic, to be held on A.N.A Day, January 28th. The members then adjourned to the Assembly Hall for dancing lessons with members of the Women's Guild, under the tuition of Miss E. M. Scott and Mr. W. F. Appleton, A light supper was served at the conclusion of the evening.

On January 8th the Guild met and discussed various subjects, notably the conference of teachers of the Deaf, and on deafness—its causes and cure. The attendance was again very good.

The President, Mr. E. Johnson, entertained members with the story of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on January 22nd, and followed this with a paper on "Spiritualism" on February 5th.

A small party availed themselves of the glorious day on January 28th to make the trip to Fern Tree Gully for the Guild's annual picnic. The party was led by the President, and soon after arriving a tour of the locality was made. After lunch a very happy and enjoyable hike was made in the surrounding hills and fern gullies. As the day drew to its close the picnickers did full justice to their evening meal and returned home well pleased with their outing. The change of venue from the beach to the hills was much appreciated, as there is great charm in the variety of bush scenes and fern glades.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19th, when a new committee was elected. The officers for the year are:—President: Mr. E. R. Noble; Vice-President: Mr. W. McMillin; Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. McGuiness; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. Roxburgh; Committee: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, C. O. T. Graham, F. E. Frewin and W. F. Appleton.

At the meeting on March 5th a lengthy discussion took place on the suggestion for a united effort to raise funds for the clubs attached to the Society. It was agreed that the Guild support such suggestion.

March 19th was President's Night. The President, Mr. E. R. Noble, told the story of "Treasure Island" to the entertainment of all present. It was announced that a visit would be paid to the City Newsboys' Society on Monday, March 25th, and that visits to the Telephone Exchange, the Zoo by night, and to one of the K.P.M. boats were being arranged.

With a very interesting and full programme arranged, the Guild is looking forward to one of its most successful sessions in recent years. New members will be made very welcome to all meetings.

NEW WEST AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY.

The West Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has acquired the two-storey premises at 292 Hay Street, Perth, for use as a Social Hall and Headquarters, and also for church and club purposes.

The building was officially opened on Saturday afternoon, November 10th, 1934, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell), who congratulated the committee on their fine work. The new building, costing £3700, of which £2300 has been paid, consisted of a sports room, smoking room, committee room, ladies' room, library and bathroom upstairs; and downstairs, a kitchen, a lounge, and a large hall for meetings and services, and is surrounded by a fine garden. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blackmore, late of Adelaide, are the new caretakers.

PICTURE NIGHTS.

A further series of Picture Nights was held before the Christmas holidays. On October 6th "Midnight Club" and some small comedy were shown, but the "show" was spoilt because of the failure of

light. The lamp blew out, and not having a spare one, the show (which was half-way through) was abandoned. A new lamp was produced for the showing, on October 13, with Hoot Gibson as the principal star, "Spurs," and Sunny Jim in "No Boys Wanted" and "Rustling Kid."

On November 10th "Mountain Justice," featuring Ken Maynard, was shown with Snookum in "Newlywed Angel Child."

On February 2nd of this year "Tip Off" and "Shannons of Broadway" were shown. Just as the programme was nearing its end the lamp again failed, and the show ended sooner than expected.

MOST POPULAR MAN COMPETITION.



MR. J. PHILLIPS,
Secty. Victorian Deaf Cricket Club

To augment its own and the Christmas Congress and Carnival Fund, the Cricket Club decided to organise a Most Popular Man Competition amongst its committee men, and four of them signified their willingness to contest it and they were accepted. The men were Messrs. J. Phillips (Hon. Secretary), D. Johnston, T. Newton and W. McMillin.

The Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman, were entrusted with the organising work of the competition. The time allowed for the competition was very small, about 10 weeks, beginning late in September and finishing on December 1st.

In view of many other attractions during these months, the "popular men" found their work more strenuous than they expected; but, nevertheless, the competition soon became interesting until the final night, Saturday, December 1st, when Mr. J. M. Johnson was able to announce the results, which were as follows:—Joe Phillips, £14/0/6; W. McMillin, £8/11/2; Don Johnston, £7/18/8; Tom Newton, £7/6/10.

The winner, J. Phillips, most sportingly decided to forego the prize, which he desired to be kept in the fund for which the competition was intended. The chairman, whilst congratulating him, also thanked him for his fine spirit of sportsmanship in helping the fund. The other competitors were also thanked, and each one responded, expressing thanks to all those who had supported them.

The drawing of lucky numbers for prizes by the respective competitors were as follows:—J. Phillips, No. 2155, won by O.W., 918 Hay Street, Perth, West Australia; W. McMillin, No. 1153, won by O. Kermond, 109 Koroit Street, Warrnambool, Victoria; D. Johnston, No. 10, won by Mr. Burke, butcher, Oakleigh, Victoria; T. Newton, No. 347, won by T. Newton himself.

The balance sheet shows total receipts £37/19/10, expenditure £5/2/-, leaving a credit balance of £32/17/10. Out of the above, £24/12/- was handed to the Christmas Congress and Carnival Fund and the rest to its own fund.

WEDDING.

A quiet but pretty little wedding ceremony took place in our Church, Jolimont Square, during the morning of Saturday, March 16th, 1935, when two of our members, Warwick D. Ashby and Edna Sandon, were united in holy matrimony. The bride looked very sweet and pretty in her frock of delphinium blue, with hat to match, and carrying a sheaf of lovely delphiniums and pink carnations. Her sister, Marjorie, who was also in blue, was her only bridesmaid. The bridegroom was ably supported by Fred Kendall.

After a visit to the photographer and the wedding breakfast was partaken of, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick D. Ashby left for Healesville, where the honeymoon was spent.

A beautiful clock and six egg cups were presented to Mr. Ashby by his workmates at the Myer Emporium Ltd.

LIBRARY BOOKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe, of North Fitzroy, have very kindly donated 27 secondhand books to our Library. The books are all of very good reading matter and should appeal to our many readers. There was quite a rush to obtain a loan of them. Very soon after the above gift, Mr. C. Graham, a member of our Society, presented eight equally good books. The Deaf Committee desire to express through this magazine their very keenest appreciation of their splendid gifts. The Committee also desire that our many readers of this magazine, or their friends, would emulate the example set by the abovenamed.

OUR WORLD.

Mr. Selwyn Oxley (hon. organising secretary of the Guild of St. John of Beverley, England), in reply to a letter from Mr. Abraham inviting delegates from the Guild to attend our Centenary celebrations, writes:—

> "Owing to the severe illness and death of my aged mother, it has been quite impossible to call our committee together to consider your kind invitation until quite recently. Therefore it is obviously too late to do anything in the matter at this date. But I would like you to accept our great sense of gratitude for thinking of us, and for the honour you have done the Rev. F. W. G. Gilby and myself in naming us to your Centenary Committee in this kindly way. We appreciate it, both as a Guild and as individuals."

The Hon. Editor has received a number of letters from the country Deaf, stating how pleased they were to be down during the Christmas week and join in that most memorable occasion—the Congress and Carnival Festivities of the Deaf.

Colin Johns, of Horsham, wrote to say how sorry he was that he was not able to share in the Christmas Festivities, as harvesting work had to be considered first, but now the work is about completed. He planned an extensive tour of Eastern Gippsland, The Alps, and New South Wales, including Canberra, during March, but dropped it and stayed for about a week with us in Melbourne instead.

J. McLaurin spent A.N.A. week-end at Warragul, and was present at the official opening of the new Warragul Tennis Courts (eight grass courts). He had a very good time there.

Mrs. Hartley, with her husband, has left her old home in South Melbourne and is now residing at Euroa, the home of their early days. She has not been in good health lately, and it is hoped that the change will do her good. In looking up the records, we note that Mr. and Mrs. Hartley are to celebrate their Golden Wedding on May 2nd next. They were married in the year 1885. We extend early congratulations to them.

On Saturday, October 20th, 1934, Miss Winnie Henry, of South Melbourne, was quietly married to Mr. Richard White, of the same locality, but lately of Neerim Junction, where he recently obtained a situation. The happy couple have made Neerim Junction their permanent home.

Our Centre has missed the cheery face of Mrs. A. C. Muir for the past three months. She has been suffering from a nervous breakdown. At present she is in a nursing home where, thanks to skilful nursing and a large amount of rest and peace, she has been able to make good progress towards health again. Mr. Adam Muir spent many anxious moments and is glad to say that his anxiety is over. He said that his wife often speaks of the Deaf, is always anxious for news, and wished to be remembered to all. She hopes to be able to see us very soon.

Mr. A. and Miss C. Struthers, of Auckland, New Zealand, arrived in Melbourne on November 5th, per s.s. "Monowai," and were met by Mr. J. M. Johnston, who has kept in touch with them since their request for assistance regarding the Customs regulations. After making satisfactory boarding arrangements, Mr. A. Struthers' first thought on the following day, Tuesday, November 6th, was to visit the Flemington Racecourse and see the Melbourne Cup race run. They stayed until the middle of January and visited all the places of interest round Melbourne, and were with us all through the Christmas Congress Festivities. They were amazed at the amount of activities of the Deaf in Australia compared to that of New Zealand, where such organisations are not in existence. They considered that a similar deaf organisation in New Zealand would be useless, as the Deaf there are all brought up on lip-reading system and therefore would not be able to run institutions where speeches, addresses, debates and committees by oralism are given. It would be impossible for them to follow. To understand and read the speaker's lips, they must face each other individually and at as close a range as possible. Soon after the festivities, they took a run to Adelaide for a few days, and

then across the Bass Strait to Hobart and Launceston and their environs, and returned by way of Burnie. Then a motor tour to Sydney via King's Highway, visiting Canberra en route. Now they are back home in Auckland. Mr. A. Struthers is a letter sorter in Auckland G.P.O. He stated there are about four Deaf working like him in various Post Offices in New Zealand.

To select the most eventful and the best part of the Melbourne Centenary celebrations for his holidays, Mr. Percy Smith, of Adelaide, did not make a mistake with his choice, for surely he did have a right royal time during his stay with us. Every event as listed by the Official Centenary Celebration Organisation, it is believed, he attended until the day he left for home. He came over to Melbourne early in October and left for home in middle of January. During his stay he made use of meetings or functions open to him, and prior to his return he spoke most feelingly of the kind opportunities given to him to study our methods, etc.

Mr. A. Rankine, of Adelaide, was down during the early part of November for a week or so. Being a philatelist, the chief attraction for him during his stay was the Philatelic Exhibition held in Melbourne Town Hall. Whilst here he made enquiries as to boarding arrangements for the South Australian visitors during Christmas.

The Hon. Editor received a letter from Miss E. Leber, who gave an account of her week's holiday at Sorrento with her mother, who was not in good health but benefitted by the change. They were staying at the Oriental Hotel, and one night there was a social where she went in for every game and dance. In the musical jolly miller game she was one point off in the final result; her deafness was her drawback, as she could not hear the music stop. Anyway, she was applauded for being a sport. Another night they went to a farewell social to a minister who was leaving the district. A very happy evening was spent, which closed with people clasping hands in a circle and singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "For He is a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Fred Hair, of Rosedale, Gippsland, spent three weeks' holiday in Melbourne during the Duke of Gloucester's visit, and one week at Warburton.

Mr. M. Allsopp, of Echuca, is making an effort to secure a situation in Melbourne, as he finds Echuca holds no prospect for his future. At present he is a trainee at the Blackburn Farm.

Mr. Spinks, of New South Wales, was with us for a good many weeks during the Duke's visit. He went home, but was soon back again for the Christmas Carnival Celebrations. He spoke highly of the grand times he spent with us.

Mr. J. O'Gorman, after many years of unemployment, has secured a different job from that of carpentry. He is now employed at the London Export Co. as packer, etc.

Miss I. Boast, who was with us for almost a year, has gone back to her people at Yarram. During her stay here she became

proficient at tennis and was selected to represent Victoria in the women's section for the "R. Cohen Cup." It is hoped we will see her here again soon.

Mr. D. Ashby, soon after the conclusion of the Christmas Carnival, spent six weeks holidaying in Brisbane and Sydney.

Within ten minutes of being knocked from his bicycle in Fitzroy some weeks ago, Ronald Stevenson met with another accident while being taken to hospital. Crossing the intersection of Greeves and Gore streets on a bicycle, Ronald Stevenson came into collision with a motor cycle outfit and was injured. A neighbour placed him in his sidecar and they started off for St. Vincent's Hospital. At the corner of Victoria Parade and Gore Street the outfit came into collision with a motor car, and the injured youth was thrown out. A civil ambulance took them to the hospital, where Stevenson was admitted with a compound fracture of the leg. The neighbour received attention for an injured knee. The rider of the motor cycle escaped in both accidents. At present R. Stevenson is mending slowly at the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital.

J. O'Toole, of Beaconsfield, Tasmania, who came over with the Tasmanian Deaf cricket team last Christmas, remained in Melbourne until February 22nd, visiting places of interest, including Ballarat and Daylesford. During his stay he was the guest of an old school pal, J. Boal, of South Melbourne.

Our veteran collector, Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer, met with a nasty accident last November. Whilst running in the Old Buffers' Race at the Deaf School Sports at Frankston, he unfortunately slipped and strained his leg, which meant medical attention and ten days off duty. All were pleased to see Mr. Mortimer amongst us again. We all missed his cheery smile.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spent two weeks at Barwon Heads. We are all glad to see him so much benefitted by the change and to have him amongst us again.

Our much esteemed old member, Mr. G. H. Oakley, despite his age, is a wonderful example for his regular attendance at our Church and Club House. Also, like the late Mr. Solomon Moss, who loved his Church, he never fails to bring a most acceptable contribution to our Harvest Thanksgiving each year. Well done, Mr. Oakley; we much appreciate your loyalty.

Mrs. Oakley finds it difficult to attend, but always keeps in touch with our doings and sends greetings to her friends here.

Our fairy godmother, Miss Alice C. Graham, has been much missed at our Centre during the last two or three months. Miss Graham always has a delightful holiday tour at that time of the year and many wish they could have a similar one. All visitors and members were pleased she was with us during the Christmas Festivities, and we hope to see her with us very soon again.

Mr. G. Newnham is very good in his role of M.C. and makes many of our functions most enjoyable.

Mr. W. Appleton, Welfare Officer, recently underwent an operation on his nose and throat. After three weeks in hospital he recuperated for two weeks at Sorrento and, we are pleased to say, returned in the best of health.

Mr. W. D. Jackson, of Queensland, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, of Sydney, were in Melbourne for their Christmas holidays.

The Hon. Editor received a letter from W. Hately, of Camperdown, in which he said he was in fine cricketing form. He enclosed a newspaper cutting which we have pleasure in inserting:—

> "Playing on the Recreation Reserve against Camperdown A, Leura B compiled 225 for the loss of one wicket, which is the highest score in the association games this season. Of this score, W. Hately made 146. Hately batted confidently and freely. He hit nineteen 4's and three 6's. Camperdown A replied with 31 in the first innings and 81 in the second."

He received a trophy of a W. M. Woodfull bat. W. Hately said it is his first century since he started playing cricket about 12 years ago. In the same letter he said his brother, Arthur, went to Warrnambool one day and there met Wern and Cecil Griffiths, of Kenmare, who were on holidays for three weeks. All were O.K.

THANKS.

The Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in recognising the valuable help given by the helpers in making the Monster Jubilee Rally a great success, invited them and their partner friends to a very happy party held in our Assembly Hall on Wednesday, October 31st. At the commencement of the programme, the Principal, Mr. Abraham, expressed, on behalf of the Board and himself, sincere thanks for the fine response by all to bring about that most happy and wonderful event—the Jubilee Rally—and said he trusted that the same spirit of harmony and loyalty will be shown for other purposes that may come from time to time. Games, in charge of Messrs. G. Newnham and J. M. Johnston, were of the jolliest, and this happy event ended with one of the daintiest of suppers. Approximately 70 were present, and everyone went home declaring that it had been one of the most enjoyable parties they had attended.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The Lacrosse Club held their 22nd Annual Meeting on Thursday evening, February 14th. There was a good attendance, chiefly young players and intending players. Mr. A. Stephens, the club's president, occupied the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were received without dissent. Mr. Stephens, speaking on the club's doings in the past year, said that, for a new team, the players had done fairly well, and hoped to see the same sporting spirit amongst the team in the coming year. Mr. Roxburgh, the hon. treasurer, donated a trophy for the best and fairest player in the team. As two players Claude Lyfield and Cliff Ellwood, had gained an equal number of points during play (9 each), Mr. Roxburgh generously doubled his gift, awarding a trophy to each of the abovenamed players. Mr. Lyfield being absent, Mr. Roxburgh presented the trophy to Mr. Ellwood amid applause. The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, with the following results:—President: Mr. A. Stephens (re-elected); Vice-President: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, C. Haynes and W. Appleton. Mr. K. Pickett was reappointed hon. secretary, with Mr. E. R. Noble as minute secretary to assist him. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. Roxburgh (re-elected); Committee: Messrs. V. Wilson, W. Ashby, C. Ellwood and G. Henry.

Mr. Wilson, Snr., stated that, on account of his advancing years, he wished to resign as delegate. The resignation was accepted with sincere regret by the club, Mr. Wilson having served seven successive years as delegate.

The club agreed to have one team only, in "D" Section as last year. At approximately 10 p.m. the meeting was declared closed.

Practices began very early this season; in fact, the first practice run was made on Saturday, January 26th, at Richmond Park, which was followed up on every Saturday of February and March. The Melbourne City Council has been approached for reservation of a playing space in the Yarra Park, and with the close proximity of the ground to our headquarters, new heart has been instilled into the players and many new bloods have asked for inclusion. They will have to show their mettle before being selected.

BIRTHS.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Burge, of Richmond on February 2nd—Noumea Monnell.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Puddy, of Brunswick, on February 16th, 1935.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we have to report the passing away of Mr. J. Harris, of 57 Hawthorn Street, Coburg, late of Adelaide, after a long illness with rheumatic fever. He was buried at Fawkner Cemetery. He was a brushmaker by trade, but had been out of work for a long time. He leaves a wife and grown-up family.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Maurice Mark, the hon. secretary of our Ballarat Branch, in the loss he has sustained through the death of his mother. Her cheery and kindly welcome will be missed by many of the Deaf who have cause to remember her during their visits to Ballarat.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Cricket Club opened its season with a match against South Melbourne I.O.R. on October 6th and 13th, on our ground at St. Kilda, and won by 76 runs on first innings. We made 3 wickets for 131 runs (dec.), H. Nathan 44, R. Ryan 37 not out, W. Ashby 21. The opponents made 57. J. Brundell secured 3 wickets for 6 runs, Don Johnston 3 for 13, and W. Ashby 2 for 15.

The next match was on October 20th and 27, against South Melbourne A.N.A., and we lost the match on first innings by only one

run. Our side made 98 runs; W. Ashby 30, J. Brundell 20. South Melbourne A.N.A. made 99 runs. R. Chaundy took 6 wickets for 33 runs.

The third match was against Prentice Social on November 3rd and 10th and resulted in an outright win for our team by an innings and 53 runs. We made 6 for 138 (dec.); H. Nathan 64 not out, R. Ryan 19. Prentice Social made 66 and 19; R. Lygon 2 for 7, Don Johnston 2 for 4 in first innings and 4 for 0 (including hat trick) in second innings, R. Chaundy 3 for 2.

Clarendon opposed our team on November 24th and December 1st, and we lost the match outright by 28 runs. Clarendon scored 99 and 49, and our side responded with 80 and 40. H. Nathan was top scorer, 23 runs; W. Ashby, 4 for 15, and R. Chaundy, 4 for 27, in first innings, and R. Chaundy 8 for 33 in second innings

Our team gained another outright win by an innings and 64 runs against Karella on December 8th and 15th. Karella scored 28 in first innings (J. Boal 5 for 12) and 91 in second innings (J. Brundell 5 for 6, Don Johnston 4 for 27). Our team scored 184 runs (J. Brundell 66 not out and F. Sandon 24).

On January 5th and 12th the match against Renown resulted in a draw. Rain robbed our chance of victory on the second day. We batted first and made 124 runs (W. Ashby 43, D. Johnston 28). Renown scored 7 for 62 (R. Chaundy 2 for 9, J. Brundell 3 for 27).

An outright win by an innings and 35 runs was credited to us over Fur Traders, who made 150 (W. McMillin 5 for 7 and J. Brundell 4 for 40) in first innings and 92 in second innings (J. Brundell 5 for 46). Our side made 7 for 277 (dec.) (W. Ashby made 101 runs, J. Brundell 57, D. Johnston 38, and R. Chaundy 34 not out).

On February 2nd and 9th Nelson accounted for our team on first innings by 32 runs. We made 137 runs (W. Ashby 35, R. Chaundy 25), Nelson replied with 169 runs.

Another comfortable win for our team on February 16th and 23rd, against Garden City, by 45 runs outright. Our side made 143 and 70. J. Boal and R. Ryan, 24 each, W. Ashby 23 were the best with the bat in first innings. R. Chaundy top scorer with 12 in second innings. Garden City made 105 and 63. D. Johnston, 5 for 25 in first innings, 3 for 14, J. Brundell 4 for 14, M. Allsop 2 for 5 in second innings were the best with the ball.

The final match of the season was played against Minerva on Mareh 2nd and 9th, and our team lost outright by 12 runs. Minerva made 71 and 92 and our side 86 and 65. W. Ashby, 20 and 21, was the only one who managed to make the best scores in both innings. D. Johnston 4 for 15, and R. Chaundy 4 for 25 in first innings, and R. Chaundy 5 for 7 (including hat trick), J. Brundell 5 for 21 in second innings, were the outstanding bowlers.

TENNIS NEWS.

The Tennis Club held its 12th Annual Meeting on the afternoon of September 29th, 1934, at the Club House, when the reading of the annual report and balance sheet revealed the healthy condition of the club. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President: Mr. F. E. Rees; Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Dow; Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Committee: Misses B. Higgie and O. Minton, Messrs. T. Peters, J. Dickenson, A. Anderson and E. R. Noble.

During the meeting J. Dickenson and Miss Higgie were presented with Founders Cups for their respective wins in the club's singles championship by the donor, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, and J. Dickenson and Miss M. Sandon for club's mixed doubles, received a casserole dish and cake tray from Mr. F. E. Rees. The donors were heartily thanked for their beautiful trophies. It was agreed at this meeting that the tournament for Founders Trophies for the coming year 1934-35 be held on handicap system, and it is hoped that many interesting games will be witnessed.

The same night, at the conclusion of the annual meeting, the club ran a social evening, which brought an unusually large crowd owing to, no doubt, the attractive notice on our notice board, which showed the social's title as "What Is It?" It was a "salamagundi," and a very enjoyable evening was spent, including supper. This social was for the benefit of the Christmas Congress and Carnival Fund.

CHRISTMAS TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Championship Tournament run by the Victorian Deaf Tennis Club during the Christmas week, concurrently with the Australian Deaf Association's "R. Cohen Cup" Tournament, was a big success, and it attracted 35 entries. The matches were played on the Melbourne Grammar School's four asphalt courts, kindly lent for the occasion by the headmaster of that school, and the results were as follows:—

Gent's Singles Championship.

First Round.

A. Levitzke (W.A.) defeated D. Wallis (Vic.), 6-1, 6-0.
G. Wilbow (N.S.W.) defeated A. Anderson (Vic.), 6-0, 6-3.
J. Schultz (N.S.W.) defeated D. Ferguson (S.A.), 6-2, 7-5.
J. Dickenson (Vic.) defeated J. Walters (Vic.), 6-1, 6-2.
R. Mills (N.S.W.) defeated J. T. Jones (S.A), 6-0, 6-4.
O. Gordon (N.S.W.) defeated M. Webb (N.S.W.), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.
J. McLaurin (Vic.) defeated R. Sandon (N.S.W.), 6-3, 6-3.
G. Damman (Vic.) defeated G. Dunnett (S.A.), 6-2, 6-0.

Second Round.

A. Levitzke (W.A.) defeated G. Wilbow (N.S.W.), 6-0, 6-0.
J. Schultz (N.S.W.) defeated J. Dickenson (Vic.), 6-2, 6-1.
O. Gordon (N.S.W.) defeated R. Mills (N.S.W.), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
J. McLaurin (Vic.) defeated G. Damman (Vic.), 0-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Third Round.

A. Levitzke (W.A.) defeated J. Schultz (N.S.W.), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
O. Gordon (N.S.W.) defeated J. McLaurin (Vic.), 6-2, 6-0.

Final.

A. Levitzke (W.A.) defeated O. Gordon (N.S.W.), 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Ladies' Singles Championship.

First Round.

M. Watts (Tas.) defeated J. Murphy (Vic.), 6-3, 6-4.
B. Higgie (Vic.) defeated I. Boast (Vic.), 6-2, 6-4.
T. Wilson (Tas.) defeated E. Taylor (Tas.), 6-1, 7-5.
Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) defeated Mrs. C. Stanbury (S.A.), 6-0, 6-2.
P. Johnstone (Vic.) defeated V. Bartle (N.S.W.), 6-4, 6-2.
S. Martin (S.A.) defeated Mrs. J. T. Jones (S.A.), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
L. Wilcox (N.S.W.) defeated O. Minton (Vic.), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1.
F. Ninnes (N.S.W.), bye,

Second Round.

F. Ninnes (N.S.W.) defeated M. Watts (Tas.), 8-6, 4-6, 6-1.
B. Higgie (Vic.) defeated T. Wilson (Tas.), 6-0, 6-2.
Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) defeated P. Johnstone (Vic.), 6-1, 6-2.
L. Wilcox (N.S.W.) defeated S. Martin (S.A.), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Third Round.

B. Higgie (Vic.) defeated F. Ninnes (N.S.W.), 6-2, 9-7.
Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) defeated L. Wilcox (N.S.W.), 6-1, 6-2.

Final.

B. Higgie (Vic.) defeated Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.), 8-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles Championship.

First Round.

J. Walters & A. Levitzke defeated M. Webb & R. Mills, 6-2, 8-6.
O. Gordon & J. Schultz defeated A. Simons & D. Ferguson, 6-0, 6-1.
J. Dickenson & G. Damman defeated A. Anderson & J. McLaurin, 6-4, 8-6.
J. Winchester & F. Tucker defeated D. Wallis & J. Stewart, 6-0, 6-0.

Second Round.

O. Gordon & J. Schultz defeated J. Walters & A. Levitzke, 6-2, 7-5.
J. Dickenson & G. Damman defeated J. Winchester & F. Tucker, 6-2, 9-7.

Final.

O. Gordon & J. Schultz (N.S.W.) defeated J. Dickenson & G. Damman (Vic.), 6-4, 6-3.

Ladies' Doubles Championship.

First Round.

F. Ninnes & L. Wilcox defeated T. Wilson & E. Taylor, 6—3, 6—1.
P. Johnstone & M. Watts defeated I Boast & J. Murphy, 6—2, 6—1.
Mrs. Stanbury & S. Martin defeated B. Higgie & O. Minton, 4—6, 6—1, 6—4.
Mrs. Winchester & V. Bartle, bye.

Second Round.

Mrs. Winchester & V. Bartle defeated F. Ninnes and L. Wilcox, 6—3, 3—6, 11—9.
P. Johnstone & M. Watts defeated Mrs. Stanbury & S. Martin, forfeit.

Final.

Mrs. Winchester & V. Bartle (N.S.W.) defeated P. Johnstone (Vic.) & M. Watts (Tas.), 6—1, 6—3.

Mixed Doubles Championship.

First Round.

O. Gordon & Mrs. Winchester defeated A. Levitzke & T. Taylor, 6—1, 6—2.
J. McLaurin & Miss P. Johnstone defeated G. Dunnett & Mrs. J. T. Jones, 6—4, 7—5.
A. Anderson & Miss T. Wilson defeated J. Stewart and M. Watts, 6—0, 6—1.
R. Mills & Miss L. Wilcox defeated G. Damman & I. Boast, 6—2, 6—2.
J. Schultz & Miss F. Ninnes defeated A. Simons & Mrs. Stanbury, 6—3, 6—0.
D. Ferguson & Miss S. Martin defeated J. Walters & Miss J. Murphy, 6—4, 6—2.
J. Dickenson & Miss B. Higgie defeated D. Wallis & Miss O. Minton, 6—4, 6—3.

Second Round.

O. Gordon & Mrs. Winchester defeated J. McLaurin & Miss P. Johnstone, 6—0, 6—4.
R. Mills & Miss L. Wilcox defeated A. Anderson & Miss T. Wilson, 6—1, 6—2.
J. Schultz & Miss F. Ninnes defeated D. Ferguson & Miss S. Martin, forfeit.
J. Dickenson & Miss B. Higgie, bye.

Third Round.

O. Gordon and Mrs. Winchester defeated J. Dickenson & Miss B. Higgie, 6—2, 1—6, 6—4.
J. Schultz & Miss F. Ninnes defeated R. Mills and Miss L. Wilcox, forfeit.

Final.

J. Schultz & Miss F. Ninnes (N.S.W.) defeated O. Gordon & Mrs, Winchester (N.S.W.), 6—0, 3—6, 6—4.

A.D.G. HOCKEY CLUB.

The Adult Deaf Girls' Hockey Club held its fifth annual meeting on the afternoon of February 23rd, 1935. The weather was ideal for the meeting, which was held on the lawn under a large oak tree. The wind also was in sporting mood, and urged the acorns to keep the meeting lively by dropping, sometimes with considerable force, on those present. The result was, many shots were exchanged by the girls.

In the absence of the President, Miss A. C. Graham, who was on a holiday tour, the Vice-President, Miss Empson, presided. After the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet, a suggestion was made that the game of basket ball be tried for this season in place of hockey, as the latter seems rather difficult and strenuous. After much discussion, it was decided to resign from the Victorian Women's Hockey Association and make application for membership of the Basket Ball Association.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Miss Graham; Vice-President, Miss Empon; Honorary Treasurer, Miss R. Dow; Joint Honorary Secretaries: Misses G. Hunter and M. Sandon; Committee, Misses E. Lloyd and E. Walters. Miss Alice Smith, the ex-Honorary Secretary, did not stand for re-election, and a pleasing tribute was made for her work during her term of office.

It was decided to have a change in the colour of the tunics and many suggestions were made.

The wish was expressed that a basket ball court could be made in Jolimont Square, but, when the only land available was measured, it was found to be not large enough.

After the meeting closed most of the members remained for tea on the lawn, and chatted till almost dark.

BASKET BALL CLUB.

Our club has now been affiliated with the Victorian Women's Basket Ball Association, and a very fine ground has been secured at Albert Park. It has meant a larger expenditure than at first anticipated, for new posts had to be purchased.

Two practice matches have been played with the Deaf School team, one at the School, and the other on our ground. The result of the grading match at the Teachers' Training College ground is not known yet, but the girls are most enthusiastic, and should do well in change over.

It was decided that the new uniforms should be navy blue and white check tunics, navy belt, white blouses, grey stockings, and black shoes.

The season opens on 27th April.

THANKS.

The Centenary Council and the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria wish to thank all who helped to make their Christmas Congress and Festivities a success, especially the kind courtesy and generous action of the Board of Management of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution in providing bed and breakfast for 120 of our guests for the duration of the Congress, and to Mr. McCaskill for his kindness in undertaking the arrangements for their comfort at the Institution, also to the Mayors and Councillors of Collingwood and Hawthorn for free use of Town Halls, to Melbourne Cricket Club Authorities and the Principal of the Melbourne Grammar School for free use of cricket grounds and tennis courts, to Minister of Public Works Department for free use of Old Legislative Council Chambers, to Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., for bay trip tickets, to Mentone Recreation Committee for use of Mentone Recreation Reserve, to proprietor of "Glenworth Cafe" for use of hall for farewell party, and to Y.M.C.A. for allowing the use of billiard tables for tournaments.

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
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6th November, 1934

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Old folk, young folk - join the happy throng,
Pack your lunch and bathers and bring the kids along.

Age Nov 6th 1934

Deaf and Dumb Congress.

The board of management of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda-road, has generously placed at the disposal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Jolimont, two large dormitories which will enable the society to entertain 120 extra deaf and dumb visitors from the various States and the country towns of Victoria to the congress of the National Council of the Deaf and Dumb. An added kindness on the part of the institution is the promise to provide breakfast for those of the deaf and dumb folk who accept accommodation there. Under the auspices of the society some 500 deaf and dumb folk are expected to take part in the various meetings, sports, competitions and festivities. large contingents coming from [illegible] South Wales and South Australia.

Herald Dec 14th 1934

Deaf To Hold Congress

To bring before the public the needs of the adult deaf, the Victorian Branch of the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf will give the first of a series of papers in Central House, Collins Street, at 8 p.m. on December 27.

Subjects affecting the interest of the deaf will be discussed at a congress during Christmas week.

Sun Dec 22nd 1934

Deaf and Dumb Celebrations

The adult deaf and dumb Centenary celebrations from today until January 1 are being held under the auspices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Jolimont Square. The celebrations include the conference of incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia, congress of the National Council of the Deaf and Dumb; test matches, tennis tournaments, athletic sports, billiards, chess and other championships; deaf and dumb women's needlework exhibition, banquet, ball, tour of the Dandenong Ranges, and a trip down the bay.

Herald 20th Dec 1934

BIG DEAF AND DUMB CONGRESS

Interstate Gathering

On December 24 the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria will begin a 10-day Congress. About 150 delegates from all States of Australia will attend and discuss their problems by dextrous manipulations of the fingers.

Incorporated in the congress is a programme of sporting events.

Cr. T. S. Nettlefold will deputise for the Lord Mayor (Cr. Wales) in tendering the visiting delegates a civic reception in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 27.

The official programme is:—

Monday, December 24. — Arrival visiting delegates at Spencer Street; 8 p.m., Public welcome social, Collingwood Town Hall.

Tuesday.—11 a.m., Divine Worship, Church for the Deaf; 1 p.m., Christmas Dinner, Collingwood Town Hall; 3 p.m., Visit Shrine of Remembrance; 6 p.m., Christmas Tea and Party, Collingwood Town Hall.

Wednesday — 10 a.m., Interstate cricket and tennis, Melbourne Grammar School Grounds, Albert Park Grounds; 7.30 p.m., Opening of Conference of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies, Old Legislative Council Chamber.

Thursday.—10 a.m., Civic Reception to delegates at Town Hall; Continuation of Interstate contests; 7.30, Opening of Congress of National Council of the Deaf, Old Legislative Council Chamber.

Friday.—10, All day steamer trip to Queenscliff; 8 p.m., Continuation of National Congress.

Saturday.—10 a.m., Finals of interstate contests; 8 p.m., Grand Ball, Hawthorn Town Hall.

Sunday.—Special Services: 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Cathedral (Archbishop Mannix); 3 p.m., St. Paul's Cathedral (Archbishop Head); 7 p.m., Church for the Deaf, Jolimont.

Monday.—10 a.m., All day motor tour of Dandenong Ranges; 7 p.m., Banquet and presentation, The Victoria, Little Collins Street.

Tuesday.—10 a.m., All day sports meeting at Mentone; 7 p.m., Family social and presentation of prizes, Glenworth Cafe, Mentone Beach.

S-PICTORIAL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1934

or Cyclists In Match Before



DEAF AND DUMB DELEGATES FROM N.S.W. arrived in Melbourne on Saturday to attend the Centenary celebrations of their societies.

Deaf And Dumb Of Three States Begin Centenary Celebrations

ABOUT 200 deaf mutes from New South Wales, South Australia and Victorian country centres arrived in Melbourne yesterday for the opening of the Centenary celebrations of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

With more arrivals from Victorian country districts, Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia, it is expected that 350 will sit down to Christmas dinner

Yesterday visitors attended services in the society's church in Jolimont Square, the morning devotion being conducted by the welfare officer (Mr W. Appleton) and the night service by the principal (Mr E. J. D. Abraham).

At 8 p.m. today there will be a welcome social in Collingwood Town Hall and the Deaf Dramatic Club and deaf women entertainers will present, in the language of gesture, the comedy Who's To Win Him? The public is invited

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DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

Centenary Congress and Festivities.

Busy days on welfare deliberations and inter-State sporting contests will commence on Monday next and continue until 2nd January, when the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria will entertain some 300 visitors from all the States and country districts of Victoria who are visiting Melbourne for the congress of the National Council of the Deaf and that part of the Centenary celebrations arranged for the deaf and dumb.

A welcome social, to which the general public is invited, will be staged on Christmas eve, in the Collingwood town hall. The president of the society (Mr. L. A. Cleveland) will preside, and Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., and other prominent public men will be present. Christmas dinner and tea for about 400 will be served at the Collingwood town hall. On Wednesday at 10 a.m. inter-State cricket and tennis matches between teams representing New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria will commence on the Albert and the Melbourne Grammar School grounds, and will be continued on Thursday and Saturday.

The conference of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia will open at the old Legislative Council Chamber at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and will be continued the next day, whilst the congress of the National Council of the Deaf will open at the same chamber at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, and will be continued on Friday evening. A civic reception will be extended to the visiting delegates by Cr. T. S. Nettlefold, as deputy for the Lord Mayor, at the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday at 10 a.m. On Friday the visitors will make a trip down the Bay to Queenscliff, and on Saturday evening they will be the guests at a plain and fancy dress ball at the Hawthorn town hall. Special services will be held on the following Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 11 a.m. and at St. Paul's Cathedral at 3 p.m., at both of which services the public are invited to be present.

A motor tour of the Dandenong Ranges and a banquet will be held on the last day of the old year, whilst the New Year will be ushered in with an inter-State athletic sports meeting and family party at Mentone beach.

DEAF & DUMB CELEBRATIONS

UNIQUE PLAY AND DINNER

One of Melbourne's most interesting Christmas dinners is likely to be at the Collingwood Town Hall tomorrow, when more than 400 deaf-mutes, gathered from all over Australia for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Centenary celebrations, will take part.

An invitation to be present is extended to the whole of the deaf and dumb community of Melbourne. The contingent already here will be joined tomorrow morning by 30 Tasmanian delegates and competitors in the sporting events.

Yesterday's arrivals included 80 delegates and competitors from New South Wales and 50 from South Australia. They were motored to the Society's headquarters, where they joined a dinner party of 300 deaf-mutes.

SIGN PLAY

A unique play, lasting 50 minutes, will be staged at the welcome to congress visitors in the Collingwood Town Hall tonight, when eight deaf and dumb players will interpret the hilarious situation caused by the arrival of an eligible bachelor after five spinsters have, for years, been unsuccessfully making advances towards the only other bachelor in the village.

The dialogue will be carried out entirely in the finger and sign language. Those among the audience who can hear will have the theme explained to them by a speaker before the first scene.

THE PROGRAMME

The congress, spread over 10 days, will end on the evening of January 1.

The programme for tomorrow and Wednesday is as follows:—

TOMORROW—

9 a.m.: Arrival at North Wharf of Tasmanians.

11 a.m.: Placing of wreath at Shrine of Remembrance.

1 p.m.: Christmas dinner at Collingwood Town Hall.

2.30 p.m.: Visit to Captain Cook's cottage, Fitzroy Gardens; Australian Deaf Cricket Association conference.

5.30 p.m.: Tea, followed by social evening at headquarters.

WEDNESDAY—

All day: Billiards, chess and draughts championships at Jolimont Square club house.

9.45 a.m.: Interstate cricket and tennis matches begin; cricket at Albert Ground, St. Kilda Road, and Melbourne Grammar School ground, St. Kilda Road; tennis at Melbourne Grammar School ground and L.T.A.V. courts, Albert Ground.

1 p.m.: Luncheon at Albert Ground.

6 p.m.: Tea at Jolimont headquarters.

7.30 p.m.: Conference begins of Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies and Missions of Australia at old Legislative Council Chambers.

8 p.m.: Indoor competitions at Jolimont Square club.

Star Dec 26th 1934

DEAF AND DUMB TOURNEY

The triangular deaf and dumb interstate tennis tournament between Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia for the A. R. Cohen shield was begun to-day at the Melbourne Grammar School courts.

The scores were:—

Doubles.—Gordon-Schutz d. Dickenson-Dammon, 6-4; Mills-Webb d. Walters-McLaurin, 6-2; Gordon-Schutz d Walters-McLaurin, 6-1; Dickenson-Dammon d. Mills-Webb, 6-4.

Herald Dec 26th 1934

DEAF-DUMB SPORTS

This week 400 adult deaf and dumb of Victoria and other States are holding sports meetings and a Congress.

Today New South Wales played South Australia at Albert Park cricket ground and Tasmania played Victoria at Melbourne Grammar School. This afternoon there was a tennis match at the Grammar School, and tonight there will be draughts table tennis and chess tournaments at Jolimont Square headquarters and billiards at the Y.M.C.A.

The incorporated adult deaf and dumb societies and Missions of Australia will meet at the Exhibition Building tonight, and tomorrow night the National Council of the Deaf and Dumb will hold a conference of their own all in signs without an interpreter. They will discuss employment and other problems.

Tomorrow morning at 10 p.m. the acting Lord Mayor (C. Nettlefold) will receive Congress delegates at the Town Hall.

A feature of the Congress of special interest to women will be the display tomorrow afternoon at Jolimont Square

TENNIS RESULTS

Gordon-Schutz d. Dickinson-Damman, 6—4; Mills-Webb d. Walters-McLaurin, 6—2; Gordon-Schutz d. Walters-McLaurin, 6—1; Dickinson-Damman d. Mills-Webb 6—4; Mrs Winchester-Miss Minnis d. Miss Heggie-Miss Boast, 6—4; Gordon-Miss Minnis d Dickinson-Miss Heggie, 6—3; Shutz-Miss Minnis d Damman-Miss Heggie, 6—4; Mills-Mrs Richardson d Walters-Miss Boast 6—1; Webb-Mrs Winchester d McLaurin-Miss Boast, 6—0.

December 26th 1934.



J. CHRISTIE (N.S.W.), batting against Victoria in the interstate Deaf and Dumb cricket match at the Albert Ground to-day.

Deaf And Dumb Conference Begins Sport With Cricket And Tennis



SPECTATORS at the cricket match between South Australian and New South Wales teams of deaf mutes at the Albert ground yesterday, applauding at an interesting stage of the match.

THE first big event in the Centenary gathering of the deaf and dumb from Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia was the beginning of the interstate cricket and tennis matches, the opening rounds of table-tennis, chess and draughts championships, and a conference between the State representatives yesterday.

Today South Australia and Victoria will meet at the Albert Ground, and New South Wales and Tasmania at Melbourne Grammar School.

Cricket

Victoria, 168 (W. Ashby 78, H. Nathan 36, D. Johnston 26; McGrath 3-26, Fieldhouse 3-16) d. Tasmania (A. Wright 15, G. Egan 28, Fleming 13; M. Mark 4-27, Chaundy 3-27) by 61 runs on the first innings.

South Australia, 181 (H. Richards 77, W. Abbott 16, G. Tunbridge 10, J. Angove 26, W. Angove, n.o. 21; Emerson 4-64, Beath 3-44) d. New South Wales, 180 (J. Christie 14, F. Johnston 12, Emmerson 80, Beath 10; Phillips 26, Beath n.o. 14; McRae 4-39, Richards 3-44) by one run.

Tennis

New South Wales v. Victoria (visitors' names first) — Men's doubles: Gordon-Schultz d. Dickenson-Damman 6-4; Mills-Webb d. Walters-McLaurin 6-4; Gordon-Schultz d. Walters-McLaurin 6-1; Mills-Webb lost to Dickenson-Damman 4-6.

Women's doubles: Mrs. Winchester-Miss Ninness d. Misses Higgie-Boast 6-4. Mixed doubles: Gordon-Miss Ninness d. Dickenson-Miss Higgie 6-3; Schultz-Miss Ninness d. Damman-Miss Higgie 6-4; Mills-Mrs. Winchester d. Walters-Miss Boast 6-1; Webb-Mrs. Winchester d. McLaurin-Miss Boast 6-0.

New South Wales won by eight sets to one. Victoria will play South Australia today.

The Victorians left in the men's singles championship are J. Dickinson, J. McLaurin and G. Damman, the others being Wilson, Schultz, Mills and Webb, of New South Wales.

In the women's singles first round the winners were: M. Watts (Tas.), B. Higgie (Vic.), T. Wilson (Tas.), Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.), P. Johnston (Vic.), S. Martin (S.A.), Wilcox (N.S.W.). Miss M. Watts (Tas.) and Miss Ninness (N.S.W.) did not finish their match.

DEAF MUTES' CONGRESS.

Delegates from All States.

RECEPTION AT COLLINGWOOD.

Deaf mutes from every State in Australia are represented in Melbourne at present by delegates attending the Centenary congress, convened by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Large parties arrived on Christmas eve, and there are now nearly 400 representatives here, including 80 from New South Wales, 50 from South Australia, 20 from Tasmania, and many from West Australia, Queensland and Victorian country towns.

On Monday night a public reception was accorded the visitors at Collingwood town hall. Mr. L. A. Cleveland, president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, said the congress would play an important part in the Melbourne Centenary celebrations, being the deaf and dumb community's contribution to the success of the celebrations. He hoped the congress would achieve much good. It was only seventy years since the first school for the deaf was established in Australia, and only recently Victoria celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. He hoped all delegates would spend an enjoyable and instructive time in Melbourne.

Cr. Smith, on behalf of the mayor of Collingwood, also welcomed the delegates.

Mr. Olney, M.L.C., said there were a thousand deaf and dumb people in Victoria. They had been denied gifts given to the rest of the community, but everybody was impressed with their self-reliant character, by which they so ably assisted themselves. It was remarkable that the deaf always seemed to radiate happiness, and were always striving to solve their own problems. Because of that fine spirit they deserved the sympathy and assistance of the whole community.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, deputy chairman of the New South Wales society, and Mr. A. M. Rankin, of South Australia, also delivered addresses. Mr. S. Phillips, a deaf mute from New South Wales, gained vigorous expressions of endorsement when he said the deaf and dumb wished to let the public know that they were ordinary people, and possessed of high ideals of citizenship. Ten years ago the deaf mutes were looked down upon, but fortunately that feeling of ignorant misunderstanding was passing away.

During the evening the National Anthem was rendered by a women's choir with graceful gestures in sign language, followed by several hymns and popular songs. A comedy was also presented, in which a designing female in a cafe made some easy picking from simple men. With full pantomime effects, every degree of humor was brought to the surface and exploited to the utmost.

Programme for To-day.

To-day inter-State cricket and tennis matches between delegates from the various States will begin on the Albert and Melbourne Grammar School grounds, and chess, draughts and billiards matches will be conducted at Jolimont and the Y.M.C.A. At 7.30 p.m. the congress of the adult deaf and dumb societies will be opened in the old Legislative Assembly chamber.

DEAF AND DUMB

CENTENARY CONVENTION

Songs, Speeches, and Plays

Songs, speeches, and short plays were included in a programme in the Collingwood Town Hall on Monday night to inaugurate the Centenary conference of Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies, which will be continued this week. More than 400 deaf and dumb men and women attended. Councillor Smith represented the mayor of Collingwood (Councillor Nugent), and Mr. Olney, M.L.C., was on the platform.

The National Anthem was sung in the sign language, and later the hymn, "Meet Me at the Fountain" was performed by the Deaf Ladies' Choir; Miss Connie Ball sang the words. There were short plays and sketches which were uninterpreted, and which relied on the subtle touches of the artists for their meaning. The producer of a short play, "Who's To Win Him," was the chairman of the Deaf and Dumb committee (Mr. F. E. Prewin).

Speeches were made by the president of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), the chairman of the board of management (Mr. N. Armstrong), the honorary secretary of the society in Sydney (Mr. A. L. Lonsdale), and Mr. A. M. Rankin, of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Society. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham and Mr. J. M. Johnston acted as interpreters. Many of the speakers emphasised that the deaf and dumb desired to be treated as ordinary citizens, with the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Yesterday morning the visitors went to the Shrine of Remembrance, where a wreath was laid by Mr. Johnston, as chairman of the National Council of the Deaf. An address was delivered by Mr. F. Appleton. Later 400 visitors were entertained at a Christmas dinner in the Collingwood Town Hall by Mr. E. H. Peacock, on behalf of the board of management. To-day a series of cricket, tennis, and other matches will be played.

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WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. Winchester-Miss Ninness d. Miss Heggie-Miss Boast, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

Gordon-Miss Minness d. Dickinson-Miss Heggie, 6-3; Schulz-Miss Minness d. Dammon-Miss Heggie, 6-4; Mills-Mrs. Winchester d. Walters-Miss Boast, 6-1; Webb-Mrs. Winchester d. McLaurin-Miss Boast, 6-0.



F. JOHNSTON (N.S.W.), batting in the interstate Deaf and Dumb cricket match, Victoria v. New South Wales, at the Albert Ground to-day.

VICTORIA BEGINS WELL

Interstate Deaf and Dumb Matches

Concurrent with the National Congress of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies, sporting fixtures between four States, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, were begun at the Albert and Melbourne Grammar School grounds to-day.

While billiards, chess, draughts, and table tennis were being played at the society's clubhouse at Jolimont, teams from New South Wales (holders), South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria competed for the E. J. D. Abraham cricket shield.

For the A. R. Cohen tenins shield, held by New South Wales, three States, New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, competed.

At the Melbourne Grammar School ground Victoria met Tasmania in the cricket series, while New South Wales and South Australia were the opponents at the Albert ground.

Victoria and South Australia, by winning on the first innings, will meet in the final for the shield on the Albert ground at 9.45 a.m. to-morrow.

VICTORIA v. TASMANIA

TASMANIA—1st Innings

Williams, b Brundell	9
Wright, c Hately, b Boal	15
Webb, b Mark	6
Landrick, c Boal, b Mark	8
McGrath, st Ryan, b Chaundry	1
Ryan, b Mark	28
Fielding, c Brundell, b Chaundry	9
Smith, c Brundell, b Mark	8
O'Toole, run out	3
Williamson, lbw, b Chaundry	6
Fleming, not out	13
Sundries	18
Total	107

Principal Bowling.—Mark 4/27, Chaundry 3/27, Brundell 1/17, Bone 1/18.

VICTORIA—1st Innings

Nathan, b Williams	36
Allsopp, c O'Toole, b McGrath	8
Sandon, c Fleming, b McGrath	0
Brundell, c and b Webb	1
Boal, c Webb, b McGrath	5
Ashby, b Smith	78
Ryan, b Fielding	3
Hately, c Williams, b Fielding	4
Johnston, c Webb, b Smith	28
Mark, c Egan, b Fielding	0
Chaundry, not out	0
Sundries	9
Total	168

Bowling.—Smith 2/12, McGrath 3/26, Williams 1/26, Fielding 3/16.

TASMANIA—2nd Innings

Wright, not out	32
Williams, not out	19
Sundries	4
No wicket for	55

N.S.W. v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1st Innings

Eldson, c and b Emerson	2
Richards, b James	77
Hocking, b Emerson	4
Abbott, b Beath	16
Tunbridge, b Beath	10
Hollister, b Beath	0
Angrove, b James	26
McRae, b Della	7
Stanbury, b Emerson	8
Barnett, b Emerson	0
N. Angrove, not out	21
Sundries	10
Total	181

Bowling.—Emerson 4/64, Beath 3/44, James 2/34.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1st Innings

Johnstone, b Richards	12
Christie, b McRae	14
Thorburn, b Richards	4
Fullarton, b McRae	0
James, l b w, b McRae	9
Beath, l b w, b Richards	10
Emerson, c Stanbury, b Angrove	80
Phillips, b McRae	26
Kinsella, by Angrove	4
Tucker, run out	2
Della, not out	14
Sundries	5
Total	180

Principal Bowling.—Richards 3/43, McRae 4/39, Angrove 2/16.

DEAF-DUMB CRICKET

Concurrent with the national congress of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies, sporting fixtures, between four States, Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania, began on the Albert and Melbourne Grammar School grounds today.

The E J. D Abraham's cricket shield engaged New South Wales (holders) and South Australia at the Albert Ground, and Victoria met Tasmania at Melbourne Grammar.

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VICTORIA v. TASMANIA

TASMANIA
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Williams, b Rundell	9
Wright, c Hately, b Boal	1
Webb, b Marks	
Landrick, c Boal, b Marks	
McGrath, st Ryan, b Chaundry	
Ryan, b Marks	28
Fielding, c Rundell, b Chaundry	0
Smith, c Rundell, b Marks	0
O'Toole, run out	3
Williamson, lbw., b Chaundry	6
Fleming, not out	13
Extras	18
Total	107

Bowling. — Marks, 4/27; Chaundry, 3/27; Rundell, 1/17; Boal, 1/18

Second Innings

Williams, not out	5
Wright, not out	10
Extra	1
No wicket for	16

VICTORIA
First Innings.

Latham, b Williams	36
Allsopp, c O'Toole, b McGrath	8
Sandon, c Fleming, b McGrath	0
Brundell, c and b Webb	1
Boal, c Webb b McGrath	5
Ashby, b Smith	78
Ryan, b Fielding	0
Hately, c Williams, b Fielding	4
Johnston, c Webb, b Smith	26
Mark, c Egan, b Fielding	0
Chaundy, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	168

Bowling.—Smith, 2/12; McGrath, 3/26; Williams, 1/26; Fielding, 3/16.

N.S.W. v. S.A.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
First Innings.

Eldson, c and b Emerson	2
Richards, b James	77
Hocking, b Emerson	4
Abbott, b Beath	18
Tunbridge, b Beath	10
Hollister, b Beath	0
C. Androve, b James	26
McRae, b Della	7
Stanbury, b Emerson	8
Barnett, b Emerson	0
N. Androve, not out	21
Extras	10
Total	181

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Johnstone, b Richard	12
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Thorborn, b Richards	4
Fullarton, b McRae	0
James, lbw, b McRae	9
Beath, lbw, b Richards	10
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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE E.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

CONGRESSES OF ADULT DEAF SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE DEAF
CRICKET MATCHES AND TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
Under the auspices of the A.D.C.A. and the A.D.T.A.
ATHLETIC SPORTS, BILLIARDS AND OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS
HELD IN MELBOURNE
23rd DECEMBER, 1934, TO 1st JANUARY, 1935.

MEMBERS TICKET

Name.....

State.....

Joint Organising Secretaries } ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM
J. M. JOHNSTON

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

SPORTS MEETING AT MENTONE
Tuesday, January 1st, 1935
Admit One to TEA and FAREWELL PARTY in the
GLENWORTH CAFE.
TEA AT 5.30 P.M.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

SPORTS MEETING AT MENTONE
Tuesday, January 1st, 1935
Admit One to DINNER, 1 p.m., at
GLENWORTH CAFE.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

SPORTS MEETING AT MENTONE
Tuesday, January 1st, 1935
Train leaves No. 1 Platform (East End), Flinders St. Station, at 9.40 a.m.
Return by any train.
Present this Coupon to Assistant Organiser in exchange for Railway Ticket.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Monday, 31st December, 1934.

Admit One to
BANQUET AND PRESENTATION
Banquet Hall, "The Victoria Palace," Little Collins Street, at 7 p.m.
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT THIS COUPON

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Monday, 31st December, 1934.

Admit One to
LUNCHEON AT SASSAFRAS (12 Noon)
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE TABLE

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Monday, 31st December, 1934.

MOTOR TOUR OF DANDENONG RANGES
Parlor Coaches will leave Jolimont Square at 9.30 a.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON UPON TAKING YOUR SEAT

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Saturday, 29th December, 1934.

Admit One to
BALL
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL, 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE DOOR

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Friday, 28th December, 1934.

Admit One to
TEA
On board P.S. "Weeroona" at 5 p.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT TABLE

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Friday, 28th December, 1934.

Admit One to
DINNER
On Board P.S. "Weeroona" at 12 Noon.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT TABLE

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Friday, 28th December, 1934.
Admit One to
BAY TRIP TO QUEENSCLIFF
BY P.S. "WEEROONA"
The "Weeroona" leaves Port Melbourne at 10 a.m. sharp.
You will be asked to present this Coupon on board, also when leaving and returning to the boat at Queenscliff.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Tuesday, 25th December, 1934.

Admit One
XMAS TEA AND PARTY
COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL at 5.30 p.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE DOOR

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Tuesday, 25th December, 1934.

Admit One
XMAS DINNER
COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL at 1 p.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE DOOR

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Monday, 24th December, 1934.

PUBLIC WELCOME SOCIAL
Admit One to Reserved Seats.
COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL at 8 p.m.
PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE DOOR

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Incorporated).
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Victorian Centenary

Deaf and Dumb Celebrations

23rd December, 1934—1st January, 1935

Programme of Arrangements

of the

Conference of Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies and Missions of Australia.

Congress of the National Council of the Deaf.

Interstate Cricket Matches of the Australian Deaf Cricket Association for the Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield.

Interstate Tennis Tournaments of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association for the R. Cohen Cup.

Athletic Sports, Billiards, Chess and other Championships.

Deaf Women's Needlework Exhibition

and the

Festivities to be held in celebration of the Victorian Centenary.

M.R. B. TAYLOR

State... TASMANIA

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
December 23rd, 1934 — January 1st, 1935

LUNCHEON COUPONS	TEA COUPONS
Available at either the ALBERT CRICKET GROUND (ST. KILDA ROAD) or the ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE (JOLIMONT SQUARE) Organising Secretaries. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM J. M. JOHNSTON	Available at ADULT DEAF CLUB HOUSE JOLIMONT SQUARE
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FIRST DAY.

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SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

9 a.m. Arrival of South Australian delegates, teams, competitors and visitors at Spencer Street Railway Station.

11.30 a.m. Divine Service in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square.

1 p.m. Lunch in the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont, for all interstate guests.

5.30 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Hall for all interstate guests.

7 p.m. Divine Service in the Church for the Deaf.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

12 Noon Arrival of New South Wales delegates, teams, competitors and visitors at Spencer Street Railway Station.

1 p.m. Lunch at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont, for all interstate and country guests.

2.30 p.m. Meeting of delegates of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association.
Cricket and Tennis practice.

5.30 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Hall for interstate and country guests.

8 p.m. GRAND WELCOME SOCIAL at the COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL (by kind courtesy of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Collingwood). Chairman, L. A. Cleveland, Esq., President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, supported by H. H. Olney, Esq., M.L.C. and other prominent citizens.

The DEAF DRAMATIC CLUB and Deaf Lady Entertainers will present unique and humorous performances, including the comedy "Who's to Win Him?" General public invited.

THIRD DAY.

TUESDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

9 a.m. Arrival of Tasmanian delegates, teams, competitors and visitors by boat at North Wharf.

11 a.m. Visit to Shrine of Remembrance and the placing of a wreath upon the Shrine.

CHRISTMAS PARTY to the whole of the Deaf and Dumb community in Melbourne on Christmas Day, in the COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL (by kind courtesy of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Collingwood. Host on behalf of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Edgar H. Peacock, Esq., J.P., Acting Hon. Treasurer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and Consul for Czechoslovakia.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2.30 p.m. Visit to Captain Cook's Cottage, Fitzroy Gardens. Australian Deaf Cricket Association Conference.

5.30 p.m. Tea.

7 p.m. Social Evening. Master of Ceremonies, Mr. George Newnham.

"Glory to God in the Highest, on Earth, Peace, Goodwill to All Men."

FOURTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

9.45 a.m. Interstate Cricket and Tennis Matches begin.

The Cricket contests between N.S.W., S.A., Tasmania and Victoria will take place at the Albert Ground, St. Kilda Road (by kind courtesy of the Melbourne Cricket Club), and the Melbourne Grammar School Ground, St. Kilda Road (by kind courtesy of the Head Master).

The Interstate Tennis Tournaments will take place at the Melbourne Grammar School Ground and L.T.A.V. Courts at Albert Ground.

1 p.m. Luncheon at Albert Ground only.

2 p.m. Resumption of Matches. Public invited.

All Day and Evening Billiards, Chess, Draughts, etc., Championships at the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont Square. For full particulars see Notice Board at Club House.

6 p.m. Tea at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, for interstate and country guests and season ticket holders.

7.30 p.m. **Opening of Conference of Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies and Missions of Australia** in the OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (by kind courtesy of the Minister of Public Works).

8 p.m. Indoor Competitions, etc., at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Club House, Jolimont Square.

FIFTH DAY.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

9.45 a.m. Resumption of Cricket and Tennis Matches.

10 a.m. Resumption of Billiards, Chess, etc., Championships.

Civic Reception at Melbourne Town Hall to delegates to Conference and Congress. (Cr. T. S. Nettlefold will receive the delegates as deputy for, and in the absence of, the Lord Mayor.)

1 p.m. Luncheon. (Albert Ground only.)

2 p.m. Resumption of Cricket and Tennis Matches. See previous day.

3 p.m. Exhibition of Deaf Women's Needlework, etc., in the Principal's room and office, Administrative Buildings of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Jolimont Square.

6 p.m. Tea at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

7.30 p.m. **OPENING OF THE CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE DEAF**, in the OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (by kind courtesy of the Minister of Public Works).

9.30 p.m. Visit to the "Argus" Office (by kind invitation of the proprietors). Limited to 60 persons.

SIXTH DAY.

FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

10 a.m. **WHOLE DAY TRIP DOWN THE BAY TO QUEENSCLIFFE**, in the P.S. "WEEROONA." (Special concessions by kind courtesy of Mr. Evans and Bay Steamers Limited.) Interstate delegates, teams, competitors and guests dinner and tea on board. The accommodation for meals on board being very limited, Victorian deaf and hearing friends are expected to arrange for their own meals.

7.30 p.m. Continuation of Congress of National Council of the Deaf in the Old Legislative Council Chambers. Finals of Billiards and Chess, etc., Championships.

SEVENTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

9.45 a.m. Finals of Interstate Cricket and Tennis Matches.

1 p.m. Luncheon. (Albert Grounds only.)

2 p.m. Resumption of Final Matches.

All Day Finals of Billiards, Chess, etc., at the Adult Deaf Club House.

6 p.m. Tea at the Assembly Hall.

8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. **GRAND PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS BALL** HAWTHORN TOWN HALL (by kind courtesy of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Hawthorn). (Train to Glenferrie Railway Station.) Host, on behalf of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Matthew J. Hoath, Esq.

Supper.

EIGHTH DAY.

SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

11 a.m. Special Services, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. Mass. Archbishop Mannix will officiate.

1 p.m. Dinner at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont, for interstate and country guests and season ticket holders.

3 p.m. ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. Address by Archbishop Head.

5.30 p.m. Tea at the Assembly Hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont, for interstate and country guests and season ticket holders.

7 p.m. CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, Jolimont Square.

NINTH DAY.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

9.30 a.m. **TOUR OF DANDENONG RANGES** by MOTOR COACHES. Meet at Jolimont Square. On the way to the Ranges one hour will be spent at the Home for Aged and Dependent Deaf and Dumb and Flower Farm, Lake Park, Blackburn.

12.30 p.m. Luncheon at Sassafras.

7 p.m. **BANQUET** and Presentation of Shield and Cup, Banquet Hall of the Victoria Palace, Little Collins Street. Chairman, Norman Armstrong, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

TENTH DAY.

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TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

PICNIC AND SPORTS MEETING, Mentone Recreation Ground (by kind courtesy of the Mentone Recreation Committee).

9.30 a.m. Meet at east end of No. 1 Platform, Flinders Street Railway Station. N.B.—Rail tickets must be obtained at the office of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont. Available any time from 20th to 29th December. Book early. (Special train arrangements by kind courtesy of the Victorian Railways Commissioners).

10.30 a.m. Sports. (See special programme.)

1 p.m. Luncheon at Glenworth Cafe, Mentone Beach.

2.30 p.m. Resumption of Sports.

6 p.m. High Tea at Glenworth Cafe.
Bathing. Use of bathing boxes all day.

7.30 p.m. **FAREWELL PARTY** and Presentation of Prizes at Glenworth Cafe (by kind courtesy of the proprietor). Host, on behalf of the Society, Principal Ernest J. D. Abraham. Guests may return by any train.

Meals may be obtained at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Headquarters, Jolimont, from 12 noon to 6.30 p.m. on all days except Tuesday, Friday and Monday (25th, 28th, 31st December) and Tuesday (1st January).

The Centenary Council and Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria desire to record their deep appreciation of the kind courtesy and generous action of the Board of Management of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution in providing bed and breakfast for 120 of our guests for the duration of the Congress and Festivities, and especially to Mr. McCaskill for his kindness in undertaking the arrangements for their comfort at the Institution.

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THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE.

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Organising Secretaries:

Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham
Mr. J. M. Johnston.

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DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETIES.

COMMONWEALTH ORGANISATION PROPOSED.

Enthusiastic support for the formation of a Commonwealth organisation was given by all delegates at a conference of the Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies held in the old Legislative Assembly Chamber, Exhibition-buildings, last night. An apology was received from the only absentee State, Queensland. Mr. L. A. Cleveland (Vic.) was appointed provisional chairman, and Mr. M. J. Hoath (Vic.) provisional secretary. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

That this conference deems it desirable that a Commonwealth organisation of incorporated adult deaf and dumb societies in Australia be formed.

That the membership of the proposed Commonwealth organisation consist of two members to be appointed by the board of management of the incorporated society in each State, executive officers of the several incorporated societies to act as advisory officers.

That a draft constitution be prepared and submitted to the boards of management of the incorporated societies of the various States for their consideration and comment.

That this conference learns with regret that New South Wales does not provide for the compulsory education of deaf and dumb children, and respectfully suggests that early representation be made to the Government of the State to obtain such provision.

That Colonel Payne (Tas.) be asked to convey to the conference of representatives of deaf and dumb schools in the Commonwealth, to be held in Melbourne in the near future, fraternal greetings from this conference, and to assure them of its support, and to ask that the two organisations co-operate in the interests of the deaf and dumb of the Commonwealth.

DEAF AND DUMB COMPETITIONS.

A Comprehensive Programme.

Cricket and Tennis Matches.

Whilst in Melbourne for the annual conference, members of the incorporated institutions and missions of the Deaf and Dumb of Australia are conducting an extensive sporting programme. Yesterday, cricket and tennis matches were played in the afternoon, and at night those not at the opening conference at the old Legislative Council-chambers, took part in the indoor sports competitions. The preliminary rounds of the billiards was played at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, and the quoits and chess rounds were played at the Deaf and Dumb club rooms, Jolimont. All the tournaments were well patronised by the 400 deaf mutes who have congregated in Melbourne.

CRICKET MATCHES.

Victoria proved too strong for Tasmania at the Albert ground, and when the game was interrupted by the heavy rain Victoria had already gained a first innings victory. The scores are:—

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

W. Ashby, b K. Smith	73
H. Nathan, b Williams	38
W. Allsopp, c O'Toole, b McGrath	8
F. Langdon, c Fleming, b McGrath	0
I. Brundell, b Webb	1
J. Boal, c Webb, b McGrath	6
D. Johnson, c Webb, b Smith	28
R. Ryan, b Fielding	4
W. Hately, c Williams, b Fielding	4
M. Mark, c Egan, b Fielding	18
H. Chaundy, not out	2
Extras	9
Total	165

Bowling.—R. Egan 0/12, T. McGrath 3/25, F. Williams 1/26, C. Webb 1/32, O. Fielding 3/15, H. Williams 0/14, W. Limerick 0/7, A. Wright 0/12, K. Smith 2/12.

TASMANIA.—First Innings.

F. Williams, c Brundell	9
A. Wright, c Hately, b J. Boal	15
C. Webb, b M. Mark	6
W. Limerick, c Boal, b M. Mark	8
R. Egan, b M. Mark	28
T. McGrath, st Ryan, b Chaundy	1
O. Fielding, b Chaundy	0
K. Smith, c Brundell, b M. Mark	0
N. O'Toole, run out	0
W. Fleming, not out	3
H. Williams, lbw Chaundy	6
Extras	18
Total	107

Bowling.—Brundell 3/27, J. Boal 1/15, M. Mark 3/7, D. Chaundy 3/36.

Second Innings.

Williams, retired hurt	26
A. Wright, not out	32
C. Webb, not out	2
Extras	4
For wicket for	65

Bowling.—Brundell 0/10, Mark 0/14, Chaundy 0/14, Johnston 0/5, Hately 0/1.

Victoria won by 61 runs on the first innings.

Matches for to-day are: Victoria v. South Australia, at Albert ground, and New South Wales v. Tasmania, at Melbourne Grammar School.

South Australia and New South Wales contested an exciting match at Melbourne Grammar School oval. South Australia, batting first, scored 205 runs. The final was excellent. When the last wicket of the New South Wales team fell the score was 180, only one run behind.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

W. Pidsan, c and b Emmerson	2
M. Richards, b James	77
H. Hocking, b Emmerson	8
W. Abbott, b Beath	18
G. Tunbridge, c Tacker, b Beath	19
Hollister, b Beath	3
J. Angrove, b James	20
W. Angrove, not out	21
C. McRae, b Webb	7
C. Stanbury, b Emmerson	18
H. Barnett, b Emmerson	0
Extras	10
Total	181

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DELEGATES ENTERTAIN

Conviviality In Silence

Robed in classic white gowns girdled about the waist, and with the eager eyes and graceful hands of the speechless, a choir of deaf and dumb girls in the Collingwood Town Hall on Christmas Eve evoked a sense of beauty too fine for pathos.

AFTERWARDS they joined with the Deaf Dramatic Club to present a comedy, "Who's to Win Him?"

More than 300 people, most of them deaf mutes from all States attending the Victorian Centenary conference of Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies and Associations of Australia, were welcomed at the Christmas Eve social by the Victorian president (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., and others.

After an impressive "description" of the National Anthem and the anthem of the deaf, the choir sang "The More We Are Together," which certainly needed no explanation.



Mr. B. TIPPETT, a N.S.W. delegate.

A short comedy sketch, "Are All Men Fools?" was a delightfully funny piece of miming by Mrs. A. Smith and Messrs. G. H. Newnham, A. W. Sutherland, and J. Dickenson.

"When Johnnie Comes Marching Home," a gesture-recitation by Mr. F. E. Frewin, and a scene in the bar by Mr. W. A. Paterson prepared the audience for the vivid play-acting to come.

"Who's To Win Him?" was the story of five maids and one man, and only the clever grimaces of Messrs. G. H. Newnham and F. E. Frewin and the mimic gallantry of Alex. Anderson prevented the honours from being completely carried off by the women—the Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, Alice Smith, Ethel Leber, and Doris Hickey.

"How are the actors and the choir taught?" a visitor asked the chairman of the Victorian deaf committee (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham).

"They aren't taught," he replied. "They teach themselves. Given the opportunity, they are likely to accomplish anything requiring team work in half the time taken by a group of ordinary people."

By courtesy of Miss E. Doran, several interstate delegates were interviewed by "The Star." Miss Doran, the daughter of deaf and dumb parents, and herself normal, has worked for deaf and dumb welfare since she graduated from Woodcourt College, Sydney. Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the leader of the Sydney delegation, describes Miss Doran as the best deaf and dumb "speaker" and interpreter in Australia. She directs the activities of adult girls in dancing, sports, and other forms of expression, and is particularly devoted to the interests of the children of deaf mutes.

Skilled Craftsmen

"They are usually normal in voice and hearing," she explained, "but there is a danger of their becoming mentally 'different' through too much association with deaf mutes and too little with other children like themselves."

Among the women delegates introduced by Miss Doran was Mrs. Charles Richards, a teacher at the deaf and dumb school, City road, Newtown. Her husband, also a deaf mute, is chief draughtsman for H. E. C. Robinson Ltd.

Oliver Gordon, who will play in the interstate tennis tournaments of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association, has 19 cups in his collection of trophies, and Harold Emerson, who is captain of the deaf cricket team, has represented New South Wales in lacrosse.

Most of the delegates are successful at work and play, and it is notable that they are employed in highly skilled trades and professions, such as draughtsmanship, mechanics, or process engraving.

On Christmas Day the delegates placed a wreath on the Shrine of Remembrance, and assembled for dinner at the Collingwood Town Hall.

The atmosphere was charged with happiness and the fellowship of common interests, and nobody who watched the hundreds of swift hands in conversation could continue to believe that conviviality is incompatible with friendly silence.

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DEAF AND DUMB CARNIVAL

VICTORIA and South Australia, the undefeated teams, met on the Albert Ground when the interstate deaf and dumb carnival was resumed today. New South Wales, holders of the E. J. D. Abraham's Shield, who were beaten by one run by South Australia yesterday, met Tasmania at the Melbourne Grammar ground today.

Victoria v. South Australia

South Australia made a tactical blunder, after winning the toss, in deciding to have first use of a wicket that favored the bowlers.

The Victorian bowlers made best use of their opportunities and, assisted by two run-outs, ended the South Australian first innings for 68.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

First Innings

Richards, c Brundell, b Boal	29
Hollister, c Johnston, b Brundell	5
J. Androve, c Hately, b Brundell	1
N. Androve, run out	0
Tunbridge, c Hately, b Brundell	1
Abbott, run out	13
Eldson, c Brundell, b Boal	0
Stanbury, b Boal	12
Barnett, c Ashbury, b Boal	0
McRae, c Chundry, b Mark	5
Hocking, not out	1
Extra	1
Total	68

Bowling—Brundell 3-19. Chaundy 0-30. Boal 4-14, Mark 1-4.

VICTORIA

First Innings

Nathan, b McRae	17
Ashby, not out	39
Allsopp, not out	9
Extras	4
One wicket for	69

New South Wales v. Tasmania

Because of the state of the wicket, play was delayed at the Melbourne Grammar School Ground until after 11 a.m.

NEW SOUTH WALES

First Innings

Emmerson, b Ronnie	26
Phillips, b Ronnie	14
Fullerton, b Ronnie	14
Della, b Webb	4
James, not out	33
Extras	4
Four wickets for	95

(Lunch.)

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Deaf and Dumb Play for Cricket Shield

When the interstate deaf and dumb cricket carnival was resumed on the Albert and Melbourne Grammar School grounds to-day interest centred in the meeting of Victoria and South Australia, the undefeated teams.

South Australia batted first on winning the toss from Victoria, at the Albert ground, but the wicket favoured the bowlers.

VICTORIA v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—1st Inns. (Richards, c Brundell, b Boal, 29; Hollister, c Johnston, b Brundell, 5; J. Angrove, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; N. Angrove, run out, 0; Tunbridge, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; Abbott, run out, 13; Eldson, c Brundell, b Boal, 0; Stanbury, b Boal, 12; Barnett, c Ashby, b Boal, 0; McRae, c Chaundy, b Mark, 5; Hocking, not out, 1; sundry, 1; total, 68).

Bowling.—Brundell 3/19, Chaundy 0/31, Boal 4/14, Mark 1/4.

VICTORIA.—1st Inns. 4/181 (dec.) (Nathan b McRae 17, Allsopp run out 9, McMillan b J. Angrove 3, Chaundry b J. Angrove 37, Ashby n.o. 93, Brundell n.o. 8, sundries 14).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—2nd Inns. 0/1 (Hollister n.o. 0, Tunbridge n.o. 0, sundry 1).

New South Wales, the holders of the E. J. D. Abraham Shield, were beaten by one run by the Adelaide players yesterday, and met Tasmania at the grammar school ground.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. TASMANIA

NEW SOUTH WALES.—1st Inns. 7/131 (Emmerson, c and b Egan 26; Phillips, 6; Egan, 14; Fullarton, b Egan, 14; Della, b Webb, 4; James, c Williamson, b Egan, 33; Christie, c Fielding, b Williamson, 4; Johnston, c Smith, 0; Egan, 9; Beath, not out, 16; Chambers, not out 11; sundries 3).

Deaf and Dumb

Results of interstate matches between deaf and dumb teams yesterday were:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.—South Australia—181 (Richards 77, Angrove 26, Abbott 16, Stainbury 8, Turnbridge 16, McRae 7; Emmerson 4/64, Beath 3/44, James 2/38), d. New South Wales, 180 (Emmerson 80, Phillips 26, Christie 14, Della 14, Johnstone 12; McRae 4/39, Richards 3/43, Angrove 2/16), on the first innings by one run.

TASMANIA v. VICTORIA.—Victoria, 168 (Ashby 78, Nathan 36, Johnston 26, Allsopp 8; McGrath 3/26, Fielding 3/16, Smith 2/12), d. Tasmania, 107 and 52 (Egan 28, Wright 15, Fleming 13, Williams 9; Mark 4/27, Chaundy 3/27, Brundell 1/17, Boal 1/18; Wright 32 n.o., Williams 20), on the first innings.

...eath, 3/44; James, 2/38, Della, 1/10.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

J. Christie, lbw, b McRae	14
F. Johnstone, b Richards	12
Anderson, b Richards	0
Fullarton, c Richards, b McRae	0
Emmerson, c Stanbury, b J. Angrove	80
A. James, lbw, b McRae	0
Beath, lbw, b Richards	10
F. Phillips, b McRae	26
Della, not out	14
Tucker, run out	2
Extras	5
Total	180

Bowling.—Hollister, 0/14; Richards, 3/44; McRae, 4/59; Eldson, 0/13; Tunbridge, 0/25; Hockings, 0/19; J. Angrove, 2/18.

South Australia won on the first innings by one run.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia have entered teams for the tennis championship (Cohen Cup). Yesterday New South Wales 8 sets easily defeated Victoria 1 set. To-day, at Melbourne Grammar courts, Victoria will meet South Australia. The results of yesterday matches, played at Melbourne Grammar School courts, are:—

Men's Doubles.—Gordon-Schultz (N.S.W.) d. Dickenson-Damman, 8-4; Mills-Webb (N.S.W.) d. Walter-McLaurin, 6-4. Gordon-Schultz (N.S.W.) d. Walters-McLaurin, 6-1; Mills-Webb (N.S.W.) lost to Dickenson-Damman, 4-6.

Women's Doubles.—Mrs. Winchester-Miss Ninness (N.S.W.) d. Misses Higgie-Boast, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—Gordon-Miss Ninness (N.S.W.) d. Dickenson-Miss Higgie, 6-3; Schultz-Miss Ninness (N.S.W.) d. Damman-Miss Higgie, 6-4; Mills-Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) d. Walters-Miss Boast, 6-0; Webb-Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) d. McLaurin-Miss Boast, 6-0.

The individual championship results are:—Men's Singles.—Willow (N.S.W.) d. Anderson (V.), 6-0, 6-3; Schultz (N.S.W.) d. Ferguson (S.A.), 6-2, 7-5; Dickenson (V.) d. Walters (V.), 6-1, 6-2; Mills (N.S.W.) d. Jones (S.A.), 6-0, 6-4; Webb (N.S.W.) v. Gordon (N.S.W.), 4-6, 5-4 (unfinished); J. McLaurin (V.) d. London (N.S.W.), 6-3, 6-3; Damman (V.) d. Dighet (S.A.), 6-1, 6-0.

Women's Singles.—Miss Watts (T.) d. Miss Murphy (V.), 6-3, 6-4; Miss Higgie (V.) d. Miss Boast (V.), 6-2, 6-4; Miss Wilson (T.) d. Miss Taylor (T.), 6-1, 7-5; Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.) d. Mrs. Stanbury (S.A.), 6-0, 6-2; Miss P. Johnstone (V.) d. Miss Bartle, 6-4, 6-2; Miss S. Martin (S.A.) d. Mrs. Jones (S.A.), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Miss Wilcox (N.S.W.) d. Miss O. Minton (V.), 7-5, 6-3; Miss Watts (T.) v. Miss Ninness (N.S.W.), 4-4, 4-5 (unfinished).

ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF OF AUSTRALIA.

In order not to clash with the congress and sports arrangements of the local Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Australian Association decided, in a sporting sense, to postpone its similar meetings until next year. The influence of the Centenary makes the various events of the society extraordinary, and all arrangements are controlled by "hearing" officials, therefore, are not "direct" from the deaf and dumb.

The association is not controlled by or acting under any other society, association, mission or federation. It claims to be the only national council or association of the deaf, and it claims also that it provides the only open platform on which all the deaf use self-freedom in the voice of their own interests.

The Victorian branch of the association will welcome many deaf visitors, who are members of the association, at a meeting to be held this evening at the Central House, 174 Collins-street, city, at 7.30. A series of papers concerning the welfare of the deaf and dumb will be read by the deaf themselves from their direct viewpoint to enlighten public opinion on the true position of local adult deaf and dumb organisations. The public is cordially invited. Admission free.

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CITY'S WELCOME RECEIVED BY SIGNS



As Alderman Crespin (acting for the Lord Mayor) read Melbourne's greeting to delegates to the Deaf and Dumb conference, the Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr E. J. D. Abraham) translated the message into the sign language.

With nimble fingers and eloquent gesture the acting Lord Mayor (Alderman G. H. Crespin) spelt out a cordial welcome to Interstate and New Zealand delegates to the National Congress of the Deaf, and the Conference of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Society, when he received them at the Town Hall today.

"I—give—you—all—a—hearty—welcome." Alderman Crespin's fingers said while his silent "listeners" applauded delightedly. But the strain was too great and Alderman Crespin soon had to resort to words.

"In my younger days," he said, apologetically, "I used to speak fairly quickly with my hands, but I have had very little practice lately."

Uplift Work

He paid tribute to the deaf and dumb for their remarkable adaptability and mastery of the arts of production.

Returning thanks for the reception, Mr E. H. Peacock, representing the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, said that the deaf and dumb were not a sub-normal class. They sought to make themselves a living factor in the community for the uplift of Australia.

The speeches were translated by nimble fingered interpreters.

500 Delegates

The conference began yesterday, and the first sitting of the congress will be held at the old Legislative Chambers tonight.

Both will deal with subjects of vital importance to the adult deaf and dumb, and will be continued in day or night sessions to January 1. They have brought to Melbourne nearly 500 delegates, including 80 from New South Wales, 50 from South Australia, 30 from Tasmania and two each from Western Australia, Queensland and New Zealand.

Having dissociated itself from all other associations and organisations, the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf (Victorian branch) will hold a special meeting at Central House 174 Collins Street, tonight.

Papers will be read by deaf members, and an explanation given of the difference between the aims of the association and those of other organisations for the deaf

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SIGN LANGUAGE USED IN CIVIC WELCOME

Revealing unsuspected knowledge of the deaf and dumb sign language, Alderman G. H. C. Crespin welcomed interstate delegates to the Centenary Deaf and Dumb Congress at a civic reception today.

HE welcomed the visitors at the Town Hall, in the absence on holidays of the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. G. Wales).

The visitors smiled delightedly when Alderman Crespin spelt carefully, deliberately, and accurately with his fingers, "I give you a very hearty welcome."

"I used to be able to speak the deaf and dumb language well in my younger days, but I am pretty slow now," Alderman Crespin then declared apologetically, while the interpreter, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, flashed with gesticulating fingers the alderman's spoken words to his unhearing audience.

Responding to Alderman Crespin's welcome, Mr. E. H. Peacock, one of the delegates, stressed the fact that deaf people, apart from their disability, were normal and able to hold their own in every other way with people who could hear.

"We hope as a result of this congress that New South Wales will fall into line with the other States and provide State education for deaf children between the ages of 6 and 16 years," added Mr. Peacock.

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Deaf and Dumb Play for Cricket Shield

When the interstate deaf and dumb cricket carnival was resumed on the Albert and Melbourne Grammar School grounds to-day interest centred in the meeting of Victoria and South Australia, the undefeated teams.

New South Wales, the holders of the E. J. D. Abraham Shield, were beaten by one run by the Adelaide players yesterday, and met Tasmania at the grammar school ground.

South Australia batted first on winning the toss from Victoria, at the Albert ground, but the wicket favoured the bowlers.

VICTORIA v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—1st Inns. (Richards, c Brundell, b Boal, 29; Hollister, c Johnston, b Brundell, 5; J. Angrove, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; N. Angrove, run out, 0; Tunbridge, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; Abbott, run out, 13; Eidson, c Brundell, b Boal, 0; Stanbury, b Boal, 12; Barnett, c Ashby, b Boal, 0; McRae, c Chaundy, b Mark, 5; Hocking, not out, 1; sundry, 1; total, 68).

Bowling.—Brundell 3/19, Chaundy 0/31, Boal 4/14, Mark 1/4.

VICTORIA.—1st Inns., no wkts. for 5 (Ashby n.o. 4, Nathan n.o. 0, Sundry 1).

NEW SOUTH WALES v. TASMANIA

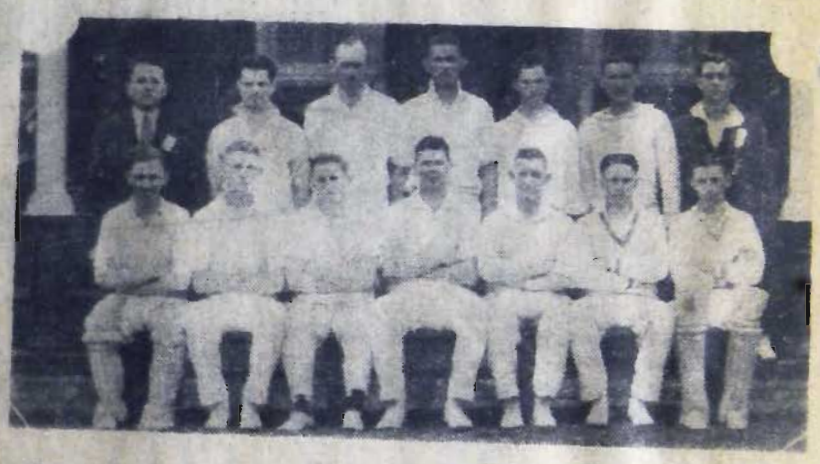
NEW SOUTH WALES.—1st Innings: Emmerson n.o. 26, James n.o. 11, Sundry 1—no wickets for 38.

Tennis Trophy for Deaf and Dumb

After their loss to New South Wales yesterday Victoria met South Australia on the Melbourne Grammar School courts to-day in the second day's play for the Cohen tennis shield in the Deaf and Dumb Societies' Centenary carnival.

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N.S.W. Deaf Mutes Meet Victorians at Cricket



THE NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM, which met Victoria in the interstate Deaf and Dumb cricket match at the Albert Ground. New South Wales has held the E. J. D. Abraham's Shield for the last 11 years.

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DEAF WOMEN'S WORK EXHIBITED

Excellent Examples of Handicraft

A NEEDLEWORK competition and exhibition of the work done by the deaf and dumb women of Australia, taking the form of an interstate competition, is being held at the club house of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont.

Approximately 200 exhibits have been received, and all are exquisite examples of handicraft.

Entries were for white embroidery (eyelet or Richelieu work), coloured embroidery, white embroidery (choice of d'oyley or supper cloth), coloured embroidery (choice of d'oyley or supper cloth), knitted jumper, knitted set of baby's woollies, and best article in crochet work.

No restrictions were made as to the ages of competitors. The exhibition will remain open until 8 p.m. this evening, and will be open again all day on Saturday, but not in the evening.

Deaf visitors to Melbourne from all parts of the Commonwealth, who are members of the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf, will be welcomed by members fo the Victorian branch of the association at an informal social this evening, at the Central House, 174 Collins street.

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Handiwork of Deaf and Dumb Workers



Miss E. R. Simpson preparing exhibits for the All-Australian Needlework Exhibition at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Wellington Parade, Jolimont, today.

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Surprise for Deaf and Dumb Visitors

Alderman S. H. C. Crespin, who is acting Lord Mayor in the absence of Councillor A. G. Wales on holiday, caused surprise at a civic reception in the Town Hall yesterday. Welcoming interstate delegates of the deaf and dumb congress, Alderman Crespin rose and addressed them accurately in sign language. Alderman Crespin spelled the words "I give you a very hearty welcome" without the assistance of the interpreter. Then he explained that he had been able to speak the deaf and dumb language well in youth, but had since become unfamiliar with it. The remainder of his address of welcome was delivered with the assistance of the interpreter.

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Bay Trip For Deaf and Dumb Delegates Today



Some of the delegates to the Deaf and Dumb conference, waving as the Weeroona left Port Melbourne today taking them on a Bay picnic.

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INTER-STATE DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETIES.

Cricket and Tennis Championships.

Inter-State cricket matches for the Australian Deaf Cricket Association (E. J. D. Abraham Shield) championship were played yesterday.

To-day members will hold a picnic at Queenscliff. To-morrow the finals of the cricket and tennis championships will be played. Minor indoor matches will also be concluded to-morrow.

Results of yesterday's games are as follow:—

CRICKET.

VICTORIA D. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Victoria easily defeated South Australia at Albert ground. After making 182 runs for the loss of four wickets the Victorian bowlers dismissed South Australia for 68 and 58. Scores:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Richards, c Brundell, b Boal	29
Hollister, c Johnston, b Brundell	5
E. Angrove, c Hately, b Brundell	1
J. Angrove run out	0
Tunbridge, c Hately, b Brundell	1
Abbott, run out	13
Eldson, c Brundell, b Boal	0
Stanbury, b Boal	12
Barnett, c Ashbury, b Boal	0
McRae, c Chaundy, b Mark	5
Hocking, not out	1
Sundry	1
Total	68

Bowling.—Brundell, 3/19; Chundy, 0/31; Boal, 4/14; Mark, 1/4.

Second Innings.

Tunbridge, c and b McMillen	3
Hollister, c Mark, b McMillen	9
Hocking, low, b McMillen	2
Richards, c Boal, b McMillen	15
Abbott, c and b Chaundy	6
E. Angrove, c Nathan, b Chaundy	3
J. Angrove, c Mark, b Chaundy	3
McRae, low, b Chaundy	2
Stanbury, b Chaundy	2
Barnett, not out	0
Eldson, run out	4
Sundries	9
Total	58

Bowling.—J. Brundell, 0/0; Boal, 0/7; McMillen, 4/22; Chaundy, 6/21.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

Ashby, not out	94
Nathan, b McRae	17
Allsopp, run out	9
McMillen, b J. Angrove	2
Chaundy, c J. Angrove, b Eldson	37
Brundell, not out	3
Extras	14
Total for four wickets (dec.)	182

Bowling.—Hollister, 0/18; Richards, 0/28; McRae, 1/33; J. Angrove, 1/23; E. Angrove, 0/9; Tunbridge, 0/6; Eldson, 1/29; Barnett, 0/19; Hocking, 0/5.

Victoria won by an innings and 56 runs.

NEW SOUTH WALES d. TASMANIA.

New South Wales bowlers proved to be too accurate for the Tasmanians at Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Tasmanians were missed for 12. Chambers four for 11 and Emmerson, six for 23, bowled unchanged throughout the innings. New South Wales made 189, and Tasmania, in the second innings, had scored 36 without the loss of a wicket when stumps were drawn. Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

Emmerson, c and b Egan	26
Phillips, b Egan	14
Fullerton, low, b Egan	14
Webb, b Walsh	2
James, c Williamson, b Egan	33
Christie, c Fielding, b Williamson	4
Johnston, c Smith, b Egan	0
Beath, b McGrath	17
Chambers, not out	46
Kinsella, not out	20
Sundries	11
Total for eight wickets (dec.)	189

Bowling.—Williams, 0/23; McGrath, 1/21; Fielding, 0/22; Webb, 1/42; Egan, 5/26; Ellerton, 0/15; Williamson, 1/15; Smith, 0/13.

TASMANIA.

First Innings.

Williams, c James, b Emmerson	11
Wright, st Phillips, b Emmerson	3
Webb, b Chambers	4
Dunstick, c and b Emmerson	0
McGrath, b Chambers	1
Fielding, not out	7
Egan, c Emmerson, b Chambers	0
Smith, c Emmerson, b Chambers	0
Fleming, st Phillips, b Emmerson	1
O'Rook, b Emmerson	0
Williamson, c Hornburn, b Emmerson	0
Sundries	12
Total	30

Bowling—Chambers, four wickets for 11 runs; Emmerson, six for 18.

Second Innings.

Williams, not out	21
Wright, not out	12
Sundries	3
Total for no wicket	36

Bowling.—James, no wicket for 7 runs; Kinsella, none for 9; Beath, none for 3; Fullerton, none for 5.

New South Wales won on the first innings by 189 runs.

TENNIS.

The second round of the Australian Deaf Tennis Association championship resulted:—

Victoria 7 sets d. South Australia 2 sets.

Men's Doubles.—J. Dickinson-G. Damman (Vic.) d. D. Ferguson-Simons, 6-1; Dickinson-Damman d. Jones-Dunnett, 6-2; D. Walters-D. Wallis (S.A.) lost to Ferguson-Simons, 4-6; Walters-Wallis d. Jones-Dunnett, 6-2. Women's Doubles.—Misses Higgie-Boast (Vic.) d. Mesdames Stanbury-Jones, 6-4. Mixed Doubles.—Dickenson-Miss Higgie d. Ferguson-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-1; Damman-Mrs. Higgie d. Simons-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-3; J. Walters-Miss Boast d. Dunnett-Mrs. Jones, 6-4; Wallis-Miss Boast lost to Jones-Mrs. Jones, 2-6.

Men's Singles Championship.—Second Round: A. Levitzke d. G. Willow, 6-0, 6-0; J. Schultz d. J. Dickenson, 6-2, 6-3; O. Gordon d. B. Mills, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.—J. Walters-A. Levitzke (S. A.) d. Webb-B. Mills, 6-2, 6-0; O. Gordon-J. Schultz d. Simons-Ferguson, 6-0, 6-1; Dickenson-Damman d. Anderson-McLaurin, 6-4, 8-6; Winchester-Tucker d. Wallis-Stewart, 6-0, 6-0.

Women's Singles.—Second Round: Miss Ninness d. Miss Watts, 8-6, 4-6, 6-1; Miss Higgie d. Miss Wilson, 6-0, 6-2; Miss Winchester d. Miss Johnstone, 6-1, 6-2; Miss Wilcox d. Miss Martin, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Women's Doubles.—Misses Ninness-Wilcox d. Misses Wilson-Taylor, 6-3, 6-1; Misses Johnstone-Watts d. Misses Boast-Murphy, 6-2, 6-1; Mrs. Stanbury-Miss Martin d. Misses Higgie-Minton, 6-4, 6-1; Mrs. Winchester-Miss Bartlie, bye.

Mixed Doubles.—Gordon-Mrs. Winchester d. Levitzke-Miss Taylor, 6-1, 6-2; McLaurin-Miss Johnston d. Dunnet-Miss Jones, 6-4, 7-5; Anderson-Miss Wilson d. Stewart-Miss Watts, 6-0, 6-1; Mills-Miss Wilcox d. Damman-Miss Boast, 6-2, 6-2; Schultz-Miss Ninness d. Simons-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-3, 6-0; Ferguson-Miss Martin d. Walters-Miss Murphy, 6-4, 6-2; Dickinson-Miss Higgie d. Wallis-Mrs. Minton, 6-4, 6-3.

Deaf and Dumb Women's Work

IN association with the Deaf and Dumb Congress an exhibition of needlework by women from all parts of Australia was held yesterday at the club house of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at Jolimont. In each section the work was of an exceptionally high standard, and some of the white embroidery was particularly attractive.

In section 1 for white embroidery (eyelet or Richelieu) the first prize was won by Mrs. Richards, of Sydney, whose beautiful supper cloth was made with a deep border in a floral design, and which took nine months to make. The second prize went to Miss H. Bundey (South Australia).

Two first prizes were awarded in section 2. A linen supper cloth embroidered with bright colors in a conventional border design by Miss Doris Hickey (Victoria) gained one prize and the other went to Miss Freda Carpenter (Tasmania) for a beautifully worked apron.

One of the most attractive exhibits was a lovely white centre in Richelieu work, made by Miss Ella Richards (Tasmania), which gained first prize in Section 3, for white embroidery. The second prize was won by Miss Doris Hickey (Victoria).

Another outstanding entry, by Miss Kathleen Kelly (Queensland), gained first prize in Section 4, for colored embroidery. So neat was the work in two shades of blue that it was difficult to distinguish between the right and wrong sides of the cloth. Miss Gwen Hawkins (Victoria) gained second prize in that section.

The crochet work in Section 5 was greatly admired, and prizes in this section went to Mrs W. B. Anderson and Miss H. Bundey. Knitted jumpers in lacey designs by Miss Ethel Leber (Victoria), and Miss D. Lehmann (South Australia) gained prizes in Section 6, and in the babies' woollies section, Miss Doris Hickey's white set was the only entry. A special prize was awarded for a beautifully made baby's shawl, of white Shetland wool.

The exhibition will be open again tomorrow afternoon.

DEAF AND DUMB

Victoria Wins Easily

In the interstate deaf and dumb cricket carnival, which was resumed at the Albert cricket-ground yesterday, Victoria proved too strong, defeating South Australia by an innings after having lost only four wickets. Scores:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings: Richards, c Brundell, b Boal, 29; Hollister, c Johnson, b Brundell, 5; J. Angrove, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; N. Angrove, run out, 0; Tunbridge, c Hately, b Brundell, 1; Abbott, run out, 13; Eldson, c Brundell, b Boal, 12; Stanbury, b Boal, 12; Barnett, c Ashby, b Boal, 0; McRae, c Chaundy, b Mark, 5; Hocking, not out, 1; sundry, 1. Total, 68. Bowling.—Brundell, 3/19; Chaundry, 0/31; Boal, 4/14; Mark, 1/4.

Second Innings: Tunbridge, c and b McMillen, 3; Hollister, c Marks, b McMillen, 9; Hocking, l b w, b McMillen, 2; Richards, b Chaundry, 15; Abbott, b Chaundry, 6; Elsden, c and b Chaundry, 5; E. Angrove, b Chaundry, 3; J. Angrove, c Monks, b Chaundry, 3; McRae, l b w, b Chaundry, 2; Stanbury, b Chaundry, 2; Barnett, not out, 0; sundries, 9. Total, 59. Bowling.—McMillen, 4/22; Chaundry, 6/21.

VICTORIA. — First Innings: Nathan, b McRae, 17; Allsopp, run out, 9; McMillan, b J. Angrove, 3; Chaundry, b J. Angrove, 37; Ashby, not out, 93; Brundell, not out, 9; sundries, 14. Total, four (closed) for 181.

Victoria won by an innings and 54 runs.

Tasmania Overwhelmed

New South Wales overwhelmed Tasmania. Chambers and Emerson between them obtained the ten wickets in Tasmania's first innings, which yielded only 39 in reply to New South Wales' score of 189. In its second innings Tasmania scored 36 without loss, but it lost by 150 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings: Emerson, c and b Egan, 26; Phillips, b Egan, 14; Fullarton, b Egan, 14; Dellar, b Webb, 4; James, c Williamson, b Egan, 33; Christie, c Fielding, b Williamson, 4; Johnston, c Smith, b Egan, 0; Beath, b McHarg, 17; Chambers, not out, 46; Knight, run out, 20; sundries, 11. Total, 189.

TASMANIA.—First Innings: 39 (F. Williams 11). Bowling.—Chambers, 4/11; Emerson, 6/16. Second innings, none for 36 (F. Williams 21 n.o., A. Wright 12 n.o, sundries 3).

Victoria Wins at Tennis

In the second day's play for the Cohen tennis shield in the interstate deaf and dumb tennis contests Victoria defeated South Australia. Scores:—

Men's Doubles.—Dickinson-Damman d. Ferguson-Simmons, 6-1; Dickinson-Damman d. Jones-Dunnett, 6-2; Walters-Wallis lost to Ferguson-Simmons, 4-6; Walters-Wallis d. Jones-Dunnett, 6-2.

Women's Doubles.—Miss Higgie-Miss Boast d. Mrs. Stanbury-Mrs. Jones, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—Dickinson-Miss Higgie d. Ferguson-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-1; Damman-Miss Higgie d. Simmons-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-3; Walters-Miss Boast d. Dunnett-Mrs. Jones, 6-4; Wallis-Miss Boast lost to Jones-Mrs. Jones, 3-6.

Runaway Wins For Victoria

DEAF AND DUMB AT PLAY

Congress Sports End Tomorrow

THE Deaf and Dumb Congress sports were continued yesterday and will end tomorrow.

At tennis and cricket Victoria had runaway victories. Results:

CRICKET

Victoria, four wickets for 182, declared (W. Ashby n.o. 94, H. Nathan 17, Chaundy 37) d. South Australia 68 and 58 (Richards 29 and 15, Abbot 13, Stanbury 12; Brundell 3-19, Boal 4-14, Mark 1-4, McMillan 4-22, Chaundy 6-21) by an innings and 56 runs.

New South Wales 189 (H. Emmerson 26, A. James 33, S. Fullerton 14, S. Phillips 14, J. Beath 17, J. Chambers n.o. 46, P. Kinsella n.o. 20; Egan 5-29) d. Tasmania 39 and none for 36 (F. Williams 11 and n.o. 21, Wright n.o. 12; Chambers 4-11, Emmerson 6-16) by 150 runs on the first innings.

TENNIS

Victoria 7 sets d. South Australia 2 sets (Victorian names first). Men's doubles, J Dickinson-G. Damman d. Ferguson-Simons, 6-1; Dickinson-Damman d. Jones-Dunnet, 6-2; J. Walters-D. Wallis lost to Ferguson-Simons, 4-6; Walters-Wallis d. Jones-Dunnet, 6-2. Women's doubles: Misses B Higgie-I. Boast d. Mesdames Stanbury-Jones, 6-4. Mixed doubles: Dickinson-Miss Higgie d. Ferguson-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-1; Damman-Miss Higgie d. Simons-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-3; Walters-Miss Boast d. Dunnet-Mrs. Jones, 6-4; Wallis-Miss Boast lost to Jones-Mrs. Jones, 2-6.

Men's singles championship.—Second round: A Levitzke d. G. Wilbow, 6-0, 6-0; J Schultz d. J. Dickinson, 6-2, 6-1; O. Gordon d. B. Mills, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles championship.—Second round: Walters-Levitzke d. Webb-Mills, 6-2, 8-6; Gordon-Schultz d. Simons-Ferguson, 6-1, 6-1; Dickinson-Damman d. Anderson-McLaurin, 6-4, 8-6; Winchester-Tucker d. Wallis-Stewart, 6-0, 6-0.

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Mixed doubles. Second round: Gordon-Mrs. Winchester d. Levitzke-Miss Taylor, 6-1, 6-2; McLaurin-Miss P. Johnstone d. Dunnett-Mrs. Jones, 6-4, 7-5; Anderson-Miss Wilson d. Stewart-Miss Watts, 6-0, 6-1; Mills-Miss Wilcox d. Damman-Miss Boast, 6-2, 6-2; Schultz-Miss Ninness d. Simons-Mrs. Stanbury, 6-3, 6-0; Ferguson-Miss Martin d. Walters-Miss Murphy, 6-4, 6-2; Dickinson-Miss Higgie d. Wallis-Mrs. Minton, 6-4, 6-3.

SAYS WELCOME ON HIS FINGERS

Alderman Delights Deaf And Dumb Visitors

ALDERMAN G. CRESPIN delighted interstate delegates to the Centenary Deaf and Dumb Congress yesterday when he accorded them a civic reception in sign language.

"I give you a very hearty welcome," was the greeting Alderman Crespin spelt accurately and carefully on his fingers. He apologised for his slowness, Mr. E. Abraham interpreting his message to a delighted audience.

Responding to the welcome, a New South Wales delegate, Mr. E. H. Peacock, said he hoped New South Wales would soon fall into line with other States in providing State education for deaf children up to the age of 16.

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DEAF URGE PUBLIC INQUIRY

Bitter Protests Against Society Administration

BITTER attacks on the administration of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society were made last night at a meeting of the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf.

Because of treatment from "hearing" members of the board of management the society was seething with discontentment, it was claimed. Deaf members were given no say as to how money they subscribed should be spent.

Expressing themselves excitedly with their fingers, speakers urged a public inquiry, and interjectors a public demonstration of protest. It was alleged that society members who had joined the association had been browbeaten and insulted by the society.

Cathedral Service For Deaf And Dumb

A special service for the delegates, competitors and visitors to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's conference will be conducted in St. Paul's Cathedral next Sunday by Archbishop Head.

The Archbishop's sermon will be interpreted by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the principal of the society.

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WELFARE OF THE DEAF.

THEIR PART IN STRIKES.

Deaf Council Debates Problems.

Deaf and dumb persons from all States who are nightly sitting in conference at Exhibition Buildings have decided on a constitution for the society they have newly formed, the name of which is the National Council of the Deaf. Lectures dealing with the welfare of the deaf from the time of leaving school, through apprenticeship and through adult employment were given by Mr. E. Johnson, a former pupil of an Edgbaston (England) deaf school.

It was decided that the council shall consist of eighteen members, three from each State. Present delegates will remain in office for a further two years. Newcomers to Australia, from the British Empire only, shall be entitled to membership after twelve months' residence in Australia, and may take office after three years. A resolution was passed affirming that the council was composed of and controlled by deaf and dumb persons only, and that any suggestions to the contrary were false. Mr. W. J. Johnston (Melbourne) presided.

In a paper on The Training of the Deaf Mr. E. Johnson emphasised the barriers which met the deaf when they went out into the world to earn a living. Of the many deaf persons out of work few had had advanced technical training. Employers would not give the time to training deaf youths to undertake complicated tasks. He believed in apprenticeship, even if the deaf had to pay premiums. Such trades as engineering, advanced building and shop fitting were suitable. Technical schools were of no use to the deaf. There should be a welfare inspector to supervise the fortunes of the deaf in industry.

Deaf youths who, at the age when they should be earning adult wages, had not acquired the needed proficiency, should be allowed to continue learning at lower wages. Deaf persons should not be compelled to take part in industrial strikes. Owing to their disability they were more easily taken in than others.

Speaking on the subject of education, Mr. Johnson described the teaching of lip-reading as folly. All deaf children should be taught the manual system. The lip-reading system would never allow a deaf person to understand a sermon or a lecture.

Mr. F. C. Frewin (Melbourne) said in the old days manual dexterity in an apprentice was all that was required, but to-day technical education was needed, and this was not available to the deaf.

Mr. C. Johnson said trades unionism spelled the chances of the deaf, and he hoped the council would request the Arbitration Court to make things easier for them.

A motion moved by Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.) was carried, setting out that the meeting emphatically protested against published statements to the effect that the deaf people were "brow-beaten and neglected" by the council, and that such statements came only from a small and discontented body of the deaf.

Deaf Congress and Sports.

May I be permitted to correct a mistake which appeared in your valuable columns this morning under the heading Advancement of the Deaf of Australia, wherein it was stated that, "the congress and sports meetings of the Deaf and Dumb now being carried on in Melbourne was arranged by the local Deaf and Dumb Society and controlled by hearing officials." I would respectfully point out that the whole of the arrangements for the congress and sports meetings have been, and are being carried out by the National Council of the Deaf (which represents the whole of the deaf and dumb of Australia), the Australian Deaf Cricket Association and the Australian Deaf Tennis Association. All these bodies are comprised of deaf and dumb persons only. The local Deaf and Dumb Society mentioned in your paragraph does, I presume, refer to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, which is the only incorporated deaf and dumb society in Victoria, and, incidentally, our host during our visit to Melbourne. The great congress now in progress is not in any way connected with the Australian association.—S. PHILLIPS, Hon. Sec. National Council of the Deaf and Dumb.

Special Service at St. Paul's

Archbishop Head will conduct a Watchnight Service in St. Pauls Cathedral on December 31. He will preach at the 11 a.m. service tomorrow and at 3 p.m. there will be a service for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

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DEAF DANCE TO MUSIC

Ball At Hawthorn Tonight

Deaf and dumb people who have assembled in Melbourne for the interstate congress and carnival, will dance to music they cannot hear at a plain and fancy dress ball in the Hawthorn Town Hall tonight. About 500 are expected to attend.

An official of the Deaf and Dumb Institute explained today that the keen sense of observation with which these people are gifted would enable them to dance as though in possession of all their faculties.

They followed the music simply by watching the steps of other dancers who could hear it. Once started on a waltz or a fox-trot, they could regulate their steps by counting to themselves.

CHURCH SERVICES

At 3 p.m. tomorrow Archbishop Head will conduct a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral. His address will be interpreted by the principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute in Victoria (Mr E. J. D. Abraham). In the evening there will be a service at the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont.

About 250 members of the Society will join in the motor trip to the Dandenong ranges on Monday. The party will leave Melbourne at 10 a.m., spend an hour at the Society's farm at Blackburn, lunch at Sassafras and return to the city at 5 p.m. Trophies won in the interstate sports contests will be presented at a banquet in the Victoria Coffee Palace at 7 p.m.

An interstate athletic competition will be held at Mentone recreation ground on Tuesday, to be followed by a "family party" in a local hall.

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AFFAIRS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Statements that deaf people in Victoria were in two camps, and that the Society of the Adult Deaf and Dumb did not give sufficient encouragement to the deaf to manage their own affairs were contained in papers read at a meeting of the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf, which was held at Central House last night. Mrs. M. Gladman presided, and Mr. E. Reynold acted as interpreter.

A paper prepared by Mr. J. P. Bourke was read by Mr. F. Huelin, in which the opinion was expressed that if the standard of education of the deaf was to be raised there would have to be deaf leaders, but, unfortunately, the deaf and dumb were not taught to take a greater share in shouldering their own responsibilities. It appeared that the Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf was not tolerated merely because it was not controlled by the "hearing" members of the board of management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Mr. R. H. Lambert, by means of the deaf and dumb language, read a paper in which he stated that the deaf should be given a greater share in looking after their own business and that it would be to the advantage of the deaf if they were not controlled so greatly by "hearing" officials, who were in some case too officious.

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Service for Deaf and Dumb

Deaf and dumb visitors to Melbourne for the annual congress of the Australian Advancement of the Deaf and Dumb Association will attend a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral to-morrow. An address, which will be given to them by Archbishop Head, will be translated into the deaf and dumb code by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Lip Reading

Sir,—I and many other persons know of many deaf people who have been educated altogether by lip-reading, and can earn their own living and hold their own anywhere, whereas those who are taught by the manual method are ostracised for life by all hearing people. Following the manual method is merely the line of least resistance, because it is so much easier to learn, but the two systems can never be combined with good results, and lip-reading is now recognised all over the world as being the one and only true help for the deaf.—Yours, &c.,

LIP-READER.

South Yarra, Jan. 3.

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NEEDLEWORK DISPLAY

Work of Deaf and Dumb

For those interested in fine needle-work there is an exquisite display at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Jolimont Square, which will be open to-day until 8 p.m. The exhibits are made and sent in by deaf and dumb women from all over Australia. Miss L. Simmons, of the Myer Emporium Ltd., judged the work, which was divided into seven sections. As well as needlework, knitting and crochet work is also shown, and the fineness and evenness of the work is amazing. The blend of colours in the coloured linen section is in each case of a remarkably high standard, and the finished articles must be ample reward for the care and thought spent on them.

The following prizes were awarded:—Section 1.—White Embroidery Supper-cloth—1, Mrs. C. Richards (N.S.W.); 2, Mrs. H. Bundey (S.A.). Section 2.—Coloured Embroidery Supper-cloth—Miss Doris Hickey (V.). Apron—Miss Freda Carpenter (T.). Section 3.—White Embroidery Centre-cloth—1, Miss Ella Richards (T.); 2, Miss Doris Hickey (V.). Section 4.—Coloured Embroidery Tray or Centre Cloth—1, Miss Kathleen Kelly (Q.); 2, Miss Gwen Hawkins (V.). Section 5.—Crochet Article—1, Mrs. R. Anderson (V.); 2, Mrs. H. Bundey (S.A.). Section 6.—Knitted Jumper—1, Miss Ethel Leber (V.); 2, Miss D. Lehmann (S.A.). Section 7.—Knitted Baby's Clothes—Miss Doris Hickey (V.).

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Deaf-Dumb Carnival

Fixtures for the final day of the Deaf and Dumb Society's sporting carnival were disorganised this morning by heavy rain.

The cricket match at the Albert ground between Tasmania and South Australia, which was to have commenced this morning, was postponed until this afternoon.

The Victoria-N.S.W. game at Melbourne Grammar School had to be abandoned as the ground was unfit for play.

The final round of play for the A. R. Cohen tennis shield began on the Melbourne Grammar School courts this afternoon.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

First Innings

Edson, c Egan, b Williams	12
Richards, b Egan	15
Hollister, c Williams, b McGrath	5
E. Androve, c McGrath, b Webb	10
Abbott, c and b Webb	0
First Innings	
J. Androve, bow., b McGarth	10
Tunbridge, not out	28
Rankin, not out	2
Extras	8
Six wickets for	90

Bowling: McGrath, 2/11; Williams, 1/10; Egan, 1/22; Webb, 2/13.

Match abandoned on account of rain.

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MR NORMAN ARMSTRONG, chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, will preside at a dinner in the Victoria Palace tonight when the Society will entertain members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of the Commonwealth who are attending the congress of interstate delegates which is a part of the Centenary celebrations in Melbourne. In addition to the congress delegates, the deaf and dumb cricketers, tennis players, and others engaged in the sports programme which is part of the contribution by the deaf and dumb to the Centenary celebrations will also be present. The speeches will be in the deaf and dumb language, but an interpreter will be present. It is expected that the gathering will number about 200 people. Mr E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, is the organising secretary of the dinner and other festivities.



Mr E. J. D. Abraham

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N.S.W. Wins the Mrs. R. Cohen Tennis Cup

The Mrs. R. Cohen Cup for interstate doubles was won by New South Wales in the interstate tennis tournament, which the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has been holding as part of its Centenary celebrations. It concluded in the week-end.

Results of championship finals are:—

Men's Singles: Lewland (W.A.) d. Gordon (N.S.W.), 1-6, 8-6, 6-3. Women's Singles: Miss Higgie (Vic.) d. Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.), 8-6, 2-6, 6-3. Men's Doubles: Gordon-Schultz (N.S.W.) d. Dickenson-Damman (Vic.), 6-4, 6-3. Women's Doubles: Mrs. Winchester-Miss Bartle (N.S.W.) d. Misses Watts (Tas.) and Johnson (Vic.), 6-1, 6-3. Mixed Doubles: Schultz-Miss Nimmess (N.S.W.) d. Gordon-Mrs. Winchester (N.S.W.), 6-0, 3-6, 6-4.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(Incorporated)

Victorian Centenary Celebrations

1934

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Banquet

to

Visiting Delegates and Competitors

to the

CONGRESS AND FESTIVITIES

of the

ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA

THE VICTORIA PALACE

Little Collins Street, Melbourne

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER,

1934

TOASTS

The King

Mr. Norman Armstrong, J.P.

Chairman, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

Our Visitors

Mr. Norman Armstrong, J.P.

RESPONSES

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale

Deputy Chairman, New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

Mr. O. R. Redmond

Superintendent, South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission

Colonel L. H. Payne

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Tasmania

Miss Wallace

Hon. Secretary, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Western Australia

Menu

TOMATO CREAM

FRIED FILLET OF WHITING
Tartare Sauce

CROQUETTES OF CHICKEN

ROAST TENDERLOIN BEEF
Horseradish Sauce

VEGETABLES IN SEASON

FRUIT SALAD AND CREAM

VANILLA ICE CREAM

CAFE NOIR

Our Societies

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham

Principal, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

RESPONSES

Mr. F. E. Frewin (Vic.)
Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.)
Mr. A. M. Rankine (S.A.)

Deaf and Dumb Sporting Clubs and Winning Teams

Mr. J. M. Johnston (Vic.)

RESPONSES

Mr. F. Williams (Tas.)
Mr. T. Jones (S.A.)
Mr. W. Ashby (Vic.)
Mr. M. Webb (N.S.W.)

PRESENTATION OF
ERN. J. D. ABRAHAM SHIELD

PRESENTATION OF COHEN CUP
By Mrs. R. Cohen

PRESENTATION OF OTHER TROPHIES

"God Save the King"

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SPORTING HAND-CLASPS EXCHANGED by winner and loser of one of the semi-finals in the men's singles championship tennis tournament of the Deaf and Dumb Associations, played at Melbourne Grammar School courts on Saturday. The winner was A. Levitzki of W.A. (on right); his opponent was J. Schultz (N.S.W.).

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THE PULPIT

SERVICE FOR DEAF AND DUMB

200 at St. Paul's

An unusual service, arranged by the Deaf and Dumb Society, was held at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Every exercise of the service was designed to appeal through the eye to the spirit of worship, for the congregation could hear no spoken word, nor even the sound of the organ. Seated in the pews were more than 200 members of adult deaf and dumb societies of Australia who have been attending a national congress in Melbourne.



ARCHBISHOP HEAD

As the number of a hymn was announced by the precentor (the Rev. R. Sherwood) his words were conveyed to the congregation in sign language by an interpreter. Hymn books were opened at the appropriate place while the organ played. The congregation stood, and the few in the Cathedral possessing normal faculties sang the words. As the singing could not be heard by the remainder of those present, the interpreter again conveyed by sign language the words of the hymn as they were being sung. When the lessons were being read another interpreter stood beside the lectern and interpreted the message. So graphic was the description by conventional signs, gesticulations, and facial expressions that the Scripture which was being read became alive with new meanings. The familiar words of St. John x, "the sheep hear his voice," was emphasised by the placing of a hand behind the ear, while "a stranger will they not follow" was given added force by an eloquent wave of the hands and a facial expression of distrust.

For the prayers an interpreter stood by the side of the precentor, and the congregation took part, not with heads bowed as in normal circumstances, but with eyes fixed on the interpreter. The hymns and prayers were interpreted by Mr. W. Appleton, the lessons by Mr. F. Frewin, and the sermon which was delivered by Archbishop Head by the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham).

Archbishop Head chose as his text, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye" (St. Matthew vi. 9). "I am very glad to welcome you to our Cathedral," Archbishop Head said. "I hope that this afternoon's service will help us all a little nearer to God. I want to say something to you about prayer because, you and I, whatever our circumstances, must needs pray if we are going to live a Christian life. Sometimes it is difficulty to pray. Sometimes we wonder if our prayers are heard. But if we cease to pray we are cutting ourselves off from the great strength which God has given us. Then our spiritual life must decay and die. I would have you remember two things. First Jesus Christ Himself prayed, and that not once or twice, but over and over again. Secondly, Jesus Christ has given us a model prayer. The first half of that prayer is about God and not about ourselves. It speaks of God our Father, His name, His Kingdom, and His will. When we pray we want to put Him first, and if we begin with God and His will what we want for ourselves will be subject to His will. The second part of that model prayer is about ourselves. But I think that we should notice that when we pray for ourselves we also pray for others. Jesus does not say 'Give me my daily bread,' but 'Give us our daily bread.' Again it is not 'deliver me from temptation,' but 'deliver us,' and it is not 'forgive me,' but 'forgive us.' Surely this is to remind us that when we are on our knees we must think of others whose needs are as great as, if not greater than, our own. So I would have you go back to your lives, your work, and your homes with a fresh consciousness of the power of prayer."

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Deaf and Dumb Society Function

One of the most enjoyable functions organised during the Centenary congress of the Australian Deaf and Dumb Society was a plain and fancy-dress dance held at Hawthorn town hall on Saturday night. So busy a programme of entertainments had been arranged that very few of the people had been able to obtain fancy dress, but those who had were very amusing, and their fun and antics were enjoyed by dancers and spectators alike. Quite a small number of the dancers could hear the music, and yet the rhythm and grace of the dancing was pleasant to watch, and only by an occasional gesture was it possible to tell that these people had not our ordinary faculties of hearing and speech. Among the 300 people who attended were congress delegates from every other Australian State. The host for the evening was a member of the board of management, Mr. M. J. Heath, who was responsible for the success of the dance, and official guests included the mayor of Hawthorn, Cr. G. W. Simpson, and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., and Mrs Olney, the superintendent of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Society, Mr. R. O. Redmond, and Mrs. Redmond, the honorary secretary of the West Australian Deaf and Dumb Society, Miss M. Wallace, the honorary secretary of the Victorian branch, Mr. J. Rowe, and Mrs Rowe, the honorary treasurer for Victoria, Mr. E. H. Peacock, and Mrs. Peacock, Mr. F. E. Frawin, Mr. J. M. Johnson, members of the board of management, and the principal and organising secretary for the congress, Mr. E. J. D Abraham.

SERMON IN SIGNS AT CATHEDRAL

Special Service For Deaf Mutes

NEW YEAR PLANS

THE year 1934 in retrospect was the general theme of sermons in the churches yesterday. Appropriate music was sung.

SEVERAL hundred deaf mutes attended a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Archbishop Head preached on Prayer, and his remarks were interpreted from the chancel steps by the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham).

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Victoria Wins Deaf And Dumb Shield

WHEN play ended on Saturday in the interstate tournament which the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has been holding as part of its Centenary celebrations, Victoria, with nine points, had won the E. J. D. Abraham Shield. New South Wales gained six points, South Australia five and Tasmania four.

The Victoria-New South Wales match had to be abandoned on Saturday because of the sodden state of the Melbourne Grammar School ground, and the game between Tasmania and South Australia, which was to have started in the morning on the Albert ground, was postponed until the afternoon for the same reason.

South Australia went in and had made 91 for six wickets when rain stopped play. Scores:—

South Australia, first innings:—Eldson, c Egan, b Williamson, 12; Richards, b Egan, 15; Hollister, c Williamson, b McGrath, 5; N. Angove, c McGrath, b Webb, 10; Abbott, c and b Webb, 0; J. Angove, lbw, b McGrath, 10; Tunbridge, not out, 29; Rankine, not out, 2; extras, 8. Total for six wickets, 91.

Bowling: — McGrath 2-11, Williamson 1-10, Egan 1-22, Webb 2-13.

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INTER-STATE DEAF AND DUMB.

Sports Programme Completed.

Cricket and Tennis Abandoned Through Rain.

The final round of the sporting programme arranged for members of the Incorporated Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia was affected by the heavy rain which fell on Saturday.

The South Australia v. Tasmania cricket match was delayed in starting at Albert ground, and it was finally abandoned when showers fell in the afternoon. The Victoria v. New South Wales match was not started, as the Melbourne Grammar School cricket was in a bad state. Victoria was undefeated in the competition, and regained the E. J. D. Abraham shield after it had been held by New South Wales for eight years.

The tennis matches at Melbourne Grammar School could not be completed on Saturday because of the condition of the courts, but were played yesterday.

The winning State teams and the individual champions will be presented with the trophies at the Melbourne Coffee Palace to-night.

The final tennis match—South Australia v. New South Wales—was abandoned, and New South Wales (undefeated) has retained the Cohen cup. The team suffered few losses throughout the tournament.

The cricket scores for Saturday are:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Eldson, c Egan, b Williamson	12
Richards, b Egan	15
Hollister, c Williams, b McGrath	5
N. Angrove, c McGrath, b Webb	10
Abbott, c and b Webb	0
Tunbridge, not out	29
J. Angrove, lbw, b McGrath	10
Rankine, not out	2
Sundries	8
Total for six wickets	91

Bowling.—Egan, one wicket for 24 runs; Williams, none for 40, McGrath, two for 40; Williamson, one for 24; Webb, two for 32; Wright, none for 16; Fielding, none for 32; Smith, none for 22.

The game was then abandoned owing to rain.

Deaf and Dumb Fancy Dress Dance

One of the most pleasant functions held during the Deaf and Dumb Congress was a fancy dress dance at the Hawthorn Town Hall on Saturday evening. Few of the dancers could hear the music, yet the rhythm and steps were sure and the dances were much enjoyed. Except for the quick movement of hands at the intervals few would have noticed that many of the guests were deaf. Mr. M. J. Hoath, a member of the board of management, was the host, and the official guests included the mayor and mayoress of Hawthorn (Councillor G. W. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson), Mr. Olney, M.L.C., and Mrs. Olney, the superintendent of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. R. O. Redmond) and Mrs. Redmond, the secretary of the West Australian Deaf and Dumb Society (Miss M. Wallace), the secretary of the Victorian branch (Mr. J. Rowe) and Mrs. Rowe, and the treasurer for Victoria (Mr. E. H. Peacock) and Mrs. Peacock, Mr. F. E. Frewin and Mr. J. M. Johnson, members of the board of management, and the organising secretary of the conference (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham).



An incident in the Victorian Association v. Combined Melbourne and Adelaide Universities lacrosse match.

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Deaf and Dumb Congress and Dinner

Much Good Work Has Been Accomplished

About 250 deaf and dumb men and women attended a dinner which was held at the Victoria Palace last night in honour of the visiting delegates and competitors to the congress and festivities of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia. A large number of speakers addressed the gathering, and as they spoke, interpreters translated the spoken word into the deaf and dumb language.

The toast "Our Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Norman Armstrong. The congress, he said, gave Victoria the greatest encouragement to continue the 50 years of progress already accomplished.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, deputy chairman of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, said that New South Wales had, in addition to an administrative building, second to none in the world, assets amounting to £38,000. The society had recently celebrated its 21st birthday, and it was unfortunate that the State had not enforced education for the deaf and dumb. A national council had been formed at the congress, and one of its first duties would be to make representations to the Commonwealth Government for compulsory education for the deaf.

Other toasts honoured were "Our Societies," proposed by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and "The Deaf and Dumb Sporting Clubs and Winning Teams," proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnston.

Presentation was made of sporting trophies won during the year.

A new society, the National Council of the Deaf, which was recently formed by deaf and dumb persons who visited Melbourne last week for an interstate conference at the Exhibition Building, has prepared its constitution. It has been agreed that the council shall consist of 18 members, three representing each State. The present members of the council will hold office for two years to enable the society to be firmly established. Deaf persons from other parts of the British Empire may be admitted to the society after having lived in Australia for 12 months, but they may not hold office until they have been here three years. A resolution that the council should comprise and should be controlled solely by deaf and dumb persons was passed.

In a paper on the training of the deaf Mr. E. Johnson outlined the difficulties which faced deaf people when they tried to earn a living. It was most difficult to obtain a sound business training, as employers would not spend time in training a deaf youth for a difficult task. Mr. Johnson considered that apprenticeship was the best method of training, even if the deaf were compelled to pay premiums. If a deaf youth when aged 21 years had not acquired the knowledge to earn an adult wage he should be allowed to learn his job at a lower wage. Mr. Johnson disapproved of lip-reading as a means of teaching. All deaf children should be taught the manual system at an early age. Trade unions hampered the chances of the deaf. He hoped that the council would request the Arbitration Court to make allowances for the afflicted people.



CENTENARY DINNER.—Mr. E. J. D. Abraham speaking at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centenary dinner at the Victoria Palace last night.

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THE LOYAL TOAST WAS HONORED IN SILENCE at a dinner given by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria to members of affiliated societies of the Commonwealth who are attending a Centenary congress in Melbourne. Guests were entertained in the Victoria Palace. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Victorian society, is on the left, interpreting the toast. The chairman, Mr. Norman Armstrong, is fifth from the left.

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DEAF AND DUMB BANQUET

Compulsory Education Advocated for New South Wales.

Two hundred and fifty deaf and dumb visitors from other States of Australia who have been in Melbourne for the Centenary congress of the Incorporated Societies of the Deaf and Dumb of Australia were entertained by the Victorians at a banquet at the Victoria Palace, Little Collins-street, last night. Mr. N. Armstrong, chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, presided, and welcomed the visitors. He stated that the societies throughout the Commonwealth had made remarkable progress during the past fifty years. Beautiful administrative buildings, schools and factories had been developed, which gave the deaf mutes the opportunity to progress. In concluding, Mr. Armstrong thanked the visitors for the loyalty given to the officials during the congress. It had, he considered, given the Melbourne society the necessary encouragement to continue the progress made during the society's first fifty years' existence.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, deputy chairman of the New South Wales society, responded on behalf of his State members. He stated that the New South Wales society was only 21 years old, but already had a central building equal to any other in the Commonwealth. The society had assets valued at £38,000. However, the State had no act making the education of the deaf compulsory. Now that a national council of the deaf had been formed he said that the organisation should approach the State Government to include a statute making the education of the deaf compulsory. He said the deaf were encumbered by innumerable difficulties and problems, and it was only when these troubles were overcome that the people were able to rejoice. With the organisation of a council these problems would become less difficult, as they would be attacked from a united front.

Mr. J. M. Johnson (Victoria) congratulated the winning teams and individuals for the successes during the sports meetings.

The presentations made were:—

The E. J. D. Abraham Cup, for cricket, to Victoria; the Cohen Cup, for tennis, to New South Wales. Tennis.—Men's Doubles: O. Gordon and J. Schultz. Men's Singles: A. Levitake. Ladies' Singles: Miss B. Higgie. Ladies' Doubles: Misses V. Bartlett and A. Winchester. Mixed Doubles: Miss A. Vinness and J. Schultz.

During the evening the speeches were interpreted into the "sign" language of the deaf.

DEAF AND DUMB CONGRESS

Athletics and Swimming at Mentone.

The programme of the Incorporated Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies Congress concluded yesterday, when about 500 members attended the athletic and swimming carnival at Mentone.

In the evening a farewell party was held at Glenworth Cafe, Mentone.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, organising secretary, farewelled the visitors. He stated that it was a fine experience to have been the organiser of a congress for such an enthusiastic body of men and women. During the depression the Victorian Government had made substantial grants to the unemployed deaf and dumb, and Miss Alice Graham had donated £300 annually for several years. These grants had enabled the building of additional bedrooms and a new sitting room at the Home for the Deaf Mutes, Blackburn. Victoria appreciated the spirit shown by the South Australian society in allowing Victoria to hold the congress during the Centenary celebrations. This meant that the South Australian congress would be held up for another year.

The results of the sports, held at the recreation oval, were:—

Men's 100 Yards Championship.—F. Hook (N.S.W.), 1; E. Rames (Vic.), 2. Ladies' 75 Yards Championship.—Miss B. Higgie (Vic.), 1; Miss E. Sandon (Vic.), 2. 75 Yards Married Men's Race.—J. O'Gorman (Vic.), 1; W. Limbrick (Tas.), 2. 50 Yards Married Women's Race.—Mrs. W. O'Bryan (Vic.), 1; Mrs. J. M. Johnston (Vic.), 2. 50 Yards Old Buffers' Race.—J. McLean (Vic.), 1; A. Stokes (Vic.), 2. One-mile Championship.—F. Kendall (Vic.), 1; J. Walters (Vic.), 2. Women's Sack Race.—Mrs. E. Danman (Vic.), 1; Mrs. O'Bryan (Vic.), 2. Women's Egg and Spoon Race.—Mrs. O'Bryan. Men's Hop, Step and Jump.—T. Newton (Vic.), 1; F. Kendall (Vic.), 2. Shot Putt.—F. Hook (N.S.W.), 1; E. Raines (Vic.), 2. One-mile Relay Race.—Victoria (F. Kendall, J. Walters, T. Newton, E. Rames), 1; Tasmania (V. Fleming, K. Smith, O. Fielding, F. Williams), 2. Tug-o'-War.—Tasmania. Swimming results were:—Men's 200 Yards Free Style.—J. Dickenson (Vic.), 1; J. Shaw (N.S.W.), 2. Women's 50 Yards Free Style.—E. Sandon (Vic.).

The prizes were presented by Miss A. Graham.

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DEAF AND DUMB SPORTS

Competitors From Five States

Competitors from Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia took part today in the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's athletic meeting at Mentone Cricket Reserve.

F. Hook (N.S.W.), who won the 100 yards championship, is champion of the Botany Club.

He is an all-round athlete, and may represent Australia at the Deaf and Dumb Olympic Games, to be held in England in August.

Results:—

MEN'S 100 YARDS HANDICAP

First Heat.—F. Hook (N.S.W.), 1; E. Raines (Vic.), 2.

Second Heat.—J. Beath (N.S.W.), 1; L. Sutton (Vic.), 2.

Final.—F. Hook (N.S.W.), 1; E. Raines (Vic.), 2.

WOMEN'S 75 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

First Heat.—Miss B. Heggie (Vic.), 1; Miss M. Townsend (N.S.W.), 2.

Second Heat.—Miss D. Johnston (Vic.), 1; Miss Fyffe (N.S.W.), 2.

Third Heat.—Miss L. James (N.S.W.), 1; Miss L. Wilcox (N.S.W.), 2.

Fourth Heat.—Miss Fandon (Vic.), 1; Miss B. Wilkinson, 2.

Fifth Heat.—Mrs O'Brien (Vic.), "; Miss T. Whately (Vic.), " "Dead heat.

75 YARDS MARRIED WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

First Heat.—Mrs O'Brien (Vic.), 1; Mrs Hanbury (S.A.), 2.

Second Heat.—Mrs Rees (Vic.) and Mrs Johnstone (Vic.), dead-heat, 1.

Third Heat.—Mrs Jack Liber (Vic.), 1; Mrs J. Pierce (Vic.), 2.

Final.—Mrs O'Brien (Vic.), 1; Mrs J. Johnstone (Vic.), 2.

First Semi-final.—Miss Bertha Heggie (Vic.), 1; Miss D. Johnston, 2.

Second Semi-final. — Miss E. Sandon (Vic.), 1; Miss T. Whately (Vic.), 2.

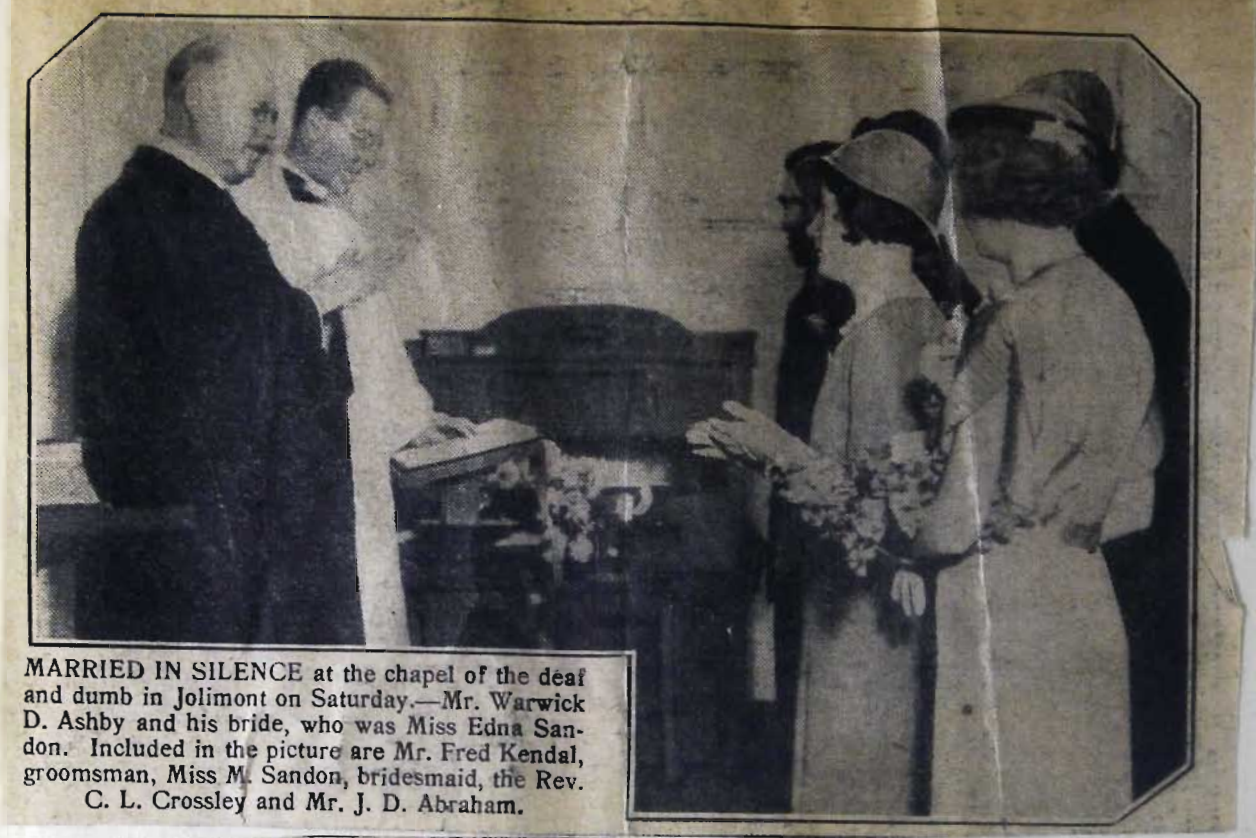
Final.—Miss B. Heggie (Vic.), 1; Miss E. Sandon (Vic.), 2.

50 Yards Men's Championship (over 45 years).—J. McLean (Vic.), 1; A. Stokes (Vic.), 2.

One Mile Men's Championship. — F. Kendall (Vic.), 1; J. Walters (Vic.), 2; T. Newton (Vic.), 3.

18 March 1935

:: WEDDING OF DEAF MUTES



MARRIED IN SILENCE at the chapel of the deaf and dumb in Jolimont on Saturday.—Mr. Warwick D. Ashby and his bride, who was Miss Edna Sandon. Included in the picture are Mr. Fred Kendal, groomsman, Miss M. Sandon, bridesmaid, the Rev. C. L. Crossley and Mr. J. D. Abraham.

Dumb Couple Marry By Signs

In the picturesque little chapel of the Deaf and Dumb Society in historical Jolimont Square, Warwick D. Ashby and Edna Sandon were silently married today.

It was an impressive scene, the quiet hush and the hands of the translator moving quickly and nimbly in prayer and service, added an atmosphere of deep reverence and dignified solemnity.

WORDS ON FINGERS

As the Rev. C. L. Crossley conducted the service, the Principal of the Society interpreted his words with quick, expressive fingers.

The bride is one of the most popular and best players in the society's hockey team. The bridegroom, also a keen sportsman, has been selected on several occasions to play in interstate lacrosse matches. His workmates at the Myer Emporium presented him with a handsome clock.

The bridesmaid, Margie Sandon, held her sister's bouquet of blue delphiniums while the bride's hands framed the words "I will."

They are honeymooning at Healesville, and left the chapel amid fluttering handfarewells and confetti.

Deaf and Dumb New Buildings.

Erected by unemployed deaf mutes, additional weatherboard buildings at the deaf mutes' home, Blackburn, were opened by Mr. Boyland, M.L.A., the chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. There was a large attendance of Masonic brethren from the Blackburn, Mitcham and Waverly lodges. The occasion was unique in that it was the first time a building has been erected almost wholly by deaf and dumb labor. Mr. Boyland stated that further bedrooms were being erected for casual unemployed and homeless deaf and dumb men. The Government grant would cover the cost of buildings only, but £150 would have to be raised for furnishing.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Johnson's Chambers,
Melbourne East, C.2.

24th March, 1935.

Dear Friend,

Our autumn and winter gatherings are now in full swing, and we hope to have the pleasure of your company often. Especially do we urge your attention to the Tuesday evening meetings, although other occasional features, there will be addresses by well known citizens, and unique entertainments at the conventional and social nature.

The enclosed programme will give you some idea of the activities of the Deaf Committee in your interests.

Although the Society gatherings are free to the deaf, we are glad to report a growing interest and personal responsibility on the part of the younger deaf, quite a number of whom have been selected for seats on the 1935-1936 Mass Committee. Believing that you might wish to participate in the voting at the Annual Meeting, I am writing you that the annual subscription (2/6) of voting members must be paid to the Honorary Secretary or the Honorary Treasurer on or before the 31st of this month (next Tuesday).

There is hope that ere long all our deaf will be miserable members. If you are not already one, please join up at once.

With kind regards,

Yours affectionately,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

between all people.

DEAF AND DUMB GIVE THANKS.

Annual Service of Adult Society.

In the small but beautiful church of the adult deaf and dumb in Jolimont-square a unique and impressive ceremony took place late yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the annual thanksgiving service, when members gathered in remembrance and thanksgiving for those who had done so much to assist them in the past, and make life so much easier. Simplicity was the keynote of the service, and the keen interest of the congregation in the entire service could be gathered from the reflections in their faces as they read the beautiful gestures of the interpreter.

The entire service was taken by Rev. J. H. Frewin, and was interpreted by the superintendent of the society, Mr. G. Abraham. Throughout the sermon a note of gratitude was struck by the speaker. Each year, Mr. Frewin explained, it was a rule of the society to hold such a thanksgiving day for the three following reasons:—First, to bring before them the wonderful benefits which had been brought to deaf mutes in all parts of the world; secondly, for the benefits that they had received in Victoria, and thirdly, for the great gift that God had given them which stood above all others. Mankind had many serious faults, but one of the outstanding of these was ingratitude.

Taking his text from the 103rd Psalm, second verse, "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul, and forget not all His Benefits," and from II. Corinthians, 9th chapter, 15th verse, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift," the preacher said there were very few men who were always grateful. They were not like artesian wells, from which water came from the ground with no effort; rather were they like a well where water had to be pumped. The deaf and dumb had surely much to be grateful for.

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Wodonga Baby Show.

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Fete for Deaf and Dumb Community.

In Jolimont-square, that little community of the deaf and dumb people of Victoria, an attractive open-air fair was held late on Saturday afternoon and in the evening, as the final function of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society to help the candidature of the Queen of the Forget-Me-Not (Miss Freda Connolly) in the inter-charity queen carnival. Miss Connolly was present during the evening. The square, with its pretty garden and beautiful old trees, was gaily decorated with fluttering bunting and ropes of colored lights, and on the lawns were set up a number of stalls, which had been generously stocked by the deaf people, their parents and friends.

Much enjoyment was created by a costume parade on the lawns at night, when some amusing and very pretty fancy costumes were seen. The prize for the best was awarded to Mrs. T. Peters, who was dressed as a man golfer, while two consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Doris Hickey (early Victorian lady) and Mr. Vincent Buttacavoll (a cave man).

The stalls were supervised by the following helpers:—Useful articles, Misses R. Dow, E. Lloyd and Mr. J. Phillips. Produce cakes, &c., Mrs. T. Peters, Miss D. Minton, and Mr. P. Peters. Sweets, Miss M. Dow, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Messrs. A. Anderson and R. Chaundy. Flowers, Miss D. Hickey. Ice cream and drinks, Mr. D. Johnston and Miss S. Hingle. Games, Messrs. G. Newnham, W. Ross, W. R. Roxburgh, S. R. Noble, W. Ashby, E. Mortimer and V. Buttacavoll.

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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.

Historical Records Exhibition.

An interesting collection of records covering the history of the care of deaf mutes in Victoria was exhibited at the head quarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont-square, on Saturday.

The first school for deaf mute children was founded by Mr. F. J. Rowe in 1860 in a cottage in Peel-street, Windsor. Rowe was himself a deaf mute, who came from England to try his fortune at gold seeking. A year later the school was moved to another cottage in Nelson-street, Windsor, and in 1864 it was transferred to more commodious premises in Commercial-road, Prahran. The last change was made in 1866, when the big St. Kilda-road school was opened. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, formed to promote the interests of deaf mutes after school age, was established in 1883. It began as a mission, and services were held in the Collins-street Baptist Church hall. Later services were held at the then Y.M.C.A head quarters in Bourke-street, now owned by the Salvation Army, and in 1904 the society built its own premises at the east end of Flinders-street, in which a chapel was incorporated. About ten years ago the present property in Jolimont-square, which covers two acres of land, was acquired. A church was built there, and of the existing residences the largest is now used as a club for deaf mutes.

The progressive stages in the development of the society were illustrated in the various exhibits, which included documents, manuscript records and photographs, many of which are of personalities who played prominent parts in its progress. On Saturday evening a film depicting all phases of the work of the society was screened.

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

First Public Meeting

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

PROGRAMME of FORTHCOMING EVENTS

in the ASSEMBLY HALL.

THURSDAY, 26th March, 8.15 p.m.	"Jolimont Cup" Race and other events .. Supper.
SATURDAY, 28th March	Dancing Class .. Chess Tournament .. Club Committees, etc.
MONDAY, 30th March	Deaf Women's Guild Picnic to Belgrave.
THURSDAY, 2nd April	and every Thursday: "POPULAR NIGHT", 8.15 p.m. Men's Guild Business. 8.30 p.m. Prominent Citizen entertains Deaf. 9.15 p.m. Deaf entertain visiting citizen. 10 p.m. Supper.
SATURDAY, 4th April, 7.30 p.m.	and every Saturday. Cinema Pictures, Dancing Class, Social, Games, Competitions, Dramatic Club, Chess Tournament, etc. etc., according to arrangements by Socials Committee.
THURSDAY, 9th April, 7.45 p.m.	EASTER RALLY .. CINEMA PICTURES .. COMPETITIONS SUPPER. The quarterly "get together" night. <u>All</u> come.
	For Women's Guild, Men's Guild, Dramatic Club, Chess Club, Lacrosse, Tennis, Cricket, Basket Ball, and all Club and Committee, Bank, Magazine, etc. announcements, see Notice Board.
SATURDAY, 18th April	Basket Ball Season opens.
SATURDAY, 2nd May	Lacrosse Season opens.
THURSDAY, 25th June	Annual Meeting of Deaf Congregation.
MONDAY, 29th June	King's Birthday Rally.

MEALS at the CLUB HOUSE

Re-commencing 2nd May, and then every Saturday.

12 to 1.30 p.m. Tea, milk, sugar, hot water, and all table appointments free. Bring eatables for self.

6 p.m. Three course dinner .. sixpence.

9.30 p.m. Soft drinks, sweets, other refreshments.

THURSDAYS:
6 - 6.30 p.m. Tea, milk, sugar, hot water, and all table appointments free. Bring eatables for self.

9.30 p.m. Tea, biscuits, cake etc.

All meals are free to unemployed deaf.

In the CHURCH for the DEAF

SUNDAY, 5th April, 7.45 p.m.	Holy Communion. Usual Service at 7 p.m., and every Sunday.
SUNDAY, 12th April	Re-opening of Students Class. Subject: "Does God want us to laugh?" And every alternate Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Sixpence.
SUNDAY, 26th April, 7 p.m.	Anzac Service.
SUNDAY, 7th June	3.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Church Anniversary Services.

Every Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer and Praise.

BALLARAT

Social and Service, Saturday, 4th April, 7.30 p.m., Sunday, 5th April, 3.30 p.m., at Ballarat Orphanage.

Also first Sunday of each month, 3.30 p.m., and every Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

GEELONG

Second Tuesday of each month 8 p.m., at the Rotary Club Room.

Social evening by special announcement.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

SEASON - MARCH to MAY 1935.

PROGRAMME of PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

CLUB HOUSE for the DEAF.

Saturday Night Socials.

March 30th GRAND OPENING - and on Saturdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

April 20th E A S T E R R A L L Y.

April 1st Deaf Women's Guild Annual Picnic at Coburg Lake.

Men's Guild Special Session - April 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and May 7th. For titles of lectures etc. see Guild notice board.

CHURCH for the DEAF.

March 24th HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

April 14th HOLY COMMUNION (at close of service)

Divine Service every Sunday at 7 p.m.

April 2nd SERVICE at GEELONG at 7.30 p.m.

April 7th SERVICE at BALLARAT at 3 p.m.
Trains leave Spencer Street for Ballarat at 9.20 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Fare 6/- return.

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EDITORIAL.

Winter time at our Centre keeps the noses of the workers so consistently down to the grindstone that when the eyes look up and the backs straighten for a spell it is found that months have flown by. Life, with our activities, being just one job after another, and as each new one is at least as interesting and absorbing as the last the recording of these doings are forgotten. But now, having "looked up," we will hasten to pass on the news, and a varied and topical budget it is.

MR. EDWIN JOHNSON.



Mr. Edwin Johnson.

In the last issue of this magazine it will have been noted that the principal speaker at the Conference of the National Council of the Deaf, held in the Old Legislative Council Chamber, Exhibition Building, was Mr. Edwin Johnson, who has also featured in many other activities, some enlightenment of which may here be appropriate.

We find it necessary to draw attention to the fact that there is another Johnston, our "J.M.," with whom Mr. Edwin Johnson is not to be confused, and who happened to be the Chairman at the same Conference. They are not related in any way.

Mr. Edwin Johnson was formerly a pupil of the Royal Institution for Deaf Children, Edgbaston, England, and came to Australia about 25 years years ago. Upon leaving the Deaf School he entered the Aston Manor Technical School, from whence he gained valuable knowledge of carpentery work which has stood him in good stead in later life. Between the age of sixteen and twenty years he was employed as an apprentice carpenter and joiner, and, in his spare time, attended

the Birmingham and Midland Adult Deaf Mission, where he soon made himself prominent in its varied activities and was a lay preacher there

His first leaning toward Australia was during the visit to Birmingham and Midland Deaf Mission of Mr. Samuel Johnson, who was at that time Superintendent of the South Australian Deaf School and Principal of the Adelaide Deaf and Dumb Mission. Mr. S. Johnson very soon noted the adaptability of Mr. Edwin Johnson, and invited him to try his luck in Australia. At first he was undecided, owing to the paucity of his knowledge of Australia and the Australians, but eventually, after correspondence with Mr. S. Johnson, he decided to leave England.

So he, with his deaf wife, a son, and a schoolmate (the late Mr. Arthur Barrell) landed in Adelaide together. This record number of three deaf immigrants arriving at the same time gave the immigrant officers quite a shock; but, with the explanation given by Mr. Samuel Johnson that they would not be a charge upon the State, they were permitted to land. Mr. Johnson was given a position with a well-known Adelaide firm, where he stayed for five years. He was then asked to take up missionary work amongst the Adelaide deaf and dumb, which work he carried on for about twelve months. Later we find him in Queensland, but he very soon drifted south again, finally securing a position with a carpentry firm in Melbourne.

As soon as he got settled, Mr. Johnson immediately set to work to make himself useful to the deaf and dumb community of Melbourne, and took much interest in the affairs of the Melbourne Society, joining in every activity possible.

He has represented the deaf on the Deaf Committee for ten years, was its Honorary Secretary during 1931-1932 and 1933-1934, Honorary Editor of this magazine in 1931, a member of the Men's Guild for many years, and its President last year. He is one of the best speakers in the silent language, and his lectures are always on an educational and interesting subject, and have always been enjoyed by his "listeners." He has even, on one or two occasions, occupied the pulpit. He takes a deep interest in the National Council of the Deaf of Australia, as will be seen by the copy of his speech at the Conference on several subjects concerning the welfare of the deaf printed in the last issue of this magazine, some at least of which he hopes to live long enough to see accomplished. He was appointed delegate by the Deaf Committee to the Deaf Congress held in Sydney during Christmas, 1933, and did much good work there.

It was Mr. Johnson who suggested that the two big functions—the Victorian Adult Deaf Society's Jubilee, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's fiftieth year of work amongst the deaf and dumb of England and Australia—be celebrated at the same time, and, indeed, the celebration of these two events in the Masonic Hall, Collins Street, on 9th October, 1934, was a most memorable occasions. Mr. Johnson shared in the responsibility of making the evening the success it

was. He was on the Executive, and directed a play which was a wonderful achievement since it was acted in silent gesture, and was so simply portrayed that the hearing public could follow the story. Congratulations were heaped upon him as well as the players, and an opportunity was made to have the play repeated for the benefit of our interstate visitors during the Christmas Carnival.

Mr. Johnson was with his last employer for nine years, and during that time built his house at Reservoir. The trade depression caused him to be unemployed, and he was taken on as a collector for the Society.

Mrs. Johnson, too, takes no small part in the activities of this Society, benevolent or otherwise, and we find her most willing and obliging.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two married sons and one grandson, all of whom have their normal hearing and speech.

APPRECIATION OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The year just closed having been for our deaf and dumb community a memorable year, in submitting the annual account of their stewardship, the Board of Management desire at the outset of this report to place on record their high appreciation of the magnificent and remarkably well-sustained effort of the deaf members of this Society in connection with the Jubilee of the Society, and the Victorian Centenary Celebrations.

Of the total expenditure of £451, the deaf and dumb were responsible for the sum of £380, and, under the direction of the Principal, carried out the whole of the work of this, the most successful function ever held in the history of the deaf and dumb of Australia.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR SOCIETY.

The Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was held at the Melbourne Town Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, 18th July, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Cr. A. G. Wales. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Annual Report, said that the citizens of Melbourne appreciated the splendid work of the Society during the Centenary Celebrations.

Mr. Olney, M.L.C., who seconded the motion for the adoption of the report, said that the Society had done splendid work.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. H. Peacock; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F Rowe; Committee: Messrs. N. Armstrong, F. W. Spry, M. J. Hoath, S. G. Hobson, E. J. L. Bremner, G. Fethers, and Cr. G. W. Sweetland; Deaf Representatives: Messrs. F. E. Frewin and A. W. Sutherland, and Miss R. Dow.

THE LORD MAYOR AND THE CENTENARY COUNCIL THANK THE DEAF AND DUMB COMMUNITY.

At the Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, held in the Melbourne Town Hall on the 18th July, the Lord Mayor said that he had been asked by the Centenary Council

to convey the thanks of that Council to the deaf and dumb community for their fine contribution toward the success of the Centenary Celebrations. He also wished to add his personal thanks to the deaf and dumb and this Society for the big part they played in the Celebrations.

THE EMPLOYED DEAF.

It is very pleasing to the Board of Management to be in a position to record that the great majority of our deaf and dumb people are now in remunerative employment. Those at present without work are men who, for various reasons, are difficult to place, and youths who have either never had employment since leaving school or who lost their work soon after being placed.

THE STAFF.

The Principal reports a year of perfect harmony and loyal team work with the staff and all committees. No man, he says, could have a more conscientious, painstaking, and patient body of workers. There is ever present in all, and frequently under the most trying of circumstances, a willingness to forget self in the service of the deaf and dumb community. This very often means long hours, not infrequently occupied with problems that are nerve-exhausting and, at times, seem impossible of solution.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DEAF.

The Forty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Deaf was held on Thursday evening, 27th June, 1935, and was well attended. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham presided.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. W. Sutherland, read the Annual Report, which was considerably long, but full of interest, touching on the success of the Jubilee Celebrations and the Christmas Carnival and Congress of the National Council of the Deaf.

The report recorded gratitude to the Society's Board of Management in obtaining grants from the State Government for additional accommodation at the Blackburn Home, and the provision of relief work for our unemployed. Also to Miss Alice C. Graham for her continued assistance.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. McLean, was in the happy position to report a successful financial year, and so was Mr. Johnston, the Bank Manager, whose statement showed a turnover of upwards of £1000.

In his address the Chairman, Mr. Abraham, said that the year had been the most eventful and successful one in the Society's history, and he took the opportunity to express his appreciation and thanks to all for their kindly remembrance of him, and his fifty years of work amongst the deaf and dumb.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected:—Mrs. J. Pierce, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. F. E. Frewin, J. M, Johnston, A. W. Sutherland, W. Ashby, E. Johnson, F. Sandon, A. Stephens and E. R. Noble.

The first meeting of the present Deaf Committee was held on 16th July. The new office-bearers are:—Chairman: Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Sutherland; Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Librarian, Mr. E. R. Noble; Bank Manager and Editor of the Deaf Magazine, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Representatives to the General Board, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. F. E. Frewin and A. W. Sutherland. Various sub-committees were appointed at the same meeting.

THE DEAF COMMITTEE.

Just Elected. How is it Elected?

Almost from the foundation of our Society there has been a Deaf Committee, and, with the growth of its usefulness, the powers of the Deaf Committee have expanded. Any deaf and dumb person prepared to comply with the usual conditions can qualify for a seat on the Board of Management of our affairs. Briefly put, you must be an ex-pupil of a school for the deaf and dumb and accepted by the deaf community, a resident in the State of Victoria for at least two years, and a subscribing member of 2/6 upwards per annum to the Centre Activity Fund of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. Candidates for seats on the committee are proposed and seconded by members, and, if of good character and in order, the nominators are invariably accepted by the outgoing committee. Candidates may be of either sex.

The Annual Meeting was held in our Assembly Hall on 27th June. There was a large attendance, and very keen interest shown in the contest for seats. There were 17 candidates, three of whom were women. The following were elected in the order here given:—Mr. J. M. Johnston was appointed to a seat by reason of his position of Welfare Officer; Messrs. W. Ashby, A. W. Sutherland, Mrs. J. Pierce, Messrs. F. Sandon, F. E. Frewin, E. R. Noble, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. A. Stephens and E. Johnson.

The Principal, who is a delegate from the General Board of Management, was again unanimously elected chairman. Mr. Abraham, with the exception of one year, has held this position for 34 years. The exception was when he declined the chair because the vote was not unanimous. Out of a possible ten there were two votes against.

OUR CHURCH.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on 24th March, when our Church was appropriately decorated. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham occupied the pulpit and preached from the ninth chapter of St. Matthew, verses 36-38. The gifts were distributed to necessitous cases.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening service on Sundays, 14th April and 7th July.

Special Re-Union Services were held on Sunday, 2nd June, when Ballarat and Geelong folk attended. The 3.30 p.m. service was con-

ducted by Mr. Abraham, and Mr. H. Blackmore, of Adelaide, officiated at the evening service, taking for his text the fifth chapter of James, verse 16, and speaking on the value of prayer. There were large congregations at both services.

Mr. C. H. Book, Senior Crown Prosecutor, occupied the pulpit on the occasion of our Fifth Anniversary on 9th June. He preached from the first chapter of Ruth, verse 16, and there was again a large and appreciative congregation.

We give below a report of the service which appeared in the "Argus":—

"A choir which did not sing and a preacher who was not heard took part last night in the service held to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont. The congregation comprised members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. Each architectural feature of the chapel has been designed to assist the congregation to worship by the eye rather than by the ear. Thus the pews are arranged in a semi-circle, and each person looks down toward the sanctuary. Severe classic lines of white plaster mark the sanctuary, but its severity is relieved by a background of red plush curtains. In the auditorium lights are concealed so that eyes may be concentrated on the sanctuary without interference. In the sanctuary last night was the Crown Prosecutor (Mr. C. H. Book), who preached the sermon, and the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham), who interpreted the sermon with signs.

"Wearing long, white Grecian robes and white headbands, five women members of the Society entered the sanctuary during the service for the anthem. The organist played the opening bars of the hymn which was to be sung, and the air was given by Miss V. Gilbert. The words were interpreted by the choir, again by means of most expressive signs and actions. First one member of the choir would take up the interpretation, then two or three together, and at times all would join in the hymn. The rhythm was communicated to the choir by Mr. Abraham, conducted by signs.

"Mr. Book chose for his sermon the story of Ruth and Naomi. 'There comes a time in the lives of each of us,' he said, 'when we stand in the position of Ruth and Orpah. We stand in the valley and there we have to make our decision. On one hand is the land of Moab and of the god Chemosh. It is the land of materialism and of selfishness, and perhaps of comfort and prosperity, but it is a land where ultimate satisfaction can never be obtained. On the other hand is the land of Judah, and of the one God. It is the land of the spirit, of unselfishness, and of service for others, and perhaps of hardship for ourselves, but ultimately it is the land which brings to us the truest satisfaction. Which way shall we take?'"

COUNTRY VISITATION.

Since our last issue our Principal has made several flying visits into the country, mostly in the interest of special cases; but he has take advantage of the opportunity to systematically visit the local deaf. He has been to Bendigo district, and to Geelong and Ballarat several times. Now that the severity of the strain of work at the Centre is lessening, it is his intention to get out amongst the country deaf folk. So look out for him! Fred Sandon accompanies him as driver.

BALLARAT.

Ballarat continues to attract Melbourne deaf to its monthly Sunday services. Its popularity has not waned a bit, for, at the February meeting, which was conducted by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, seven Melbourne deaf and one from Tasmania (Mr. J. O'Toole) attended. Upon arrival they were each allotted to one of their Ballarat friends and taken home to lunch, afterwards visiting places of interest before going to the service. After the service the visitors were entertained to tea in the Club Room.

The March meeting was attended by another part of Melbourne deaf, as well as two from Geelong and one from Horsham. This service was during the "Back to Ballarat" celebrations, and the city had donned a carnival air. Six of the visitors stayed for the week-end, joining in the Saturday night social in the Club Room as well as the service the following day. Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated at this service.

Another large party followed Mr. Abraham in April, some travelling by train, others by car.

Two carloads accompanied Mr. Johnston to Ballarat in May.

In each case the visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Ballarat deaf before their departure for home.

Misses E. Doney and G. Caldwell and Mr. M. Mark paid a visit to Geelong one day. They were met by Miss C. Monahan, who entertained them and showed them round the city.

At the wish of the Ballarat deaf, the June meeting was held in Melbourne in the form of a Re-Union Service. A party of 22, including the deaf and some of their hearing relations, journeyed to Melbourne and back in a motor 'bus, kindly provided by the Ballarat Rotary Club, to whom our warmest thanks are due. The Ballarat folk were entertained to a three-course midday dinner and high tea at 6 p.m. in the Club House. In the afternoon and evening services were held in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square.

Many of the Ballarat deaf took the opportunity to visit the School for the Deaf and renew acquaintances with the teachers and pupils.

Mr. Johnston officiated at the July meeting, and was accompanied by Mr. D. Johnston and Miss B. Higgie.

The Principal, who took with him Messrs. E. R. Noble and F. Sandon, and Misses E. Lloyd and J. May, conducted the August service.

MAURICE MARK.



MR. M. MARK
Hon. Sec. of Ballarat Club.

Maurice Mark is an outstanding personality in the Ballarat deaf community, and, if he continues as he has begun, which we quite believe he will do, there is a bright future for him and the deaf of Ballarat. It is a delight to us to be associated with deaf young men who, early in life, put service before self, and this indeed is what Maurice Mark has done almost from the day he left school.

It is almost entirely due to his earnest enthusiasm that the deaf have a meeting place for recreation, and to his persistent effort that they have the apparatus (or whatever you care to call the games, etc.) to entertain themselves. Also, and which, in our opinion is his greatest achievement, the almost 100 per cent. attendance at services is due to his "mustering" talent. The hospitality of the Ballarat deaf is so well appreciated that Melbourne deaf gladly travel the 70 miles to participate therein whenever opportunity occurs.

This idea of entertaining deaf from other towns also had its origin in the grey matter of Maurice; and, in the actual entertaining, he is ably assisted by Miss Gladys Caldwell.

"Maurice Marks" with other names, in other towns, are urgently invited to follow the example of Maurice Mark, of Ballarat.

GEELONG.

Messrs. J. Hennessy, J. Gibson and J. and L. Ashly were temporarily out of employment while their firm, the Ford Motor Co, made extensive alterations in readiness for the manufacture of new model cars.

A member of the Board of Management, Mr. S. G. Hobson, accompanied our Principal recently on an "all round" visit to the deaf of Geelong, and was so pleased with the experience and the reception by the deaf that he intends to companion Mr. Abraham upon his visits to other country towns.

Misses G. Caldwell, E. Doney and Mr. M. Mark, all of Ballarat, visited Geelong one Sunday. They were shown the principal places of interest by Miss C. Monahan.

Mrs. Hood has left her old home at St. Leonards, and is now residing in Geelong.

Mrs. P. Swain, of Glen Iris, and Mrs. J. Collins, of Neerim Junction, paid Geelong a visit in April, and called on some of the local deaf.

Misses C. and B. Monahan came to Melbourne for the special Re-Union Service on Sunday, 3rd June. The Melbourne deaf were very pleased to see them.

Monthly meetings were held as usual in February, March, April, May and June, and the attendance has been well maintained.

Instead of holding meetings on Tuesday evenings, as in the past, the Geelong deaf now have their service on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 p.m., in the same room, which is kindly lent by the Geelong Rotary Club.

The first of these Sunday afternoon services was held on 27th July, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiating. Four Melbourne visitors joined the gathering.

Mr. A. Stephens, of Coburg, is now working in Geelong, and it is hoped he will be a help to this branch.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held at the Mitcham Memorial Hall on Sunday, 9th June, 1935, under the auspices of the Mitcham Masonic Lodge, at which Mr. N. Armstrong, the Chairman of our Board of Management, presided.

Included in the musical programme was the rendering in gesture of the hymns, "Will you meet me at the fountain?" and "Scatter seeds of kindness," by members of our Deaf Girls' Choir, supported vocally by the Mitcham Choral Society. Misses R. Dow, D. Hickey, E. Leber, P. Johnstone and A. Bentley formed the above choir, and their services were gratefully appreciated. This deaf choir again rendered the two hymns in gesture at the Anniversary Service in the Church for the Deaf that same night.

The action of the Mitcham Masonic Lodge in devoting the whole of the offertory (which amounted to £9/9/-) to our Society is very much appreciated.

RALLIES.

There was a good assemblage at the Easter Rally, which was held in our Assembly Hall on Saturday, 20th April. The evening opened with an address by the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, after which several presentations were made, firstly to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ashby (who were recently married)—a 33-piece dinner set; secondly to Mr. W. F. Appleton, the Welfare Officer of the Society, on the occasion of his approaching marriage and departure for Adelaide—a silver teapot. Mr. and Mrs. R. White were not present to receive their gift—a dinner and cutlery set from the members of the Lacrosse Club—so it was agreed to forward it to their new home. Miss A. C. Graham was also presented with a handsome box of chocolates, as a small token of appreciation of her continued assistance.

The King's Birthday Rally on 3rd June took the form of a Picture Night. The programme, a very good one, consisted of two small comedies, entitled "Man Size Pet" and "Raisin' Cain," and a long comedy drama entitled "Floating College." The pictures ended at 9.30 p.m., and a conjuring trick competition was then held, resulting in many excellent efforts by the deaf. Supper was partaken of by approximately 140.

KING'S CORONATION JUBILEE.

As 6th May, 1935, was declared a public holiday in celebration of the King's Coronation Jubilee, the Board of Management of our

Society took the opportunity to show our loyalty and appreciation to the King in the form of a dinner and social evening in our Assembly Hall.

As it happened, many members of the Board were already pledged to attend outside functions, therefore only two were able to join us. Mr. L. A. Cleveland, our President, also managed to spare us a few minutes before dinner to address the gathering before proceeding to his own engagement. Nearly 120 sat down to the dinner prepared by our band of loyal helpers, under the charge of Miss E. R. Empson and Mrs. J. Pierce.

Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of the Board, presided, and proposed the toast of the King, which was followed by a toast to our Society, proposed by Mr. A. C. Muir, who recounted his experience in meeting the present King (when he was Prince George on a visit to Australia with the Duke of Clarence) in Yarra Park after the disastrous fire which burnt down the M.C.G. grandstand.

Mr. S. G. Hobson responded to Mr. Muir's toast, and Mr. Abraham made the final speech. As soon as the tables were cleared, Messrs. J. M. Johnston and G. Newnham took charge of the games, which were all of a jolly kind, and everybody went home well pleased with the event.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNERS.

The Saturday evening dinners were re-instituted on 4th May, under the supervision of Mrs. J. Pierce, when a three-course meal (including vegetable soup, veal cutlets with vegetables, and plum pudding) was placed before the diners for the modest sum of ninepence. Over twenty partook of this dinner, and thereafter there was an average of 35 deaf attended each Saturday. After the first dinner Mrs. Edwin Johnson took charge of the cooking. The menu is always varied.

EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENSES OF TOUCH AND SMELL.

The following appeared in a weekly paper recently. Can any of our readers improve upon it?:—

"Nguna."—Before the Chicago Medical Society, Willetta Huggins, a 17-year-old girl, totally blind and deaf, demonstrated her senses of touch and smell, to the astonishment of the doctors and other scientists. For she "sees" with her nose, and "hears" with her fingers, so to speak. She showed that she could detect colours by their odour (says the New York correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle"). "Pink," she told the assembled medical men, "smells like wool, blue like ink, green like grass, and black like a newspaper." To prove it, she separated several skeins of yarn, according to their tints. A knitted tie was handed to her. She held it to her nose, and correctly described its colours as red, blue, and brown. Also, she rubbed her nose over a photograph, and announced that it was a group picture of two men and a woman, which, in fact, it was.

Willetta can hear over a telephone by placing her fingers on the receiver, the vibrations conveying the words to her. In the same way she can hear a person talk by placing a finger on the speaker's cheek. By holding a thin sheet of paper, directed broadside towards a lecturer, so that it intercepted the sound vibrations, she was able to report what he said. Her sense of touch is so delicate that she can read the headlines of newspapers by passing her fingers over them, though she cannot distinguish the impression of the smaller type of the articles. By the same method, she is able to tell the denomination of bank-notes.

ADELAIDE CARNIVAL—CHRISTMAS, 1936.

The various organisations of the Adelaide Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission have banded together and are making preparations for the 1936 Christmas Carnival. It will be the Centenary year of the State of South Australia, and the deaf are eager to be in the limelight with their share of the celebrations.

The deaf of other States will be eager to make the trip; we therefore advise all to begin saving.

To enable the womenfolk of Australia to prepare their entries for the Adelaide Needlework Exhibition in good time, the South Australian Congress Committee has issued a list of proposed sections, which we reproduce hereunder:—

Section I.—White Embroidery, Eyelet or Richelieu, pair of pillow shams or supper cloths.

Section II.—Coloured Embroidery, Eyelet or Richelieu, pair of pillow shams, supper cloth or apron.

Section III.—White Embroidery, choice of tray cloth, centre, duchesse set.

Section IV.—Doyleys, either white or coloured.

Section V.—Supper or bridge set, white or coloured, cloth and serviettes to match.

Section VI.—Crochet (cotton), best article in crochet work.

Section VII.—Tatting. Best tatting on any article.

Section VIII.—Knitting. Jumper, cardigan, bed jacket, etc.

Section IX.—Knitting. Baby's set, dress, petticoat, pilches, bootees.

Section X.—Baby's wear, coat, dress and bonnet. Made of material either embroidered or smocked.

Section XI.—Ladies' Underwear, best embroidery.

Section XII.—Cushions, cosies of any kind.

Section XIII.—Mats made from old stockings or other material.

SIGNS.

We are compelled, for lack of space, to hold over considerable matter in favour of the use of signs, and of the beauty and grace

of the Language of Gesture. It is admitted by writers that some of the signs used by pupils who have left the schools for the deaf during recent years are "ugly" and bear no relation whatever to the meaning of the thought it is desired to express, but that no more condemns signs as an expression of thought than does slang, or uncouth dialect.

It is almost invariably found that those who condemn gesture as a mode of communication have no adequate knowledge of the langauge, and could not accurately interpret a speech from the oral to the deaf by this means. Yet we know of deaf men who have repeatedly, at services and meetings, re-interpreted into the spoken vernacular, grammatically and word for word, sermons and addresses whilst being translated into the gesture language to the deaf and dumb audience by our Principal from the oral delivery of some popular clergyman or speaker.



Messrs. L. A. Cleveland (President), M. J. Hoah, (Honorary Secretary of National Council of Societies) and E. J. D. Abraham (Principal), in happy mood.

FINGERS OR LIPS?

Whatever the system of education is, the deaf and dumb, as a community, find no rival to the finger and sign language (the method used by our Society's officers for lectures, services, etc.) as the most accurate and convenient method of communication. Lip-reading is useful and all deaf and dumb who are able to follow the lip signs should be encouraged to devote time, on leaving school, to its practice, but for platform purposes or rapid and accurate sustained conversation lip-reading is not a success.

Even at the schools for the deaf, where instruction is given by means of lip-reading, immediately the children are released from the lesson period they resort to signs and finger spelling. Indeed, at speech days and other public functions at these schools, where there are visiting speakers, the headmaster or one of the teaching staff find it necessary to interpret the addresses to the children by means of finger spelling and signs.

The finger and sign language is really a beautiful and poetic expression of thought in the hands of a master of that language, and can be as grammatical as spoken language.



Mr. A. J. Wilson

The undoubted advantage of the finger language for social intercourse of the deaf is well summed up in the words of Mr. A. J. Wilson, President of the National Deaf Club, London. The editor of a publication for the deaf invited him to express his views. In his reply he said: "I am one of the onlookers who proverbially see most of the game. That is to say, although I am quite deaf I have never been taught at either a fingering or a lip-reading school, but have, in recent years, associated with countless deaf people of both persuasions — manualists and oralists.

"Being twelve years of age when I lost my hearing, I had perfect command of speech and I am told that today — after 65 years of deafness—I speak as well as though I were not deaf.

"I confine myself to that which comes under my notice when attending meetings of the National Deaf Club, founded as the Deaf Friends' Club, by a few pure oralists. This London Club has flourished for some 28 years. Two years afterwards, when I joined it, I found that the orally-taught members had realised that the finger-alphabet was the only means whereby a number of deaf people could all read and understand what was being said. I found that the oralists could not read one-half of what was spoken from the platform. It was the same in the clubroom, the oralists read a few of the words and guessed the remainder—as often guessing wrongly as rightly. So, year after year, the same thing has been experienced, the oralists who join the club soon realise that they can converse manually better than by lip-reading. The case is much like that of one conversing in a foreign language — French, German, etc. — the unfamiliar words cause an effort to understand them and lead to ludicrous mistakes.

"I allow that there are some exceptionally well-educated oralists who read the lips marvellously well, provided the speaker faces directly toward the reader; I have even met men and women who

can read 'side-face' very well; but the difference is that with fingering there is no guessing, every word can be read as distinctly as in cold print, all over a large room."

DEAF AND DUMB "DEVIL."

Mr. George M. Lamsa has made a translation of the four Gospels from the native Galilean Aramaic. The Galilean Aramaic is the vernacular of Northern Palestine, and is still spoken as it was in the days of Jesus.

Mr. Lamsa is a native of Assyria, and graduated from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Mission College in Urumiah, Persia, and from the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria. His version has been accepted as the official version of the Gospels of what once constituted the original Eastern Church. The new translation removes difficulties that have always troubled those interested in the welfare of the deaf and dumb.

In the King James version, we are told (Mark 9, verse 17) that the boy had a "dumb spirit." The new translation is "that a disease had caused his dumbness" and not that the spirit was dumb.

Again, Luke 11, verse 14, says that Jesus was "casting out a devil, and it was dumb." The Eastern version is Jesus was "casting out a demon from a dumb man." An altogether different happening.

In Aramaic an insane man is called "dewana," meaning "one who is possessed of a devil or become wild." It seems "dewana" is a word that cannot be translated into other languages without a change in its meaning.

OUR HONORARY SECRETARY—MR. W. F. ROWE.

On the 11th April Mr. W. F. Rowe, the Honorary Secretary of our Society gave a most interesting lecture on Italy and other places he visited during his tour abroad. The lecture was supported by some beautiful pictures which were shown on the screen in our Assembly Hall. All present followed very closely all Mr. Rowe, through Mr. Abraham, had to say, and with a hearty vote of thanks expressed the wish that Mr. Rowe would come again and tell them more of his trip.

Very sincere congratulations were extended to Mr. Rowe on the occasion of his marriage on the 5th May, and many good wishes for the future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe accompanied a beautifully cut crystal reading lamp from the members of the Board of Management, Principal and Assistant Secretary, and an equally beautiful crystal bowl from the members of the Deaf Committee. Very nice letters of thanks for the gifts were received from Mr. Rowe. A hearty welcome to our Club awaits Mrs. Rowe, and we hope Mr. Rowe will bring her along soon.

BENEFACTORS OF THE DEAF.

A feature that is, year by year, gaining in popularity amongst the deaf and dumb is Benefactors' Night. The object of the gathering is to familiarise the deaf with their own history and keep in remembrance the men and women to whom they owe the existence of their schools, adult societies, and other benefits. It begins with a short address on the history and work of the schools and societies, with brief, illustrated biographies of the founders, teachers, and deaf people who have, by some outstanding accomplishment, deserved a place in their records. On this occasion, 15th November, 1934, an added feature was an exhibition of historical photographs, letters, books, and articles of unique interest. The very large attendance was the most satisfactory part of this gathering, showing as it did the feeling of the deaf, and their sense of understanding and appreciation.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

"Gloves" was the title of an interesting paper given by Miss D. Hickey to members of the Women's Guild on 5th March, followed by three short stories by Miss M. Gibson on 9th April on "How a sandwich got its name," "Grace Darling" and "Do you know?", which were all greatly enjoyed.

On Eight Hours Day, 1st April, 1935, the Guild held its Annual Picnic at the new locality—the Coburg Lake, which is most charming, and was looking its best. The place was new to most of us, and we took the opportunity to make the best of our exploring abilities. Thirty-two enjoyed the day, and after tea Mrs. J. Pierce invited all to her home, which is only about one mile away, where it ended with card playing and a conversazione, and Mrs. Pierce very thoughtfully provided supper before our departure for home.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting was held on the evening of 21st May, when the usual reading and adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet was gone through. The new committee is as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters; Vice-President, Miss E. Empson; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber; Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey; Committee, Mrs. W. Rees, Misses R. Dow, A. Smith and L. Sanders.

"President's Night" was held on 11th June, when Miss Ethel Leber made a good beginning in her new role as Hon. Secretary by arranging a most attractive programme. After the usual business routine and addresses, a guessing competition on names of motor cars was put through, and then came the magical illusion display by Master Dodson, age 13, a nephew of Miss Vera Caroline, which was very amazing and good. The members of the Deaf Committee, who were holding a meeting the same evening, were invited to witness it by the President, Mrs. Peters, and later partook of a dainty coffee supper. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Miss Dow and seconded by Mr. Bremner (one of the General Board's representatives on the Deaf Committee), was given to Mrs. Peters. Mrs. Peters in turn thanked Master Dodson and his mother for coming and giving a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

Interesting papers, one by Miss M. Gibson on "S.S. Edina" and one by Mrs. J. M. Johnston on the "Popularity of Dining Out in

America," were given at the July meeting, and they were much enjoyed.

Arrangements are being formulated by the above Guild to commemorate its thirty-fifth anniversary. Various suggestions were put forward and most likely a dinner will be chosen. So members and intending members are advised to prepare themselves for that eventful occasion and to save up, for each will be asked to contribute something to its success.

MEN'S GUILD

On the evening of 25th March a party of twelve members paid a visit to the City Newsboys' Club Rooms in Little Collins Street. Miss Edith Onians, who has been secretary of the society for 37 years, showed us over the building, which is, in our opinion, the most useful and compact club room we have ever seen. We were amazed to find that such a club house exists in Melbourne providing all the training that is needed to successfully bring up the city newsboys as good citizens. There is a carpentery workshop, in which a number of boys were hard at work (and we were also surprised to see Mr. Chipperfield, the instructor of the Deaf School carpentry class, in charge of this class), classes for engineering, boot repairing, signwriting, and fretwork, a turning and fitting workshop, a chlorinated swimming pool, library and reading room, kitchen, dining hall, billiard room, gymnasium and theatre combined, and many other conveniences. On the whole a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent, and very sincere expressions of gratitude were tendered to Miss Onians for the kind privileges granted us.

On 2nd May the Telephone Exchange was visited, and a very instructive evening passed all too soon. The members were shown the intricate method of connecting one line to another, the automatic, manual, and trunk lines. Thanks were tendered to the guide for his painstaking explanations.

Owing to the unsuitable time and date of the night visit to the Zoological Gardens, it was decided to postpone it for the time being.

On 16th May the Guild discussed all the varied topics that had arisen during the preceding week, and made suggestions for the improvement of this Society, etc.

Another happy evening was spent on 18th June when, after some topical talk, the Chairman, Mr. E. R. Noble, gave a paper on "The Walls of Jericho," in which he explained the age, size, method of construction, and how they were later destroyed—indeed a very interesting subject.

It is with regret that this Guild announces the resignation from the Honorary Secretaryship of Mr. G. McGuiness, which position he had accepted only three months previously. It is hoped that, by the next issue of this magazine, the Guild will be able to announce the new secretary who, the Guild hopes, will remain in office till the end of the year.

BLACKBURN FARM NEWS.

For some months before and after Christmas our unemployed deaf men received unique training in carpentry work. With Government grants to our Society, three fine new buildings—one containing six bedrooms, a recreation hall, and another six bedrooms with a sitting room and kitchen combined for unemployed trainees—were built entirely by the unemployed deaf with the exception of bricklaying, plumbing and electric wiring, under the supervision of Mr. Mann, an expert builder. It really was a sort of vocational training, and the work was done exceedingly well.

The buildings were officially opened by the Mayor of Box Hill, Cr. W. J. Boyland, M.L.A., on Saturday afternoon, 9th March, 1935, before a big gathering of Masons and friends who were present for an afternoon's cricket match. The party was entertained to afternoon tea on the front lawn.

The plans and specifications were done by Mr. John Gawler, of Messrs. Gawler & Drummond, architects, who gave his services gratis, and he has our sincere thanks.

We extend grateful thanks to our fairy godmother, Miss Alice C. Graham, for continued generous gifts for our unemployed and dependent deaf.

SATURDAY NOVELTY EVENINGS.

Free Saturday night entertainments have been held during the past three months in rally style and are exceedingly popular. The first one was held on 30th March, when Mr. Abraham opened the proceedings with an address on the Committee's intentions. Novel games were introduced under the direction of Mr. J. M. Johnston, and a buffet supper, under the supervision of Miss E. Empson, ended a successful beginning.

The following Saturday, 6th April, a picture show was given, showing a comedy featuring Reginald Denny in "Red Hot Speed." Supper as usual.

On the 13th April Mr. Chas. Nutting, of the Commercial Travellers' Association, paid a visit to our Centre and entertained us with some brilliant illusions. He invited us to watch closely and see how "it was done," but although the attention of all was well focussed on Mr. Nutting, we were not able to repeat any of his tricks ourselves. After the much enjoyed performance, for which Mr. Nutting was heartily thanked, games were indulged in under the direction of Mr. S. G. Hobson, of the General Board.

On 11th May a Whist Drive was held, and Mr. A. Dodson came out winner after a play-off.

Conjuring Trick Competitions were held on 8th June amongst the deaf, and Mr. F. Maunder won with his clever card trick.

A clever "boy illusionist," Master Dodson, age 13, paid a second visit to our Club and entertained the members with his amazing feats, after which a humorous story competition was held. Mr.

G. Newnham came out victor with his best joke, and Mr. C. Graham a close second. Mrs. W. O'Bryan was the best on the ladies' side. Mr. J. Phillips scored with the shortest joke.

Other Saturday nights have been devoted to games of various nature.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The Lacrosse Club started its season full of hope and vim, and up to the time of going to press has been successful, as the undermentioned results will show:—On 4th May Melbourne High School Old Boys were defeated rather easily, our team scoring 12 goals to their 5. On 11th May, with the change in the team, confusion occurred and we lost the match to Power House by only a goal, Power House scoring 9 to our 8. We had a win over Essendon, scoring 13 to 6 on 18th May. University High School Old Boys went down to us on the 25th May, scoring 5 to our 11. On 1st June we had a bye. Another easy win for our boys over Camberwell on 8th June, 13 to 3. Hartwell failed to score on 15th June whilst our boys netted 7. On 22nd June we just scraped home with 5 goals to Hawthorn's 3. On 29th June we met the top team (Old Trinity) on their ground at Kew, and they justified their position for they defeated us rather easily by 12 goans to 5. On 6th July we defeated Sunshine, scoring 11 goals to 6. St. Kilda sprang a surprise upon us on 13th July, the game resulting in a draw. Preston was no match for us on 20th July, for we scored 15 goals to their 1. Melbourne Technical College were defeated by us on 27th July, our side scoring 17 goals to 4.

The premiership points after the completion of matches on 27th July showed our team placed second to Old Trinity Collegians, with Power House, Hawthorn and St. Kilda fighting for third and fourth positions.

Since the annual meeting vacancies occurred on the committee. Mr. W. Appleton left us for Adelaide and Mr. G. Henry automatically forfeited his seat for absence from meetings three times without apologies, and arrangements were made to fill the vacancies. Mr. K. Pickett has relinquished his position as hon. secretary, and his place was taken by Mr. E. R. Noble. The new shower room has been completed, adjoining the club's dressing room, and the players find it a great boon.

PICTURE SHOWS.

A splendid free picture show was held on Saturday evening, 13th July, in the Assembly Hall, when two comedies, "Let George Do It" and "Mind the Baby," and an exciting and thrilling drama, "The White Hell of Pitz Palu," were screened. The attendance was good, showing that cinema pictures have not lost their attraction.

Another equally good show was given on 27th July, when the tense drama, "Doomed Battalions," and a comedy, "Getting the Air," were shown. The attendance was well over 100.

A FAMOUS DEAF MUTE MINIATURIST AND "LANGUAGE."

Mr. Long had some quaint stories to tell of famous miniaturists. Charles Shirreff was a deaf mute miniaturist of the eighteenth century, but he was devoted to the theatre. When they asked him how he could possibly get any intellectual pleasure from acting of which he could never hear a word, Shirreff said, "Garrick's face was a language," and to prove it stood up after dinner and, muttering uncouth sounds, went through the part of Richard III., by his deportment, his action, and the most significant looks, distinguishing every scene and all the various situations.

OUR WORLD.

Mr. W. C. Grant, of Myrtleford, who two years ago left this State for Adelaide and whilst there married Miss H. Harford, recently returned, bringing with him his wife and their charming baby. We hear he has obtained work on a pine plantation, where he worked some years previously. Mr. and Mrs. Grant paid us a visit before going on to Myrtleford, and we were pleased to see them and the baby looking so well.

Miss Sophie Williams, of Ballarat, was the victim of a cowardly attack by an unknown man on 27th April. Miss Williams, who is 71 years of age, was sitting in the kitchen of her tiny home at Ballarat East when her head was severely lacerated by stunning blows. When discovered, she was immediately taken to the hospital where her wounds were attended to. It is believed that it was a brutal attack and that robbery was not the motive. Miss Williams is staying with her nieces at Ascot Vale, and we were pleased to see her at our Sunday Service on 23rd June.

It is with pleasure we note that Warrie Ashby again represents the Victorian Lacrosse Association in the interstate matches at Perth. It will be his second trip to Western Australia, for he was also selected for the carnival held there in 1931.

Congratulations were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Hartley on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2nd May last, from the General Board, Deaf Committee, and Principal of our Society.

The Editor received a letter from Mr. T. Williamson, of New Plymouth, New Zealand, in which he extends congratulations to the Victorian Deaf Cricket Team on winning back the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield." He thought of coming over but, as the shipping companies did not run any excursions, had to cancel his plans. Mr. Williamson sends good wishes to all his friends here.

Miss Grace Mortimer, of Toora, South Gippsland, spent a very happy fortnight in Melbourne during the latter part of March. She accompanied the Women's Guild on the Annual Picnic at Coburg Lake and enjoyed it very much. Her cheery smile is missed by her many friends.

Mr. H. Ahchow reports that he has had a fair season despite the floods that swept the farm some time ago. He said that prospects for the coming season seem brighter than ever. He hopes to come to Melbourne very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackmore and their two sons, late of Adelaide and Perth, are now in Melbourne.

Mr. F. Kendall, of Inverleigh, paid us a visit in March and again in June, when he was down town for a few days.

Mr. K. Pickett underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Alfred Hospital about a month ago and is now doing well.

Mrs. M. Williamson is again on the move and has gone up north to Queensland. She left here on 7th May per the Sydney express.

Mr. Thomas, of Launceston, was here for three weeks visiting relatives and friends, and was at the Ballarat meeting on the first Sunday in May. He returned home on 8th May, carrying our good wishes and regards to our Launceston friends.

Mr. Price, of Brisbane, Queensland, was with us for the month of April, visiting all the well known spots and attending nearly all our social functions. He returned home on 9th May, well pleased with his stay.

Mr. W. Ross was operated on for appendicitis some time ago but is back again at his trade.

Mr. Reggie Treloggen, of Launceston, came over on 8th June per the new steam "Taronga," and stayed a little over two weeks. It was his first visit to Victoria, and he took the opportunity to see everything possible in Melbourne. He had great pleasure in meeting his old friends, especially Mrs. H. Puddy, nee Miss Jessie Best (who was formerly a Launceston girl). He returned home on Wednesday, 26th June.

Mr. A. Stephens had the misfortune to have his wrists cut by broken glass some time ago. He was immediately taken to Royal Melbourne Hospital where stitches were inserted. The wounds healed, but after a further accident another operation was performed, which was of a more serious nature, but we are pleased to sey it turned out a success. At present he is giving his wrist "a daily dozen" with an Indian club to give it pliancy.

Mr. W. Hately, of Camperdown, during the first week of April went across the Strait to the Apple Isle per the new steamer "Taronga." He popped in to see us before and after his trip. The trip to Tasmania was his first one and he spoke very highly of the scenery. He intends to go over again during the Christmas vacation. He returned to Melbourne on Sunday morning, 7th April, and soon after breakfast set off for home on his Harley Davidson motor cycle.

Roy Mewett was in the Royal Melbourne Hospital for about three months, where he underwent a very serious operation. He came through successfully and is now resting at our Blackburn Home.

Mr. O. Quinton, of East Melbourne, one of our Society's country collectors, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Ethel Brassington, of Sydney. The ceremony was held at the bride's home on 23rd April, after which the happy couple made the sea trip to Melbourne for their honeymoon. They took up residency at Burnley. At one Saturday night function they were presented with a set of aluminium pots and a stand as an expression of good wishes from their Melbourne deaf friends.

In appreciation of the Society and the services of our Principal, Mr. E. Burke made a memorable gift on behalf of himself and his late sister, Miss Winnie Burke, donating £5/5/- to our Society and £2/2/- to the Church for the Deaf.

About three months ago the Christmas Congress and Carnival Committee received a surprise gift of £10 to its funds from a leading Melbourne philanthropic gentleman, Mr. F. J. Cato, and most unfortunately we have to record his passing away a few weeks after he had made his birthday gift.

The Society is indebted to the continued help of the East Kew and Brighton Ladies' Auxiliaries, who recently handed in £15 and £11 respectively.

After a very short illness Mr. and Mrs. G. Quantock, of Brunswick, lost their beloved daughter about a month ago, and we desire to express our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The Editor feels that this magazine would not be complete unless a few words of appreciation of the many services given by Mr. S. C. Hobson (a member of the Board of Management) were added. He devotes his time to the Society's collectors on Saturday mornings and attends many of the functions held at the Centre or elsewhere. His geniality radiates happiness amongst us all.

Mr. J. Walters, of Leitchville, was with us for a couple of weeks during the latter part of July. He enjoyed the popular Saturday evening gatherings and was sorry to leave for home again.

Quite a number of our deaf friends have been or are in hospital at present. Mr. G. B. Mortimer had an attack of bronchial influenza and was in Epworth Hospital for just over a month, and we are glad to be able to report he has recovered. Mr. H. Lambert was a Prince Henry Hospital suffering from pleurisy and is now recovering at Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. Mr. C. Graham is the latest addition to the list. He was admitted to Royal Melbourne Hospital and underwent an operation for hernia. He is progressing satisfactorily at the Caulfield Hospital.

Mr. G. Hodges is at present at Swan Hill where he has been for some six months, but he expects to be home very soon. He is on a big carpentry job, building a new town hall there.

Mr. Ron Stevenson, of Fitzroy, who (as will have been seen in the last issue of our magazine) had the misfortune to have his leg fractured in a motor cycle collision last December, is now recuperating at our Blackburn Home.

Mr. W. Ross, of Hawthorn, is the proud possessor of a shilling piece which will be 100 years old next year. Mr. Ross, who is naturally observant, one day, as he passed an excavation, happened to espy a rusty round object on the ground. Taking it home, he put it through a cleansing process and discovered it to be a shilling piece dated 1836—just on 99 years old. On the reverse side is the head of William IV., the reigning sovereign at that time. How long the coin had lain in the earth or what tales it could tell if it could only speak, we will never know.

Mr. Stephens was very fortunate in obtaining a position with a joinery firm in Geelong, where he started on 8th July. It was mainly through Mr. Abraham's effort that he got this position, and we all sincerely hope he will prove his worth.

The President of the Women's Guild, Mrs. T. Peters, is a consistent reader, and one day she happened to obtain from the library to which she belongs a book written by Florence Riddell entitled "Silent World." Mrs. Peters was so impressed with the book that she ordered a copy of it from the publishers in England. The book duly arrived, and to encourage members to read it and at the same time to benefit the Women's Guild Fund, she lent the book to the Guild and allowed it to make a charge of threepence from anyone wishing to read the book. This book is a charming and touching story of a boy who was deaf from childhood—an inhabitant of the Silent World of those who cannot hear—and yet, despite his handicap, became a normal man, and not an object of compassion. This is an excellent book, and one that will appeal to the deaf.

Recently a cutting from a Perth (West Australian) newspaper was sent to Mr. J. Phillips, of Melbourne, who in turn handed it over to the Editor. The cutting gave prominence to a deaf and dumb wedding which took place at the new Headquarters of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Western Australia, in Hay Street, Perth. It was mentioned that this was the first wedding of its kind to be held in the new building. Miss Elsie Doyle was married to Mr. Bernard Martin by the Rev. N. Holland, of the Methodist Church, and Mr. J. O. Love, the Superintendent of the School for the Deaf, interpreted. The story ended with the newspaper proprietors' special congratulations and blessings upon the newly wed couple.

Below is an extract from a cutting from the London "Times" published on 25th May last, which was kindly sent to our Editor by Miss Vera West, of Traralgon, Gippsland, and we thank her for sending same:—

"The Lady West Memorial Shield for the best unit in the Cadet Force at physical drill was won yesterday at Olympia by a deaf and dumb company. The successful team belongs to the Northern Counties School for the Deaf and Dumb, which furnishes a company to the 1st Newcastle Cadet Battalion, C.L.B. The runners-up were the Maidenhead Cadet Companies.

"The competition was judged by Colonel G. N. Dyer, Inspector of P.T. for the Army; Major H. R. B. Watkins, Staff Officer to the Inspector, and Captain T. James, Master-at-Arms, Army P.T. School. The Maidenhead team drilled first and scored 238 points. The Newcastle team worked to blackboard and demonstration and showed a complete mastery of drilling to unspoken command, having overcome the handicap of non-oral instruction in a remarkable manner. They scored 275 points.

"The achievement of the winners is a remarkable one, as in the rounds up to the final they met good teams and then faced a unit of older lads. The shield was presented to the winners by Air-Marshall Sir John M. Salmond."

After three years' training by our Principal (Mr. Abraham) for Deaf and Dumb Welfare work, Mr. W. Appleton has been appointed Assistant Welfare Officer to the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission. He took leave of us during the last days of April. At our Easter Rally the Principal and a number of deaf friends presented him with a silver teapot as a wedding gift. In responding, Mr. Appleton expressed the hope that he would be able in some measure to repay the kindness shown him. He began his duties on the 1st May, 1935.

Mr. J. McGonigal, aged 78, died at St. Vincent's Hospital on 9th August, 1935, after some weeks' illness, and was buried at the Fawkner Cemetery.

A RECORD IN ATTENDANCES.

1st June—Saturday Social, upwards of 80.
2nd June—Sunday Afternoon Service, upwards of 63.
2nd June—Sunday Tea, 70.
2nd June—Sunday Evening Service, 80.
3rd June—King's Birthday Rally, upwards of 140.
9th June—Sunday Evening Service, 72.
27th July—Saturday, 110.

BIRTHS.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grant, of Myrtleford, on 31st January, 1935—June Mary.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, of Melbourne, on 19th February, 1935.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tyzzer, of Richmond, on 7th August, 1935—John Alfred.

NEW CHESS CLUB FORMED.

With the approval of the Deaf Committee, and sponsored by Mr. Edwin Johnson, another effort is being made to popularise Chess at our Club House, this time under most favourable conditions. The matches are to be played at any time from the opening of the Tournament, until the 30th June, next year. No sooner was the announcement made than three trophies were forthcoming; one from the General Board, another from the Deaf Committee, and the third from Mr. E. J. L. Bremner. The first test is fixed for 1st September, and anyone desiring to enter is requested to hand in his or her name as soon before that date as possible to one or other of the Executive—Messrs. J. M. Johnston, Edwin Johnson and E. R. Noble. Conditions of games are ready.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Robert Stewart, of Bolinda, one of the deaf pioneers and an ex-pupil of the Victorian Deaf School, entered into his long rest on 3rd April, 1935, at the age of 77.

Another pioneer and for many years an active member of our Society, Miss Winnie Burke, aged 73, passed from this life on 24th May, 1935, after a long illness and was interred at the Burwood Cemetery in the presence of many of her old friends. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, officiated at the services at the home and at the graveside. Sincere expressions of sympathy were tendered to her brother, Mr. E. Burke, in his bereavement.

Mr. H. J. Goddard, also a pioneer, aged 81, departed this life on 21st June, 1935, after having been in Royal Melbourne Hospital for nearly six weeks with a fractured leg received during a collision with a push bike in Sydney Road, Brunswick. He was interred at the Coburg Cemetery.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Popular Saturday Night Socials—open to all.

Annual Meeting of Cricket Club—Thursday, 29th August.

Anniversary and Show Rally—Thursday, 26th September.

Holy Communion Service—2nd Sunday in October.

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COLLECTOR

28 Oct 1935

Wedding Without Words



MARRIAGE BY SIGNS at the Deaf and Dumb Institute in Jolimont, Melbourne, on Saturday. From left: Mr. Thomas E. Newton, bridegroom; Miss Thelma L. Whateley, the bride; Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Deaf and Dumb Society, who acted as interpreter; and the Rev. C. L. Crossley.

Sun 30 Dec 1935

Deaf and Dumb Tournament

ADELAIDE, Tuesday. — The interstate Deaf and Dumb tennis tournament today resulted:—

Cohen Cup contest: West Australia 6 sets, 44 games d. South Australia 3-28; N.S.W. 6-44 d. Vic. 3-24; N.S.W. 9-54 d. S.A. 19 games; Vic. 6-45 d. West Australia 3-28. The tournament will be continued tomorrow and Thursday.

Sun 29 Apl 1935

QUIET MARRIAGE

Noted Painter

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Louis McCubbin, the noted painter and newly-appointed director of Adelaide Art Gallery, was quietly married at 7 p.m. on Monday at Christ Church, South Yarra, to Mrs. Elsie Spier Jackson, only daughter of Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, principal of the Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and Mrs. Abraham.

ALTHOUGH the engagement was announced two weeks ago, the date of the marriage was kept a secret. This was attributed to-day by a close friend of the bridegroom to Mr. McCubbin's "sheer fright" of a big ceremonious affair.

The marriage was solemnised by Rev. L. Townsend. The only other persons present were the bride's father, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and Mr. and Mrs. H. McCubbin, brother and sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

The public was represented by a lone wayfarer, who had wandered into the church off the street some time before the ceremony. He smiled benignly on the couple as they left the church.

Mr. McCubbin is 45, and Mrs. McCubbin, before her marriage on Monday, had been a widow for 12 years. Mr. McCubbin will leave for Adelaide to take up duty at Adelaide Art Gallery on May 6.

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Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCubbin

To say farewell to Mrs. Louis McCubbin, who before her recent marriage was Mrs. Elsie Spiers Jackson, the daughter of the principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham), and to welcome Mr. McCubbin, members of the society gave a reception in their honour at the club in Jolimont square last night.

Mrs. McCubbin is well known to the deaf and dumb community of Victoria, as for some years she acted as honorary assistant matron at the Blackburn Home for the Aged and Infirm.

On behalf of those present Mr. E. Noble and Miss Ross Dew, two members of the society, offered their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin and Mrs. McCubbin's daughter (Miss Pat Jackson), who will leave with them to make her home in Adelaide. Mr. J. M. Johnston, welfare officer to the Deaf and Dumb Society, acted as interpreter.

A crystal salad bowl was presented to Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin as a wedding present, and Miss Jackson was given a pottery figure. Mr. McCubbin made a brief speech of thanks.

Other special guests were Miss Alice Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, and altogether there were more than 150 present.

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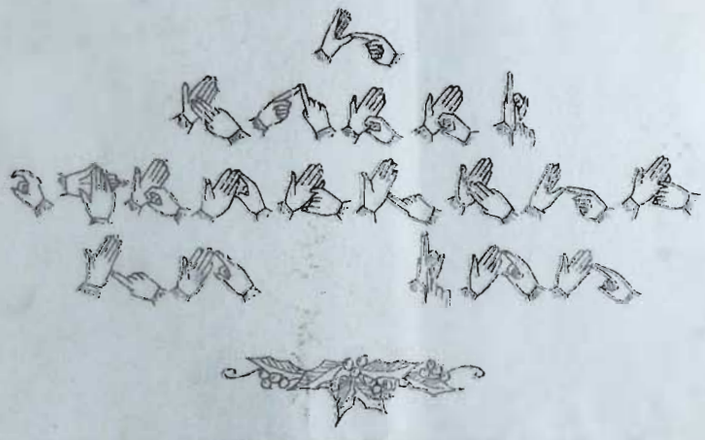
DEAF MUTE GETS £190

Globe Football Forecast

For forecasting the highest and lowest scores in the League and Association football matches played in Melbourne on August 25, Mrs. W. R. Limbrick, of Main Road, New Town, Tasmania, received £190 from The Sporting Globe. This sum had accumulated under the "snowball" system.

Mr Limbrick is both deaf and dumb. He is a married man and is employed as a clerk in Hobart. Mrs Limbrick listens in every Saturday to the broadcast of Melbourne matches and writes down the scores for the information of her husband, who also keeps himself in touch with the form of clubs and players on the mainland, as reported in the Wednesday issue of The Globe.

Another "snowball" offer for a forecast is being made by The Globe. In any week that no reader forecasts the highest and lowest scores £15 is paid to whoever names the two teams correctly and gets closest to the scores in points.



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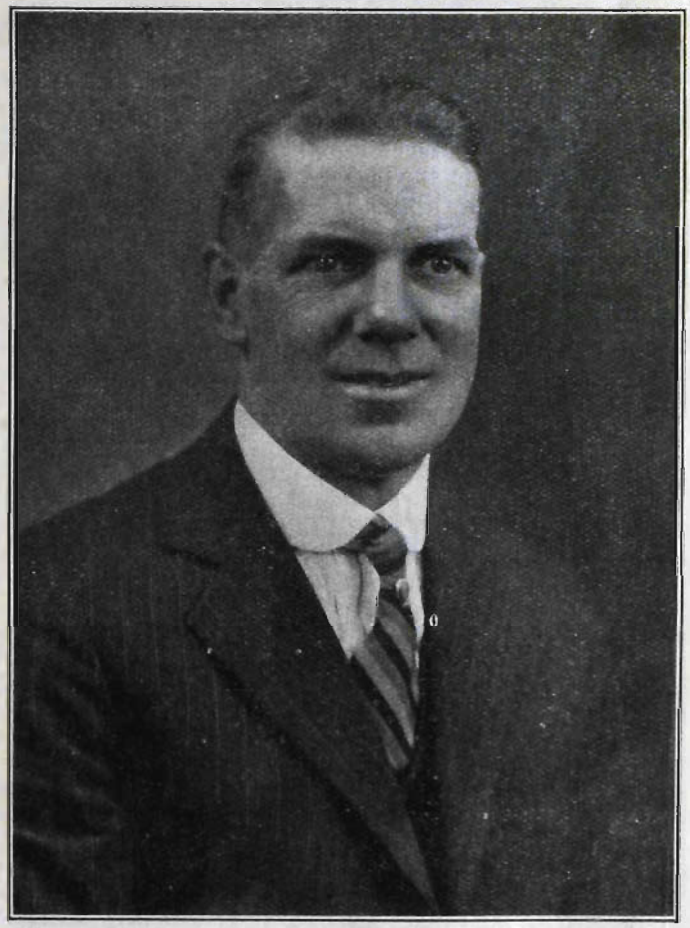
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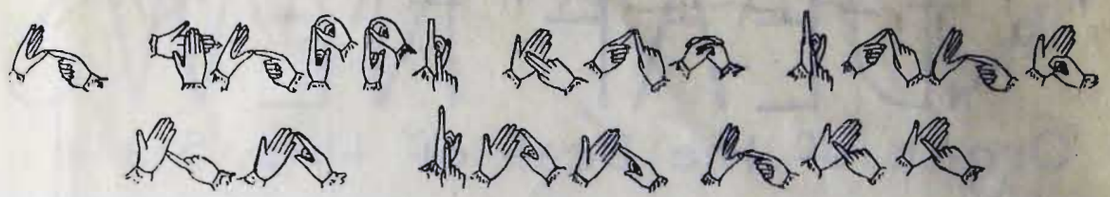


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A New Year Message.

The New Year opens before us, and fresh opportunities lie before us. Let us not forget that the test of our usefulness to the community is not in the station attained nor the extent of the duties and obligations of our positions; but the test is the enthusiasm and zeal for the welfare of mankind which each of us brings to the performance of his part of the task, bearing in mind that it is the co-operative effort of all and not the labour of a few which shall maintain the standard of our civilisation on the vantage ground of real accomplishment.

—F. L. SIMPSON.

Attached to one of the many Christmas and New Year Greetings, with which we were this Festive Season blessed, came the above. As this message is in such perfect harmony with our own wishes, we feel constrained to pass it on to our own readers.

MR. EDGAR H. PEACOCK, J.P.

Honorary Treasurer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria and Consul for Czechoslovakia.

One of the hymns of our childhood taught us to "count our blessings," and when we did so, "one by one," as instructed, we found them to be quite numerous. Nevertheless, it seldom occurred to us to be even moderately appreciative. Likewise, we very easily fall into the habit of "getting used" to the good things that somehow or other come to us, apparently without any strenuous effort on our part. They existed, always existed, so far as we can remember, therefore we accept them as a matter of course.

Some years ago two comedians, in a humourous sketch, popularised the phrase "put in or take out," and at every conceivable opportunity it was "take out." We are all good at the "take out." This is just a modest attempt to "put in."

We wonder if any of our younger folk or even our middle-aged folk are aware that one member of our General Board of Management has been a staunch friend to us for over 34 years. In fact he joined up at the coming of, and has been a link in practically everything undertaken by, our Principal in our interests. Of course, the gentleman referred to, Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, is well known to practically the whole of the adult deaf of Victoria and the leading deaf of the other States, and is popular with all. Who does not look up sharply and smile broadly when he bursts in upon us like a whirl-wind? His genial and boisterous personality is a tonic for a whole community. His services, however, have been, and are still so quietly rendered that, except to those whose duties it is to administer, either as honorary or stipendary officers, his ever-accumulating "good deeds for the day" are seldom known. His latest benefaction was through the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival Fund, which made us the richer by £25.

Immediately after the arrival of our Principal from England (1901) Mr. Edgar, then in his teens, linked himself up with the work of our Society, rendering service after service, until it became the rule to look to him upon all occasions of emergency and temporary difficulties, indeed, "when ever anything was wanted." He did not hold office in those days, but was just the good friend that did, and did, and ever came along smiling to do still more.

Mr. Peacock is to-day at the head of one of Melbourne's leading printing establishments, and to us there is nothing surprising in this, for our experience of him is that he is always to be found at the right moment, is nearby in the time of need, and seems always to know, and how, and where to get everything that the occasion requires.

Mr. Peacock occupies the unique position of being the only member of the Board of Management that links the past to the present. In the past, those far-off days, we had no Headquarters, nor Club House, nor Church or Home. We just rented a room for our meetings, and the only "office" our Principal had was the place of business of Peacock Bros. All through those strenuous years of "building up," Mr. Edgar was a participant in almost every adventure that promised better days for the on-coming generation of the Victorian Deaf. Mr. Edgar is, therefore, familiar with all our difficulties and successes, and has shared our troubles and rejoiced with us in our successes.

Although so earnest a worker and so sincere a sympathiser, he more than once declined to join the Board of Management, saying in his quaint way one member of a family was a full representation (Mr. E. R. Peacock, Edgar's father, was then a member of the Board, and afterwards President). Although no longer in his youth, he is as active in our interests as ever he was. Were it possible to pile up the words "ask Mr. Peacock" and "ask Edgar," it would not be possible to open the door of our office. We doubt if there is ever a day, except Sunday, that our 'phone does not call Peacock Bros. If there is such a day, then it has been more than accounted for by the two, three and four rings on other days.

Mr. Peacock is interested in many other activities that fall to leading citizens, but this is just a brief appreciation of his interest in the deaf.

In addition to his responsibilities as Governing Director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., he is the Consul in Victoria for the Czechoslovak Republic, in which honorary capacity he gives freely of his time and energy to help the many Czechoslovakians who call upon him for advice; and he misses no opportunity to promote their social welfare.

He has for many years been a prominent figure in the various municipal functions at Hawthorn, and is always well to the fore when service of any kind is required.

Acts of kindness are performed by him almost daily and in such an unostentatious way that none, except those who benefit by them, would ever know. Through the unbounded fields of his activity, his generous and spontaneous acts of service, sympathy and help must be felt and remembered by many.

Mrs. Edgar Peacock is a keen worker in the interests of the Society, and is a member of the East Kew Auxiliary, of which our Chairman's wife, Mrs. F. W. Spry, is the President.

All join in the wish that Mr. Edgar Peacock will long be spared to continue his good work amongst us.

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Mr. Warwick Ashby.

Warwick Ashby has gained distinction in the Deaf World during the past 12 months on account of being one of the players selected to represent Victoria in the Perth Lacrosse Carnival at West Australia. The Victorian team was the winning team.



The following account should make interesting reading: Born of deaf and dumb parents (who are also well known in three or four States), at Trafalgar, Gippsland, on 4th February, 1908. From there he went to the Victorian School for the Deaf, and remained till December, 1923, when he left to face the realities of this world at the age of 16. He commenced work at Myer's Furniture Factory, where he studied french polishing, till, on account of the depression, work became uncertain, and he left to join his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Elwin, and his father, Mr. D. Ashby, on a farm at Gisborne. That venture did not come up to expectations, and all returned to the City, and Warrie went back to Myer's, where he still is.

Warrie is best known amongst the sporting fraternities, especially lacrosse, not only in Victoria, but all over the Commonwealth, for he has been in five Victorian representative sides, including the successful 1929 and 1935 combinations at Perth Carnivals. He began playing lacrosse during the latter part of his school years, and was placed in

good light when he joined the Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club and played in the Junior A Premier Team in 1926.

An interesting note on "Prominent Players" was published in the Amateur Sports Club's Magazine some time ago, which we have pleasure in reproducing:—

"Warwick Ashby, Coburg's first home, has been one of the outstanding players of the season. His sturdy physique, strong wrists and uncanny goal sense have brought him to the top of the goal-throwing list, with a credit account of 77. An even more meritorious performance was filling second place for the best and fairest trophy, being only four votes behind the redoubtable Sam McCorkell. Warwick started lacrosse with Adult Deaf about 1923, and six seasons later transferred to Coburg. Soon afterwards the deaf and dumb trio — Ashby, Puddy and O'Gorman—became one of the most formidable forward combinations known to Victorian Lacrosse, and they were mainly responsible for Coburg's 1930 Premiership.

Warwick gained interstate recognition in 1929 and again this year. There is no keener student of the game then he, and few players have more likeable personalities."

In spite of his connection with the Coburg Club, he still retains a seat on our Club Committee, having been on it for seven years, three of which he served as Honorary Treasurer.

In cricket, Warrie has a big share of limelight, too, having represented the Victorian Deaf in interstate matches and captained the 1933 and 1934 teams. It was his good fortune to be the leader of the team to win back the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield for Victoria at Christmas, 1934. Warwick topped the batting average of this Carnival, and also the Club's during the last season.

He is one of that type who has never been able to learn the meaning of the word "defeat," for if ever defeat comes his way he always says that it is all in the game. Whether winning or losing, he plays for the game's sake.

He has been on the Cricket Club Committee for eight seasons, the first five seasons he acted as Honorary Secretary, and the last three as a Vice-President. This season he represented our Club on the V.J.C. Association. Also he has been a member of our Deaf Committee for the last two years.

On the 16th March of this year he married Miss Edna Sandon, of Chelsea, Victoria.

The Universal Language.

The following most interesting article appeared in a recent issue of the "Hobart Mercury":—

Hugh Cairncross, in his travel narrative, says:—

"I used to think that, in order to invade successfully all the out-of-the-way corners of the globe, it would be necessary for me to master a score of languages. I soon discovered my mistake. I have made my way up the Amazon, up the Yangtse, up the Ganges, up the Danube, and up the Nile: I have moved among pigmies in the African jungles, among Red Indians beside the Canadian lakes, among South Sea Islanders in the Pacific, among the Eskimoes in the frozen North, and among all the European and Asiatic peoples; yet I know nothing of their languages save a smattering that, in spite of myself, I have picked up in the course of my gipsyings among them. My experiences have taught me that there is a wondrous magic in the skilful use of gesture. What cannot be said by the movements of one's muscles, the manipulation of one's fingers, and the expression of one's face is scarcely worth saying."

There is, after all, only one really universal language. It was spoken in the world's first morning, and men will still be speaking it when they are startled by the shocks of doom. It was the language of the Stone Age, and it will be the language of the Golden Age. It is spoken all over the world by men of all kinds, colours, classes and conditions, and, if either Mars or the moon is really inhabited, it is spoken there, too. The little child speaks it before he is able to utter one single word of our clumsier dictionary speech, whilst the aged speak it long after the palsied lip has lost its utterance. It is equally intelligible to the English merchant on the London market, to the Indian trapper in the Western forests, to the Chinese mandarin in the far interior of Asia, to the South Sea Islander basking in the rays of an equatorial sun, and to the Eskimo in his frozen hut amid the blinding whiteness of the icy North. It is known even to the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air: they understand it, and sometimes even speak it. So universal a language is the language of gesture! The shrug of the shoulders; the flash of the eye; the knitting of the brows; the curling of the lip; the stamping of the foot; the clenching of the fist; the nodding of the head; the pointing of the hand; here is a language which is known to everyone. It has no alphabet, no grammar, and no syntax; yet the simplest

understand it. Indeed, the simplest understand it best. The savage is a perfect master of the art of gesture: he speaks with every nerve and sinew. And the little child is no less eloquent. His pushings and pullings; his beckonings and pointings; his smilings and poutings are as expressive as anything in the vocabulary. He has found a speech for which the builders of Babel sigh in vain, a speech that can be understood by men and women of every nation under heaven.

Man is an inveterate signalman. He has a perfect genius for concocting mysterious codes: he revels in flashing out cryptic heliograms: he glories in receiving and deciphering occult messages. He even communicates with himself in this abstruse and recondite fashion. A man will twist a piece of string round his finger, or tie a knot in the corner of his pocket-handkerchief, or stick a scrap of stamp-paper on the face of his watch, to remind him of something that has nothing whatever to do with string or handkerchief or stamp-paper. He moves in a welter of memories. The string and the knot represent his secret code; and in the terms of that code this inveterate signalman is signalling to himself, that is all. Moreover, we not only signal to ourselves, but we are fascinated by the spectacle of other people signalling to themselves. A novel becomes invested with a new interest when its plot suddenly turns upon the weird phenomena of a witch's cavern or the mysterious ritual of a gipsy camp. By means of her viper, her owl, her toad, her snake, her cauldron, her tripod, her herbs, and all the rest of it, the withered crone is signalling to herself from morning to night; by means of the crossed sticks where the roads fork the gipsies leave tokens for themselves and for each other. Many a man will wear a secret charm hanging round his neck or suspended to his watch-chain, or will attach a mascot to his motor-car, although nobody but himself knows the significance of the bauble. Henrik Ibsen, the great Norwegian dramatist, kept on his writing-table a small tray containing a number of grotesque figures, a wooden bear, a tiny devil, two or three cats—one of them playing a fiddle—and some rabbits. "I never write a single line of any of my dramas," Ibsen used to say, "without having that tray and its occupants before me on my table. I could not write without them. But why I use them, and how, this is my own secret." Here was a great and brilliant thinker happy in being able to flash covert messages to himself by means of a code which no one but himself could in any way understand.

Is it not true, also, that the very universe is persistently struggling to express itself through the agency of an intricate system of signals? It is everlastingly trying to talk. "The air," as Emerson said, "is full of sounds; the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures; every object is smothered with hints that speak to the intelligent." The stars overhead are signalling: the astronomer, mastering the code, reads the secrets of the skies. The stones that we trample underfoot are signalling; the geologist unravels the cryptogram and interprets the romance of long-forgotten ages. All nature is one complex system of signals, as any naturalist will prove. Richard Jeffries may be permitted to speak for them all. In discussing the birds that shelter in the ivy under his gable, he says that often a robin or a wren will pounce upon a caterpillar while the grub is still concealed among the grass. How is it done? It is all a matter of signals. "The bird's eyes, ever on the watch for food, learn to detect the slightest indication of its presence. Slugs, caterpillars, and such creatures, in moving among the grass, cause a slight agitation of the grass blades; they lift up a leaf by crawling under it, or depress it with their weight by getting on it. This enables the bird to detect their presence, even when quite hidden by the herbage, experience having taught it that, when grass is moved by the wind broad patches sway simultaneously, whilst when an insect or caterpillar is the agent only a single leaf or blade is stirred." The birds, that is to say, learn the code, and readily interpret the signals. Those who live near to Nature soon acquire the same habit. The poetry of the countryside abounds in rhymes and couplets that are, after all, merely astute interpretations of Nature's signals.

"When elm-leaves are as big as a shilling
You may sow French beans if you be willing."

What is this but the deciphering of the code? The whispering elm leaves are the gardener's signal-flags. In his "Evangeline," Longfellow tells how the Indians gauged the severity of the approaching winter by the thickness of the fur of the foxes. Nature is an adept in the language of gesture.

The greatest things that man ever has to say he says, not in the terminology of the

dictionary, but in the language of signs. The lover scorns the vocabulary. He can say what he desires to say so much more expressively by means of signals. A look; a pressure of the hand; a ring; a kiss; what vocal utterance could compare with a code like this? And it is a code that is comprehended by the citizens of every nation under heaven. The same is true of grief and of the sympathy that sorrow elicits. No letter of condolence, however tenderly phrased, can say all that can be said by a hand-clasp, a countenance suffused with emotion, and a spontaneous moistening of the eyes. Or, to look in another direction, what man could express in so many words all that he feels, when, for example, he waves his country's flag? It is, as Carlyle says, merely a bit of bunting that could be bought at any market-cross for a handful of coppers; yet a million men would gladly die for it! "Did not the whole Hungarian nation rise," Carlyle continues, "did they not rise, like some tumultuous moon-stirred Atlantic, when Kaiser Joseph pocketed their Iron Crown, an implement in size and commercial value little differing from a horseshoe?" All such emblems palpitatingly express ideas whose worth is out of all proportion to their own intrinsic importance. For the fact is, as philosophers have been telling us from time immemorial, that the greatest things that have ever been said have been said, not in the halting and ambiguous speech of our ordinary vocabularies, but by mute though pregnant signs, and by silent though eloquent symbols.

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The Prince of Wales and the Deaf.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEAF SPORTS CLUBS HOLD A SPORTS CARNIVAL IN LONDON.

The Fourth International Games for the Deaf, held at Wembley, the White City and Arsenal F.C., was as successful as its organisers anticipated it would be, and was given prominence by the Press. Fourteen of the fifteen nations affiliated to the International Federations of Deaf Sports Clubs were represented, and there were 300 competitors, including 30 women. At the opening, the following message was read from the Prince of Wales:—"As Patron I send my best wishes to those who have come from all over the world to take part in the Fourth International Games for the Deaf. I am sure that only good can result from bringing them together on the friendly field of sport. In extending to one and all a hearty welcome, I hope that they will have an enjoyable and successful gathering in London this year."

When the 300 competitors marched into the stadium at the White City they gave the Salute to Lord Desborough, who afterwards addressed them. His speech was interpreted into international signs.

Mr. Noel Curtis-Bennett, Chairman of the Fourth International Games for the Deaf, writing to the London "Times" upon the origin of this festival, said:—

"In 1922 two deaf mutes, M. R. Alcais, of France, and M. A. Dresse, of Belgium, met to discuss what could be done to co-ordinate international effort to alleviate the disabilities, both material and social, of the deaf mutes of the world. They realised that it was only through the deaf youth that they could attain success, and to achieve that end they decided to attempt to federate the sports clubs of the various nations into an international body. This they did, and in 1924 the first international games were held in Paris. The second games were held in Amsterdam in 1928, and in 1931 the third games took place in Nuremburg. It was only this year, when the fourth international games were held in London, that nations outside Europe were federated—when Japan and U.S.A. became members of the Association of the Silent World.

In order to overcome the difficulty of languages the deaf of all these nations converse by pictorial expressive signs and gestures, which convey ideas without the use of words. These signs and gestures are so efficient that the business of the congress which follows each games can be conducted quite easily. This congress has to be seen to be believed. Its work is carried out as efficiently and with the same due form as that of any big business organisation."

When the first International Games for the Deaf were held in Paris 11 years ago, France with more competitors than any other nation, finished at the head. Under like conditions at Nuremberg, four years ago, Germany won. In 1928, at Amsterdam, France won from Germany, with England third. England, who have had most competitors, were successful this year.

The final placings were:—England, 206; Germany, 173.5; France, 149; Sweden, 121; Finland, 110; Norway, 50; Belgium, 41.5; Denmark, 37; Holland, 36; Hungary, 30; United States, 29; Austria, 19.

England's position was due to their supremacy at lawn tennis and football.

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Anniversary Rally.

The 34th Anniversary of the arrival of our Principal, Ernest J. D. Abraham, in Australia was celebrated on 26th September (Show Day), when a rally was held in our hall. This time there was a charge for admission, which was added to the Queen Carnival Fund.

The programme opened with an address by the Principal, who spoke on the aims and purpose of the Lord Mayor's Inter-Charity Queen Carnival Fund.

After the address came competitions and absurdity games, which created much fun. Ethel Lever was awarded the "silliest" prize, with Ed. Bound second and Ted Raines third. The rest of the evening was devoted to ordinary games, under the supervision of Mr. J. M. Johnston and Ted Roxburgh. The usual happy ending — Supper.

Open-air Costume Fair.

In connection with the Lord Mayor's Fund Queen Carnival Competition, an Open-Air Costume Fair was held on the lawns at the back of our Church on Saturday evening, 30th November. The Square was brilliantly illuminated with coloured electric lights, with powerful lights over each stall. Gaiety was added by the strings of flags which were hung from the front gates right around the lawns. Admission was by small saleable gifts or silver coin.

The proceedings opened with a High Tea at 5.30 p.m., and soon after the Fun of the Fair began. Two short comedies were screened in the Assembly Hall during a lull in Fete "business." During the evening Queen Forget-Me-Not, Miss Freda Connolly, was present, and mingled with the crowd.

The Fancy Costume Competition resulted as follows:—1st Prize, Mrs. T. Peters, "Plus Four" Golfer; 2nd, Mr. V. Buttacavoli, Tarzan; 3rd, Miss D. Hickey, "Mid-Victorian." The business done was very satisfactory.

Church for the Deaf.

The film, "The Sign of the Cross," followed Prayers, Lessons and Sermon at the Sunday Evening Service in our Church on the 22nd December. Should this innovation prove to be popular with the Congregation, religious films will be made a permanent feature at our Sunday Services. There were 100 members of the Congregation present.

Thanksgiving Service.

A special Service of Thanksgiving for our Benefactors was held in the Church for the Deaf on the afternoon of Sunday, 10th November.

There was a large congregation and the Service was impressive. Our members had gathered in remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, those great men and women who had lived and devoted so much of their time in working for the education and upliftment of the Deaf.

The whole of the Service was taken by the Rev. J. H. Frewin, brother of our Mr. F. E. Frewin; and Mr. Theo Frewin, son of Mr. F. E. Frewin, was at the organ. Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, interpreted. Another brother, Mr. Fred Frewin, a former missionary to the deaf, was among the congregation.

Annual Picnic.

Mordialloc was again the scene of our annual Cup Day Picnic, when approximately 50 attended.

Before lunch, races occupied our time. The 100 Yards Championship was again won by E. Raines, with M. Allsopp second. Mr. Raines has won that race for three years in succession. In the Ladies' 75 Yards Championship Mrs. T. Newton came first, with Francie Peters second. Miss B. Higgie was unable to be present to defend her title, after having won the Championship for the previous three years.

After lunch rambles through the Amusement Park and along the foreshore and pier were made till about 4.30 p.m., when a few more races were run off. Tea was at 5.30 p.m, and very soon after prizes were distributed to the winners of the races. The party then dispersed, some returning home, some remaining later.

Benefactors' Night.

A representative crowd gathered in our Assembly Hall on the evening of Saturday, 9th November to do honour to Our Benefactors. The Principal gave an address on the history of the education and rise in social

status of the Deaf. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides and films. Portraits of the Abbe deL'epee, Heineike, Gallaudett, Matthew, Robert Burns, John Jennings, F. J. Rose, Samuel Johnson, and fifty or more other benefactors of the deaf, together with views of Schools and Adult Institutes throughout the British Empire and America, were shown. Altogether it was most interesting and instructive. The second part of the evening was given over to games, concluding with supper.

Historical Records Exhibition.

An interesting collection of records covering the history of the education and advancement of the deaf of Victoria was exhibited at our Centre, Jolimont Square, on Saturday, 9th November. It consisted of photographs, manuscripts, documents, records, relics, letters, newspaper cuttings, etc., perhaps the most interesting of the relics being the original window card that the late F. J. Rose, founder of the first school for the deaf, exhibited in the window of a small house at Walford Terrace, Peel Street, Windsor, beginning in the month of November, 1860, and containing the words "School for the Deaf and Dumb." A feature of exceptional interest to the younger deaf was a series of group photographs of the Deaf Cricketers, going back to the days before the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society came into existence.

Christmas Party.

Our Assembly Hall has been crowded on many an occasion, but the response made to the Board of Management's invitation to its usual Christmas Party for the Deaf was indeed the record — perhaps the greatest gathering of exclusively Victorian deaf ever held.

Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, J.P., presided, and Mr. Hoath, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Hobson were present; also Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, Manager and Matron of our Blackburn Home; Mrs. Edgar Peacock, and the Misses Mavis and Beryl Peacock.

Our hall, which was very nicely decorated, was much admired by our visitors. The large stage that was erected told the nature of the entertainment to be provided.

Mr. Peacock welcomed the guests in the name of the General Board, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so large and so happy an assemblage of members. He said our Society, like other similar organisations, had been passing through times of anxiety, but now the prospects were much brighter, and there was every reason to look forward to happier times. Later in the evening, Mr. Peacock, in the name of the deaf, presented tokens of appreciation to a number of lady friends of the Society in the form of sheafs of flowers and boxes of chocolates. To Miss Freda Connolly, Queen of the Deaf and Dumb, for her strenuous effort in the raising of funds for the Adult Society and the Children's Institution. Miss Freda, who has won our hearts, was received with a furore of applause, and sweetly acknowledged the gift of flowers and chocolates. She said, to work for the deaf had been a pleasure to her, and it was her intention to continue to work for them. Miss Iris Connolly, who, throughout the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival campaign, was her sister's most successful managing director, also received flowers, and said that she and her sister intended to take up the cause of the deaf, and together with her committee of workers, had formed a permanent auxiliary to raise money annually for the Adult Deaf Society and the School for the Deaf. Her sister and she had found themselves friends of the deaf, and intended to remain the friends of the deaf. This announcement was received with great applause.

Mrs. E. J. D. Abraham, the retired Matron and "Mother" of the Deaf Mutes' Home, was also remembered with flowers. Mr. Peacock said Mrs. Abraham entered upon her duties, giving her services, at the inception of the experiment, and it was due to her devotion, patience and training of the inmates that the Home became a success. Mrs. Abraham had rightly been spoken of as the "Florence Nightingale of the Deaf and Dumb."

Miss Alice Graham, our "Fairy Godmother," received her huge box of chocolates, flowers and applause, wreathed in smiles, and responded in the same happy way.

Miss E. Empson, the Friend of our Deaf Women, received flowers.

Miss Iris Connolly and Mrs. E. H. Peacock came in for appreciative expressions of services rendered, flowers and applause.

The pantomime, "Cinderella," which, if we exclude the excellent supper, ice cream and sweets, was the main item of the evening. It was skilfully produced under the supervision of stage manager, Edwin Johnson, and actor manager, George Newnham. The performers went through their parts with the air of practised artists, and well earned the hearty applause accorded them. The costumes arranged and mostly made by Miss Dow, but in some instances made by the wearers, were gorgeous, and greatly enhanced the beauty of our girls.

Our ever willing helper, Mrs. P. Swain, was responsible for the wigs, and a very fine art she made of them.

The following members took part in the play:—George Newnham, Alex. Anderson, Fred Sandon, Melby Allsop, Ethel Leber, Lizzie Bond, Joyce May, Phyllis Johnstone, Annie Bentley, Olive Minton, Evelyn Lloyd, and Ruth Peters. Unfortunately, we haven't any pictures of them for you to see.

Women's Guild.

The Women' Guild continues to have its meetings, and since the last issue had "General Topics" on 6th August. A Kitchen Tea was given to Miss Thelma Whately on 1st October, at which a number of useful gifts were presented to her on the occasion of her approaching marriage on the 26th October. The "break-up" celebration was held on 10th December, after which the Guild went into recess until February.

Preparations are being made to celebrate in 1936 the fiftieth year jubilee of the Women's Guild in some form of function, and members and intending members are asked to share in its success by contributing the sum of five shillings. Hand in your name to the Honorary Secretary, Miss E. Leber, and make a weekly contribution to cover same.

Picture Nights.

The attraction of silent cinema pictures is still very strong amongst the deaf, as shown by their attendance at the shows held in our Assembly Hall.

On 17th August an exciting western picture was thrown on the screen, entitled "Sons of the Saddle," featuring Ken Maynard and his famous white horse, supported by two short pictures "Quick on the Draw" (a drama), and "Too Many Women" (a comedy).

On 31st August Hoot Gibson in "Spurs," a cowboy drama, together with a short western picture, "Galloping Justice," and an uproariously funny comedy, "Flying Cops," were shown to an appreciative audience.

An extremely funny picture, "Cohens and Kellys in Scotland," and two supporting pictures were shown on 21st September, and "The Mississippi Gambler," a comedy drama, and two supporting comedies, "Just Wait" and "Big Game" on 12th October.

On 16th November another excellent picture show was held. "The Storm," featuring Lupe Velez, "What a Party," and "The Tin Broncho," were shown.

In all these shows the attendances were well up to the mark, which proves that the cinema has not lost its popularity.

Bible Students' Class.

The attendances and interest shown at the initial meetings of the Bible Students' Class were of so satisfactory a nature that it has been decided to make it a permanent feature of the Society's work after the holidays. Some of the subjects already dealt with by our Principal are—"How we got our Bible," "The Kingdom of Heaven" and "Joseph, the Dreamer."

The Men's Guild.

The Men's Guild is still carrying on. Meetings are held regularly in the Library, and if we cannot boast of quantity, we can of quality.

Since our last issue the following meetings have been held:—

On 20th August there was a round table by members, after which the first lessons in chess were given—the beginning of the Chess Club.

3rd September was given over to "General Topics," after which a light supper was served. On 8th October Mr. W. Ashby entertained us with an interesting talk on his trip to West Australia as one of the Interstate Lacrosse Team.

The next meeting, 22nd October, was given over to chess matches.

On 26th November Mr. C. Graham told an excellent story entitled "In True Colours," which he cleverly illustrated with rapid sketches on the blackboard.

Men's Guild Christmas Spree.

The Annual Christmas Spree of the Men's Guild was held on 10th December in the library. Toasts to the King, to the Society, and to the Guild were drunk.

The President made a brief speech, followed by other speakers. There was much talk and laughter round the table, and the speech-makers were commendably brief. Apparently they feared the diners would clear the table while they were speaking, and decided to eat first and speak afterwards, but by the time the meal was over, every-

one was too full for words. At 10.15 p.m. the meeting broke up, after a most enjoyable evening.

Parents' and Friends' Association.

On the evening of 14th August, 1935, a large muster of parents and friends of the deaf assembled at the invitation of the Principal, Mr. Abraham, who expounded his idea of forming an Association. After a good heart to heart talk, a motion that an Association be formed was carried. A committee was then elected. At the close of the evening the guests partook of a dainty supper, served by their own daughters, who were present.

On 16th October this Association held a Crazy Whist Night, which was very successful. Mr. S. G. Hobson was in charge of the games. By strange coincidence, Mrs. Ross and her son, Wallace, won the Ladies' and Gent's prizes respectively. Supper was served at the close of the evening.

75th Anniversary.

On the 12th November last the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The School was founded by the late F. J. Rose, an ex-pupil of the Old Kent Road Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, London. Some of the old teachers, whose names still linger in the memories of the first pupils, are the late Samuel Johnston, M.A., afterwards Principal of the South Australia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and founder of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission and Home for Aged Deaf, Mr. Heskett and W. D. Cook, for many years head master of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

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Counting Blessings.

Being privileged, as a member of the Magazine Committee, to read the proofs, I could not help noticing the comments of a writer upon counting one's blessings. It gradually came to my mind that we deaf of late have had a few more than we can well remember, for when I record those that occur to me, I expect to be told that I have missed out more than I've put in. Here are some that come bubbling into my mind. First the blessing we possess in our Society's Board of Management. Each member is personally interested in our comfort, advancement and social life and gives generously of his time and money.

Our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, besides the vast amount of work he does for the financial side of our Society, gave a cheque for £10.

Our Chairman, Mr. F. W. Spry, added his annual donation of £10.

Mr. G. Fethers, who also acts as Honorary Veterinary Surgeon at the Farm, gave us £3/3/-.

Mr. E. J. L. Bremner made us warm and comfortable in our Church during the winter months by procuring, almost wholly, the cost of installing an electric heating system, also festooning for the lighting of the grounds, and this, that, and the other, and still more, we are very much indebted to him.

Then read about "Our Mr. Peacock" and think of him as a more recent acquisition to our community of friends.

Mr. S. J. Hobson continues to help in every way possible, also added easily another £10.

Mr. M. J. Hoath in ways too numerous to mention, but if costly had we to pay spot cash for them.

Mr. W. Armstrong (for some years an active Chairman), who arranged a concert at Mitcham, which resulted in our Society benefiting by the sum of £69, as well as other favours.

Mr. Sweetland, who gives valuable assistance as Chairman of the Home Office.

Mr. W. F. Rowe, whom we missed at our Christmas festivities, is always busy in our interests, and wholeheartedly performs the duties of Honorary Secretary of the Society.

They have helped liberally in various other ways during the year, but for the moment I cannot call them to mind. If a reader in another state can make such a claim, let him declare it.

Our Lady of Benevolence.

I do not hold the key to the Treasurer's safe, and he is too busy a man to be worried for figures at a moment's notice, still, I do know that one gift alone during the past year for the benevolent side of the work amounted to over £200.

Our Ladies' Auxiliaries.

To Mrs. F. W. Spry, of East Kew, and Mrs. John Sutherland, of Brighton, who lead the ladies, and to all the ladies who are working in the interests of our Society, we enthusiastically extend our greetings and best wishes during this Festive Season.

We are very appreciative of the work that is done by these Auxiliaries, for we know what a considerable amount is expended for our sakes in time, money and energy.

Our Deaf Women.

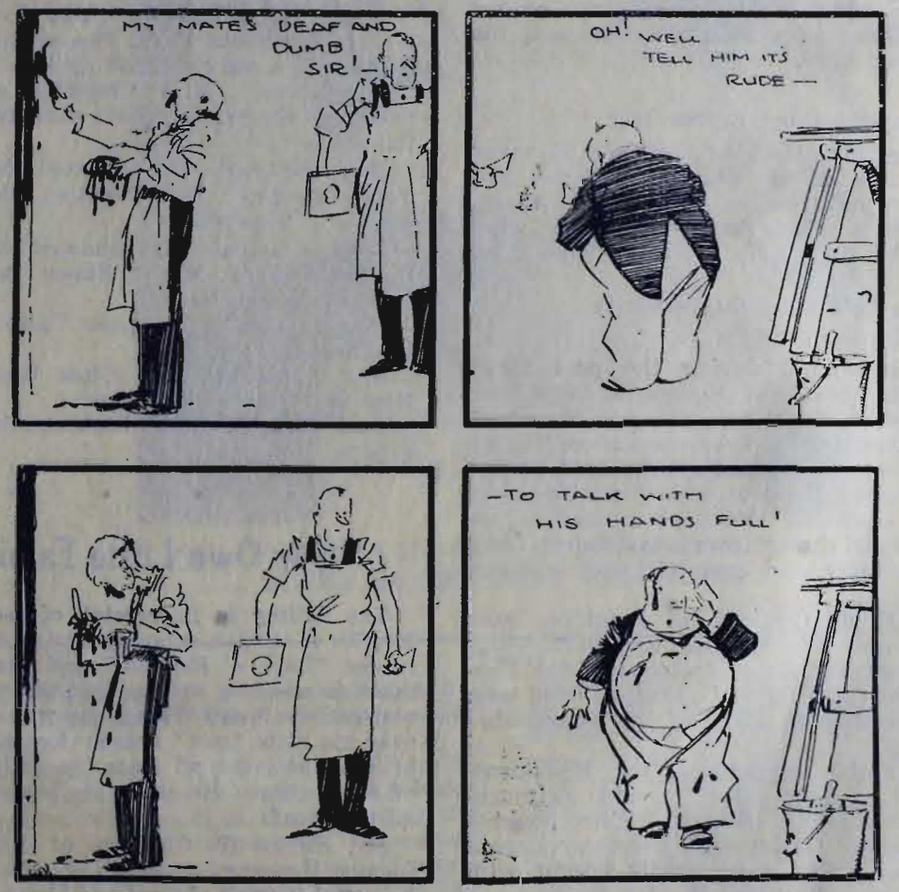
I, too, have read the proofs, and also claim the right to add to the list of those to whom we owe words of appreciation the names of Mrs. Tom Peters, who, as President of the Women's Guild, is always at the wheel, and has guided some very frail craft through stormy seas.

Mrs. Pierce, who is always ready and willing to extend a helping hand, whether it be in the "eats" line or the social side.

Miss Rose Dow, whose advice is eagerly sought and readily given, also helps in arranging the wardrobe of the budding deaf actors and actresses, and Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, all deaf members of the congregation, the value of whose services can only be recorded as self-sacrifice. Words are inadequate, but *we* know what these women mean to us.

"Jim" Johnston.

I'm another member of the Magazine Committee, therefore privileged to see the proofs, and, inspired by the little talk about "Our Edgar," to say, "don't forget Jim." when you can't see the Principal you can always see Jim. He will shoulder the responsibility and see the thing through, if it is within his power to thus relieve our Chief.



By kind courtesy of "The Sun News-Pictorial."

Queen Forget-me-not.

We have no doubt that all the organisations representated in the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival were proud of their Queen but, to our mind, their was no Queen like our Queen Forget-Me-Not, Miss Freda Connolly.

No Queen could have worked harder or have been sweeter—certainly Queen Freda has won the hearts of all the Adult Centre deaf.

The Lord Mayor's Queen Competition.

As the ordinary activities of our Society enforce constant attention, when the call comes to concentrate upon something special it means mental perspiration, as it were. Nevertheless, there are still those who are willing to take on just one more job, so, when the Lord Mayor's Queen Competition effort was brought to our notice, we joined up. The result is a long way ahead of our expectations; altogether the office and the deaf raised £700.

Lord Mayor's Fund Button Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, Manager and Matron of the Blackburn Home, had charge of our Society's Street Collections. They, and a willing band of workers, were responsible for nearly £30 being handed in.

Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-Charity Queen Carnival.

Day and night during the past three months the people of Melbourne have been the willing financial prey of seven organised groups, working in keen opposition but on similar lines of campaign, organised by the Lord Mayor's Fund to raise funds for non-medical charities. Each group had as its Queen, a girl chosen from a well-known Melbourne family, and each girl had a floral alias.

Miss Freda Connolly, of Brighton, was chosen to work for the Deaf and Dumb—the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution—and was given the title of Queen of the Forget-Me-Not.

During the competition, the Melbourne deaf put in every effort to raise as much money as possible. Socials, Picture Nights, Parties and a Costume Fair were arranged. The country deaf were equally helpful with the sale of voting tickets.

On the evening of 9th October, Miss Connolly visited our Club House and was given a rousing welcome by more than one hundred of our members. Introductory speeches were made by Messrs. E. H. Peacock and E. J. D. Abraham, and, in her reply, Miss Connolly said she felt sure that with everyone working so enthusiastically, if not at the top with the votes, she would not be far from it.

A most successful Fancy Dress Social was held on the evening of 26th October. There was an attendance of over two hundred, and fifty-five paraded in fancy dress. The scene was just glorious with the vivid colours of the varied costumes. Owing to the packed hall, games were out of the question, but, nevertheless, those who were not in fancy dress were quite content to sit and watch those who were. This unusually large attendance was due to Miss Connolly's promise to attend and to donate two prizes.

Queen Forget-Me-Not (Miss Freda Connolly), Mesdames E. H. Peacock and W. F. Rowe had a very difficult task in selecting the winners. Miss Connolly graciously presented the prizes, which were awarded as follows:—

Best Dressed (£1 donated by Queen Forget-Me-Not), Miss Dorothy Johnston, as an Early Victorian.

Most Original (£1, donated by Queen Forget-Me-Not), Mr. R. Bailey, the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Most Comical (Cut Glass Vase), Mr. Joe Phillips—Ben Bowyang.

Best Sustained (Cut Glass Rose Bowl), Miss G. Hunter—Scarecrow.

Best Child (Box of Hankies), Miss Ruth Peters—Bat.

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"Our Own Little Family"

The Editor is in receipt of news from Mr. W. H. Crush, who says he is doing fine in the "Back o' Beyond," and that he has taken a selection up the Hawkesbury River way in New South Wales. He was rapturous over his little "plot" and its location, which is completely cut off from the daily turmoil of civilisation. He sends his best wishes to all the Deaf.

Mr. Henry W. Gladwin, of Sydney, the former Honorary General Secretary of the National Council of Deaf and Dumb Societies in Australia, paid us a visit whilst on his way to England. He has our best wishes for a pleasant trip.

For some time the Melbourne "Herald" has been offering £100 weekly to any lucky competitor who sends in the correct or the nearest to correct forecast of the scoring order of the twelve League football teams each Saturday, with entries free, and the competition held on 24th August was won by a deaf and dumb couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz, of 21 Davis Street, Elsternwick, who forecast the first seven teams correctly and the eighth team on the ninth. The "Herald" gave prominence by printing, in bold headlines, "DEAF AND DUMB COUPLE WINS £100." A photo. of Mrs. Boortz was inserted.



MISS FREDA CONNOLLY ("FORGET-ME-NOT")
QUEEN OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

By kind courtesy of "The Argus."

Dux of the School.



MISS DOROTHY JOHNSTON.

Daughter of Mr. J. M. Johnston, Welfare Officer, of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, being cheered by her class mates when handed the coveted prize of Dux of the School by the Lord Mayor in the grounds of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution at the School break-up.

By kind courtesy of "The Age."

Charlie Buck, now living in Newcastle, New South Wales, thanks the Melbourne Deaf for remembering him with the "Victorian Deaf News." He enclosed in his letter a cutting from a Newcastle paper, which informed us that Newcastle has just had the foundation stone of its new £4000 building laid by the Governor of New South Wales. New South Wales can now claim to be the first in Australia to have a branch building. Mr. Buck sends his kind remembrances to his Melbourne friends.

Colin Johns, of Horsham, reported that he has not been too well lately. He underwent an operation on his nose, and had all his teeth pulled out. He still takes interest in our sports, and watches for accounts in the daily papers.

W. McMillin met with a nasty accident which, fortunately for him, did not bring serious results. Whilst working as a maltster he was told to shovel in a heap of barley from the roof and, not knowing of the skylight under the barley heap, walked over it, with the result that the skylight broke under his weight and he fell through to the floor 20ft. below. Besides a bad shaking, he received a gash on the back of his right hand, which necessitated some stitches at the hospital and absence from work for a week or so.

Mr. H. R. Gillet, of Irymple, in a cheery letter to our Principal, Mr. Abraham, during the Queen Carnival Competition, remarked: "I am enclosing £1 note, and hope that every mail that comes in will bring in a few more notes." This letter buoyed us up a great deal, and we are pleased to say that not "every" but "a good many" came bringing in the same amount as his.

Miss I. Boast, of North Devon, South Gippsland, sends her kind regards to her deaf friends. She said she is enjoying life on the farm and appreciates the "Victorian Deaf News," for which she did not forget to include her subscription. We appreciate her thoughtfulness.

It was with surprise that we learned that Mr. S. Neilson was operated on recently for appendicitis at a Canterbury Hospital. We are glad to know he got over it so well.

Mr. F. Sandon has decided to re-join his brother in the building trade.

As Camperdown was celebrating its Carnival Day on Saturday, 30th November, Willie Hately, in his letter to the Editor, regretted his inability to join us in our Fancy Costume Fair that same day. He entered the wheelbarrow race to Mount Leura and back, a distance of nearly two miles, as the pusher, with a friend as the sitter. He came in second, and received the prize of £3. Congratulations!

Joe Unsworth was mentioned as one of the best players of the Footscray Rugby Club, of which he is a member. In the final match on 21st September, 1935, after a scoreless match the previous Saturday against Power House, Footscray won the premiership of their section.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, of Blayney, New South Wales, were in Melbourne in September, and during that time Mr. Rivers was a frequent visitor to our Club House.

Mr. A. Sutherland has been on the sick list for some time, with rheumatic fever and tonsil trouble. We are pleased he has quite recovered.

Miss M. Reiffel, of Ballarat, was knocked down by a motor cycle in her home town, and has been a patient of the Ballarat Base Hospital for two months. We are told that she is up and is learning to walk again, and all are very pleased about it.

Mr. W. Durston, of Port Melbourne, was also knocked down by a car whilst cycling. We are glad to report that he was not in hospital for very long.

Mr. J. Boal, of South Melbourne, has secured work on a Riverina station. So far we have not heard how he fares.

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Talk ! !

The Editor's Lament.

We do not mind facing the Editors' usual difficulty of compressing a gallon of material into a pint measure, but when it comes to fitting the oceans of the world into the same receptacle, well, we give it up. We have done our best with this issue of the Victorian Deaf News, but of course, we have left out almost everything the other members of the Magazine Committee would have put in.

Interesting events that all will want to read have been happening in all parts of the world, and ought to be here recorded, but the instructions are—Victoria first, and a very, very generous helping, Australia next, and, if any space left over, "all else." The fact is there never is any space left over when we have got a little way forward with the Victorian News. We find ourselves in the position of the boy watching another boy eating an apple. As it rapidly disappeared, the boy plaintively said, "Leave the core for me," and got the reply, "There ain't going to be no core."

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, we are chancing the censure of the Magazine Committee and inserting the following meagre record of Deaf World happenings.

West Australia.

A copy of "Notes," containing festive greetings, is before us. On 30th November the Deaf Committee arranged a successful concert. Divine Service is conducted every Sunday in the new premises at 292 Hay St., East Perth, which were opened last year.

New South Wales.

The Annual Meeting of the New South Wales Adult Deaf Society was held at Elizabeth House on 30th October, and His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, presided. He was received by a number of deaf girls, who recited the National Anthem

in the language of gesture. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Queensland.

"The Queensland Monthly News" says:—"More of our boys and girls are employed in outside factories in the City (Brisbane) than ever before in the history of the Mission, and it is hoped that the reputation they have gained will make it much easier in the future for us to find employment for a greater number of our deaf."

Great Britain.

The National Institute for the Deaf have moved into new permanent quarters at 105 Gower Street, London.

Oldham Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has also moved into new and larger quarters.

The Deaf as Motor Drivers.

There are now somewhere in the neighbourhood of forty members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria in possession of motor car and cycle drivers' licences. Our Principal's driver is deaf. Quite a number of our country deaf friends are in possession of licences. In this connection it is interesting to record an occurence that recently took place in London as a sequel to a challenge issued in the Police Court by the Rev. F. Goodridge, who offered to drive a policeman in any part of London to prove that deafness was no handicap at the steering wheel. A special correspondent of the "Daily Mirror" accepted the challenge and was driven in safety through the busiest parts of London.

South Africa.

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby, of England, has joined the Rev. A. W. Blaxall in work amongst the deaf, and they have between them the vast continent of Africa. Mr. Gilby now holds the position of Director of the Cape Town Adult Deaf and Dumb Association.

A Deaf Airman.

Mr. E. T. Payne, deaf, of Ontario, Canada, has accomplished the desire of his life, for he has obtained his licence as air pilot. He had the good fortune to have as instructor Captain Sparks, through whose instruction and influence the licence was obtained. We believe Mr. Payne is the only deaf man in possession of an air pilot's licence.

South India.

There is only one adult Organisation for the Deaf in India, at Palmacotta, South India, and Rev. W. M. Moses is in charge of it.

A Successful Indian Art Student.

A young deaf and dumb Indian Art Student has passed the final examination of the Royal College of Art and has been awarded the College Diploma. Mr. Bipin Behari Choudhuri is 25 years old, and is from Bengal. He went to London three years ago to study painting.

United States.

At the Idaho Deaf School. U.S.A., the combined system of teaching the deaf has been re-introduced to the School.

Of special interest is the recent announcement that Mr. Ernest Gallaudet Draper has been named by President Roosevelt to be the new Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Draper, who has had a long and successful business career with many wide civic interests, is the son of the late Dr. Amos G. Draper, who for many years was professor at Gallaudet College, Washington, U.S.A. Mr. Draper has maintained an active interest in the deaf, and is now a member of the board of directors of Gallaudet College.

Douglas Tilden, Deaf Sculptor, California.

A life work of distinguished contribution to the world of art has come to a close with the death of Douglas Tilden, famous deaf sculptor, at his home in Berkeley, California, 6th August, 1935, in his seventy-fourth year. The New York "Herald Tribune" gives this brief review of his life and work: —

Mr. Tilden, who lost his hearing at the age of five, after an attack of scarlet fever, decided to become a sculptor soon after being graduated in 1879 from the State Institution for the Deaf, at Berkeley. He came to New York City in 1887 and studied at the National Academy of Design. The following winter he went to Paris, and passed a year studying.

Several years later Mayor James D. Phelan, of San Francisco, appointed Mr. Tilden an honorary member of the committee for the artistic improvement of that city, and in 1893 he served on the sculpture jury for the Chicago Exposition. During the next six years Mr. Tilden occupied the post of Professor of Sculpture at the Mark Hopkins Art Institute, a branch of the University of California.

He exhibited his work frequently at the Paris Salon, and in 1890 received honourable mention there. In 1900 he received a gold medal at the Paris Exposition, as well as at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

Mr. Tilden married Miss Elizabeth Delano Cole in 1896. Their marriage ended in divorce. He served as Vice-President and also opened the International Congress of the Deaf, held during the World's Fair in Paris in 1889.

Some of his better known works include "The Baseball Player," in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; "The Tired Boxer," at the Olympic Club, in that city; "The Indian Bear Hunt," exhibited at the Chicago Exposition in 1893; "The Football Players," at the University of California, and the monument commemorating the admission of California to the Union, in San Francisco.

Further Research on the Vibratory Sense.

The American Medical Association, by its Committee on Scientific Research, has announced a grant to the American Institute for the Deaf-Blind to be used in aid of research relating to the vibratory sense.

The work will be carried on under the direction of Dr. Robert H. Gault, Professor of Psychology, and Dr. A. C. Ivy, Professor of Physiology in North-western University.

Deaf and Dumb Theatre.

The newspapers tell us that a theatre for the deaf and dumb has been opened at Moscow, Russia, where the management, cast and audience are all deaf and dumb. Most of the Shakesperian tragedies are being given, also other plays. The company of actors consists of twenty-five deaf men and women, and the theatre will accommodate five hundred.

Sir Richard Paget told the International Congress on Phonetic Science at University College, London, that the true meaning of speech in any language could be conveyed by gesture.

Germany.

In Germany deaf people are compelled to wear yellow armlets with two black spots, the blind have three spots.

To Several Correspondents.

Yes! We have seen the report you refer to and we are aware of the harm these misleading statements do, but it is difficult to combat them. Those responsible for them know that the public enjoy anything in the form of a wonder. Similar statements have been appearing in the press all over the world for the past fifty years, and although proved to be untrue or enormously exaggerated, when a new reporter is on the lookout for material out they come again. In this instance steps are being taken to give the public the true aspect of the matter.

Advice to Parents.

Parents having the best interests of their deaf children at heart should learn to spell on their fingers and to spell out all instructions, messages and conversation in full grammatical sentences, and not clip their oral talk into "make bed"; "tea-cloth—lay"; "door—knock—see"; "father—he—come—six." It is a command of good language that your deaf child needs more than anything else, which can only be acquired by spelling upon the fingers, reading and writing.

Work for Deaf in Victoria.

There are now but few of our deaf unemployed. Those still without work receive fairly generous grants from the Sustenance Fund.

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Sporting Notes.

Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club held its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, 28th September, when the usual routine of reading the annual report and balance sheet and election of office-bearers was gone through. The result of the election is as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President, Mr. F. Rees; Honorary Secretary, Mr. Alex. Anderson; Assistant Honorary Secretary, Miss M. Dow; Honorary Treasurer, Miss B. Higgie; Committee: Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Miss O. Minton and Messrs. J. Dickinson, T. Peters, and E. R. Noble.

During the meeting Mrs. J. M. Johnston presented the Founder's Trophy to Miss Sandon for winning the Ladies' Singles during the season. The trophy is a polished fiddleback jewel box, with an inscribed plate.

Lacrosse News.

The lacrosse season ended on 24th August with a complete reversal of form to that shown at the commencement of the season. The remaining matches, from the last one reported in the last issue of our magazine, were lost in succession. The match against Sunshine on 3rd August was disgraceful, largely due to the poor handling of the game by the referee. We lost by 6 goals to their 11.

The match on the following Saturday was quite a contrast, mainly due to the clearer control of the game by an "A" grade referee. Old Trinity College, the leaders for the pennant, accounted for us in a very clean and strenuous game by 9 to 6.

On 17th August Power House defeated us by 21 goals to 5, in another rough game.

With a weakened team we went down fighting gamely in an exceptionally clean game against Hawthorn, who snatched a goal victory from us 6 to 5, thus putting our team out of running for the final four.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club.

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of 29th August, 1935, at the Centre. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, occupied the chair. The Annual Report, which was a long and newsy one, and full of better achievements than of previous years, together with the Balance Sheet, which showed an excess of expenditure over income of £15 during the year, but managed to close the books with a balance of £6 to carry forward, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman, in his short address, complimented the members generally on their very successful season, and hoped to see a still further improvement in the coming year. Mr. W. Ashby, the last season's Captain, was asked to say a few words, which he did, and thanked his team mates for their splendid co-operation and loyalty. He thought that the team under his charge was the best ever got together by this Club. He added words of appreciation and thanks to Mr. J. O'Gorman for his splendid help in keeping the game going, his punctuality, also for keeping the scores.

Nominations for Officers were called for, and it was found that there was no need for an election as all nominees were elected without opposition. The committee is as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnston and M. G. B. Mortimer; Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. D. Ashby, W. McMillin, R. Chaundy, F. Sandon and M. Allsopp.

Trophies were then presented. Mr. A. Aird presented his trophy (a silver-plated bat and stump ornamentation on mahogany finish plinth) to R. Chaundy, the best all-round player, and the Chairman, on behalf of the Club, presented to W. Ashby a silver-plated gum or flower vase, for the best batting average; Don Johnston, a similar vase of different pattern, for the best bowling average, and J. Brundell a pair of inscribed gold links, for the best bowling aggregate.

Mr. J. O'Gorman, in thanking the Captain for his nice remarks about his services, expressed the wish that all cricket followers should start the thrift idea now so as to be able to take part in the Adelaide Centenary trip in 1936.

The meeting ended with the usual vote of thanks to all retiring officers and others who have assisted the Club during the year.

The team opened the season with an outright win by an innings and 49 runs against Clan Socials on the 5th and 12th October, and the following match also saw our boys in another winning vein, when the South Melbourne I.O.R. was accounted for by an innings and 36 runs.

On 2nd and 9th November we went down to Port Central badly, losing the match outright by 6 wickets. Another outright win to us at the expense of Garden City, by 7 wickets and 3 runs, on 23rd and 30th November.

Don Johnston has the task of leading the team this season, with Jack Brundell as Vice-Captain.

Chess Tournament.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. E. Johnson, the Chess Club is growing rapidly. When the idea was first mooted there were about 12 deaf who could play, but would-be players proved themselves keen and painstaking pupils, and many converts have been made.

Wherever a group of men is found, sooner or later the subject of chess will arise and is immediately the cause of warm discussion.

The Tourney is now in full swing, and, aided by a handicap system, the "new chums" are making rapid progress.

At time of going to press the first three are A. Morgan, A. Anderson, Z. Bragg, in that order. The two first named are old stagers, but young Zebedee Bragg, who left school last Xmas, had no knowledge whatever of the game before September.

The first round will finish by Christmas and the second will start in the New Year. The handicaps will be reviewed and altered each round, and it is likely there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when the new handicaps are made public next year.

There is much to be said in favour of chess, but perhaps the best of it is, it teaches people to keep quiet and sit still. Now-a-days on a "free" Saturday night, the library is always occupied, but the silence is profound. A conspicious notice decorates the door: "CHESS TOURNEY — SILENCE, PLEASE" — and any intruder disposed to ignore it finds a dozen indignant people ready to deal with him.

The varying styles and attitudes of the players are worth watching. Some lean over the board with intent gaze, pondering long and earnestly before each move. Others lean back with real or affected nonchalance and move swiftly and definitely, and few there are who hesitate with fingers poised over their pieces, sometimes touching two or three before making a move. This last is a very bad habit and definitely against the rules. A player should make up his mind clearly as to his next move *before he touches a piece,* and, having moved, take his hand from the board immediately.

The Tourney closes on 30th June, giving all players ample time. Nevertheless, players should not unduly postpone their games as they may cause inconvenience to others.

Three prizes are offered, to be given as the Committee shall decide, and it is hoped, should circumstances permit, to make this tourney an annual affair.

E.R.N.

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A Trip to Ceylon.

Mr. W. Donnelly, of South Melbourne, had a very enjoyable trip to Colombo on the R.M.S. "Orsova" with his aunt during the month of April. Quite a number of his relatives and friends, including the deaf, went down to Port Melbourne and saw them off. They left on the 2nd April, and remained there until the 5th May. The undermentioned account of the trip was culled from Mr. Donnelly's diary.

We find him spending most of his time in the evenings dancing. The trip to Outer Harbour, Adelaide, was dull, dreary and cold. A run to Adelaide, visiting various places of interest, was made with their Adelaide friends, who then came and gave them a good send-off. The first day out they had life-boat drill, which was a pleasant diversion. The trip across the Bight was quiet and the sea was not rough enough to make them sea-sick. It was during this crossing that a meeting was held to form a Sports Committee to prepare a series of sports during the crossing of the Indian Ocean. Fremantle was reached on 8th April, and they very soon sped off to Perth, and were well pleased with their visit there. With the glorious sunny weather, Swan River and King's Park were lovely and, before nightfall, they sailed, and saw Australia fade from their sight.

The run to Colombo was warm and smooth and time was spent in various deck tournaments and races. They did not do well in these tournaments.

On 17th April they arrived in the wonderful Colombo Harbour. Launches and boats full of niggers came from everywhere and surrounded the ship as she lay well out in the roadstead. They were taken off by launch and soon found themselves at Bristol Hotel. Soon after they went sightseeing in the city and saw the Military Settlement. After dinner they hired rickshaws and went to see the famous Cinnamon Gardens, the various Buddha Temples, snake-charmers, etc.

In all their outings they were constantly surrounded by niggers and children begging for tit-bits. They were surprised to find outside their hotel bedroom door a nigger who would sleep there; in fact, wherever one turns they are at one's side with their hands out.

The following day they took a 72 miles drive by car to Kandy, amidst lovely scenery and villages. As it happened to be the night of full moon, it was their most Holy Day; they saw hundreds of pilgrims going to temples to worship, also processions. They entered a church where priests made them welcome and showed them a lot of curios, etc.

They visited the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Mount Levina. It was a pitiable sight. Mr. Donnelly has a snap of himself amongst the poor kiddies.

On 20th April they boarded the "Ormonde" for the homeward run. 21st April being Easter Day, they spent a very quiet day. Anzac Day saw them passing Cocos Island, made famous by the destruction of the "Emden" by H.M.A.S. "Sydney" during the Great War. A barrel of fresh food was dropped overboard and sailing boats came out to retrieve it. The two minutes silence was observed at 11 a.m., after which a nice service was held.

Before approaching Fremantle, the passengers were subjected to rigid examination by quarantine doctors.

The homeward crossing of the Bight was much rougher; the deck was constantly wet with spray, and sand had to be spread on it to prevent passengers from slipping.

Adelaide was soon reached, and, before arriving in Melbourne, they had a big Jubilee Celebration, with dinner and dancing. Melbourne was reached on 5th May. It was a great trip.

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Greetings.

Glory to God in the Highest; Peace on Earth; Goodwill to Men.

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All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then praise the Lord, then praise the Lord for all His love.

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Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another.

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The Compliments of the Season—

To the Deaf of our Mother and Sister States

To Our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Our Chairman, Mr. F. W. Spry; Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. H. Peacock; Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F. Rowe; and all the Members of our Board of Management.

To Ex-Matron Mrs. E. J. D. Abraham, Mother of the Blackburn Home.

To Miss Eileen Empson, the friend of our women.

To Miss Rose, daughter of the Founder of the first School for the Deaf in Australia.

To Miss Alice Graham, our Fairy Godmother.

To Messrs. A. C. Muir, F. E. Frewin, G. Oakley, M. G. B. Mortimer, R. H. Luff, W. A. Paterson, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Crompton, Mrs. G. Oakley, Miss E. Whitlaw, our Pioneers.

To The Members of the Deaf Committee.

To George Newnham, M.C.

To Dorothy Johnston, Dux of her School.

To Mrs. J. E. Muir, Unforgotten and Valued Services.

To Mrs. T. Peters, President of Women's Guild.

Once again we are enjoying the season of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All Men. A time of lazy days on the beach or in the bush, under a scorching sun. At least we hope so. A time of terrific shopping crowds and worry over gifts, when one really grasps the truth of the saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Wherever civilised man has penetrated he has brought the festival of Christmas with him, and from Lapland in the North—the true home of Father Christmas—reindeer, sleigh and all—to the mid-summer Christmas of Australia and New Zealand, it is a time of joy and merry-making. It should also be a time of forgiveness. Goodwill to all men means just what it says. You cannot have a Merry Christmas if you are brooding over real or fancied wrongs. Forgive and forget them! Have a Merry Christmas and start the New Year free from old grudges and all bitterness.

E.R.N., Sub-Editor.

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The notice board in our lobby, during the holidays, was literally covered with a variety of Xmas and New Year Greetings in letters, telegrams and cards, all expressing seasonal greetings to the Board, the Principal, and the Deaf. They came from Queensland, New South Wales, Newcastle Branch, South Australia, West Australia, Mr. J. M. Paul, Mr. A. L. Lonsdale—Hon. Superintendent New South Wales Society, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. N. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Oehr, Mrs. R. J. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rowe, Mrs. Tottie Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Appleton, Mr. W. H. Crush, Mr. G. D. Edwards, and etc., etc.

1936 and the Deaf.

By our "Old Moore."

Almost over the whole of the civilised world prospects appear to be outstandingly promising for the Deaf and especially bright for the Deaf of Victoria. A turn of events favoring a great advancement in the work of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia seems to be almost certain, bringing about the betterment of the conditions of the Deaf, more specially in regard to vocational occupations and social environment.

Melbourne Deaf Holiday Makers.

Those members who left Melbourne during the festive season were:

Willie Smith to Kyneton.
Les. Sutton to Bendigo.
Miss Lydia Sanders to Bagshot.
Melby Allsopp to Echuca.
Ruth Peters to Grampians.
Mr. Mortimer to Bowman's Forest.
Mr. E. R. E. Noble to Adelaide.
Mr. C. Graham to Ballarat.
Mr. L. Smith to Geelong.

And many to nearer seaside resorts.

Xmas Attractions.

The "Stay at Home" Deaf during the recent holidays did not lack amusements or pleasures. Parties were to be seen enjoying themselves, mostly at the beaches. The principal parties on Boxing Day were at Hampton, Chelsea and Frankston, and on New Year's Day, at Elwood, close to Point Ormond, Mordialloc, and again at Frankston. Many, especially the men, went to see Don Bradman in action at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the Shield match between Victoria and South Australia. On New Year's Eve, a good many enjoyed the Gala Night at St. Kilda and remained until the early hours of the morning.

Children's Party.

The Children of Melbourne Deaf Parents were again entertained by the Women's Guild in the Society's beautiful grounds and the Assembly Hall, on Saturday 14th December. The hall was made gay with decorations and balloons floating in the air, each child had one attached to a chair, and the tables were decorated with flowers sent from our Blackburn Farm. Games and Ice Cream filled in the afternoon arradged by Mr. E. R. Noble. Tea at 5.30 p.m. was much enjoyed and soon after all gathered before a great Christmas Tree. when Father Christmas, in the person of Mr. G. Mortimer, handed round the toys.

FOUNDATION DAY PICNIC

27th January, 1936.

A PICNIC is to be held at SYLVAN DAM on A.N.A. DAY (27th January). Transport will be by Motor Van. Tickets 2/6. Tea, Sugar and Milk free.

Bring your own provisions. All welcome.

Apply to the Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Guild (E. Roxburgh), or the Honorary Secretary (J. M. Johnston).

Solicitor: And all the time this row was going on you mean to swear that that man over there never said a word.

Witness: Not a word.

Solicitor: Do you really wish the Court to believe that?

Witness: Yes. You see, he's deaf and dumb.

To Our Readers.

This issue of "The Victorian Deaf News" is a double number. The ordinary issue will consist of 16 pages.

"The Victorian Deaf News" is a quarterly magazine, and it is proposed to issue it in its new form in April, July, October and January.

The annual subscription is 2/- per annum, post free. The magazine, however, will be regularly posted to the whole of the deaf and dumb of Victoria known to us, whether the subscription be paid or not.

To help the Committee of Management thus to carry the news of the deaf to the deaf all over the State, you are asked to pay your subscription of 2/- promptly, and those readers in a position to do so are invited to contribute generously toward the cost of production.

All communications should be addressed to the Editor, "Victorian Deaf News," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, Victoria.



REV. C. L. CROSSLEY and PRINCIPAL E. J. D. ABRAHAM Officiating at the Wedding of MISS THELMA L. WHATELEY and MR. THOMAS E. NEWTON, at the Church for the Deaf, on 26th October, 1935.

By kind courtesy of "The Sun News-Pictorial."

Births.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. R. White, 2nd December, 1935, Roy. We much regret to report in another column the passing away of Mrs. White a week after her wee son was born.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackmore, 16th December, 1935. Both doing well.

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Marriages.

On 27th July, 1935, at St. Mary's Church of England, North Melbourne, Mr. E. Raines was married to Miss Elsie Denman.

On 26th October, 1935, at "Our Church," Jolimont Square, Mr. Thomas Newton was married to Miss Thelma Whateley.

On 21st December, 1935, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Thornbury, Mr. G. McCaffrey was married to Miss Ethel Dow.

On 2nd January, 1936 (?) at a registry office, Launceston, Tasmania, Mr. James Frame, late of Scotland, was quietly married to Miss Muriel Smith, a well-known Tasmanian girl, who has resided in Melbourne for some years, but recently returned to her home land.

We wish them much happiness in their future lives.

Jottings.

Ray Cornell of Ballarat was down for a fortnight and was the guest of the Society at our Blackburn Home during that time.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Grant of Myrtleford have gone back to Adelaide. They say prospects there are better than in Victoria. We wish them luck.

Obituary.

At the age of 78, John McGonigal, of our Blackburn Home, and late of Avoca, passed this life on 9th August, 1935, at St. Vincent's Hospital, and was buried at Fawkner Cemetery. He was one of the first pupils at the Victorian School for the Deaf, and was an inmate of our Home for the last eight years.

Thomas Tonkin, of Caldwell's Road, Eaglehawk, passed away on 20th August, 1935. He had been suffering a long time. Our Principal went to see him during his illness. Our sympathy is with his relations.

After a long illness, which he contracted in 1932, John Cardwell, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, aged 60, passed to his long rest on 28th August, 1935, at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, where he had been for well over eighteen months. He was interred at the Preston Cemetery. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who interpreted at the graveside, Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer, Mr. Douglas Abraham, Manager of the Blackburn Home, Messrs. W. A. Paterson, T. Peters and F. Sandon attended the funeral. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow.

William Kent, aged 54, an inmate of our Blackburn Home, was accidently drowned at the Lake on 26th September, 1935, and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery. William Kent was a native of London, England, and educated at the School for the Deaf, Farrance Street, Limehouse, London. He came to Australia in the year 1913 and entered our home in 1927.

Richard Hann, aged 62, of Collie, West Australia, brother of Mrs. D. Ashby and Mrs. A. Stokes, departed from this life on 2nd November, 1935, after some weeks of illness. He was a past pupil of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, and married Miss Annie Secombe, who survives him.

Mrs. Richard White, nee Winnie Henry, late of South Melbourne, died suddenly at the Women's Hospital on 9th December, 1935, at the age of 27, after having given birth to a son. The interment took place at Fawkner Cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to her sorrowing husband and relatives.

The Late Mr. G. G. Mercy.

After a long life of public, social and religious service in Victoria, Mr. G. G. Mercy, an ex-member of our Board of Management, died on 28th August at his home, 75 Broadway, East Camberwell.

For more than 20 years Mr. Mercy was the Australasian representative of James Spicer and Sons, stationery merchants, but in recent years had been living in retirement.

Born in London in 1851, and there, in the City of Cities, Mr. Mercy spent his early manhood. In 1884 he came to Australia, leading an active business career until 1903, after which date he devoted his time to the interests of various institutions in an honorary capacity. In 1904 he was elected to the council of the then town of Camberwell, filling the position of Mayor during the year 1906-07. For some years he had a seat on the Council of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. He was a trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association and a member of the Burwood Boys' Home. He had been a member of the Council of the Swinburne Technical College from its inception. He was a foundation member of the Canterbury Congregational Church, and was a former treasurer of the Congregational College of Victoria, and a member of the Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

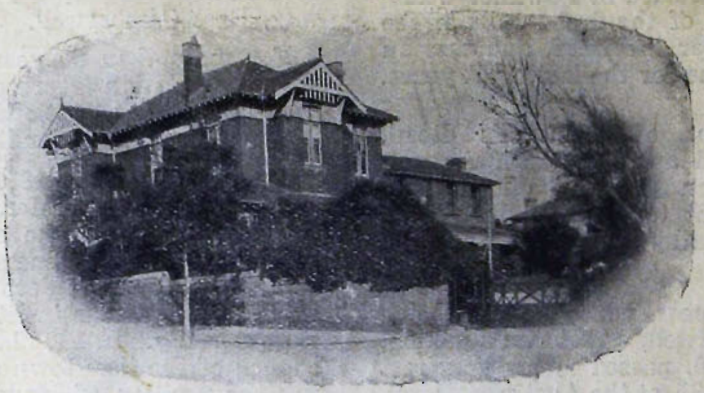
We first made the acquaintance of Mr. Mercy in connection with that wonderful Bazaar, which was held in the Melbourne Town Hall in June, 1907, whose object was to raise funds for the establishment of a farm and home for aged and infirm deaf mutes. He was, at that time, Mayor of Camberwell. He, his wife, and the Camberwell citizens raised upward of £300 for the above fund, and Mr. Mercy was the chairman of the twenty odd municipalities represented at the Bazaar, which was one of, if not the most successful, ever held in the Melbourne Town Hall.

Mr. Mercy joined our Board of Management in 1909, and remained in office till the end of 1920, after which he was created a Life Governor of our Society.

He was aged 84 years, and leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, and was buried at Boroondarra Cemetery. Mr. E. H. Peacock, the Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal, represented our Society at the graveside.

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THE KING, GOD BLESS HIM.

Prayer for the King.



That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy servant Edward, our most gracious King and Governor; that it may please Thee to rule his heart in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory; that it may please Thee to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies, we beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord!

That prayer, first uttered by clergy and congregations for Queen Elizabeth, has been raised for over three and half centuries, and never with greater fervour than now.

I am determined to follow in my father's footsteps.

They are King Edward's words, and he could give no pledge of brighter promise to his people or the world. In the last message of King George to which the world listened he said it was good to think that our own family of peoples was at peace in itself and united in one desire to be at peace with other nations, friend of all and enemy of none.

When the life of that good and kindly man had drawn peacefully to its close his words were not forgotten. At his passing it seemed as if the nations had united in a Silence where for a brief space their enmities and rivalries were stilled. It was a silence broken only by praise of him welling up unasked from the hearts of men.

Everywhere the people and their rulers placed themselves in spirit beside the mourning multitudes in England. These things pass, but they are not lost, and they show that the things uniting men and nations are deeper set in the human heart and mind than the things that divide. A life nobly lived is noble to all peoples.

With that knowledge and example to guide him King Edward sets out on a task that may well carry with it a world-wide hope. None can tell what measure of success will attend it or what disappointments will be met with on the way but he will not fail for want of trying.

There are many hopes that the King, who as Prince was tireless in seeking to know all men and all peoples, will not be content with a splendid isolation in his island kingdom, but will seek to renew old friendships in both hemispheres.

India will see him again, the Dominions will ask for him and will surely see him. Among all those peoples of the British Commonwealth of Nations he will be an old familar friend when he goes to be crowned in their own capitals. But he will not be content with that. He will seek to widen the circle.

There is a saying thousands of years old that to the brave man all the world is his native land, and it may prove to be so for King Edward the Eighth. He used to be called our best Ambassador. He may win a prouder title still as the world's Ambassador of Peace.—The Children's Newspaper.

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DIVINE SERVICES.

In addition to the ordinary services, Holy Communion was administered on 12th January and 5th April, 1936.

On 1st March Mr. H. Blackmore made his second appearance in our pulpit when he preached from the text "When thou art spoiled, What wilt thou do?" (Jer. 4, 30).

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on 22nd March when the Church was decorated with gifts of fruits, vegetables, flowers and greenery, the bulk of which came from our Blackburn Farm and Home. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham was the Preacher. (Genesis 8: 22). "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

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PLAY IN LANGUAGE OF SIGNS.

Will Become Universal.

A London audience saw at the Little Theatre in the Adelphi recently a play produced in sign language. Everyone understood it and enjoyed it.

The play was the production of Sir Richard Paget, F.R.S., a well-known authority on the origin of language, who has conducted experiments in sign-language on two chimpanzees at the London Zoo. He has been working for a year on the problem of natural pantomime.

The story of the play was simple. A young airman, accompanied by his sweetheart, makes a forced landing on an uncharted island. Luckily, he knows the sign language, and he has time to give the girl a lesson in it before the king of the cannibal island arrives on the scene. Aided by the young man, she speaks to him, his heart is melted, and all is well. The curtain fell after the king had made a "speech" in the sign language, pointing out the great benefits of this method of communication in promoting inter-racial friendship.

According to Sir Richard Paget, speech developed almost as an automatic system of mouth movements in unison with the movement of the hands.

The day is coming, he declares, when one man will be able to speak to all the races of the world simultaneously, and be understood universally. He will do it by television, talking the language of signs.

Sir Richard has worked out a system of gestures, fit for all occasions and human contacts. The vocabulary has been evolved by replacing the normal mouth and tongue signs used in standard English by appropriate movements of fingers, hands and arms. "With the mouth," he says, "we can make only about 50 different sounds. It has been calculated that with one hand and arm we can make over 700,000 different movements, and every gesture can also differ in size."

The advantages over the spoken word, he claims, do not end there, for a child or an adult can learn 100 signs in half an hour and remember them.

Sir Richard Paget, scientist, inventor, and musician, worked on the Admiralty Board of Invention and Research during the War.—The Star.

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MARRIAGES OF THE DEAF.

Is anything being done towards the lessening of congenital deafness? This question is asked by Dr. Harold Earlam, superintendent of the New South Wales Institute for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind in Sydney, in an article in "The Medical Journal of Australia."

Most of the children now admitted to schools for the deaf are congenitally deaf, he says. In a few cases, but not many, deafness may be due to congenital syphilis, but nearly all are the children of parents who are non-syphilitic and who can hear.

What is the explanation? Kerr Love, of Glasgow, has for years been preaching Mendelism as the explanation, but describes himself as still "a voice crying."

Fay's monumental work, based on the histories of some 4000 deaf marriages in America, establishes certain general principles, and shows that it is not so much the immediate parentage of the child that determines his deafness, but that the possession of deaf relatives determines his liability to deafness.

In marriages where both partners are congenitally deaf and where both have deaf relatives, the proportion of them having deaf offspring (28.4 per cent.) and the proportion of deaf-born children (30,3 per cent.), are very high.

The possession of deaf relatives would appear to be a trustworthy indication of liability to deaf offspring. A person deaf congenitally or adventitiously having deaf relatives, is liable, however married, to have deaf offspring, the liability being much greater in the case of the congenital than in that of the adventitious.

Hopeless Position.

To me the position appears to be rather hopeless. While it is outrageously absurd to allow deaf-mutism to continue and to progress without very definite effort to control and eventually to eliminate it, nothing much appears to be done. We must not talk of sterilisation; we may try to train the public to realise some of the facts of the causation of congenital deafness, and of the dangers of the intermarriage of the congenitally deaf and of the marriage of relatives of congenitally deaf people into similar families to their own. We may try to develop some public conscience on these matters, but I fear that public conscience has little effect in diverting or limiting personal desires.

Partial Deafness.

One of the recent developments in the work of the education of the deaf has been the considerably greater attention given to children suffering from partial deafness.

There are two classes of deaf children: (a) adventitiously deaf children with naturally acquired speech; (b) partially deaf children capable of receiving aural instruction, who stand in an entirely different relation to education from the born deaf and totally deaf child.

They have distinctive needs, and although these distinctive needs cannot be adequately met in ordinary schools for the deaf, yet until comparatively recently the only provision for such children has been the ordinary school for the deaf. They require the help of the specially trained and qualified teacher of the deaf, but they should never be in a deaf environment.

The adventitiously deaf child requires the preservation and probably the improvement of his naturally-acquired speech, and the transference of its recognition from the ear to the eye. He has the ordinary language equipment of the ordinary child, and is generally out of place in a class of deaf-born children; he requires the normal environment of speech and association with ordinary hearing-speaking children.

The partially deaf child needs the constant stimulus of speech, and should be in a normal speech-language environment. He requires special attention to prevent the deterioration and to promote the improvement and efficiency of his speech, and he requires instruction in lip reading to improve his receptiveness for speech and language.—Brisbane "Courier-Mail."

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MR. and MRS. GEORGE OAKLEY,
Our Oldest Pioneers.

Our Oldest Pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley, Prahran, can now claim the distinction of being the oldest deaf pioneers, for Mr. Oakley is just on 84 years of age, and a colonist of 82 years. Mrs. Oakley is in her 88th year, and is a colonist of 74 years.

Mr. Oakley was born on 5th May, 1852, in London, England. When he was two years old, he had ear trouble and, acting upon the doctor's advice, his parents migrated to Australia. He arrived in Melbourne on Christmas Day, 1854, by the sailing ship "Birmingham," after being three months on the water. His people ultimately settled in Warrnambool. Mr. Oakley contracted measles at the age of 9 years, which left him quite deaf. News travelled slowly in those days, but, when his parents heard of the existence of a Deaf School in Melbourne he was placed under the tuition of the late Mr. F. J. Rose in October, 1863, at Peel Street, Windsor, and remained there until the end of 1867. Upon leaving school he worked as a fisherman and a woodcutter, and soon became very proficient, and was most popular with all he met.

He married Miss Maggie Cruickshank on 28th December, 1891, at Warrnambool. They moved to Paynesville and Sale, where Mr. Oakley still carried on his trade as a fisherman. They remained in that district for about eight years, and then returned to Warrnambool. In 1901 they moved to Melbourne, and Mr. Oakley took up work as a kitchen-man, and later as hawker.

Since he settled in Melbourne he has been, and is still, a most consistent churchman, and a member of the Society. A more loyal person than he is hard to find. Only recently he was created a Life

Member of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, a position he worthily deserved.

Mrs. G. Oakley was born at Crieff, Glasgow, Scotland, on 27th November, 1848. At the age of 14 years she came, with her parents, to Melbourne, in the sailing ship "Lady Jane," arriving on 26th August, 1862. Her people, too, eventually moved to Warrnambool, where her father established a farrier's business. Mrs. Oakley says that the shock of seeing naked aborigines running wild, and the strange animals, the kangaroos, brought about her deafness. She, too, was placed under the late Mr. Rose's tuition for four years. After she left school she entered domestic service, and later married Mr. George Oakley.

In the accompanying photo. will be seen Mr. and Mrs. Oakley beside their pet cockatoo, which has since died. This photo. was taken about two years ago. The cockatoo was aged, too, having been in their possession when they were in Warrnambool over 50 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley have no children to care for them but, fortunately, they have many friends who take a kindly interest in them, and help them in their old age.

Next December will bring their 45th year of wedded life, and it is our earnest prayer that they will be spared to enjoy this anniversary.

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TRAGIC NEWS FOR DEAF - BLIND WIFE.

The following appeared in a Melbourne newspaper. We do not know who the doctors and experts were, but we do know that there is no truth whatever in the two paragraphs referring to the Deaf and Dumb Society.

Our first knowledge of the sad event was in a morning newspaper, and we immediately rang the police, from whom we learned that Mrs. Dyble had been sent to the Cheltenham Benevolent Asylum. We at once got into touch with that Home, sending two officers of the Society out to Cheltenham. They experienced little difficulty in conversing with Mrs. Dyble by means of largely written capital letters held close to her eyes for, fortunately, she is not quite blind.—

"After two days of unsuccessful efforts by doctors and experts in the treatment of the blind and deaf, a policewoman succeeded to-day in communicating to a woman who can neither see nor hear, the fact that her husband was dead.

White-haired, bent, and tottering, Mrs Frank Doyle Dyble, 60, of Melton, who is both blind and deaf, had called continually for her husband since she was brought to Melbourne on Saturday.

"Frank," she cried, in little more than a whisper, "Where is my Frank?"

Lying about 15 yards from the house in which the couple lived, the husband's body was found on Saturday with a bullet wound in the head.

How to convey to the woman the story of the tragedy was a problem that taxed the combined ingenuity of police and neighbours.

Holding her hand, they traced again and again with her index finger the words "Frank is sick" on the shiny surface of the table.

But the woman, excited by the strangers around her, and instinctively aware that something was amiss, was unable to concentrate.

Called for "Frank."

They wrote the one word, "Sick," in large letters on cardboard and held it before her eyes, but she was unable to see.

They shouted in the vain hope that they might make her hear, but the tragic figure merely shook her head and repeated her calls for "Frank," or "Dad," as she sometimes called him.

Realising that the woman, with her double disability and lacking relatives or friends, could not be left alone, police arranged for her to be brought to Melbourne.

She protested vehemently, and in a chaos of bewilderment arrived in the city on Saturday afternoon, still ignorant of her husband's tragic death.

At the Deaf and Dumb Society's Home, Jolimont, experts traced with their fingers the letters "Frank is sick" on the palm of her hands, but she shook them impatiently away and called for her husband.

Again and again they tried to convey to her that something had happened to Frank, but they could not make her understand.

They took her to the Home for the Aged and Infirm at Cheltenham, and there, while kindly attendants sought to console her and convey to her that she was in friendly surroundings, she spent the week-end.

Now She Knows.

But all day she sat alone and called for the husband who did not come.

With growing apprehension her cries became more and more insistent, and to-day she somehow understood that this change which had come into the small, dark world in which she moved bespoke a tragedy.

A policewoman called at the home to-day and traced the sad little story on the palm of her work-worn hand — "Frank is sick—Frank is very sick."

And now a frail little woman sits in the corner of a big room of the home in Cheltenham sobbing quietly and repeating—"Frank—he has gone away." "

Mrs. Dyble is now at our Blackburn Home for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf and Dumb.

Ballarat.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, had to cancel his visit to Ballarat on Tuesday, 7th January, owing to a breakdown of the car. Not wishing to disappoint the Ballarat deaf nor to upset his prior engagement, he sent our Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, with his wife and children, on the following day. A very good round of visiting was made, including Miss Mary Retallick, at the Ballarat Mental Home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were surprised to find her looking so well and able to converse freely. She spoke of her wish to see her relatives and deaf friends. Because of her aptitude in needlework, she is the Matron's dressmaker, and has more freedom at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, their children, and Mr. Allsopp, who drove the car, were entertained to tea by the Misses Doney before their departure for home, which was much appreciated.

The following Sunday, Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted the service at the Golden Point Football Club Room, and afterwards joined the congregation at tea. Miss L. Sanders was the visitor for the day, and joined the gathering.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, with Mr. Melby Allsopp, went to Ballarat on 9th February. The attendance was not up to the previous meeting (Misses Maisie Reiffel and Ruby McDonald were away at Queenscliff on holidays, and we hear they had good times there), but nevertheless the meeting was a happy one, and the party remained to tea. It was a pleasure to see Miss Dulcie Jones present. She, too, had her holidays at Queenscliff last Christmas.

Misses Evelyn Lloyd, Joyce May and Dorothy Johnston accompanied Mr. Abraham and Mr. M. Allsopp to the March Service, which was held at the Ballarat Orphanage. This privilege was kindly granted by the Superintendent, Mr. Ludbrook. Mrs. Ludbrook also provided tea, for which they have our grateful thanks.

Ballarat Social.

To help celebrate the opening of the Ballarat Club's Saturday night socials, a party of ten of our Melbourne deaf members, including one from Tambo Crossing, Gippsland (Betty Doyle), went up to Ballarat and joined in the social gathering held at the Ballarat Orphanage on Saturday, 4th April. The party was entertained to an excellent tea, after which games were played in the social hall. A coffee supper before leaving ended a very happy evening.

The majority of the visitors boarded at Lester's House, and the following morning saw the party visiting the Fire Brigade and ascending the look-out tower, where they had a fine view of Ballarat and its surrounding district. After that, a visit to Ballarat's famous gardens where (as is always to be found), there was a beautiful flower display, and the fish hatcheries, showing thousands of young fish being acclimatised, was made. In the afternoon some of the party went to Daylesford, whilst the rest attended the Deaf Service held at the Orphanage.

The party was again entertained to tea, and at 6.40 p.m. the Melbourne folk were farewelled on the homeward journey.

To Mrs. Ludbrook, wife of the Superintendent of the Orphanage, the Board of Management and Principal extend very grateful thanks for her kindness in dispensing such wonderful hospitality.

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Geelong.

The Geelong Branch met on 14th January. Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted the Service.

At the next meeting on 10th March, Mrs. T. Ashby, of Trafalgar, was present. She was spending a month's holiday at Geelong. Mrs. and the Misses Monahan have already decided to make the trip to the Adelaide Deaf Carnival.

Geelong Social.

The Geelong Branch of our Society arranged a "night of nights" on Saturday evening, 9th May, at the club rooms, kindly lent by the Geelong Rotary Club. A motor bus, conveying twenty-four deaf, two private cars, and a motor cycle and sidecar, to the number of thirty-eight, journeyed from Melbourne and joined in the pleasures so wonderfully arranged by Miss C. Monahan (Honorary Secretary) and her helpers. Mr. W. Hately, of Camperdown, also was present.

The visitors were entertained to tea upon arrival. Soon after, the tables were cleared and other visitors brought the number to over sixty. All entered into the various games with much enthusiasm and merriment, and all too soon supper was served. By 10 p.m. the party was forced to bid adieu.

Before dispersing, Mr. S. G. Hobson, a member of the Board of Management, extended the thanks of the visitors to the Honorary Secretary, Miss Monahan, the Branch members, and hearing friends, for the happy hospitality extended.

The bus arrived in Melbourne just in time to allow its occupants to catch the last train or tram home.

Amongst those present were the Misses Monahan and Mrs. Monahan, Miss Fagan, our Principal (Mr. Abraham), Miss Empson, and Mr. J. M. Johnston.

Thank you, Geelong. You gave us a great time, and we hope you will ask us again!

"Home Folk."

Down the Bay.

The inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with many old associates and members of the Adult Deaf Centre who add to the pleasure of the Blackburn section of our community, spent a very happy day down the Bay on Thursday, 9th January, through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., who granted free passes for the trip. The weather was "just the thing" for the outing, with the "southerly" a bit on the cold side. Through the kindness of the usual ladies and gentlemen, the inmates of the Home were given dinner on board, whilst others enjoyed theirs out of their own hampers. With a few exceptions, the party stepped off at Queenscliff, and lost no time in exploring the town and its environs. About half a dozen went in for a swim, and soon found it a bit cold.

The President of the Women's Guild, Mrs. T. Peters, who was amongst the party, together with her daughter, Ruth, Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Dorothy, paid a surprise visit to Dulcie Jones at the Orphanage Rest Home there. Dulcie was elated at seeing them, especially her schoolmate, Dorothy. The party boarded the boat "P.S. Weeroona" for home at 4.30 p.m. During the afternoon fruit and sweets went around and around the deck, and, we assure you, were not neglected. The whole party sat down to a hamper tea in the dining saloon at the stern of the ship. Port Melbourne was reached at 7 p.m. Whilst the party was enjoying the best of holiday conditions on the Bay, Melbourne was visited by a cloud-burst, which accounted for the dampness of everything upon our return. Thanks are heartily tendered to all who made this trip possible.

The party was in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham. Superintendent and Matron of the Blackburn Home. The Principal (Mr. Abraham), Mrs. Abraham, Mr. Hobson (Member of the Board), Miss Empson and Mr. J. M. Johnston were also on board.

The following day the "P.S. Weeroona" was tied up on account of the maritime strike.

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Men's Guild.

Annual Picnic.

A most successful outing, arranged by the Men's Guild, took place on A.N.A. Day, 27th January, at Silvan Reservoir, when 50 deaf, 8 hearing friends, and 5 children comprised the party. The weather was ideal.

The main party assembled at Flinders Street, opposite Ball and Welch, as early as 8.30 a.m., and boarded the vans at 9.45 a.m., which were three-quarters of an hour late. A few deaf and hearing friends were picked up en route. The route lay along White Horse Road to beyond Ringwood, where we branched off towards Croydon and Monbulk. Upon enquiries we found we had taken the wrong turning and, after consulting the road map, we decided upon taking a sdie track for about two miles towards Mount Evelyn, which proved very rough and dusty. This was an added attraction enjoyed by many, in spite of the dust that settled upon everything.

Silvan was reached about 12.45 p.m., and very soon lunch was partaken of, by the side of the main road. An hour after luncheon the party broke up, and sight-seeing began. The sight of the cooling reservoir was uppermost in our minds, and it was reached in less than five minutes walk from the main road. A concrete seat, with one iron tablet at each end, invited the tired travellers to rest and view the scene from the top of the dam, and to read its history and records. After enjoying the scene, the more adventurous of the party decided upon a tour of inspection of the locality. A run down the embankment soon brought them to the works, known as Filtered Outlet. Some could hear the dull roar of rushing water as it made its way through the works. Following the concrete channel for some distance, we crossed a bridge and went in amongst the tall timber and fern gullies round the base of Mount Dandenong, until we came upon the continuous rope haulage lines known as flying foxes. It was there the party rested before retracing their steps.

One member was recalling the historical aspect of that mount when he was told that one member of the party actually reached the summit some 24 years ago. It was in 1912, when the Guild held its first outing, and seven out of eleven members scaled its heights, and obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

A camp fire was made at 5 p.m., and by 5.30 everyone had done justice to their hampers. A general clean up, chess, and a few ball games filled in the time until 7.15 p.m., when we broke camp. Lilydale was reached in less than half an hour, where we allowed one hour to see the sights of the township. Melbourne was reached just before 10 p.m.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing, in spite of the heat and the dust from motors. The party was augmented at Silvan by two car and two cycle parties, including Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton. Mr. S. G. Hobson, a member of our Board of Management, was with us.

On looking up the records we found that this party was easily the record one for attendance.

Owing to the absence in Adelaide of the President (Mr. E. R. Noble), Mr. Claude Graham was in the chair at the February meeting, when the usual half-hour topic was given, and revolved on the Albyssinian-Italo War. The Egyptian trouble was also discussed. Then followed the evening's programme on "holiday reminiscences" by members. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer monopolised the talk with an account of his trip to Bowman's Forest and the Hume Weir. The Chairman gave the last talk with a tale of his trusty, 14 years old "mo-bike," which took him to Ballarat, Daylesford, and other places during the Christmas holidays.

On 27th February the Guild held its 52nd Annual Meeting before a good attendance. Mr. E. R. Noble, the President, presided. The Annual Report, brief and to the point, and the balance sheet, showing a deficit of 13/1, were read and approved. A suggestion was made that Thursday night lectures be under the jurisdiction of the Men's Guild, which was left over for further consideration. The election of office-bearers was as follows:—President: Mr. E. R. Noble (re-elected); Vice-President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Honorary Secretary: Mr. E. Roxburgh; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. Phillips; Committee: Messrs. T. Newton, W. Ross, K. Pickett, and E. Johnson.

Supper, provided by the Principal of the Society, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, brought the happy evening to a close.

On 17th March a "President's Night" was held, when there was a fairly good attendance. After the usual fifteen minutes on general topics, the President, Mr. E. R. Noble, gave an account of his trip to the City of Churches — Adelaide—and many queries were asked and answered, after which he entertained the members to supper in the Assembly Hall, for which he was heartily thanked. Mr. Roxburgh brought along a set of indoor bowls, which he secured on loan for demonstration, and, as the time was short, a further demonstration was given on the following Thursday night. This new game is proving popular amongst lodges, etc., and the Adelaide Mission has a team in competition already.

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Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild reopened on 4th February after the Christmas recess with a Pound Night. Cross-word Puzzle and Talks on "Dog Tricks" occupied most of the evening, which ended with light supper, brought by the members themselves.

A very happy outing was enjoyed by the members of the Women's Guild and a few of their male friends to the Society's Farm and Home at Blackburn, on Sunday afternoon, 9th February. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, who showed them over the property, and they then conversed with the inmates who, too, were so pleased to see them. The party, which numbered 13, were entertained to afternoon tea by the Manager and Matron, after which they departed, laden with gum tips and fruit. About half the party returned to the Centre and had tea there prior to the usual Church Service.

The meeting on 3rd March was a very happy one, especially as they had with them two visitors from Adelaide—Mrs. Davis and her daughter. Bible Reading, by Miss Rose Dow, and interesting talks by Misses D. Hickey and M. Gibson were given and greatly enjoyed. The evening closed with the usual dainty supper.

Women's Guild Annual Picnic.

The Deaf Women's Guild held its Annual Picnic on Eight Hours' Day, 30th March, 1936, at Belgrave. Reports of bush fires raging over Mount Dandenong made the Guild, at first, undecided about going to Belgrave, but, when it became known the fires had not harmed that district, the passenger van was booked to capacity. One motor car and three motor cycles and sidecars brought another eleven, making a total of forty-five at the picnic.

After lunch rambles through the bush, especially to the Sherbrooke Falls and gully, were much enjoyed. The weather conditions were ideal, and the party returned to our Centre just on 8 p.m., when it remained for an hour or two playing still more games before dispersing for home. A very happy and enjoyable outing it was.

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Library.

The Deaf Library is again in receipt of one dozen books from Mrs. Howe, of East Melbourne, for which we thank her sincerely. They are all good reading novels, and will find ready welcome with the majority of our readers. Amongst the parcel were "The Snake and the Sword," by P. C. Wren, the author of many military adventures; "The Unknown Quantity," by Ethel M. Dell, a novel; "Victory," by Joseph Conrad, an island tale of love and jealousy; "Red Radio," by R. L. Hadfield and Frank E. Farncombe, a thrilling story in which the death ray plays an important part; "Retribution," by Henry St. John Cooper, a most moving and appealing story of human life; "The Golden Snare," by James Oliver Curwood, an exciting northland adventure; "Forbidden Range," by James French Dorrance, a romance of the Yellowstone; "The Desert's Price," by William McLeod Raine, a novel.

Through the non-return of a book loaned from our library, a reader has replaced it with "The Black Tulip," by Alexandre Dumas.

Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-Charity Queen Carnival.

In the rush to get the last issue of our Victorian Deaf News out, we forgot to include two outstanding events held during the Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-

Charity Queen Competition. They were the Dance held at Ziegfeld's, Glenferrie, organised by Mrs. Ross, which was very successful, and the Card Party organised by Mrs. R. Cohen, which was held at the Centre. Both events brought in tidy sums, which went a long way to swell the fund.

Both ladies, who are members of the Parents' and Friends' Association, have our very grateful thanks for their big contribution.

Dramatic Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Dramatic Club was held on the evening of 5th March, when Mr. F. E. Frewin, President, presided. The Annual Report, which recorded a number of excellent plays given, and the Balance Sheet, was read and confirmed.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Misses R. Dow, A. Smith, D. Hickey, E. Leber, and Mr. G. Newnham. The Honorary Secretaryship has not yet been filled, and the founder of the Club, Mr. Edwin Johnson, was persuaded to temporarily fill the position.

THE FLOUNDER AND THE BIRD.

A solitary flatfish flopped its way to the edge of a Scottish loch to bask. A swallow happened to flit by, grazing the water in its flight to and fro. The fish gaped in astonishment at the dimly seen apparition and murmured to himself: "So, after all, there really are living things up there. I have always thought there might be; there have been shadows and indications; our free swimmers have hinted at something. But it is all fanciful and unreal; it is safer to lie firmly on the ground; we can at least make sure of our mud and sand; the rest is imagination." Then, as the swallow flitted by again, he inquired, "What are you? Have you fins?"

The swallow answered briefly: "We don't swim, we fly," and then added good-naturedly, as if in response to an unspoken question, "It's much the same thing really, only it's finer and fleeter and happier. We have feathers such as you could not dream of, we soar above the earth, and can travel immense distances. Even your free swimmers don't know half that is to be known."

The fish was astonished and silent for a time, but soon recovered his usual presence of mind, and began to answer volubly and without hesitation, "This is most extraordinary; we haven't really believed in your existence. A few of us say they are able to fly, at least for a short time, and have told us of catching glimpses of other creatures during their flights, but, of course, they are not believed. They tell us that when up there they can actually see ahead, so as to foretell the coming of those dark hulls that perturb us occasionally; but they are often wrong. We hold that flying ought to be suppressed; we will not allow ourselves to be deceived."

The swallow hovered a moment on hearing this last confession, and said with an upward glance, "You would do well not to be deceived, but there may be more than one kind of deception. Are you on guard against self-deception? You little know all the glories of existence."

"Do *you* know all?" asked the flounder, trying to rear its head out of the water, and getting suffocated in the process. "Is everything plain to you up there in your soaring freedom? Tell us what your world is really like."

"I cannot tell you," answered the swallow, "you would not understand. It is something like your world, only far more beautiful. You, too, have beautiful things down there, if you look for them, or if you listen to your free swimmers; they tell you of bright stones and seaweed and shells; even your own scales are beautiful. But we — we find trees and flowers and fruits; we fly over glorious mountains, and rejoice in the showers and the sunshine, the rainbows and the dew; we build nests on barns and churches; we . . ."

"I don't know what you are talking about," interrupted the fish. "What on earth are churches?"

"Ah! There you go beyond my knowledge," said the swallow. "There is much that even we do not know. We cannot tell why they were erected; they are something like barns, but have more string-courses, and ledges; they are somehow different; they seem to represent a view of the universe higher even than our own."

"Well!" said the flounder to himself, as the swallow's utterance trailed away into silence. "He can't tell us what his surroundings are like, and yet he speculates about regions still more incomprehensible. No! It is all too vague and indefinite. We did right not to believe in anything beyond this home our ours. If I were to tell the others that those flying fish have spoken some kind of truth, I should be laughed at. Better say nothing. And yet — well, even I dimly remember that in my infancy I used to swim more freely . . . Alas! those early gleams have died; I must be content with the light of common day." So saying, he began to flounder back, and settle himself once more into his mud.

But his experience was not wholly lost; he could not resist occasionally blurting out something of it, in spite of the contempt of his fellows; and he really felt happier, though more conscious of ignorance, than he was before. He still wondered, however, why the bird could not more clearly enlighten him as to the nature of the world beyond.

A TRIP TO ADELAIDE.

This year the thoughts of many of us are turned towards Adelaide, where, next Christmas the biannual carnival will be held. I was fortunate in being able to visit the city last Christmas, and spent a very enjoyable time there. The train left Spencer Street at 5.45 p.m., and arrived at Adelaide at 9.30 the following day. Thanks to the friendliness of the other occupants of the carriage, the journey was pleasant enough. From Ballarat onward the journey was in darkness.

At first each station was greeted with curiosity and interest as the train roared through, but as it grew later, sleep claimed us as far the jolting would allow, and I have but a hazy idea of the greater part of the journey through the night. Early morning brought renewed interest in the passing countryside. On arrival at Tailem Bend there was a general exodus in the direction of the refreshment bar. Further on, at Murray Bridge, more refreshments were consumed. To judge by the prices, the railways must be earnestly endeavouring to wipe out their debts, and make the railways pay, which means, of course, make the passengers pay.

On arrival at Adelaide I was met by friends and escorted to the Deaf Mission, which is situated at the opposite side of the City to the railway station.

The Mission itself is a magnificent building, and will be ample to hold all who intend visiting the City next Christmas.

Although the City is surrounded by hills, which are much closer than at Melbourne, the City and suburbs are on almost perfectly flat land. Accustomed to Melbourne hills and sloping streets I found that rather queer at first. Another thing that took me a long time to get used to is the entire absence of traffic lights. The beaches are for the most part further from the City than Melbourne, but an excellent service of train and tram enables them to be quickly reached. A flat rate of 9d. return to all and any of the beaches is a great boon. The beaches are good on the whole, although there is a scarcity of shade. People with sensitive skins should beware of sunburn — I speak from painful experience! ! !

On 27th January the deaf held their annual picnic, choosing Belair, a popular resort in the hills. Two railmotors took us to the hills, and from the station buses took us to the selected camping ground, about 3 miles away. The buses were specially engaged for us, as was the train. A very pleasant day was spent, the younger people playing tennis or wandering over the surrounding country. We were lucky coming back; we left Belair at 7.30 and arrived home about 9.30. The next day we learnt that the train following us had been derailed. Fortunately no one was hurt, but all traffic was held up until nearly eleven, and many did not get home until one in the morning.

The weather throughout the holiday was glorious, and it was with great reluctance that I left the well named City of Churches.

E. R. NOBLE.

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OVERSEA NEWS.

Jerusalem.

There is a Catholic School for the Deaf in Jerusalem.

Persia.

We know of but one school for the Deaf in Persia — at Isaphan, conducted by a German.

U.S.A.

At St. Anne's Church of the Deaf, New York, a reredos has been dedicated to the memory of Virginia B. Gallaudet, a daughter of the founder of the Church, who in turn was the son of the founder of the first school for the Deaf of the United States of America.

Italy.

The School for the Deaf in Turin has just celebrated its Centenary.

England.

His Majesty, King Edward VIII., it is pleasing to record, is interested in more than one organisation of the Deaf; as far back as ten years ago he interested himself in a Church for the Deaf.

Recently His Majesty felt it necessary to visit an Ear Specialist in Vienna, with successful results.

Mr. John Chadwick, of St. Helen's, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bolton Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in place of the late Mr. Shannon, Lancashire.

We learn from the British Deaf Times that " Mr. Gladwin, a member of Mr. Herbert Hersee's Committee in Australia, is on a visit to this country to report on deaf work to the Australian Government."

A small par. appeared in the "Sun News Pictorial" of an incident outside Buckingham Palace during the posting of the bulletin on our late King's illness, which stated: "An official conveyed the message in sign language to a group of deaf mutes in his charge." Evidently the journalist, who happened to witness the incident and wrote same, thought the scene was most unusual and unique and, at the same time, it showed that the deaf had the same feeling of concern for the health of our late King as his other subjects.

A par. appeared in the "Herald" on the occasion of the funeral service outside Parliament House, Melbourne, which was headed "THE WOMAN IN BLACK." "On the steps of Parliament House is a small figure clothed in black. She has been there since 7 a.m. unnoticed. She lives at East Melbourne,

but she wants a good position at the Ceremony which is to follow at 11 a.m. And she must SEE that, because the words will mean nothing. She is deaf and dumb."

King Edward VIII.

King Edward VIII., when Prince of Wales, was repeatedly in the limelight with the deaf. Recently he was elected patron of the International Federation of Deaf Sports Clubs, and in the last issue of our magazine we printed his message at the opening of the Fourth International Games held at Wembley and White City, England.

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Rambles.

How much do you know of Melbourne and its environs?

Perhaps there are many places which you have never visited, although living quite near. Pleasant outings are being arranged by the Men's and Women's Guilds on Sundays, Saturdays, or Public Holidays, to systematically visit all places of beauty and historic interest. All outings will be announced on the Notice Board, and a cordial invitation to join the party is extended to all.

The first of these outings was held on Sunday, 22nd March, when a party of twelve visited places of interest near to our Jolimont Square. Just across the road at the back of our Square, amidst the well laid out garden, with a fountain in front, stands Victoria's first Government House, where the first Governor, Mr. Charles Latrobe lived. After signing the visitors' book a move was made to the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens, that are famed all over Australia. A walk along the avenue of poplars, the pride of Melbourne, and oft praised by artists and landscape gardeners, to the Fairy Tree. That tree has been the centre of attraction for the Melbourne children for many years. Its trunk has been carved into various fairy images and animals and birds, and is the work of a well-known Melbourne sculptress, Miss Ola Cohn. After visiting Captain Cook's Cottage and the Conservatory, we came upon a giant tree trunk, measuring, at 3ft. from the base, a little over 47ft. in circumference. It was brought from Healesville many years ago for exhibition, and later placed in these gardens.

Many other places were visited before the party reached the Centre at 5.30 for tea. All enjoyed the ramble, and remained for the Service in our own little Church.

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Our Own Church.

At the evening service of Sundays, 12th and 19th January, slides depicting our Lord Jesus Christ in various phases of His life, and views of the Holy Land were shown in our Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square. Each scene was explained to the congregation by the preacher, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

It was an innovation in our Church, and most impressive, and produced an added sacred atmosphere.

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Our Little Family.

Our Principal, who was away on a two weeks' sea trip, was surprised and pleased to receive birthday greetings by telegram from the Melbourne Rotary Club and the Jolimont Square Staff when the boat arrived at Brisbane.

Mrs. R. Hann, of Collie, West Australia (nee Annie Secombe), was with us for a number of weeks, revisiting her and her late husband's relatives. It is many years since she last saw Melbourne, and thinks it has grown tremendously.

Miss E. Thomas, also of West Australia, was here for a month during December and January. As it was her first visit to this Eastern State, she was much charmed with all she saw. She was overjoyed to meet her old school friend, Mrs. W. B. Anderson, of Oakleigh (nee Gladys Bates).

Mr. Andrew Rankine, of Adelaide, was here again for the Christmas holidays. He remained for about three weeks, during which time he joined in any events listed — outings, socials and parties. He was most fortunate to recover so soon from the serious injuries which he received from a motor cycle accident, which occurred some two or more months previously in his home State. He said the Adelaidians have made a good start in regard to the forthcoming interstate carnival, which is to be held in Adelaide.

Mr. Paqualin, of Cottesloe Beach, West Australia, passed through Melbourne twice when visiting Tasmania for the Christmas holiays. On Boxing Day, when en route for Tasmania, he called at our Centre and found the place deserted and locked (the deaf were at Hampton, picnicking). On his return he again called and found our Principal and Miss Empson in. The next day he was at Port Melbourne pier watching the deaf party board the P.S. "Weeroona" for the annual bay trip, and whilst there he was recognised by the Editor, and they had a good talk before departing. He said that he had a glorious time in Tasmania.

Mr. Don. Wallis of Seymour, was fortunate in obtaining a situation with a clothing firm in Melbourne, and we hope he will keep it.

With two of her children in good positions, a third attending Stott Business College, and the youngest at the High School, Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, has made her home in Melbourne for the children's sake. For the present Mr. Damman is remaining on the farm until adjustments are made as to the future of their old home.

Mr. E. Roxburgh, of Williamstown, was "in the picture" recently, for at Newport he gave chase and caught a bolting horse, which broke away from a wood merchant's cart. The driver was thrown and received head injuries. Mr. Roxburgh was rewarded for his part in the capture of the horse.

Arthur Morgan accepted the offer of Hugh Smith to work on his dairy farm at Kerang, and took leave of us on 12th February last. He will not find the place dull, as he will have Mr. and Mrs. Smith to converse with, as both are past pupils of the St. Kilda Road School.

Mr. H. R. Gillett, of Irymple, writes: "'The Victorian Deaf News' just to hand is the best one yet. So keep it up." He recently had two months' rest at our Blackburn Home.

Frank Williams, of Hobart, Tasmania, came over on Christmas Eve, bringing Christmas Greetings to Melbourne folk from Colonel L. H. Payne, Superintendent of the Tasmanian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Mr. T. Parkinson, and the Tasmanian deaf. The first two weeks in Victoria he spent with a number of friends at Frankston, where he had a most happy time, and then a week in the City. He reported that the deaf over in his State have made a good start to raise funds for the forthcoming Christmas trip to Adelaide. They already have £50 in hand.

Jack Boal, who last October went to Jerilderie, Riverina, to work on a sheep station with his uncle, came down for the Christmas holidays. He was well tanned and enjoyed life up there.

Miss Annie Webb was back amongst us again from Tasmania, where she had been for some time. She was engaged for three months at a private residence at Flinders, a seaside resort at Western Port, and on completion of her mistress' stay there, she went off to Sydney, after a week in Melbourne, in the hope of securing another position there.

Mrs. Davis, of Adelaide, and her daughter, while in Melbourne for a fortnight's holiday, were guests at events held at the Society's building during their stay. They said they had a real good time. Quite a number of our women folk went down to Spencer Street Station to bid them farewell on the day of their departure.

Miss Margaret Gibson took a trip to the country, 215 miles from Melbourne, to New South Wales during February. She had such a happy time that she did not want to come home.

Mr. E. R. Noble, after more than a month's holiday in Adelaide, has penned an account of his trip, which is to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, during his fortnight's leave, spent one week visiting relatives in Gippsland, and the other week on Mr. E. Sturcke's selection at Mornington Peninsular.

Miss Emma Reade has secured a very nice position at Avenel, and our Principal received a nice letter from her in which she said she is very happy there.

The following members left Melbourne during the festive season and January:—Mrs. Rolfe, Miss N. Flynn and Mr. and Mrs. C. Stiff to Sydney; Mr. W. Hately to Tasmania; Miss M. Sandon to Tambo Crossing, Gippsland; Mr. S. Neilson to Queenscliff and Geelong; Mr. A. Anderson and Miss O. Minton to Rye; Mr. R. Conacher to Tatura; and Mr. W. McMillan to Warrnambool.

The Editor received a letter from Jack Stewart, of Inverleigh, which told of the success of his oat harvest. He is now engaged on thrashing work. He regretted his inability to go to Ballarat for the Sunday Service, but will come up to Melbourne at the conclusion of the thrashing.

Frances Owens says she found much enjoyment in the company of her deaf friends during her stay here. She sent her subscription to the "Victorian Deaf News," for which she has our thanks.

Mr. Arthur Boswell, of Stawell, was most popular during his stay of two or three weeks in Melbourne. He was seen at almost all the gatherings of the deaf, taking part in games enthusiastically, and his happiness radiated. He was invited to the Annual Bay Trip and joined a small swimming party at Queenscliff. He was so eager to plunge that he failed to estimate the depth of the water at the diving board and, in consequence, received a nasty jar on the side of his face and shoulder, for the depth was only about three feet. He is much wiser now!

Recent visitors to Melbourne were:—Messrs. C. Lyfield, R. White, Alex. and James Collins, and Mrs. C. Robertson, from Neerim Junction, Gippsland; Mr. A. Hart, from Bendigo; Miss F. Owens, Wangaratta; Mrs. Hartley, Euroa; Mr. H. Ah Chow, Orbost; Mr. A. Hattery, Camperdown; Mr. E. Sturcke, Red Hill; Mr. Frank Cummins, Boorooban, N.S.W.; Mr. J. Boal, Jerilderie, N.S.W.; Mr. James, Sydney; Mr. Gillett, Irymple; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, Kerang; Mr. J. Kette Best and Mr. F. Williams, Tasmania.

Mr. Fred Kendall, late of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, is now on the Society's staff, as Country Collector for the western half of Victoria. He has made a good start, and gives promise of being an A1 collector.

After six years of unemployment, Ted. Roxburgh secured a situation with a timber firm in Fitzroy, and we all sincerely hope he will remain there for a long time.

Mrs. Williamson is back amongst us again, having been in Queensland for some months. She is down on business, and will go up north again. She criticised the Melbourne weather because Melbourne people resort to overcoats even in the midst of summer. She brought greetings to Melbourne folk from Mr. J. M. Paul.

Mr. Allen, of Burnie, north-west coast of Tasmania, came over during the middle part of February to have his eyes attended to. Of late his eyes have been giving him trouble, and we hope the treatment will be most successful.

Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, was in Melbourne for some time. We are always pleased to see her.

Colin Johns, of Horsham, had a month's stay at Mornington. He called to see us several times.

Mrs. O. Quinton accompanied her husband to Orbost during February, and stayed with her relatives while Mr. Quinton was collecting in the district. She had great times there.

Mr. A. Stokes, of Trafalgar, was in Melbourne for a few days, and Mrs. D. Ashby spent a few days in Trafalgar.

Mr. W. Dunstan, of Coldstream, was in Melbourne for a short holiday.

Roy Windridge, of Pyramid Hill, was down with his team for the Country Week Cricket Matches.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, of Launceston, have just celebrated their silver wedding. They were married on the 4th April 1911. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, we hope you will celebrate your golden, too.

Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora, Gippsland, was down for a week or two, and much enjoyed the Women's Guild Picnic at Belgrave.

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Farewell Social to Principal's Daughter.

Mrs. Elsie Spiers Jackson, only daughter of our Principal, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham and Mrs. Abraham, was married to Mr. Louis McCubbin, artist and recently appointed Director of the Adelaide Art Gallery, at Christ Church, South Yarra, on Monday, 27th April.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCubbin and Pat Spiers Jackson were farewelled by the deaf members in the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Assembly Hall on 30th April. There was a crowded attendance, and presentations were made by the deaf to Mrs. McCubbin and her daughter, Pat. Many other farewell parties were given before their departure for Adelaide on 7th May.



MISS ELSIE ABRAHAM (MRS. LOUIS McCUBBIN)
upon her arrival in Australia.

Mr. Louis McCubbin, the Australian artist, is very well known, not only in art circles, but also among the citizens of Melbourne. Not only through his own talent, but because he is the son of the late artist, Fred. McCubbin, who won fame and popularity.

At a dinner organised by the T Square Club and given at the Windsor Hotel by the citizens of Melbourne, at which the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor A. G. Wales) and representatives of many sections of the community were present, the Lord Mayor paid tribute to Mr. McCubbin's energetic and unselfish work on the Committee which organised the decoration of Melbourne during the Centenary Celebrations. He also thanked Mr. McCubbin for having organised the floral procession, which was one of the features of the celebrations. Melbourne, he said, is the poorer for Mr. McCubbin's departure, both in the civic and artistic sense.

Sir John Longstaff, a trustee of the National Gallery, said that Mr. McCubbin was the most popular man in the art world of Australia. Other toasts were by R. D. Elliott, Esq., Geo. R. King, O.B.E., J.P., and O. B. McCutcheon (Royal Victorian Institute of Architects).

Mr. McCubbin served in the Great War with the 10th Ambulance Corps in France and, after the Armistice, was appointed official artist to the A.I.F., and remained in France a further twelve months, making one hundred and fifty studies on the battlefields for the Commonwealth War Museum.

Mr. McCubbin and Mrs. Jackson gave a late afternoon farewell party at the Sedon Galleries to give their many friends an opportunity of meeting them before their marriage and departure for Adelaide, where Mr. McCubbin has been appointed Director of the South Australian National Art Gallery.

The Artists' Society also honoured Mr. McCubbin by presenting him with a gold cigarette case at a reception given at the Artists' Society's rooms.



MRS. LOUIS McCUBBIN.
Wife of the Director of the S.A. National Art Gallery.

—By kind courtesy of the "Herald"

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Dancing Lessons with a Big Bass Drum.

The Principal "is in the band," that is, he beat the big bass drum for two hours, his son did it the previous week, whilst Geo. Newnham directed the "light fantastic toes."

Picture Nights.

After a long spell a Cinema Picture Show was held on 14th March showing "Lariat Kid," featuring Hoot Gibson, "Love's Hurdles," and "The Hero of Piperock" were the two small supporting comedies. The pictures were the sort that captivate the deaf, and were much enjoyed.

On Thursday, 2nd April, an educational and "know your own country" cinema was held. The titles were, "Glimpse of Northern Tasmania," "The Lure of the Rod," "Hopfields of the Derwent Valley," "Putting Orchards in Cans," "Wealth in Eggs," "The Tribute of the Forest," "The Electric Railways of Victoria," and "Heart of Australia," by kind courtesy of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Easter Rally.

There was a crowded attendance at the Easter Rally, which was held on the evening of Thursday, 9th April, at the Centre. The principal items on the programme were cinema pictures, which were very good. Later, various games were indulged in, which very soon brought the happy evening to an end. Supper? Of course!

Popular Thursday Nights.

Thursday night at our Club House is regaining more than its old popularity. For, in other days, we thought forty a good attendance; now it is anything between sixty and one hundred, and a very happy an appreciative throng it is.

Naturally, the most popular entertainment is when a prominent citizen or friend of the Society takes the platform and, through the interpreter (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham or Mr. J. M. Johnston), tells of his special work, life experiences, or some other interesting topic. To date we have been specially fortunate.

On the evening of Thursday, 20th February, 1936, Mr. Noel Monks, the "Herald" War Correspondent, came to our Club House and entertained the members with a lecture on "Abyssinia and its Emperor." Mr. Monks recently arrived from Abyssinia and was, therefore, able to give a first hand description of the affairs there.

Afterwards Mr. Lee Murray, an airman, gave a talk, his subject being "With the Flying Corps." Both lectures were very interesting and much appreciated. Mr. Abraham interpreted. The lecturers were very heartily thanked by the deaf, then entertained to supper.

On 16th April, in our Assembly Hall, Mr. Ellis, Principal of the Melbourne Techincal College, took for the subject of his address, "Things Great and Small." Mr. Ellis told us many marvellous things about the sun, moon, stars, the atom, the electron, etc., etc. We were amazed at his wonderful memory, for he quoted figures in hundreds, thousands, millions, billions and billions of millions, and so far as we could see, did not consult his notes at any time. For the "thinker" it was a great night, and at supper many questions were put to Mr. Ellis, all of which he willingly answered.

On 23rd April Mr. J. T. Wilkins, Melbourne's Fire Chief, told us much about the work of the Fire Brigade, which is most interesting. Mr. Wilkins is a true humourist, and had his audience in fits of laughter while telling of the different things the fire brigade is called upon to do. Mr. Wilkins extended a hearty invitation to all present to attend a demonstration at the Eastern Hill Fire Sation any

Friday afternoon, and at supper surprised us with his knowledge of the finger language.

On 7th May, Mr. Paul Montford, the sculptor, came and gave us a wonderful evening. He brought his clay and all the necessary equipment for modelling, and very soon had our old member, Mr. George Mortimer, on the platform, posing, while Mr. Montford built a model of his head in clay. Mr. Montford says Collector Mortimer is well known to him as he never fails to call on him for a subscription. It was most interesting to watch a wonderful likeness of "Morty" being built up with pieces of clay. The audience was spell-bound, and would have liked Mr. Montford to "keep going" much longer. Mr. Montford has done some wonderful sculpture, his work at the shrine is outstanding. After he has put in a little more work on the model, we understand it is to be given to the Society. Is Mr. Mortimer proud of the distinction? Well, we leave that guess to you?

A further pleasure awaits us, for Miss Montford kindly offered to bring a friend and together give an exhibition of dancing. That is something good to look forward to for, at the present time, dancing (under the direction of Mr. Geo. Newnham) is one of the most popular pleasures here.

The procedure of these gatherings is: Words of welcome by the president of the Deaf Men's Guild, the lecture by the visitor, we then entertain the visitor, concluding with light supper.

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Extract from "A Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity," by Walter P. Pitkin.

HALF-EARED.

Cyclops is half-eared, too. And medical statisticians bear tales hinting that our hero is losing some of his feeble contacts with the world of sounds. They say that partial deafness is increasing strangely all over the world. Europe and America test school children every year and find the trend of scores for hearing downward. What causes it?

Many changes in man, in his work, and in his world. They weave a thickening web over the ears and slowly muffle the shouting and the tumult. Of late, investigators have been finding many things which ruin the keenness of hearing. Noise does it. So does diet. So does fatigue — hence the kind of work one performs. So does worry. So does loss of sleep. So, it would seem, does mere lack of interest in what one hears. So, once more, we see how one stupor begets another, and that pair a third, and so on until Cyclops is blinded and deafened and benumbed within the darkness of his own cavern.

Noise plainly shatters the ear. And the entire world has become bedlam; auto horns, rattling cars, yelling hawkers—and then, at length, jazz, that awful *reductio ad surdum* of all listeners. Din undermines the nervous balance and benumbs the auditory tracts. The tumultuous trades breed deaf toilers. The hearing of subway and elevated railway guards fails early, like that of riveters. And, as people have flocked into industrial towns, all have suffered in some degree. Recent studies of noise in New York City and elsewhere prove this only too well. But they also show that many other conditions less suspect are quietly deafening us all. Look at a few of them now.

Keen ears depend, to a surprising degree, upon general health and nutrition. This has lately been shown by Dr. Dana W. Drury, of Boston, in his extensive audiometer tests of five groups. The Harvard football squad at the end of the playing season had by far the best ears. Next ranked the boys in a high-grade private school, where special care of physique and diet is maintained. Third in keenness were the children at an institute for the blind, where again the best of attention is given to food and bodily welfare. The fourth group was one hundred Boston public school children, who heard somewhat more poorly than the blind. Worst of all were the crippled and deformed children in a Massachusetts institution.

Otologists tell me that several types of progressive deafness vary from day to day with the general physical and mental condition. Loss of sleep dulls the hearing, while a long rest whets it promptly. Likewise with over-eating and under-eating, with drinking liquor, with smoking, with worries and similar upsets. I am also informed that mere laziness and lack of interest in listening to talk or to music often injures the hearing; physicians say that the patient who can be aroused to give ear to what is going on around him maintains acuity of hearing much longer than one who remains listless. Here we may be reversing cause and effect; the patient showing indifference toward sounds may do so as a result of a central nervous inertia connected with the defect in his auditory centres. There may be, for instance, either a time lag in auditory associations or else an energy drop somewhere along the nerve tracts.

The ear has some obscure linkage with stupidity. It is either the cause or the effect of mental level to an extent far surpassing any other sense organ. Probably there is more than a grain of truth in the popular idea that deaf people are "dummies." The most carefully devised psychological tests show that completely deaf children are retarded, on the average, about four and one-half years; that is, a fifteen-year-old displays the mentality of a normal child ten and one-half years old.

Births.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Raines, of North Melbourne, on 17th February, 1936, Arthur Edward.

Weddings.

A very pretty wedding took place at Warrnambool on Saturday, 11th April, when Miss Jean McCollough was married to Mr. W. McMillin, of Melbourne. Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, made the journey by car to interpret the proceedings to the young couple.

The Church was prettily decorated, and after the ceremony the guests, numbering about forty, drove to a cafe, where a very enjoyable repast was provided by the father of the bride, Mr. G. H. McCollough. Miss Beryl McCollough was a bridesmaid. The group is an exceptionally pretty one, as shown in the illustration.

After happy speeches and many good wishes for their future happiness, Mr. and Mrs. W. McMillin left in the car with our Principal and deaf driver, M. Allsopp, for Melbourne, where their future home is to be.

The marriage of Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy, to Herbert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, Rankin Road, Kensington, was celebrated with Nuptial Mass at St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy, on Easter Monday, 13th April, 1936, at 9 a.m. Congratulations!



MR and MRS. McMILLIN.

Sporting.

Billiards.

Our Society was fortunate in securing two full standard size tables, with accessories complete, at an exceptionally low price. One was erected for the use of the inmates at our Blackburn Home, and the other was put in place of the three-quarter size table at our Centre. At present Snooker is a very popular game.

Basket Ball.

The Annual Meeting of the Basket Ball Club was held on the afternoon of 14th March, on one of the lawns of Jolimont Square. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed.

It was decided to again enter the club for competition.

The election of office-bearers was as follows:—President: Miss Alice Graham; Vice-President: Miss E. Empson; Honorary Treasurer: Miss R. Dow; Joint Honorary Secretaries: Misses G. Hunter and M. Sandon; Committee: Misses Evelyn Lloyd and Joyce May.

The President, Miss Graham, made a very happy little speech, and wished the team success in the coming season. Miss Graham regretted another engagement prevented her from remaining to tea after the close of the meeting, and very thoughtfully donated considerably more than the cost of the tea. She said it gave her much pleasure to know all present were her guests. All expressed pleasure in having Miss Graham with us, and joined in a very hearty vote of thanks to her.

Francie Peters was elected captain of the team, and very capably she carried out her duties. The new members, Winnie Fegan, May Marley, and Dorothy Johnston, are of great assistance to the team, and we hope they have a very successful season. Miss Mabel Dow is our official umpire, and an enthusiastic one, too.

Many good wishes have been expressed for the success of the team.

Lacrosse News.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on Thursday evening, 6th February, before a fair attendance. Mr. A. Stephens, the President, occupied the chair.

Owing to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. Noble, being absent in Adelaide, the reading of the minutes and Annual Report was done by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. E. Roxburgh, and confirmed by the meeting.

The report, which was a brief one, stated that the Club started the season fairly well, but was unable to maintain its form to the end, owing to the poor sportsmanship of certain players, and the supporters' lack of control. The hope was expressed that it will not occur this coming season, as the prestige of the Club must be upheld.

The result of the season's games is as follows:—9 won, 6 lost, and 1 drawn game. 148 goals were thrown for as against 99. E. Raines topped the goal-throwing list with 66 goals, C. Elwood came next with 31, R. Chaundy 28, and others were less successful. J. Brundell was especially mentioned as a very able goalie, considering it was his first season in the game.

Kevin Pickett won the Club's best and fairest trophy, the "A. J. Wilson Cup," presented by Mr. Herbert Wilson.

Regret was expressed at the loss of Mr. W. Appleton, who acted as the Club's delegate on the Victorian Lacrosse Association for some time. He has secured a position in Adelaide.

The Balance Sheet showed the expenditure exceeded the receipts by £7/15/- during the year, but fortunately with last season's balance in hand, the Club managed to have a small credit balance to carry forward.

Mr. Stephens, speaking on the Club's doings during the past year, stressed the importance of sportsmanship and controlling of tempers, and that the supporters must be instructed to observe decorum, as the Association placed the responsibility of the supporters' behaviour upon the Club.

The following officers were elected for the season: President: Mr. A. Stephens, Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, W. B. Anderson, and C. Haynes; Honorary Secretary: Mr. Kevin Pickett; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. W. Ross; Committee: Messrs. J. Brundell, E. Roxburgh, M. G. B. Mortimer, and C. Elwood.

The meeting ended with the submitting of the revised rules, which were approved.

As early as 22nd February, half a dozen intending players went into training at Yarra Park, and on succeeding Saturdays; one or two joined the above number.

Cricket.

The Cricket Club has just put aside its cricketing material for the winter season, after having had the most successful season for many years. In looking up the table, we found it has five outright wins and five losses, two of them on the first innings and the others outright, to its credit. The undermentioned will show how the team fared during the competitions: 7th and 14th December, 1935: Albert Park won easily by an innings and 80 runs. We just managed to stave off defeat by only 5 runs on 4th and 11th January, 1936, against South Melbourne Hibernians. 18th and 23rd January Port Melbourne Presbyterians won outright by 6 wickets and 8 runs. On 1st and 8th February Unity won on the first innings by 92 runs. And still another run of bad luck came our way on 15th and 22nd February, when "Nelson" won on the first innings by 44 runs. Then fortune favoured us on 29th February and 7th March, when we accounted for South Melbourne A.N.A. by an innings and 16 runs. Thus the cricket season ended with our team missing inclusion in the final four. The undermentioned is the table of averages as performed by our players during the season.

Batting Averages.

	Innings	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Av.
J. Brundell	15	331	52	1	23.64
W. Ashby	16	237	36	1	15.80
R. Ryan	17	224	84	1	14.00
M. Allsopp	14	172	62	1	13,23
J. Phillips	9	84	31	2	12.00
R. Chaundy	13	116	27	1	9.66
J. Boal	7	43	15	1	7.16
E. Raines	12	78	14	2	6.80
H. Hamilton	4	17	15	1	5.66
D. Johnston	14	70	25	1	5.38
F. Sandon	9	41	12	1	5.22
W. Gorin	14	34	10	5	3.77
D. Ashby	6	15	7	1	3.00
A. Beard	2	3	3	1	1.50
W. McMillen	2	2	2	—	1.00
E. Bound	2	1	1	—	.50

Bowling Averages.

	Wkts.	Runs	Balls	Overs	Mdns.	Av.
D. Johnston	42	344	622	78	6	8.19
J. Brundell	33	298	729	91	13	9.03
R. Chaundy	29	306	675	84	11	10.89
J. Boal	12	139	336	42	9	11.58
M. Allsopp	12	142	249	32	3	11.83
W. Ashby	17	254	518	64	11	14.94
W. Gorin	—	19	32	4	1	19.00
W. McMillen	—	6	16	2	—	6.00

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Adelaide Deaf Carnival.

Preliminary Announcement — 1936 Carnival.

The Principal,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, Victoria.

Dear Sir,

For the information of yourself and the Adult Deaf of Victoria, I am sending you this list of the fixtures arranged to date in connection with the Carnival to be held here at Christmas. The full list will be sent when arrangements have been completed.

Dec. 25—Christmas Tea and Party.

27—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Deaf and Dumb Mission.

28—Proclamation Day. This being Centenary Day no functions will be arranged as we expect most of our guests will desire to attend the Pageant at Glenelg.

29 Cricket and Tennis contests at St. Peter's

30 College for the Abraham Shield, Cohen

31 Cup, and Individual Championships.

Jan. 1st—Sports Meeting and Picnic at Long Gully Oval.

These are a few of the functions to be held. The others, details of which have not yet been completed, include a Banquet (probably on 31st December), motor tours, indoor games (chess, draughts, billiards, snooker, table tennis), a Ball, Needlework Competitions, etc.

We are looking forward to a strong representation from Victoria, and would deem it of material assistance if you would forward, at your early convenience, an estimate of the number coming from your State.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you here at Christmas.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
O. R. REDMAN (Sgd.),
Organising Secretary.

South Australian Centenary.

1936 will mark the Centenary of South Australia, when the whole State will celebrate this important milestone in its brief history and do honour to its indomitable pioneers. To celebrate the Centenary, there will be pageantry and exhibitions, reflecting the development of the State from the romantic days of the first settlers, and of the first mobs of cattle, driven hundreds of miles across unexplored country.

Days during December will be filled with display, entertainment and carnival, special festival of flowers which, with floral pageants and decorated streets and buildings, will convert the city into a garden of living bloom.

The sporting carnival includes the interstate cricket matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield, in which four States will vie with each other, and the interstate tennis matches for the "R. Cohen" Cup. A Grand Proclamation Pageant will be held on 28th December, 1936.

South Australia invites you to join in her celebrations, to afford her the opportunity of showing you her fine provision for the deaf of her State, and her sunlit beauty by mountain, river and sea.

Things are beginning to make a move in real earnest for the approaching Adelaide Carnival. Firstly a notice appeared on our notice board telling us to make a start with our savings by putting aside a weekly sum through the Thrift Club, in the charge of Mr. J. O'Gorman, who is acting on behalf of the Cricket Club.

The boys made a creditable showing during this cricket season which, in our opinion, was the best for many years. All were anxious to be in the limelight when the selection committee meets.

The tennis, too, showed many new "uns," and the old stagers had to fight hard to keep up their form.

Chess was in the doldrums until last winter, when offers of valuable prizes to the winners were announced, and almost 30 joined in the competition. The results of this competition will be made known by the end of June, at which time the competition closes.

Billiards seem to be the last to awake. The Deaf Committee was most fortunate in securing a second-hand full-size billiard table for £15, but, unfortunately, the slates were cracked during its storage and, after a while, another one was secured. It has since been put up in place of the three-quarter size table, which is now stored away. It is hoped that this full-size table will tell the worth of many of our so-called "cracks"!

The Deaf Committee at its last meeting agreed to run the Billiard Tournament during the winter, and a committee of four (two from the Deaf Committee and two from outside) will draw up the form of competition and allocation of handicaps. Mr. E. J. L. Bremner has very kindly promised to donate a trophy for this competition.

As to the athletes, nothing is known of them except that their form is to be judged at picnic races later in the year.

And how are our women-folk getting on with their fancy work? Has anyone made a start yet? In the August, 1935, issue of our "News" there appeared a list of work to be done for entry in the competitions.

If you have not made a start, please do so now, and look up the entry list. The Editor will be pleased to supply you with a list if you have not already got one.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Harold W. Bickford, an ex-member of our Board of Management, who passed away on 1st February, 1936, at his home, Fairholme Grove, Camberwell. He was for 11 years on our Committee, 3 years as a Committee man, and 8 years as Chairman of Committee. The last year of his office he was elected vice-president.

It was during his regime that our Club and Administrative Headquarters were transferred from our old Flinders Street Property to Jolimont Square.

He leaves a widow and three grown up daughters, and was privately buried at Booroondara Cemetery.

Mr. E. H. Peacock, the Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal, represented our Society at the graveside.

It is with memories of his many kindly acts that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing relations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who was for 12 years matron of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, Prahran, died suddenly on 7th February, 1936, and was privately interred. She was in her 82nd year, and leaves four grown-up children, who are well known to many of the deaf who happened to be at school at that time. Her husband, the late William Jones, who was Superintendent of that school, predeceased her by about 33 years.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. T. A. Nelson's father on 9th February, 1936, at the ripe old age of over 80 years. We tender to Mr. Nelson our sincere sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we learned that Adelaide Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission has lost one if its finest members on the Board of Management in the person of Mr. A. E. Clarkson. He was for fourteen years their President (1919-1933), and the remaining two and a half years a member of the Committee.

Mr. Clarkson was well known in business circles in Adelaide. He was President of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce in 1927, and in 1930 was appointed Governor of the Rotary District, comprising South Australia, West Australia and Broken Hill. Our very sincere sympathy is with Mr. Clarkson's family and the Board of Management of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.

Remember these Dates!

THURSDAY, 28th MAY—

Cinema Film and Talk on the East, and the Aboriginees of Australia. Lecturer: Mr. H. R. BALFOUR, President of Melbourne Technical College.

THURSDAY, 4th JUNE—

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

SUNDAY, 7th JUNE—

Anniversary Service in Our Church, 7 p.m. Preacher: The Principal.

THURSDAY, 11th JUNE—

A Travel Talk on Africa, Russia, Germany, and Trip Home to Australia by Aeroplane. Lecturer: Ex-Senator R. D. ELLIOTT.

THURSDAY, 18th JUNE—

SOCIAL — Guests of the Evening, Misses IRIS and FREDA CONNOLLY.

THURSDAY, 25th JUNE—

ADULT DEAF CONGREGATIONAL Annual Meeting. Election of Officers, etc.

MONDAY, 29th JUNE—

King's Birthday Rally, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th JULY—

Holy Communion Service.

THURSDAY, 16th JULY—

ANNUAL MEETING of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. The Lord Mayor will preside.

Other Thursday Night Lecturers—

Mr. Alf. Galbraith, Forests Commissioner, "Trees," illustrated by Cinema Films. Mr. McRae, Director of Education. Dates to be fixed. Watch Notice Board.

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(Incorporated)



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Principal: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, Jolimont Square, Melbourne, to whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.

E. H Blackwood, Printer, 110 Greville Street, Prahran, Melbourne.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

OUR BENEFACTORS

A Day for Thanksgiving

Sunday, 10th November, 1935.

Thanksgiving Services in the Church for the Deaf, Jolimont:

3.30 p.m. Rev. J. H. Frewin
7 p.m. The Principal

For those who wish to remain for the evening Service, Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. .. 6d.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT

It is the intention of the Committee to make this Social and Exhibition a night to be remembered.

Saturday, 9th November, 7.30 p.m.

in the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE

TO HONOUR THE MEN AND WOMEN

WHO GAVE US -

OUR SCHOOLS

OUR CHURCHES

OUR ADULT SOCIETIES

OUR OPPORTUNITIES

All who appreciate what has been made possible by Our Benefactors will attend one at least of these gatherings.
We hope you will attend all.

Bring your hearing friends Supper.

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YOU ARE INVITED

to the

ANNIVERSARY RALLY

to be held in the Society's Assembly Hall, Jolimont

on

Saturday, 9th October, 1937, 7.30 p.m.

ATTRACTIONS:

CINEMA PICTURES
HUMOUROUS COMPETITIONS
SUPPER

SUNDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1937.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the Service.

You are earnestly asked to be present.

CUP DAY PICNIC

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1937.

The most popular location for the picnic will be decided at the Rally.

PROGRAMME.

Deaf Committee will meet Mr.and Mrs. Vial at entrance supported by Deaf Lady helpers.

Messrs.R.H.Luff . J.Johnst

Miss Mabel Dow presents Violets to Mrs.Vial.

ASSEMBLE in Men's Room.

Mr.M.L.Miller in chair - short address .

short address.W.A.Paterson.

Hon. Sec.Deaf Committee.

" address Mr.J.Johnston.

Men's Guild.

" address

Miss R.Dow.
Women's Guild.

REPLY Mr.G.Vial

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Mr.Vial opens Billiard Table

game (20 Minutes) between Mr.G.Vial.

and Mr.J.Johnston.

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Demonstration of Table Bowls by Mr.Vial.

UPPER HALL

Open with - "Jolly Miller "
other Games.

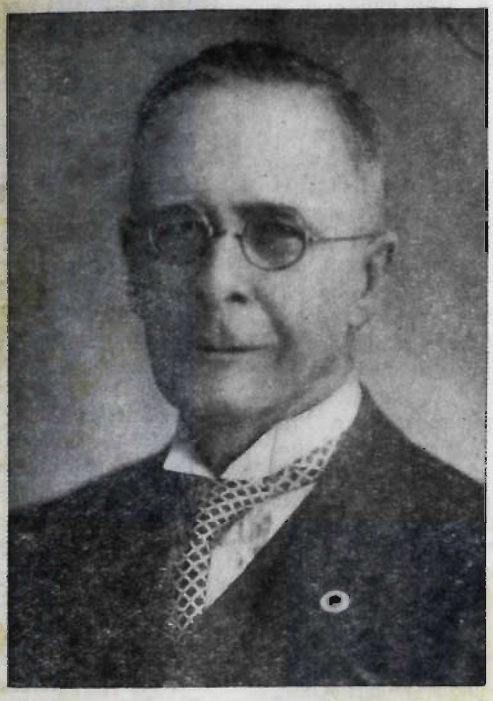
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MR. M. G. B. MORTIMER.



In again! After a year's rest Malachi George Bishop Mortimer was re-elected a member of Deaf Committee at its annual meeting held on 25th June, and was then unanimously appointed Head Deacon of the Deaf Church.

Mr. Mortimer was born at Narre Warren, in the year 1865, and was deaf and dumb. In February, 1874, at the age of 8, he was admitted to the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and remained there until July, 1884. He was at times under tuition of the late Mr. F. J. Rose, the founder of the School, on the manual system.

His people were all farmers, but the lure of the city and the companionship of the Deaf were strong on him, and he started improving work as a tinsmith, until he became ill through lead poisoning. The doctor ordered him to give this trade up and go into the country. He spent most of his time on his father's farm in Gippsland, where he regained his health. He then took up an occasional travelling job for the Eucalyptus Product Co., which has a distillery in the hills, for Mr. Tregaskis, who was a cripple himself. Later, in the year 1900, he became a tea traveller in the Gippsland District for the Melbourne firm of Edwards and Co., travelling for the most part on horseback, and remained at this post for three years. The firm, in its books, contained his photo, and history of work done; which said, notwithstanding the difficulties he laboured under, he had during the period of his time, worked up a fair connection. He left on his own account, because of a small commission.

He then went back to Melbourne, seeking fresh work, and very fortunately he was appointed suburban Collector to the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. That was in 1903, and to this day he is still at this calling—33 years—being well satisfied with his position.

Besides the above position, he has been and is still a very active member of the Society, having been represented on many of the committees under its jurisdiction, notably, 31 years on the Deaf Committee. In the early days, for two or three years, he was assistant librarian under the late Mr. C. Hodgson and the late Mr. James Gibson, and later became Head Librarian, and remained thus for 20 successive years. For about the same number of years he was assistant bank manager.

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JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.



MR. M. G. B. MORTIMER
as he was 25 years ago.

Cricket and Lacrosse Clubs also benefited from his services. Last, but not least, the Men's Guild, too, shared in his long and loyal service. He is a man of obliging disposition, most willing to serve when called upon, and is not afraid to take up his share of work and, finally, very generous with his purse.

At present he holds the position of President of the Past Pupil's Association.

He is unmarried, and has a sister who, like himself, is deaf and dumb, residing at Toora, South Gippsland, a frequent visitor to our Society when visiting Melbourne. Had a deaf and dumb brother, Ernest, who died of diptheria at the age of 8, just a week before he was to go to school, in 1874.

Only recently Mr. Mortimer was made a Life Member of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Club House, which he worthily deserves. A more loyal and and trustworthy servant than he, would be hard to find.

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Our Church.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the Evening Service on Sundays, 3rd April, and 5th July, both of which were conducted by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Our Welfare Officer, M. J. M. Johnston, conducted the Easter Service on 12th April. A Mother's Day Service was held on 10th May, when Mr. Abraham officiated before a good attendance.

Our Principal occupied the pulpit on the occasion of our Sixth Anniversary on 7th June. He preached from the 6th chapter of 1 Kings verse 1, and there was a good and attentive congregation.

On 2nd August saw the revival of cinema picture show soon after the close of the evening service. The Chaplain made an explanatory talk on the picture before screening, and the congregation was well prepared with its meaning. The title was "The Young Painter." The scene is one of great beauty and pathos.

The following week another picture show was held, this time in the Assembly Hall after the Church Service. The titles were "The Birth of the Earth," a scientific, animated drawing showing the Nebular Theory of the formation of the Solar System, and "Nearest to Man," a study of the Anthropoid Apes.

The following Sunday, 16th August, "Hope," in two reels, was shown. It is founded on an artist's masterpiece of blindfolded "Hope" bending low over her harp to catch the melody from its single remaining string. It is a tale of fisher folk and lighthouses on the Breton Coast.

On 23rd August "News of the Week," in three reels was shown.

An educational picture revealing the varied characters of the masses was shown on 30th August. "Bill," as is its title, is an adaptation of one of Anatole France's stories. The story of an old man who became innocently entangled in the machinery of the law.

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Annual Meeting of Our Society.

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was held in the Assembly Hall of Our Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the afternoon of Thursday, 16th July, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Cr. A. G. Wales. Hon. James A. Boyd, M.P., and Mr. R. D. Elliott were the two principal speakers, and they gave excellent addresses.

After the business of electing new committee, etc., a recital in the language of gesture was made by Miss R. Dow, "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was followed by a humour in pantomime, "Five Beans," acted by Mr. George Newnham.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT.

In the year 1930 the Board of Management reported with regret twelve months of exceptional anxiety, for the Board and staff were faced with two outstanding problems—the large number of unemployed deaf men, and the heavy falling off of subscriptions, both due to the widespread depression.

This year it is with much pleasure it reports a year of exceptional progress and success. Now, the majority of our skilled men are in employment, and our income has fully covered the current expenses for the financial years just closed, with a small credit balance to help to liquidate the heavy overdraft incurred during previous years in attempting to alleviate distress.

In looking back through the years that have passed we realise how very much the Society has achieved.

The religious side of the work is fully provided for in the specially designed Church for the Deaf, and the social welfare work by welfare officers, who are expert in the language of the deaf and conversant with all branches of the work.

The aged, infirm and dependent deaf and dumb are comfortably and happily housed in our Home at Blackburn. Our principal requirement is additional staff to cope with the continually increasing number of inmates that need personal attention.

It is for its Headquarters at Jolimont Square that the Board is now much concerned. Twelve years ago the deaf membership had increased so considerably that the Board of Management was forced to leave the commodious building in Flinders Street for beautiful Jolimont Square, with its wonderful possibilities for extension. Temporary alterations were made, but the years of depression are responsible for the postponement of the provision of a building that would fulfil all requirements of the deaf. The conditions upon which the work has been, and is still being, carried on, have reached a very critical stage, making the immediate erection an urgent necessity.

It is therefore felt that with the improvement in the financial position of the Society, the Board can concentrate upon an effort to complete its plans at the home of the Society's activities at Jolimont Square.

Deaf Committee.

The Deaf Committee, as will be seen by its excellent report, has relieved the Executive of much detail work in undertaking the supervision of the various sub-committees and the direction of the many activities centralised at Headquarters, Jolimont Square.

A member of the Executive and the Principal represent the Board of Management on the Deaf Committee, the Principal, by the vote of the latter, occupying the chair.

Camp for Unemployed Deaf.

Through Mr. A. Galbraith, Commissioner of Forests, seven of our unemployed deaf men have been given work in the Government Nurseries, Upper Macedon, and will camp there for about three months. The Principal has arranged to visit the camp periodically and help the men to make a success of the work.

Panel-Beating Class.

Principal Ellis, of the Melbourne Technical College, has formed a panel-beating class for deaf men who are members of this Society. The class is in full swing, and the men most enthusiasitc in the work. The Board of Management has arranged for the payment of the fees.

Picture Nights.

Saturday night at the Club House is Recreation Night, and many good performances are arranged for the entertainment of the members. Amongst the most poular is the screening of travel films, kindly lent by courtesy of the Commonwealth Cinema and Photographic Branch, which have proved very instructive and enjoyable to crowded audiences. On other occasions popular films and comedies have been shown.

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf.

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation took place in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, 25th June, when there was a good attendance of 75. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Sutherland, submitted the annual report and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble, the balance sheet, both of which were adopted.

After Mr. Abraham delivered his address, in the course of which he made a reference to the retirement of Mr. F. E. Frewin from the Deaf Committee, eulogising the fine and loyal services he has rendered for over 50 years in the interests of the Deaf.

The election of officers took place, and resulted in the following being elected:—Messrs. G. Newnham, E. R. Noble, J. O'Gorman, A. Stephens, A. Anderson, G. B. Mortimer, E. Roxburgh, Misses R. Dow and D. Hickey.

The newly-elected Deaf Committee met on the 15th July when the offiers were appointed to the various positions as follows:—

Chairman—Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.
Vice-Chairman—Mr. J. M. Johnston.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. G. Newnham.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. E. R. Noble.
Hon. Librarians—Messrs. A. Stephens and A. Anderson.
Hon. Savings Bank Manager—Mr. J. M. Johnston.
Trustees for Savings Bank—Messrs. J. M. Johnston, J. O'Gorman and E. R. Noble.
Representatives to General Board—Mis R. Dow, Mr. Newnham, Mr. Stephens.
Representatives from General Board—Messrs. E. Bremner and E. J. D. Abraham.
Church Committee—Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Newnham, Noble and Mortimer.
Social Committee—Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Newnham, Noble, O'Gorman and Anderson.
Magazine Committee—Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Newnham, Noble, Stephens and Miss R. Dow.
Billiards Committee—Messrs. O'Gorman, Stephens and Anderson.

Later on, at a meeting of the Magazine Committee, Mr. E. R. Noble was appointed to the position of Hon. Editor.

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Ballarat.

The Service on the first Sunday in May saw the usual party coming up from the metropolis by the Society's car. After the afternoon service, which was conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston, the visitors were shown over the Orphanage Buildings and

grounds and then a very sumptuous tea was served before their departure for home.

The service held in June saw another big gathering which included Messrs. George and Charles Hunt, of Ouyen, and Messrs. J. Phillips, M. Allsopp, Misses M. Sandon and F. Peters, of Melbourne. It was a very happy gathering, and was the occasion of a special celebration of the coming of age of Miss Ruby McDonald. At tea time the party was treated very lavishly. When half way through with the meal, the light suddenly went out, and just then a giant birthday cake with 21 candles alight was brought in, and deposited on the table amidst much applause. After the usual ceremony of blowing out the lights, the cutting and distributing of the cake, Mr. J. M. Johnston, who was present for the service during the afternoon, spoke a few words expressing every happiness in Miss McDonald's future life, and trusted that she would continue to radiate happiness to all her fellow friends as she had done in the past. Mr. George Hunt was prevailed upon to speak, and did very creditably in similar strain.

Another happy party, but of a lesser degree, was held on 5th July, and it was the birthday celebration to Miss Dulcie Jones, who received many greetings on that day. A birthday cake with 17 candles was most prominent in the centre of the table, and in time it shared the fate which befalls all nice cakes. Miss Jones was much moved with all this favour bestowed upon her. Miss Beryl McCallough, of Warrnambool, was one of the party, brought from Melbourne, and she was very pleased to have that opportunity of meeting the Ballarat friends. Misses L. Sanders, M. Sandon, Mr. M. Allsopp, and the Welfare Officer comprised the party from Melbourne.

The August gathering was much quieter, and this time the car was not available, so the Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, came up by train and conducted the service.

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Geelong.

The Tuesday evening classes held during the past four months were carried on as usual, and at each meeting Mr. J. M. Johnston came up from Melbourne and conducted the Service. On 4th August, after the service, social games were indulged in, when many hearing friends came and joined in the fun. This social was slightly marred by an unfortunate accident. Miss E. Moore, in one of the games, slipped and fell heavily. Her face struck an object and an ugly wound quickly developed. She was at once attended to, but it was many days before the bruise healed. Mr. E. Johnston, of Melbourne, obtained work at Taylor's Joinery Works, and has been attending the last two classes and the social. His presence was a pleasant addition to the gathering.

Another Social Evening was held on 1st September when the party to the number of about 25 joined in merry-making. Various parlour games were gone through with much enthusiasm, and all too soon the evening wound up with a sumptuous supper. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, of Melbourne, were present, and enjoyed the fun. The Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, who conducted the service, stayed long enough to join in one of the games, and had to make a hurried exit to catch the last train for Melbourne, which leaves Geelong at 9 p.m.

The Geelong Deaf are planning a big social evening for the benefit of the Melbourne Deaf, which is to be held on the 7th of November. A bigger hall has been secured, and the Melbourne Deaf can be assured of a bigger and better social than the one held some time ago.

Anyone desirous of making up the party are requested to get in touch with Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer.

Men's Guild.

Twice a month, whatever the weather, a small band of enthusiasts regularly attend the Guild. Some very good papers have been given recently. The meeting of 21st April was rather a mixed bag. Mr. E. Roxburgh gave an interesting account of his camping holiday. Mr. J. McLaurin spoke on the destruction of farm pests by wireless and Mr. E. Johnson spoke for some time on "God and Gods." On Anzac Day, after the march, nearly a dozen members, in spite of the weather, walked through the New Domain and over the river to Jolimont, having a most enjoyable stroll.

On 28th April we had Mr. Nathan, one of the Victorian Lacrosse Association Referees, as speaker on the "Laws of Lacrosse," which was interesting in the extreme. Mr. J. Phillips was the speaker on 19th May. His subject, "Believe it or not," was full of surprises, and caused much discussion. After this, Mr. K. Pickett gave an amusing talk of his childhood and school days.

"Question Box Night" proved to be very exciting, as half way through the meeting there was an alarm of fire, and it was discovered that the fuel shed was ablaze. The outbreak was successfully extinguished by members of the Guild.

On the evening of the 7th July a party of 11 members of the Guild spent a most enjoyable evening, being shown over the "Herald and Weekly Times" building and plant. The party met outside the "Herald" at 7 p.m., and spent a most instructive two hours in the building. Mr. W. B. Anderson was the speaker on 20th July. The title of his paper, "How, Why, and Where?" was intriguing, and the lecture was fully up to expectations. The President

of the Guild, Mr. E. R. Noble, gave a lecture on "Man's Sources of Power" on the 4th August, which was very well received. Mr. Anderson was again the speaker on 18th August. His paper, "Mankind at Play," covered a very wide field, from cock fighting in Batavia to Ice Hockey in Canada. The usual vote of thanks closed a very interesting evening.

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Women's Guild.

A fair attendance was noted at the annual meeting of the Women's Guild held on the evening of 19th May at the Jolimont Centre.

The President, Mrs. T. Peters, who was away at Blayney, New South Wales, sent a telegram apologising for her absence, and trusting that the meeting would turn out a success.

The Vice-President, Miss E. Empson, was unavoidably absent through pressure of office work. Both apologies were received, and Miss R. Dow was voted to the chair.

Miss E. Leber, the Hon. Secretary, read out a lengthy and newsy annual report, showing some real good works done, and Miss D. Hickey read the balance sheet showing a credit balance of £3/7/5 to carry forward. Both Report and Balance Sheet were approved.

The selection of office bearers for the coming year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters, re-elected unopposed; Vice-President, Miss R. Dow, unopposed; Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey, unopposed; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber, unopposed; Committee, Mrs. W. Rees, Misses M. Gibson, A. Smith, L. Sanders and G. Peters. After the motion of thanks to the retiring officers supper was served round, which brought to a close the Guild's happy year.

The ordinary meeting held on 3rd June was the occasion for the happy return of the President from her trip to New South Wales, when she gave an account of her glorious time. Her talk was very much enjoyed. The attendance was large, and as usual supper brought this meeting to a close.

The meeting held on 7th July was short. The members went down to the Assembly Hall and joined in a dancing rehearsal under the tuition of Mr. Ron. Damman.

The meeting in August was equally short. Miss R. Dow gave a talk on "The Right and Wrong Way of Letter Writing," which was very good.

On Sunday, 2nd August, the members made another visit to the Blackburn Home, and this time a bigger party went, including Brother Farrell and Brother Phillips.

Rambles.

Another pleasant Sunday Ramble was held on 21st June, when a good number took part, and the route lay along the newly-opened section of the Boulevard, starting from Johnston Street Bridge, Collingwood, to Fairfield Railway Station. The day was glorious, and the scenery was just magnificent.

Because of the ever-changing charm of the scenery, coupled with the beautiful spring day, the party was oblivious of the distance they covered, which was approximately six miles. Along the route the party saw the Dight's Falls, Deep Rock Swimming Pool, Studley Park Picnic Grounds, "Raheen," the home of Dr. Mannix, the Public Golf Links, the Lunatic Asylum, the Infectious Diseases' Hospital, the Old Outer Circle Railway Bridge, which was converted into a roadway, and the Fairfield Paper Mills.

The party returned to Centre by train from Fairfield, where they had tea before going to evening service.

Picture Nights.

Since our last issue a series of educational and travel pictures were shown in the Centre, mostly of the "Know Your Own Country" series. On 18th April we had "The Spirit of Anzac," "Wild Life at Taronga," "Along the Foreshores of Moreton Bay, Queensland," and on Anzac Day, 25th April, we had "The Spirit of Anzac" repeated, with the supporting programme of "Gippsland Lakes," "Blue Mountains," "A Day at Phillip Island," "Pearl Fishing in North-West Australia," "Sons of the Surf," and "Hill Folk." Again on 14th May we had films showing "Chocolate Making," "Match Making," "Canberra," "The Conquest of the Mallee" and "Silver Mining at Broken Hill." At other times, "Bridge Building in America," "Felix Follows the Swallows," "With the Araucanians," and "All Aboard for the Moon."

Popular Thursday Nights.

Thursday Night entertainment at Our Club House is still retaining its popularity. On 21st May we had a shadowgraph display, and some exceptionally good displays by Miss B. Higgie and Mr. C. Graham were shown.

On 28th May Mr. H. R. Balfour, President of Melbourne Technical College, came to our Club House and entertained the members with a talk on his travels to the East, and North Australia, after which he showed us films of the places he visited. It was a very good show.

On 4th June the members were given hearing and lip-reading tests.

On 11th June ex-Senator R. D. Elliott entertained us with his travel talk on Africa, Russia, Germany and the trip home to Australia, inside a week, by aeroplane,

and a wonderful talk it was. After the lecture Mr. Elliott was introduced to a number of our members, and to our great pleasure he used the deaf language to converse with us.

On 18th June Misses Iris and Freda Connolly were the guests of the evening. A short cinema picture show followed by a play staged by members of the Dramatic Club, Messrs. G. Newnham, A. W. Sutherland, Misses A. Smith and E. Lloyd. The title of the play was "The Idle Sculptor," and it turned out to be very good and amusing.

Mr. A. Galbraith, the Forest Commissioner, was unfortunately prevented from carrying out his promise to come on 2nd July, as he had to attend an important meeting, and so in his place Mr. Hone, a representative, came, and took the subject of his address "Trees." He told us of the work of the Forestry Commissioners in the preservation of trees and its cultivations, etc., and ended up with a film show of "Forestry Work." After this another picture was shown, "The Croydon Air Port."

On 9th, 16th and 23rd July interesting easy games competitions were indulged in, such as memorising articles, detecting mistakes in pictures, unravelling mixed spellings, and Scorewords.

On 30th July our Principal gave a lecture on "Native Races," which was followed by a screening of Charlie Chaplin's picture, "A Night at the Show," with supporting pictures of "Magnetic Effects of Electricity" and "Trickery." The last-named amusing effects were obtained by the alternate use of slow and rapid motion photography. We followed the traveller in a hair-raising trip by taxi and railway; the scenery seemed to fly past us until we were sure we could not keep to the tracks.

Mr. G. Newnham took the platform on 6th August and spoke on "Tactical Manners," which was very good, and his talk was punctuated with many amusing phrases which made the audience roar with laughter. This talk was followed by the screening of another Charlie Chaplin picture, "The Count," with "Safety at Sea," "Week-end Amongst the Indians," and the "Out of the Inkwell Cartoon, "Bedtime" as supporters.

On 13th August our Principal again took the platform and gave for his subject "The Untouchables and the Boy Scouts of India." It was a very good lecture, touching on certain incidents of that great earthquake at Quetta some eighteen months ago. This lecture was followed by a very good stirring sea tale picture called "Superstition."

Mr. M. M. Phillips, the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, through his many duties, clean forgot the date of his promised lecture to us on 20th August, and so we had further hilariously funny scenes of Charlie Chaplin in "Fireman," with a news reel of week's happenings.

"The Power of the Human Mind" was a good subject given by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham on 27th August, and then still another of Charlie Chaplin's pictures was shown. This time we had "Behind the Screen." Here we find Charlie an overworked assistant stage hand in a movie studio. It is active comedy from beginning to end.

Charlie Chaplin in "The Floorwalker," together with "The Royal Mint," "Melbourne Homes and Gardens," and "From Cairns to Barron Falls," were shown on 3rd September. All the meetings are opened by a Lecturette of an educational nature.

Adelaide Centenary Carnival.

Preparations for the trip to Adelaide for the Christmas Carnival are in full swing. A series of socials, card evenings and the like is being prepared, and by the time of publication of this issue the effort should be well under way. Time is short already, there being but four months to go, and all interested are urged to do their utmost. The Thrift Club, under the able management of Mr. J. O'Gorman, has been in existence for some time, and intending visitors to Adelaide are urged to join, and by putting aside a weekly sum, ensure their being able to join the throng at Christmas. It is extremely doubtful whether there will be many tickets to be handed round, and would-be trippers are reminded that the Lord helps those who help themselves. A complete programme of forthcoming socials will be found in this issue. The Deaf of South Australia have already raised a very considerable sum in readiness for the expected influx of visitors, and it is up to Victoria to maintain the honour of the State by sending out as large a contingent as possible.

The first social started on 15th August with a Crazy Whist Drive, and it was followed by a Salamagundi on the following Saturday. On 29th August "Games Night" was held, and a Euchre Tournament was held on 5th September.

For the rest of the season's programme the readers are requested to look at the back of this magazine for events to come.

An Ugly Man Competition is to be run amongst the "Six Ugliest Men" of this Society, and the six men who claim to be the "ugliest" are Stanley McLean, Jack Boal, Joe Phillips, Melby Allsopp, Jack McLaurin and Joe Dickenson. It is to be a whirlwind competition, and will end on 30th November. The votes will be 1d. each, and each voting ticket will carry a lucky number, and the holder of the lucky number will receive a prize soon after the draw at a Social, held soon after termination of competition.

Cricket Club.

The Cricket Club held its 55th Annual Meeting in the Assembly Hall of the Centre on the evening of 28th July, before a good attendance.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, the President, presided. The Report and the Balance Sheet, read by Mr. J. Phillips, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. O'Gorman, the Hon. Treasurer, respectively, were approved. The Chairman in his brief address complimented the club on having passed another successful year, and trusted that it would still make further improvements this coming year. Mr. Don. Johnston, the Captain, also spoke, expressing his appreciation of the players loyalty and enthusiasm, and thanking all who had lightened his duties as captain.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnston and G. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee, Messrs. D. Ashby, R. Chaundy, M. Allsopp and J. Boal; Hon. Delegate to V.J.C.A., Mr. M. Allsopp.

The meeting agreed that the club again enter into V.J.C.A., Third Grade Competition. The trophies were then presented by the Chairman and Mr. A. Aird respectively. A Silver Cup with bats for handles was presented to J. Brundell for best batting average, an Ashtray with Kookaburra Cutter to Don. Johnston for best bowling average, small Silver Cups to D. Ashby for best fielder, and M. Allsopp for most catches. A special prize, donated by Mr. A. Aird, was presented by himself to R. Ryan for the best all-rounder.

The ladies who happened to be present at the meeting gratuitously gave their services in serving out the supper, which was much appreciated, and the meeting ended as usual with votes of thanks to all, as well as to the retiring officers for past services.

The Club has already issued its challenge for the 1936-37 Inter-State matches to be held in Adelaide this Christmas.

The season will open on the first Saturday in October and practices have already begun.

Tennis Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Tennis Club was held on the evening of 25th August before a large attendance. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, presided. Mr. A. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, read out the annual report which is claimed to be the briefest on record.

It stated that the Club has passed the quietest season in its history and had nothing important to report except to say that it has at last had the court re-laid. It can safely look forward to a busy season ahead. The Balance Sheet was read by Miss B. Higgie, which showed the club to be in a healthy position, and that it will be able to meet its obligations on the re-laying of the court.

Both the Report and Balance Sheet were approved. The Office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President, Mr. T. Peters; Hon. Secretary, M. A. F. Anderson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss B. Higgie; Committee, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Misses M. Dow, O. Minton, Messrs. J. Dickenson, E. R. Noble and J. McLaurin.

The meeting recommended the new committee to adopt the appointment of "Captain of the Court," to institute some form of lightning competitions on certain days to keep up the enthusiasm, and that consideration be given to raising of the membership fees.

The meeting then closed with votes of thanks to the retiring officers, scrutineers, auditor, and Chairman for presiding.

Lacrosse Club.

Our Lacrosse Club still pursues the rather uneven tenor of its way with a varying tale of victories and defeats. The team has been considerably strengthened by the return of G. Henry, whose hand has decidedly not lost its cunning. The Club has been in difficulties over the matter of grounds. A site at Albert Park was secured early this year, at a cost of £2/2/- for the season, but trouble arose over dressing accommodation, or rather, the lack of it, and after considerable argument the old ground at Blackburn was resorted to.

The first match of the season was against Power House, who gave us a walk-over (2nd May), and the following week St. Kilda scored a win over us by 5 goals to 2. The next game brought us better luck, our team winning easily by 19 goals to 5. Preston proved just too good for us, winning 7-6, but we evened things by beating University High School Old Boys 10-5. Then came three defeats in succession, against Hawthorn 7-10, Hartwell 3-8 and Sunshine 7-10. This run of bad luck was broken when we beat Glen Iris 25 to 0. The next game, against Teacher's College, was cancelled owing to heavy rain, and after that came a bye.

Our opponents on 18th July were Wattle Park, and a dispute arose over the score. A protest was sent to the V.L.A., but was disallowed, and we had to put up another loss, 5-6. Another argument arose in the match against Williamstown, when the referee cancelled our score of 14 goals for a minor breach of the rules. At the subsequent enquiry the referee was upheld, and we were compelled to record another loss, 12-0. After having lost two cases at the V.L.A. we were heartily fed up with all tribunals and enquiries, but at the next game against Preston the Preston players refused to play after another argument and we were yet again summoned before the V.L.A., who were probably wondering whether we were players or lawyers. This time, however, we were the injured party, and won the case—quite a change for us.

The next match was against Sunshine, when we got our revenge by defeating them 16-4, while on 15th August, against Power House, we simply massacred them to the tune of 55 goals to nil. Even our goal-keeper became tired of doing nothing in goal and scored one for his side, while Ted. Raines put in no less than 26 goals.

We have no chance of entering the final four, there being but two matches to go, but on the whole it has been a fairly successful season.

Victoria's Foremost Lacrosse Representatives.

Harry Puddy has made a "comeback" into a life of more usefulness and health, which is by right a man's heritage. After about two years or so of seclusion and inactivity, Harry decided upon taking up vigorous exercises again, and joined up with his old Lacrosse Club, "Coburg."



H. PUDDY.

After two or three outings, it was discovered that he had not lost his knack of handling the sticks, and in spite of his late joining up, the Victorian Lacrosse Association selectors selected him as one of Victoria's representatives for the Adelaide Centenary Games, which were played during mid-August.



W. ASHBY.

Warrie Ashby, because of his residential position (Carnegie), has terminated his connection with the Coburg Club, where he has been for the past six years, and joined up with Caulfield Club, and is a great asset to it. He, like H. Puddy, had the Victorian Lacrosse Association selectors' eyes on his play, and he, too, represented Victoria in the Adelaide Centenary Games.

It was the first occasion that two deaf players were represented in the same team at the same time. H. Puddy's position was attack and W. Ashby's first home.

The Victorian Team returned home victorious with all wins to its credit. It was Warrie's sixth time to be Victoria's representative and Harry's fourth.

Lacrosse's Night.

The Lacrosse Club wound up their season with a picture night at the Centre on the 12th September when it had a bumper house. "Cleopatra" was the principal item on the programme, and had a sports item "Miles per Hour," a cartoon, "Popeye, the Sailor," and a screen song of "When the Red, Red Robin comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along." It was such a lengthy programme and the screening began at 7.45 p.m. and ended at a quarter to eleven. During the interval the President, Mr. A. Stephens, on behalf of members and supporters of the Lacrosse Club, presented Mr. G. Henry with a Hotpoint Electric Iron as a wedding present.

Billiard Tournament.

The Billiards Tournament ended on the evening of 12th September when two semi-finals and a final game were played.

Ivan Guthrie (65) accounted for Alex. Anderson (20) with a margin of 22 points, and Bob. Lygon (50) passed Alfred Tyzzer (65), and won by 19 points. The two semi-finalists then met and Bob. Lygon asserted his superiority over Ivan Guthrie with a winning margin of 40 points.

Fancy Dress Night.

The Carnival Committee has arranged a Fancy Paper Dress Competition Night, to be held on Saturday evening, 26th September, 1936. Prizes are offered for the best dressed, the most original, and the most humorous. The competitors must dress in paper, and the cost of material not to exceed 1/-. Brown paper, newspaper, or coloured crepe paper can be used. During the evening Novelty Paper Games will be held, and finally supper (not paper) will be provided. Admission to this social will be 1/-. A Bumper House is looked forward to, so come along and join in the fun.

AND LOOK OUT FOR A "BURLESQUE COCKTAIL NIGHT" ON 17th OCTOBER.

General News.

Some interesting items are to be found in the newspapers in regard to the deaf, some of which are quoted below. From the "Sun News-Pictorial" comes the par. of one man who was unmoved by the fervid oratory of the sustenance pickets.

Why One Man Could Resist Oratory of Sustenance Pickets.

A man ran to catch a train at Spencer Street railway station yesterday. His steps was springy. He had just been found a job. Suddenly he was surrounded by strike pickets who tried eloquently to induce him to join in the stoppage of sustenance workers.

Several times the man opened his mouth as though about to speak, but only made a gesture of futility as the pickets went on with the long story of their strike and a list of their demands.

The pickets, still eloquent, finished their appeal. The puzzled stranger gesticulated, as though lost for words. Then he dived his hand into his pocket and produced a piece of paper on which he wrote:—"You bother me—what do you want?"

At that moment an associate of the Deaf and Dumb Institute arrived and explained that the Institute had found a job for the man, who could not speak—or hear.

As usual, the reporter got the name wrong. It was our Society, not the "Institute," who found McKenzie a job. The Associate," of course, was our old friend, J. M. Johnston.

Safety Scheme.—Deaf Notice.

A deaf resident of Doddington, Sittingbourne (Eng.), Mrs. Kite, wears a notice attached to the belt of her coat when she walks in country lanes. Before she devised the safety scheme she was slightly injured in two motoring mishaps. She now urges all deaf folk to follow her lead.

Barrister's Versatility.

A par in Melbourne "Age" during September:—

Mr. Jtn. Smalley, prominent Bendigo barrister and solicitor, appeared in a new role in the City Court yesterday morning when he acted as interpreter for a deaf mute who had been arrested and brought before the court on a charge of unlawful possession. It was the first occasion for many years when a deaf and dumb man had to be charged, and the case, but for the help of an interpreter, would have presented many difficulties. Using the sign language, Mr. Smalley conveyed the evidence to the accused man, read the replies he gave on his hands, and conveyed the answers to the Bench. It was noticeable that Mr. Smalley's signs were given at a faster rate than those of the mute. At the close of the case the police magistrate (Mr. D. M. Addison) expressed the thanks of the Bench to Mr. Smalley for his help. The prosecuting officer (Sergeant Bremner) also voiced the appreciation of the police to Mr. Smalley for the fine spirit he had shown in coming to court to help the police. Subsequently, when the young mute was leaving the court after being discharged, it was noticed that First Constable W. Bartholomew also was using the sign language to converse with him.

This shows the advantage of hearing people being able to speak our language. If more public officials could do this we would be saved much trouble.

Actress Mistakes Deaf Mute for Gunman.

And this one came from a par. in one of the "Film News" commonly sold in picture threatres:—

Hilda Vaughn, one of the films' better character actresses, has had some exciting experiences written for her by the scenarists, but none was more hair-raising or came to stranger conclusion than one she recently had in real life.

The actress, who is now appearing with Ann Harding in RKO Radio's "The Witness Chair," was spending a quiet evening at home when she heard a rap at her living room window.

Her watch dog at heels, Miss Vaughn hurried to the door. The huge invader greeted the animal with a kick, and then ran. Her fear drowned in rage, Miss Vaughn rushed after him, voicing in no uncertain words her opinion of a man who would kick a dog. As she overtook him, the man paused and reached in his pocket. The actress was sure he was grabbing a gun. Instead, he drew out a pencil and paper and wrote with a shaking hand.

Miss Vaughn took the paper to a light and read: "I'm deaf and dumb. I need help."

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Personal Pars.

W. Nancarrow had the misfortune to be knocked down by a motor-car on Saturday night, 30th May, when on his way home after a social evening at the Centre. He was crossing Victoria Parade and failed to see the oncoming car. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from a fractured leg and severe bodily abrasions. After two months he was recently given an outing, sitting in an arm chair in the sun. He said it was most wearisome to be in bed so many weeks, and hopes it will not be long before he is able to be out and about again.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston was operated on for a major complaint at St. Vincent's Hospital last July and is rapidly gaining strength. During her stay at the hospital she was visited by a good many of her friends, for which she extends her sincere thanks. She spoke well of her treatment by the Sisters and Nurses of the hospital.

Mr. E. Martin spent a fortnight's holiday in Sydney during the last days of May. He was much amazed at the transformation of the city, especially the Martin's Place extensions and the widening of Elizabeth St. Of course, the Harbour Bridge captivated him for a while. During his stay he took a run to Bourke, in the far north-west of the State, where he has some relations. He brought greetings from the deaf of N.S.W. to those of Melbourne.

J. Boal, after months of complaint of pains in the side, was operated on for appendicitus at the Prince Henry's Hospital. He is now back amongst us much improved in health.

Mrs. T. Peters, of Ivanhoe, went to Blayney, N.S.W., on a visit to Mrs. Rivers, nee Miss Ruth Betts, and remained there for a week. Mrs. Rivers was overjoyed to have her, and was sorry when the time came for her to leave. Mrs. Peters returned home via Sydney, and visited the Society and the Newtown School for the Deaf.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston and the Misses R. and M. Dow spent their Easter holidays at Warburton, and visited the O'Shannessy Weir by car with Mrs. J. Muir and Miss E. Wilkinson. They decided to follow the water channel home on foot. Mrs. Muir returned home alone in the car. The hikers covered a distance of 18 miles in five hours. They were charmed with the scenery on the way and highly recommend the trip to any who are in search of new beauty spots.

Cliff Ellwood and Miss P. Johnston also spent their holidays at Warburton as guests of Miss M. Stephens.

The two Nesbitt brothers, of South Morang, were down at the Centre during April.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Quinton slipped over to Sydney by motor-cycle during the holidays to see the wife's relations.

V. Buttacavoli and J. McLaurin joined the crowd at Stawell during Easter where they witnessed the Stawell Gift races. With Arthur Boswell, the local deaf, they must have been prominent in the crowd, for they were "shot" by a press photographer, and their photograph appeared in the Melbourne "Leader."

Ray Cornell, of Ballarat, was down here for a week and was the guest of the Society at the Blackburn Home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest, came down for brief visits before and after Easter.

Mr. Keage, of Sydney, was with us for some time, enjoying the sights of Melbourne, and was a frequent visitor to the Centre. It was his first trip away from Sydney, and he made the most of it, taking every opportunity to visit all places of interest. We trust his stay in Melbourne was a pleasant one. He was in Tasmania for ten weeks and brought greetings from Col. Payne, of the Tasmanian Deaf and Dumb Institution, and many others, including Mrs. Thomas in Launceston. He left for home by way of Adelaide.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, of Longwood, came down soon after Easter and went to Warburton for a week's stay.

Three of our deaf visited the Island State for their Easter holidays. Mrs. F. Rees and Miss J. Murphy were at Hobart for two weeks, while Miss E. Stephens stayed at Launceston.

Mr. Williamson, of Hobart, Tasmania, was here for a week in the earlier part of June, coming over in the hope of securing a position at the new Holden's factory at Fishermen's Bend. A metal presser by trade, he wrote applying for a position, and was asked to come over for an interview. He was informed that his name would be listed, and that he would be notified by post as to his chance of a position. We are informed that the factory will not begin operations until September or October.

Dudley Gooding, of Bendigo, came down in the hope of securing some sort of work. He was taken in at Blackburn, and was given the job of preparing the Home's stock of firewood for the winter. At present he is with our Society's Deaf Camp on forestry work at Upper Macedon.

Mr. Spinks, of N.S.W. was here for a while after having been at Yarram, South Gippsland, for two weeks or more, and whilst there he visited Tara Valley, one of the most beautiful but least known spots in Victoria.

W. H. Crush is again on the move. He appeared at the Centre on Saturday, 6th June, on his way to England to see his people, who are getting on in years. He travelled by S.S. "Barrabool." He stated that he did not expect to stay for the coronation, but would very likely be amongst us in Adelaide for the Christmas Carnival.

J. O'Grady, of Myrtleford, took the opportunity of a lift to Melbourne with a local business man, and stayed a couple of days before returning.

H. Abbott, of Chinkapook, after many years absence, paid us a call. He remarked that he was getting along fairly well in the Mallee and that the season's outlook was much brighter.

Another traveller dropped in this quarter, this time Mr. Rennie, of Tasmania. He was on his way home after visiting West Australia and South Australia.

H. Nathan, after much wandering, is back among us again, and he hopes to be able to remain among us for good.

W. O'Keefe, of Geelong, was here for some time, and on occasions of football matches, Messrs. Gibson, Hennessey and Miss M. Moore, of the same town, appeared at our social evenings. W. Hateley, of Camperdown, turned up now and then.

Mr. W. Duncan, of Coldstream, has secured a position in Melbourne, and is at present living at Northcote.

H. Ah Chow, of Orbost, was down for a month or more, and was in hopes of finding work here. The Society succeeded in finding a place for him near the city, but after a week or so he fell out with his employer's son. Another position was found for him, but he refused to accept the conditions, and returned home again.

Visitors to the centre for the King's Birthday Rally were:—Allan Salmon, of Merrigum; Arthur Boswell, of Stawell; Jack Gibson, Geelong; W. Duncan, Coldstream; Miss Beryl McCullough, Warrnambool; and Miss E. Moore, from Geelong.

Miss Beryl McCullough, of Warrnambool, visited her married sister, Mrs. McMillin, during the last week of June and the first week of July. She was one of the party who took a trip to Ballarat on the first Sunday in July.

Messrs. R. White, A. Collins and C. Lyfield, all of Neerim Junction, have been frequent visitors to our Centre during the past three months.

Mrs. Ed. Johnson is taking her opportunity of spending a week or more at Geelong whilst her husband is employed there. When last seen she spoke well of some of its beauty spots, and had opportunity of meeting the local deaf at their Class and Social Meeting on 1st September.

Mr. J. O' Grady, of Myrtleford, is in Melbourne for some time, taking things easy, as he has been on the sick list. Now he is feeling much improved.

Mr. Nicholson, of Queensland, is here for some time, too, having been with us over a month now, and has no idea when he will be on the move again.

Deafness.

This is an article that every man and woman should read, mark, learn and most carefully digest. It has a lesson and a warning for everybody.

By "Physicus."

Don't Box a Child's Ear.

Hollywood has been blamed for many things in its comparatively short life, but as against these there are some innovations for which it should receive due credit. One of the latter is the successful and world-wide substitution of a healthy kick-in-the-pants in the place of that barbarous box-on-the-ears which a smug and self-satisfied Victorian Age employed against the younger fry of both sexes. Inelegant in expression and indelicate in operation as is a kick-in-the-pants, it is infinitely to be preferred to the criminal practice of boxing children (of all ages) on the ears, a practice which only served to bolster up a hoity-toity pomposity among several generations of impossible people at the expense of many a ruptured ear-drum, accompanied by internal haemorrhage and suppuration, and with the prospect of deafness clouding the remainder of their lives.

Deafness a Public Enemy.

Among all the scourges of the human race deafness is in the front rank. There are several other scourges keeping pace with it, perhaps one or two a pace ahead of it, but deafness is one of those Public Enemies of mankind impossible of comparison with other afflictions. It stands by itself. Talk to a blind man, and for a time at least he forgets his blindness and smiles on the world. But talk to a deaf person, and at once his affliction grows worse and he scowls on the world. Which also prompts me to refer to another psychological aspect of deafness. No person with short sight ever expects the doctor to cure his short sight; he is perfectly happy so long as he is supplied with glasses which, put on his nose, bring back his sight to something like normal. But every person with "short-hearing" expects the ear surgeon to cure him completely, and he protests strongly against having to use "glasses on his ears," so to speak, to help him hear more clearly.

Two Kinds of Deafness.

There are two kinds of deafness in this world; congenital and acquired. How these two compared with one another in numbers in the long ago we do not know, but there are those who say that persons with acquired deafness far out-numbered the congenital type in the closing years of the last century, and in the opening years of this. Then, for reasons which seem to us sufficient, the pendulum began to swing, or rather the wheel to turn, for it is inconceivable there will ever be a swing back to that old state of affairs.

The reasons are (1) the abolition of that wicked and ignorant brand of chastisement already alluded to, the box-on-the-ears, almost unheard of in these days of Children's Courts and enlightened parents; (2) the introduction of laws for the notification of those diseases of children which bring ear troubles and complications in their train; and (3) the greater attention paid to throat toilet and the high standard to which throat surgery, that is, the removal of infected tonsils and other septic foci has been brought.

Two Kinds of Fool.

Fools are of two kinds; ignorant and learned. The latter we may dismiss from any discussion on tonsils. Their Gospel is: God put my tonsils there, why should I remove them? But you will see them cutting their hair, and their whiskers, and their nails, although God put those things there, too, and they cut them just because they have grown long, whereas the doctor only cuts their tonsils when they are bad. God also put teeth into their heads, but they do not hesitate to get a tooth out if it is bad. The fact, of course, is that no doctor removes tonsils, he only removes "infected tonsils." As to adenoids, here, too, the surgeon removes "that enlargement of post-nasal tissue" which is preventing the nose and the ear and the throat from functioning as God meant them to function. But what have tonsils and adenoids to do with the deafness, you will ask. Well, that's easy. Just shut your mouth closely, hold your nose tightly, and breathe outwardly with all your force. You will at once feel your ears bulge out. If you don't, try again. and if it fails on that occasion, then it's you for the doctor to-day—or deafness to-morrow.

Ear and Throat.

One moment's reflection will show you the close connection between ear and throat. When you have a cold, are your ears never stuffed up? Of course they are. And that is because there is a thin pipe, or tube, leading from the throat to the middle ear (that is, to that part of the ear immediately inside of the drum), which has got blocked up because of our congested throat. Most of us know how to clear this deafness up temporarily—we go through the performnace just described; we shut the mouth and hold the nose and blow outwardly. Since the air cannot come out of the nose or mouth, it has to escape somewhere, and so it spurts up the little tube leading to the ears. But a little of that in the ears goes a long way; and as soon as we feel the ears bulge, we stop. If all this does not show you how necessary throat toilet is, even to the calling in of the surgeon to clean it up thoroughly, nothing will.

In cases of acquired deafness, then, much can be done. In England in 1930 there were 3951 children attending deaf schools. In 1932 the figure had dropped to 3795—a drop of 200 in two years! A few years ago the number of children suffering from acquired deafness was equal to the number of congenitally deaf children attending school. To-day, out of every 100 such children, 68 are congenitally deaf, while only 32 have acquired their deafness—a striking triumph for the ear surgeon!

Congenital and Acquired Deafness.

But for all that, the ear surgeons are not happy. Conigenital deafness is their bugbear. What causes congenital deafness? Heredity? No. That is to say, not what the doctor calls heredity. It is best described as "Mendelism," or a throwback, if you prefer it. By which we mean that a person with any congenitally deaf relatives should not marry another person who also has any congenitally deaf relatives, for they are just doubling their chances of having a congenitally deaf child.

For these congenitally deaf persons the outlook "as to cure" is at the present moment dark; and they would be best advised to face the position and to grasp the two opportunities which offer for relief. These are lip-reading and mechanical aids, both together, not singly. Of the two, lip-reading is absolutely essential; but they are foolish, indeed, who reject the mechanical hearing aids for any reason, especially because of some absurd notion that these machines only make their hearing worse. This is totally untrue. There is only one trap in these mechanical hearing aids. They should never be bought outright, and only a deposit should be paid on them while the machine is being tried out (under all sorts of conditions) for at least a fortnight.

—From "West Australian."

Baby Cinekodak.

In addition to the Teacher's Model and old-fashioned but powerful "Lecturer," the Society is now in possession of a Baby Cinekodak, and regular Picture Nights are being held here on Thursday and Sunday nights. It is hoped that Ballarat and Geelong Branches will have their share of these shows some nights.

King's Birthday Rally.

The King's Birthday Rally was held as usual, and we had a Cinema Show of Charlie Chaplin and other interesting items. As usual, big attendance was the rule. The pictures shown were from the new machine, a Baby Cinekodak, manipulated by an expert from Kodak Co. As will be seen, the Society eventually bought this machine.

Billiard Tournament.

During the past three months the Handicap Billiard Tournament has been in progress, and many surprising and exciting finishing results were seen. To date the semi-final and final are to be played yet. The contestants in this order are Alex. Anderson (20) versus Ivan Guthrie (65) and Alf. Tyzzer (65) versus R. Lygon (50). The winners of these two matches will play in the final.

Annual Picnic.

The Annual Cup Day Picnic on 3rd November is to be held at Blackburn. Usual rounds of races will be put through, including the 100 Yards Championship and the Ladies' 75 Yards Championship. Mr. E. Raines, our present 100 Yards champion, who has held this position for the past three years, intends to defend his title against all comers. Mrs. T. Newton, last year's Ladies' Champion, and Miss B. Higgie, who held the Championship for three years in succession, are most likely to toe the mark again. A happy time is looked forward to.

Chess Tourney.

The Chess Tourney ended in June, and the following prizes have been awarded:—Mr. Dodson, first prize in "A" Section; Mr. E. Roxburgh and Mr. T. Tyzzer, first and second respectively in "B" Section. Considering that Mr. Roxburgh only learnt the game at the beginning of the tourney, last year, he has done extremely well. The difference in scores between Mr. Roxburgh and Mr. Tyzzer was very small, Mr. Roxburgh being ahead by a small margin in percentages.

Surprise Party to our Fairy Godmother, Miss Alice C. Graham.

Saturday, 1st August, the eve of our Fairy Godmother's birthday, under the auspices of the Basket Ball Club, a party of 15 surprised Miss Graham at her home. It was a real surprise party, for Miss Graham had not the least idea of it, and it was good to see the pleasure of her face as the party trooped in. After much laughing, explanation, and some games, all were summoned to a most enjoyable supper, brought by the party, and set out in the dining room. Our Principal led Miss Graham to the head of the table, where a lovely pink birthday cake, with a pretty Dolly Vardon in the centre, awaited her. Jolly speeches and congratulations, to which Miss Graham happily responded, brought the evening to a close. The President and Members of the Board of Management of our Society sent birthday greetings to Miss Graham. We hope we will have many more parties like it.

Anniversary Rally.

Were the manager of one our our cinerna theatres reporting upon the celebration of our Principal's 35th year with the Deaf and Dumb of Victoria, and known as the "Anniversary Rally," he would use the expression "Full to Capacity," for that was actually the state of our Assembly Hall on the 24th September.

The cinema pictures shown included "The Mysterious Rider," an English News-Reel of exceptional interest, showing the King, also the ex-Emperor of Abyssinia, and a Charlie Chaplin. Mr. Geo. Newnham occupied the Chair, and gave a resume of the work accomplished by Mr. Abraham, conveying congratulations and hearty good wishes, to which Mr. Abraham briefly responded.

Catholic Deaf.

A Retreat for Catholic Deaf and Dumb was opened in St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage, South Melbourne, on Sunday, 16th August, by the Rev. Phillips, of Sydney. Father Phillips has specialised in sign language, and is expert in both single and double handed alphabets. Archbishop Mannix paid a visit on Thursday, 20th and Mr. A. Anderson, on the behalf of the Catholic Deaf, expressed his appreciation of the Archbishop's kindness. The retreat lasted one week, and was very popular among the Catholic Deaf, some of whom travelled considerable distances from the country to be present.

DEAF MAN CURED BY SHEPHERD HEALER.

From Roumania comes a remarkable story of a simple shepherd who seemingly possesses miraculous powers of healing. This shepherd has had visions, and while once completely deaf and hardly able to speak more than a few words, is now preaching for hours, explaining the revelations he has had.

Witnesses are not wanted to testify to his ability to perform astonishing cures. Before a large audience he cured another man of deafness, while numerous others have been cured of sickness by following his instructions to drink or wash at a certain fountain, the water of which, apparently, shares the shepherd's power of healing.

Panel-Beating Class.

With so many of the unemployed deaf over 21 being unskilled, the problem of finding them employment was made doubly difficult. Employers cannot afford to pay full wages while an employee is learning a trade, and to obtain permits for employment at a lower wage is not easy. We are therefore glad to announce that a scheme for the training of the unemployed deaf is under way.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Board arranged for a class at the Melbourne Technical College to teach the deaf panel-beating, a branch of the motor body-building trade. The class began in June and

numbered six, and in the circumstances has done very well. Negotiations are under way for a further term with every hope of success. The number of pupils in the second term will probably be increased slightly, and if the pupils show promise there is every likelihood of further extension of the class. It must be remembered, however, that in the final analysis everything depends on the scholars themselves, as the teachers can hardly be expected to spend their time on those who will not trouble to learn. It is a case of helping the deaf to help themselves. With the introduction of machines into so many industries, the unskilled worker, particularly if handicapped by deafness, finds the avenues of possible employment open to him grow steadily fewer.

All things being equal, a prospective employer would naturally prefer a hearing man to a deaf one, therefore it is essential that as many deaf as possible should have technical training of some sort, and the earlier this training is begun the better. The cost of learning will be amply repaid by the security of steady employment in later life. Not only are the skilled trades better paid than mere labouring jobs, they are also more secure, and an employer will not readily part with a highly skilled worker, however bad trade may be.

Speed in Finger Spelling.

We see by a Sydney newspaper that someone is claiming to be able to interpret from the spoken vernacular to the deaf and dumb language at the rate of 180 words a minute. We tried to sign the figures only and we can go some speed at times, but got lost before the odd eighty. An expert interpreter of our acquaintance was asked what was his speed; he said he thought he could do 60 under favourable conditions, but it was a case of "three-penny-worth of fruit and not too many pineapples." We would say not too many "Constantinoples."

Births.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Vosper Wilson, of South Melbourne, on 23rd April, 1936; Kathleen May.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, of Myall, via Kerang, on 26th August, 1936; Elaine Margery.

Wedding.

On 27th June, 1936, at South Melbourne Methodist Church Manse, Mr. George Henry, of South Melbourne, was married to Miss Gladys Salmon, of same suburb. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, interpreted at the ceremony.

Silver Wedding.

Congratulations were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beattie, of Alphington, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding. They were married on 24th May, 1911. It is understood that they had a happy family re-union on that date.

Obituary.

After passing her 50th year of wedded life, which was celebrated last year, Mrs. Alice Maud Mary Hartley, of Euroa, late of South Melbourne, passed this life on 30th June, 1936, at the Royal Park Home after a mental breakdown, at the age of 74. She was buried at Euroa. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Hartley, who has been her very faithful husband to the last.

After months of ailing, Mrs. A. C. Muir, of Fitzroy, and late of Malvern, passed to a higher life on 12th July, 1936, at the age of 62, and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal, J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer, and F. E. Frewin, attended the funeral as representatives of the Society. Expression of sympathy has been extended to her sorrowing husband and children.

We also regret to record the passing of Mr. C. H. Reynolds, of Heidelberg, on 14th July, 1936, after an illness, at the age of 67. He was buried at St. Kilda Cemetery. Sympathy is also extended to his sorrowing wife and children. Mr. Reynolds for many years was an employee of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution as cleaner and gardener, and a party of elder school pupils attended the graveside to pay their last respects.

Another old identity, Mrs. C. Caughey, of South Melbourne, died on 22nd July, 1936, at St. Vincent's Hospital after a long illness, and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to her only surviving sister, Mrs. Cunningham, who has been very faithful to her till the last. Mr. J. M. Johnston and Mr. A. Aird represented the Society at the graveside.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of Mrs. F. H. Marks (nee Florrie Tyzzer), of Mildura, on 27th July, 1936, at the age of 32 years. She lost her husband the previous month, who was found dead in a paddock near his homestead with a gunshot wound. Three little orphan children survive them, and are being cared for by their relatives. We extend our sympathy to her relatives, especially to Oswald, Victor, Alfred and Albert Tyzzer.

And still another of our old friends, Mr. James Mills, of Waaia, passed to his rest on 31st August, 1936. He was one of the earliest pupils of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, and has been a farmer all his life. Aged 82.

A very sad fatality overcame the parents and sister of Messrs. Cedric and Douglas Nesbitt, of Reservoir. On Saturday, 2nd May, Mrs. Nesbitt, their mother, together with Marjorie and Mary, their twin sisters, went for a ride to South Morang on the milk waggon, and on returning and nearing Bundoora, the waggon swerved to the side of the road and struck an embankment and turned over with a terrific smash. Mrs. Nesbitt and Marjorie died soon after being lifted out of the wreckage. The father and husband of Mrs. Nesbitt predeceased her about 6 weeks. The two deaf Nesbitt boys were cared for at our Blackburn Home. They have our deepest sympathy.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. McMillin, nee Jean McCallough, and her sister, Beryl, on the death of their father in Warrnambool, who passed away after a long illness on Sunday, 23rd August, 1936.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Mark, of Ivanhoe, who has recently lost her father.

Forget-me-not.

When to the flowers so beautiful
The Father gave a name,
Back came a little blue-eyed one
(All timidly it came),
And standing at its Father's feet
And gazing in His face,
It said with low and trembling tones
With sweet and gentle grace,
"Dear God, the name Thou gavest me
Alas! I have forgot,"
Then kindly looked the Father down,
And said, "Forget-me-not."

My Garden.

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Ferned grot—
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contends that God is not—
Not God! In gardens! When the eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

Remember these Dates!

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER—
"COMPETITION NIGHT." Admission, 1/-. Suppr and Prizes included.

SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER—
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE in Our Church at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER—
"CRAZY WHIST DRIVE." Admission, 1/-. Supper and Prizes included.

THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER—
Presentation Party. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER—
"COCKTAIL" NIGHT. Something New. Admission, 1/6. Supper.

SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER—
Dramatic Club's PLAY NIGHT. Admission, 1/-; Reserved Seats, 6d. extra.

TUESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER—
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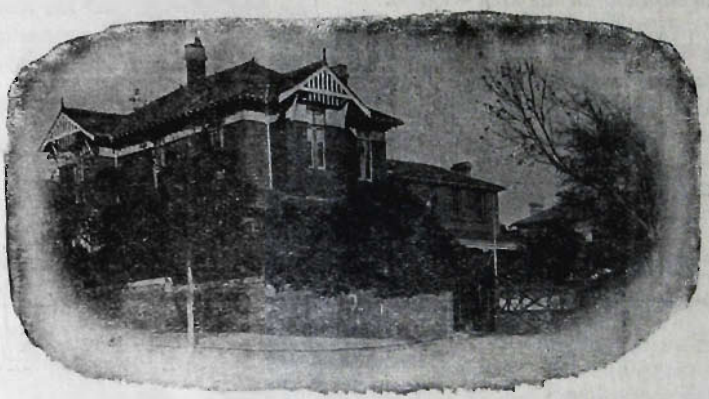
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AN APOLOGY AND OTHER THINGS.

BY THE EDITOR.

This issue, properly speaking, should have appeared before Christmas, with Christmas Greetings, New Year Wishes, and the like in it, and holly and mistletoe in the corners.

Unfortunately, we were unable to issue it before Christmas week. We apologise for the delay, and undertake to see it does not happen again.

It is an ill-wind that blows no one any good. We are able to give a resume of the Adelaide Carnival before any other paper. "First with the Latest" is our motto. The Carnival was a great success, and South Australians are to be congratulated on the way in which they played hosts.



"Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield."

Victoria has a reputation for doing things well. Although we were late in starting we managed to send sixty or so—easily the largest contingent. In fact, it was twice as large as the next best, New South Wales, who sent about 29 or so. Tasmania managed about 20, while Queensland and West Australia, who were rivals for the long distance travelling, sent 11 and 13 respectively.

New South Wales was most successful in the sporting field, carrying off both the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield" and the "Cohen Cup." Still, if our teams were not successful, as individuals, Victorians did well enough. In the 100 Yards Running Championship in the final heat all finalists were Victorians, and our team in the Relay Race was never seriously troubled. Our old friend, J. M. Johnston, won the over 45 years race, to the noisy delight of the Victorian crowd. The Men's Egg and Spoon Race was won by Auby Levitzke (spelt it right first time!), wearing a grin so wide it was a wonder it did not meet at the back of his neck. In the Tug-of-War, South Australians' weight told, and they just managed to beat Tasmania.

The Ladies' Sports were worth watching. Queensland produced a surprise packet in Miss Kelly, who won the 75 Yards in fine style. The West Australians were desperately hunting for their champion runner, Miss J. Ransom, who did not turn up till too late. Still, she made amends later by romping home yards ahead

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of the others in a later race. South Australia collected the trophy for the Married Ladies' Race, while Miss Ransom and Roly McGrath, of West Australia, in the Three-Legged Race, were so far ahead they looked as if they were having a race of their own.

In a less strenuous sphere, Mr. Bundy, of South Australia, was not seriously troubled to win the Chess Championship (I know, because he played me!). Mr. Plunkett won the Draughts and Mr. Wilbow the Table Tennis, both from New South Wales.

In the individual tennis matches, A. Levitzke, of West Australia (complete with smile), retained his Singles Championship. Our stalwarts, H. Puddy and J. Dickenson, won the Double Championship for Men. The Misses Salton and Kelly, of Queensland, won the Ladies' Doubles. Miss Salton also carried off the Ladies' Singles.

In the realm of cricket a few details will be helpful.

First Day.

New South Wales beat Tasmania.
Victoria beat South Australia.

Second Day.

New South Wales beat South Australia.
Victoria beat Tasmania.

Third Day.

South Australia beat Tasmania.
New South Wales beat Victoria.
New South Wales, 9 points; Victoria, 7 points; South Australia, 5 points; Tasmania, 3 points.

Don. Johnston, Victoria, secured the trophy for the batting average; H. Emerson, N.S.W., batting aggregate; J. Beath, N.S.W., bowling average; R. Chaundy, Victoria, for most wickets.

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Hands.

Pilate washed his hands, but could not wash the guilt away. In her agony of mind Lady Macbeth cried, "All the perfume of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand"; and in his last hour Tranmer thrust his right hand, which he called his unworthy hand, into the flames for having signed a betrayal of his faith.

One of the most pathetic scenes in the Bible is the one where Isaac, old and almost blind, stretched out to feel the one who was kneeling before him, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau"; and in one of the Bible's most dramatic scenes Belshazzar looked up from his feasting and beheld the fingers of a man's hand come forth and write over against the candlestick on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. It reminds us of the cruel verse in FitzGerald's Omar Khayyam:

The moving Finger writes: and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line.
Nor all they tears wash out a word of it.

SYMBOL OF PERFECT TRUST.

It is with our hands that we make beautiful things—the artist his pictures, the craftsman his masterpieces in wood and stone and metal, the writer his immortal prose or poetry. We express sympathy and friendship by a handgrip, and it is with a hand that we are blessed. In prayer we put our hands together; and John Burroughs, the American poet, has made the action the symbol of perfect trust:

Serene, I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For lo, my own shall come to me.

One of our modern poets, looking round a seed shop, has said, "In my hand a forest lies asleep"; and TENNYSON has given us that wonderful picture of the mystery of life:

I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is.

It was Tennyson also who gave us the famous line, "O for the touch of a vanished hand"; and in these days when the nations of the world are so suspicious of each other we may well remember Paul Fort's verse:

Then one could make a ring
Around the world,
If all the people of the world
Would hold each other's hand.

Deaf to Hear his Sermons.

The Rev. A. E. C. Collins, minister of several Presbyterian churches in the Warburton district, has been presented with a portable deaf aid equipment. He is using it to enable worshippers who have deafness to hear his sermons and the services generally.

A microphone is placed on the pulpit, and flexes are run through valves to ear-pieces which are fixed to the pews occupied by those whom the equipment is intended to serve. Half a dozen people can listen in at the one time.

South Australian Festivities.

The copy of this issue of the "Victorian Deaf News" was ready for the printer, and overmuch for its limited space, before we left for the Adelaide Festivities, hence it is only possible to crowd in the barest outline of the many events of that great occasion.

Somewhere about 60 of us left Melbourne on Thursday, December 24th, at 8.15 p.m., arriving Christmas morning. We were met by a number of the Local Carnival Committee, including Mr. O. R. Redman, the Superintendent and Organising Secretary, and Mr. W. Appleton, the Welfare Officer.

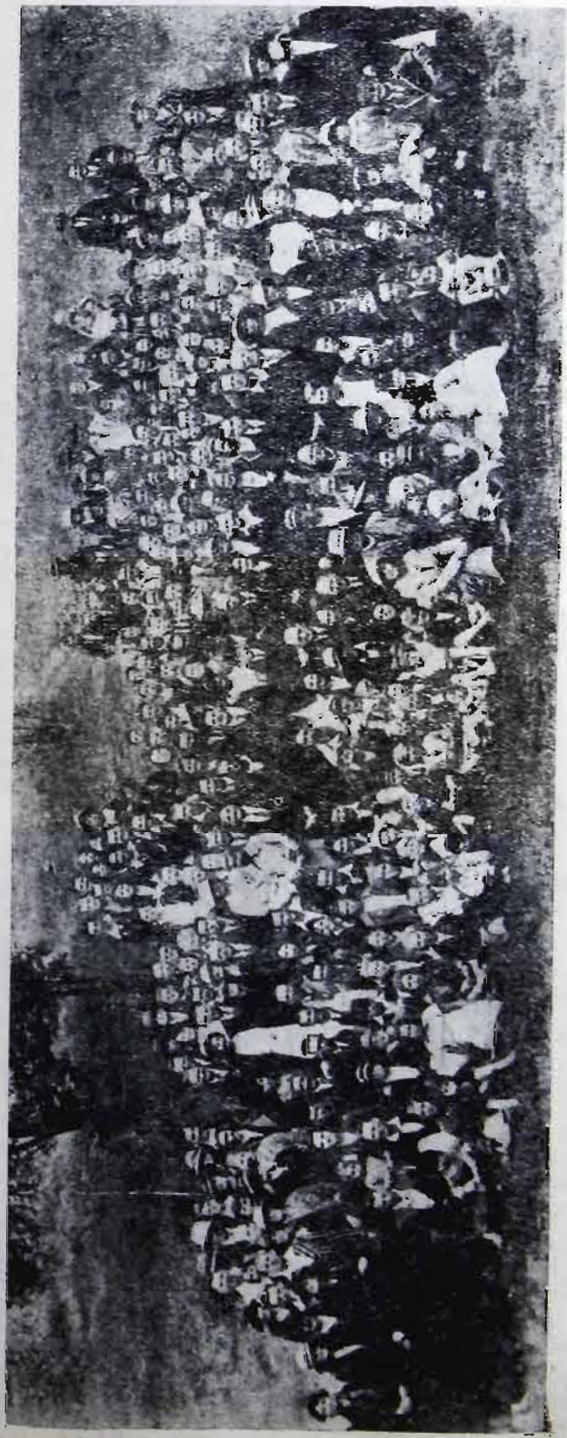
The Queensland, New South Wales, and Tasmanian Deaf passed through Melbourne on their way to South Australia. It was a pleasure to entertain the Queenslanders and some New South Welshmen to lunch, both coming and going. The West Australian Deaf (13 in number) had arrived ahead of us, and New South Wales (29) were also just an hour or so in front of us. Tasmanians followed on the next day. There were 11 from Queensland and 15 from Tasmania.

The Carnival was made up of the following events:—Interstate Cricket Matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield," Interstate Tennis Matches for the "Cohen Cup," Tennis Championship of South Australia, Billiards, Chess, Draughts, Table Tennis, Athletics, and the Deaf Women Needlework Exhibition.

On Friday, December 25th, Christmas Dinner and Tea were enjoyed by the visitors, and in the evening a Welcome Social was held. Brigadier-General S. Price Weir, D.S.O., V.D., J.P., President of the South Australian Mission, presided and welcomed the visitors. After speeches, excellent plays were performed by the local Deaf, augmented by two clever West Australian Deaf magicians, Messrs. Magrath and Poletti, with their tricks.

Saturday, December 26th.—Practices were indulged in cricket and tennis during the morning, and in the afternoon a tour of the Adelaide Hills was made in motor buses. This was greatly enjoyed and scenery admired. In the evening cricket and tennis conferences, social games, competitive indoor games were held.

Sunday, December 27th.—Divine Services were held in the Mission Chapel. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the morning service, and the evening service was taken by an outside minister, interpreted by Mr. W. Appleton.



INTERSTATE GATHERING OF THE DEAF AT ADELAIDE.

Monday, December 28th, was a free day and most of the visitors went to Glenelg to see the pageant and celebrations. A fair number went to Victor Harbour, some 60 miles from Adelaide.

Cricket and Tennis Matches took up the whole of the next three days. All the events were played at the grounds of St. Peter's College (granted by kind courtesy of the Council of the Collegiate School of St. Peter's).

Tuesday, December 29th.—The Carnival Ball was held at Osborne Hall, and this was well attended.

A Civic Reception was accorded to the visiting representatives by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide on the morning of Wednesday, December 30th.

Lady visitors were entertained by the Deaf Women's Friendly Society at the Botanical Gardens during the afternoon. In the evening, indoor games competitions were continued and an exhibition of fancy work was held.

Thursday, December 31st.—The Carnival Banquet, and Presentation of Shield and Cup and other trophies were held at Osborne Hall and after that the Deaf were free to go to "Henley-on-Torrens."

Friday, January 1st, 1937, was the last day of the festivities, when a Grand Picnic and Sports Meeting at Long Gully, National Park, was held. Rain fell at intervals, but fortunately did not spoil the sports.

New South Wales and Tasmanian Deaf left soon after tea for home, catching the express at Belair station. The Victorians and Queenslanders left the following day, arriving in Melbourne on Sunday, January 3rd.

Throughout the festivities the visitors were entertained to lunches and teas at the Mission or on the grounds of St. Peter's College free of charge.

At lunch on the last day of our stay, and at tea time, presentations were made to the various workers by the Queenslanders and Victorians, and an excellent farewell address in appreciation of the hearty welcome given to the guests was made by Mr. A. Dodson, of Victoria. In effect he said: "You are all familiar with the biblical story of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, how she travelled a great distance with many retainers, camels and precious gifts for the king, determined to see for herself the wonderful city of Jerusalem, and listen to the wisdom of Solomon; how astonished and delighted she was at the magnificence and splendour of the city and astoured at the wisdom, graciousness and hospitality of the king. When Mrs. Sheba returned to her own country, said Mr. Dodson, her people excitedly sought to know whether all that had been said of city and king were true, and how Sheba replied, "Not one half of the wonders had been told." He felt that the Victorians were in the place of Mrs. Sheeba; they had seen the wonders of Adelaide and participated in the welcome and hospitality of the South Australians. On their return they would find it difficult to tell one-half of the things they had seen or the kindly way they had been received and entertained.

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Education and After School Attitude of the Deaf.

[The following, taken from an American paper, is typical of the increasing interest in the education and welfare of the Deaf, which is slowly spreading through the world.

The agent makes some strong statements, but not many who know the Deaf will disagree with him. He is certainly absolutely right in his statements as to the requirements of the Deaf.

It is a lamentable fact that very few Deaf can write simple and straightforward English. If more attention was paid to the teaching of English as a language, and less time wasted teaching the Deaf a parrot-like vocabulary, most of which they forget on leaving school, it would be better for all concerned:—]

By Dr. E. A. GRUVER.

Education for the Deaf is becoming more practical. It must be made even more so, if they are to successfully meet the ever increasing industrial competition and the ever multiplying social and commercial complexities. Is the education we offer the deaf child the kind he needs most or the kind we most desire him to have? Is the instruction adapted to the child or the child shaped to the instruction? Is it the most practical, helpful and useful we can offer? Are we too rigid in our adherence to time honoured practices?

In light of present day conditions, these are important questions. In order that the deaf child may be prepared to cope with the problems of life he should be given that type of education which opens to him the fullest possibilities for successful citizenship and the greatest capacity for harmonious living. Perhaps we should take inventory of our educational opportunities, possibilities and practice. An audit of our instructional operations might cause us to strike another balance. Changing conditions require changing practices.

A resourceful and successful deaf man visited this school last week. He is an agent of a State Department of Labour—Bureau of the Deaf. He contacts a great many deaf people. We talked about the industrial and social problems of the Deaf. He dropped some "pearls of great price." Here is one:—

Part of the failure of the Deaf to meet successfully the present day social and industrial conditions is due to their inability to adjust themselves quickly; their inclination to criticise their fellows, particularly their employers, and their slowness in mind, action and operation.

Here is another:—

Seven out of ten deaf boys and girls carry the habits of thought and action acquired in school with them into the world, and seven lose their jobs because their critical moods and expressions are given free play.

These are strong statements. Is his diagnosis correct? Are the traits of character expressed by him inherent or are they due to the type of training the child receives? Is it the duty of the school to correct these traits or must the child overcome them himself, often after long and bitter experience?

The agent was not in a critical mood himself. He was not knocking. He was searching for the truth. He said all he has in the world he owes to the school, which graduated him, and to the superintendent and teachers who gave him wholesome advice and help at all times. However, he feels that there are non-essentials included in the academic instruction which could well be omitted for more practical things of life. Possibly he is right.

Some of the things he would stress are:—

1. A common school education—without frills.

2. Ability to speak and write simple and straight English, including a letter applying for a job and knowledge of how to approach and meet a prospective employer.

3. The learning of an occupation on the level with his intelligence; to take pride in his work, and to know and use the vocabulary of his occupation.

—Mt. Airy World (U.S.A.).

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The Late Mr. George Frankland.

[The following, from the "British Deaf Times," will be of interest to the Deaf of Victoria, giving as it does a glimpse of the early deaf environment of our Principal. The concluding paragraphs are not quite accurate. Joe. Hepworth left the "British Deaf Monthly" to take up the position of Superintendent of the Cardiff Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and E.J.D.A. carried on "The Monthly" with the old staff. He was afterwards joined by H. M. Cuttell. When E.J.D.A. left for Australia, "The Monthly" was left in the control of his secretary, with Cuttell as editor. At the death of Cuttell it passed back to J. Hepworth, who changed its name to the "British Deaf Times":—]

We very much regret to note the passing away recently of Mr. George Frankland, one of the most brilliant deaf men of the older generation.

My first recollection of him was at a service at St. Saviour's, London, somewhere about 1895, when I noticed a youngish man, whose features fascinated me, and whose appearance was that of a true Bohemian, with flowing locks, jet black "locky" hair and beard. He was seated at, and playing, the organ, and to my astonishment I was told he was totally deaf. I was told, however, he was a genius at the organ.

Some years passed when I went to Bolton on a visit to my old friend the late Joseph Hepworth, then co-Editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" with E. J. D. Abraham. Seated in the sub-editor's chair was that young organist I had met at St. Saviour's. From that date—1897—began a close friendship which lasted unti I left deaf journalism in 1913.

A brilliant scholar, deep thinker and one of the finest writers of prose, and a most lovable man, he was one of a brilliant band of deaf men who surrounded the late Mr. Joseph Hepworth in those far-off days. How well I recall the day when we all met together—the late Alex. McGregor, "Sanct Mungo" of the vitriolic pen and master of subtle sarcasm; H. B. Beale, a marvellous writer of verse; "Wilkie," otherwise the late George Wilkinson, and others, with Hepworth and Abraham, the latter the only hearing man in the company.

Everyone of them was full of fun except Frankland who, being of a quiet and studious mind, remained almost silent throughout the meeting, but nevertheless had his moments when he joined in. The next night Abraham gave a farewell supper, and previous to the feast, called me aside and told me Frankland had been seriously studying hypnotism. There was a conspiracy about among the staff to show what a marvellous hynotiser Abraham was. I was selected as the subject.

I was made to do all sorts of funny and astonishing little tricks, finally eating up the remnants of Abraham's supper plate. Poor Frankland, his face was a study of amazed mystification as Abraham, a born actor, went through his performance like a master. After that, I found Frankland studying me from all angles—and it was not until some time afterward I enlightened him. At first he felt terribly hurt, but took the joke afterwards in good part.

I cannot think of any outstanding Deaf to-day of the calibre of Frankland, McGregor, H. M. Cuttell, who lately joined the staff, H. B. Beale and others.

It was a feast for the gods to listen to their conversation, brilliant, scintillating with flashes of pure genius. To see H. B. Beale recite a poem written by himself, was a joy; to watch McGregor imitate a lecturer—choosing as his subject "Bobbie Burns" —brought down the house! Hepworth and Abranam had indeed a wonderful staff in those days, and when Hepworth left to start the "British Deaf Times," all followed him, except Cuttell, who became Editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" until the latter's demise very shortly afterwards.

In latter years, when I became Assistant Editor of the "British Deaf Times," and very closely and intimately associated with Mr. Joseph Hepworth, we would heave a sigh as we recalled those happy days —days that were a real education to me—a youngster. Of the old brigade Abraham and I are the only ones left, unless I may be allowed to include Mrs. Hepworth who mothered all of us!

—Maxwell S. Fry, "Onlooker" of the old joyous journalistic days.

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After School, What?

WHAT THE DEAF AND DUMB, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, ARE UP AGAINST.

[Extracts from a paper by Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, M.A., at the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.]

"Again, I feel that our schools have not always done so much as they might have to obtain favourable publicity for their graduates. At first glance this may seem an unjustified criticism. I am fully aware that our school papers carry large quantities of printed matter relating to the success of their alumni. But we all know that the circulation of these school papers is limited. I refer, rather, to such publicity as has appeared in newspapers having a general circulation. Moreover, I take issue rather with the content than the quantity of this type of publicity. I will cite an example of what I mean, taken from a metropolitan daily under date of January 28, 1934. To avoid offence where none is intended, I am omitting all names:—

THE DEAF HEAR, THE DUMB SPEAK.

Hundred Children Learning to Overcome Handicap.

Out in —— School an intense drama of real life is being enacted daily. It might be entitled 'Out of the Great Silence.'

But the keynote of this drama is the effort of the instructors to teach the dumb to speak and the deaf, if not to hear, to read lips . . .

Children who never heard their names wave their hands in ecstatic enthusiasm at the sound of them over their mechanical ears, or at the sight of them on the lips of their instructors.

"I am sorry that time does not permit quoting the article in its entirety. Although it ran to a full column, not a word was said about the capabilities of the deaf in industry and the trades. Can we not visualise the plight of the deaf job-hunter when in halting phrases or with pad and pencil he interviews an employer who has just read an article such as this in his morning newspaper? Yet this is not an extreme instance. I will quote another newspaper having a circulation of nearly one million, under date of April 15, 1935:—

DEAF PUPILS LEARN TO ACCENT SPEECH, SING AND DANCE THROUGH RHYTHM.

Singing and dancing classes such as you never saw before are being held at the old —— School, —— Street below ——teenth.

Children who can't hear a sound sing patriotic songs. Boys and girls dance gaily to music they cannot hear.

One of the difficulties in teaching the deaf to talk is their weak voices. Singing is a splendid corrective for this. Also for the nasality of most deaf speech.

Almost every day at least one teacher develops a new trick in teaching.

"This account goes on for a full newspaper column, and paragraph after paragraph is devoted to the new "tricks" of the teachers, but nowhere is there any reference to the deaf man and woman in a world of work. It may be replied that these stories are the work of irresponsible feature writers imbued with the man-bite-dog theory of what shall we say is news. True enough. But what shall we say when we find a school paper reprinting a similar story verbatim, and with evident approval? Again I quote:

DEAF TAUGHT TO SPEAK AND HEAR.

The little colony of —— hundred deaf students, who live and learn for ten months of the year at the —— School for the Deaf, represents a group of natural, normal boys and girls. They are spontaneously happy and have the enviable faculty of being able to smile and laugh often, and mean it.

Many of the children in this school were born deaf, while others lost their hearing in early childhood. The majority of them, when they enter the institution, do not know their own names.

The teachers, many of whom are local, are college graduates and have been given a year or two of special instruction for teaching the Deaf.

"And more to the same effect. Time alone prevents me from quoting columns of this stuff. None of it is calculated to do the deaf boy and girl any real good. Rather, the public concludes that deafness is a trivial handicap and lip-reading a perfect substitute for hearing. In a world of stern actualities, the deaf job-seeker who presents himself before a much misinformed employer is going to have a lot of explaining to do. It is giving rise to a situation which the Deaf themselves are meeting with growing resentment.

"Please do not misunderstand me. I have yet to see the deaf man or woman who is sorry he or she learned to speak and lip-read. What they resent is having the public educated into expecting something miraculous. They resent it because it superimposes an artificial handicap upon the natural ones they already have. Over and above the stress and strain of their daily toil, they discover that they must somehow live up to a misguided employer's conception of what an average deaf-mute ought to be."

Television as Phone for Deaf and Dumb.

"Talks" between deaf mutes in Berlin and Leipzig took place recently for the first time over the television cable between the two cities. At present the service is an experimental one and the event was arranged by Herr Albreghs, National Director of the Language of the Deaf in Germany, himself a deaf mute.

The two "speakers" conducted their conversation in the finger-sign of the deaf and dumb language and both were clearly able to understand each other.

Douglas Tilden.

The premier deaf sculptor of America, Douglas Tilden, has died in his workshop in Berkeley, California, at the age of 75.

At the age of five Mr. Tilden became deaf and attended the Californian School at Berkeley. Upon graduation he passed the entrance examinations for the University of California, but did not care to take the courses there. Instead, he became a teacher at his Alma Mater and remained there for eight years.

Thomas Williamson.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, was in receipt of a letter some time ago from Mrs. M. Morrison, who stated that her brother, Thomas Williamson, of Octavious Place, New Plymouth, New Zealand, passed away on 19th August last after a long and trying illness. She stated that he often talked of the times he spent in Melbourne, of the great work the Society is doing for the Deaf, and wished to thank us for the kindly interest we took in him. The following is from a New Zealand paper:—

The death occurred at New Plymouth last week of Mr. Thomas Williamson, at the age of 66 years. Mr. Williamson was a native of Glasgow and came to New Zealand as a boy at the age of 14 years. He very early showed ability in art, and under the tuition of such masters as Mr. John Gibb, Mr. Menzies Gibb, and Mr. Lawson Balfour quickly progressed in his art, and became one of the best known painters of the Dominion. He was a student of the Canterbury College School of Art, and his paintings were regularly hung at the art exhibitions and received the highest commendation of the critics. He was awarded many scholarships for his work and he increased his knowledge and outlook by travelling extensively, the scholarships enabling him to continue and extend his studies. He had the true instinct of the artist and took a pride and pleasure in his work which he did for art's sake. He was of a kindly and genial disposition and retained a spirit of youthfulness throughout his life. The affliction of deafness handicapped him in some directions, but not in his artistic instincts or accomplishments. He took a keen interest in others similarly afflicted and in the institutions for deaf and dumb persons, though he was never a member of any such institute. He assisted in everything that was done to assist these people in New Zealand, and on one occasion was their representative at a conference in Melbourne.

About 14 years ago Mr. Williamson went to New Plymouth, where he made his home. He is survived by two sisters who live in New Plymouth, Mrs. W. K. Morrison and Mrs. G. R. Davidson. Other members of his family reside in America and Scotland.

Russia.

"Deaf Mute's Life" is the name of a magazine for the Deaf published in Moscow, Russia. It seems by this publication that even the Deaf have their Stakhanovists or prize workers. A Deaf Dramatic Club recently produced "Romeo and Juliet" at Leningrad.

Germany.

"Popular Science Monthly" for September last says that German shepherd dogs may be trained for special service with deaf masters. One of these dogs will learn to recognise bell tones about a house and conduct his owner to the door. Dogs so trained by the Deaf of almost every country, where there are schools for the Deaf, have been known to us for fifty years and more. In fact such dogs are quite numerous and common to the Deaf.

China.

The Chefoo School for the Deaf during the year June, 1935-36, enrolled 55 deaf children between ages of 7 and 17. Miss A. E. Carter is the Principal. There are eighteen Schools for the Deaf in China, with 735 children under instruction.

The Duke of Windsor.

As Prince of Wales, the Duke of Windsor laid the foundation stone of St. Saviour's Church for the Deaf, Acton, London, May, 1924. The Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb has had the patronage of the Royal Family since 1873, when Queen Victoria honoured this organisation by being its patroness.

All Victorian Deaf Working.

Practically the whole of the skilled deaf artisans of this State are now employed at their trades, and the whole of the unemployed, both married and single, offering themselves have, through the offices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, been given work by the Victorian Government Forests Commission for three months. A Christmas gift was sent to the married men's camp, and the single men received pocket money to start off with. It is the intention of the Principal of our Society to visit the camps from time to time.

Presentation Night.

Thursday, October 15, was the occasion for a large gathering of the Deaf in honour of Messrs. F. E. Frewin and J. McLean, who were each presented with an ash-tray stand and a pipe in a case. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who presided, in his opening address stated that the reason for the evening's gathering was to do honour to their guests of the evening, and to present them with a small token of remembrance. He stated it was a pleasure to him to recall his long association with two such loyal and faithful friends.

Mr. Frewin, he recalled, had been one of those who had welcomed him on his arrival from England, and had worked hard in the cause of the Deaf ever since. Mr. Frewin's example was one which the younger generation might do well to follow. Speaking of Mr. McLean, he said he had joined the mission about the same time as he himself on his arrival out here. Mr. McLean had a record that any member might be proud of. He had given unstintingly of both time and money in his long years of association with the Deaf.

Mr. G. Newnham, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, spoke complimenting the two gentlemen on their long service to the cause of the Deaf. Mr. J. M. Johnston also spoke in a similar strain, recalling the occasion of his first meeting with them. Miss R. Dow then, on behalf of the assembled Deaf, made the presentation.

Mr. F. Frewin, responding, spoke at length of the old days and traced the gradual rise of the Society from a small room to the fine property which they now possessed. Mr. McLean said he was glad he had been able to be of service to the Deaf in the past and had a store of precious memories of the old stalwarts of the past.

After this games were indulged in under the management of Messrs. J. M. Johnston and G. Newnham. At about 10 o'clock a light supper was served after which the party broke up.

Benefactor's Night.

The Melbourne Deaf again remembered their Benefactors by holding a "night" in their honour on the 12th November, in the Assembly Hall. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, our Principal, expounded the many sacrifices by men and women all the world over in the service of the Deaf and Dumb, and complimented us in setting apart a date to do them honour. Messrs. J. M. Johnston, G. Newnham, F. E. Frewin, G. Mortimer, and Ernest Reynolds also spoke of what they knew and the benefits they left behind.

After that games were played and then finally the supper was served. The attendance was very good, about 80 turned up.

During the evening, prizes won during the Winter Billiards Tournament were distributed. The recipients were R. Lygon, winner; I. Guthrie, runner-up, and Alf. Tyzzer, highest break.

Geelong Social.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Geelong by a large party of Deaf on Saturday, November 7. More than 40 Melbourne folk made the trip by 'bus, car and motor bike. The 'bus which carried the main party left Jolimont at about 4.15 and arrived at Geelong at about 6 o'clock, to find that the Geelong Deaf, under the able leadership of the Misses Monahan, had prepared an excellent tea. After tea some of the visitors took the opportunity to have a look at the town before dark. The editor was one of these, and was much struck by the deserted appearance of the town. Pedestrians were few and far between, and the traffic seemed almost non-existent after the rush and bustle of the metropolis. In fact, the town had much the appearance of Aberdeen on a button day. On returning to the hall we discovered games had begun. The local Deaf had succeeded in roping in a number of hearing friends, mostly youths and girls. Half a dozen of the latter, by the way, in full warpaint, contributed much to the success of the evening, being distinctly worth looking at, or "easy on the eyes" as the Americans say. After some very popular games a conjuror put on a short but very good turn. Then, following a speech by the Principal, and by Mr. S. Hobson, a member of our General Board, the Misses Monahan were each presented with a lovely bunch of carnations and an outsize box of chocolates as a gesture of good-will in return for their enthusiastic and self-sacrificing leadership among the Geelong Deaf. Each of the guests wore a paper hat, which had a lucky number attached. The lucky prize was won by the editor, to his vast amazement. A final item was a bun-eating contest, the competitors having to eat a bun suspended by string without touching it with their hands. It was distinctly amusing for the spectators to see the competitors gulping and choking in their frantic efforts to swallow large portions of bun with a minimum of chewing. C. Hennessy won this contest by two swallows in a most exciting final in which both finalists appeared to be in imminent danger of choking to death. Supper was then served, after which the main body of Melbourne folk bid their friends farewell and left for their home town in the 'bus, arriving in time to catch the last trains to the suburbs. Our hearty thanks are tendered to the Geelong Deaf for their hospitality, also to those hearing friends who assisted in making the evening the success it was.

Chess Match.

On Saturday, December 12th, some eight members of the Hawthorn Chess Club were our guests in the library, where a series of friendly games took place. It was the first time our chess players had pitted themselves against a hearing club, and the results of the games are not likely to send us out in search of a larger size in hats. Some pairs played more than one game, but only the first game counted officially. Eight boards were set out; Hawthorn won seven and left us with a solitary victory to our credit. The winner of the one game for our side was none other than J. M. Johnston. We are hoping to pay a return visit to Hawthorn in the near future, and plans are afoot to form a properly organised Chess Club. At the close of the evening Mr. Edmund, of Hawthorn, made a speech of thanks, to which Mr. Ed. Johnson responded. Taken altogether, it was a very pleasant evening, and we are looking forward to meeting Hawthorn again. Full Scores: G. Johnson (Haw.) d. A. Dodson (Adult Deaf). H. Edmund d. Mortimer. Buzzard d. Morgan. Lord d. Noble. Kidd lost to J. M. Johnston. Short d. E. Johnson. Firth d. Blackmore. Bristol d. Raines.

Ugly Man Competition.

The Ugly Man Competition closed on December 5th, when the name of the winner was announced to a crowded hall. The results were:—Jack McLaurin, £11/7/-; Joe Phillips, £10/10/1; Melby Dyson, £10; Joe Dickenson, £7/5/10; Jack Boal, £3/12/11; Stan McLean, £2/3/9, in that order. The evening's entertainment consisted, apart from the naming of the winner and the drawing of the lucky numbers, in two plays and a recitation. Mrs. T. Peters gave an excellent recitation, which was much applauded. The second half of the evening was given over to a short sketch entitled "Her Legacy," in which Miss Joyce May had the leading role, assisted by the Misses Leber, Lloyd and Bently, with J. M. Johnston as the policeman, W. Ross as the innkeeper, and W. Gorin as the burglar. Well over half of the players were appearing on the stage for the first time, and in the circumstances did very well.

The chief event of the evening, however, was the play, "Did He Do It?" which was one of the funniest and most successful plays we have ever had. From start to finish it was a riot of laughter. G. Newnham was the judge, complete with wig. Joe Phillips in the dock, with Francis Peters as his wife, made a picture of injured innocence. Ethel Leber, assisted by Eric Johnston, was screamingly funny, as she always is. Our old friend J. M. Johnston was very impressive as a policeman—it is surprising what a difference a helmet and uniform make. As usual, he had all the hard work to do, acting as chucker-out, witness, and prosecutor in one. But the best of a fine lot were undoubtedly Alex. Anderson and Wallace Ross, particularly the last-named, who made his first appearance on the stage. As the two swaggies they had the entire hall rocking with laughter all through. It is a long time since we have had a play as lively, well-acted, and as genuinely funny as this one, and we hope next year to see another as good, if possible, with the same cast.

Thursday Nights.

This evening is the Principal's own. After a short service in the Church a lecturette is usually given in the Assembly Hall by the Principal, which is followed by films of an educational character. The attendances have been exceptionally good for educational gatherings, ranging round sixty. Some of the titles of the lecturettes were:—"The Power of the Human Mind," "The Power of Money," "Some Comments on the Spanish Civil War," "If Invited to a Party—," "A Report of an Agent of an American State Department of Labour on the Problems of the Employment of the Deaf," which is reprinted elsewhere in this issue, "Clocks," "Medicine Plants of the World," "King Edward Crisis."

Some of the titles of the pictures were:—"The Puzzle," an Out-of-the-Inkwell Comedy and very clever, too; "The Beggar Maid," a love story in which the artist helps to smooth the course of true love between an earl and the gardener's daughter; "The Prince's Highway," "Tracking South," "The

Playground of the Sea Folk," "The Safety Curtain," featuring Norma Talmage, a dramatic scene in which all ends well; "Orchids and Ermines," featuring Colleen Moore; "The Adventurer" and "The Count," both featuring Charlie Chaplin; "Foreshores of Sydney Harbour," "Greatest Agricultural Show," "Motor Body Works," "Jenolan Caves," Australian Seaside Resort," "Kangaroo Hunting."

Picture Nights.

On Saturday, September 12th, the Lacrosse Club had a picture night in aid of its fund, and "Cleopatra" was screened, together with a "Pop Eye Sailor" Comedy." "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" was screened on Saturday, November 14th, for the Carnival Fund. On other Saturdays we had "Horse Power," "Up and Downs," "I Yam What I Yam" Pop Eye Sailor), "To the Last Man." The Sunday screenings were as follows:—"Castles in Air," "Rope End," "South Sea Island," "Art Treasures of the Vatican," "Main Streets the World Over," "Big Game Hunting in Africa," "Fast Life," "Children of Roumania," "From London to Paris by Air," "Views of Mont Blanc," "Early to Rise."

Saturday Nights Entertainments.

Our Saturday Night's Entertainments bring to mind a title very familiar to us in our earlier years and which would be fairly descriptive of the variety and Arabian Nights' character of our week-end shows in the Assembly Hall throughout the series which was under the auspices of the Carnival Committee. There have been large attendances, crowded sometimes, with others in Billiards, Chess and Reading Room or Library.

The following is the list of some of them:—Burlesque Cocktail Night, Cinema Pictures, a Dance, Magician's Night, Henley Night, Chess Competition, Paper Fancy Dress Competitions, Crazy Whist Night, Euchre Tournament, Ugly Men Coronation Night.

The Cup Day Picnic.

Over sixty of the Deaf made the trip to Blackburn Farm on Cup Day, November 3rd. We were fortunate in having a glorious day for our Annual Sports. The morning was spent by the youger Deaf in games and pastimes, and lunch-time arrived all too soon. After lunch some time was spent in strolling around the lake. Later in the afternoon the sporting events were carried out in brilliant sunshine. The chief race of the day was the 100 Yards Championship, which was won by Jack Brundell, with M. Dyson a close second. Eddy Raines did not put in an appearance to defend his unbeaten three years' record. Mrs. T. Newton, the last year's Ladies' Champion of the 75 Yards, did not turn up, and Miss B. Higgie had an easy task to regain that title. It is her fourth victory in five years. Miss J. Woolhouse came second. R. Lygon was very much disappointed in the 100 Yards Race, but he did better in the 440 Yards, which he won in the easiest of styles. H. Nathan came second.

The Sack Race provided much amusement, and close contests were witnessed in the Women's Section when Misses Francie Peters and Betty Wilkinson twice dead-heated, so they were awarded the prizes. The Egg and Spoon Race also came in for a share of popularity. Tea was prepared at 5.30 and the good things disappeared at a surprising speed down many eager throats. Further games were played after tea by those who preferred them, while others went for rambles around the lake. With the approaching dark the party began to break up and return home tired, but happy, after a most delightful day.

Anniversary Rally.

The Anniversary Rally was held on the evening of September 24th, when a large number of the Deaf attended. Some very good films were shown to an appreciative audience. During the interval Mr. G. Newnham, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, spoke of Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's 35 years service to the Deaf. There was a very good attendance, the hall being fairly crowded by an attendance of over 185, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Supper was served during the second interval, and it was not until about 11.15 that the party reluctantly broke up, after a most enjoyable evening.

Christmas Rally.

This year's Christmas Rally was undoubtedly one of the most successful on record. Starting at about 7.30, it was not until nearly 12 o'clock that the Deaf finally dispersed to their various homes. An excellent programme was arranged, consisting of an "Hour of Mystery" by Keith Johnson and Lindsay Dodson, who entertained us with some excellent conjuring tricks. Then came an interval, during which sweets and ices were handed round. The second part of the programme consisted of two screamingly funny comedies, "Buried Treasure" and "Gentlemen Prefer Scotch," which fairly "brought down the house." At about 10.30 a sumptuous supper was served and, needless to say, was not the least of the evening's attractions. Finally, after much gossip, the Deaf reluctantly dispersed to their various homes.

Children's Party.

The grounds of our square fairly resounded with happy noise on Saturday afternoon, December 12th, it being the yearly party arranged by the Women's Guild for the children of the Deaf. In the hall, tables were fairly groaning with good things, prepared while the children were playing in the square. At 5 o'clock the guests streamed in to eat, and the way they made the good things disappear was a sight worth seeing. At last, however, when the tables looked as if a cyclone had struck them, and no longer groaned, sighs of repletion arose, and now it was the chairs that groaned. Father Christmas arrived at 7 p.m., and was quickly busy distributing toys to the eager children, most of whom departed in tow of their parents as darkness began to fall after a most enjoyable day. The Women's Guild deserve thanks for their unselfish and self-sacrificing work in arranging this party each year.

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Women's Guild 35th Anniversary Re-Union.

The Women's Guild celebrated their 35th Anniversary on Tuesday, September 22nd, in the form of a Re-union Rally of Old and New Members. The event was held in the Assembly Hall, which was transformed into a cosy lounge with card tables placed here and there. Each table was graced with a vase of poppies and daffodils, which brightened up the room considerably. Mrs. T. Peters, the President, acted as hostess for the evening and welcomed the members and visitors. After a short opening prayer, Mrs. Peters gave a resume of the Guild's activities dating from the beginning, and eulogised the past workers, especially Mrs. J. E. Muir and Mrs. A Wilson, on their initiative in carrying on the Guild's work. She expressed the Guild's disappointment in not having Miss Agnes Foster present. She was the Guild's first Hon. Treasurer and held office for eight years in succession. The chairwoman also expressed appreciation in seeing Miss Rose, the daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Rose, the founder of the Deaf School, present. A very nice letter from Mrs. F. Martin, of Adelaide, formerly Miss Dorrie Davis, was read. She expressed her keen regret in not being able to be present with us, and stated that though her body is not with us, her spirit will be amongst us. She sent her congratulations upon the Guild's attainment of the 35th year. She said that the mention of the Guild brought back all old memories of her time with it, and gave much credit of her upbringing to Mrs. J. E. Muir's influence. She wound up her letter with congratulation on the present President, Mrs. T. Peters, upon her many years service and trust that the present members received the same influence from her as did her predecessors.

The first five years Hon. Secretary and the first Deaf President of seven years standing, Mrs. E. J. Muir, came down from Warburton especially to attend this function, and was greeted with applause when she rose to speak. She said it was a great honour to be present on this occasion and said she hoped this Guild would continue to live, and if she be spared she would try to be present on its fiftieth anniversary.



Lighting the Candles at the 35th Anniversary Rally of the Deaf Women's Guild at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Club Rooms, Jolimont Square. The first President of the Guild, Mrs. J. E. Muir (third from left) is assisting Mrs. T. Peters (second from left), the present President, to light the candles.

Mrs. A. Wilson, 21 years on the Committee, extended birthday greetings to this Guild.

Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, present members, also spoke, speaking on the historical part of the Guild's rise.

Two recitations were given, one by the chairwoman on "Between Loves," and one by Miss Rose on "Preparing for Action."

Supper was then laid out and the President asked Mrs. J. E. Muir to honour the Guild by cutting the Birthday Cake, which was graced with 35 candles, and soon after it was cut into pieces and distributed.

Mrs. A. Wilson terminated the meeting with expressions of thanks to the present Guild Committee for getting up this happy occasion, and for the invitations, which was heartily supported by others.

A flashlight photo, of the lighting of the cake was taken and it appeared in "The Sun News-Pictorial" the next morning.

A SHORT HISTORY OF WOMEN'S GUILD.

At the invitation of Mrs. Luke (hearing) a number of ladies, deaf and hearing, met at her residence at Jolimont Terrace on the evening of May 28th, 1901, to discuss the formation of a Women's Club, and it was unanimously agreed, that a body be formed with the title as "The Deaf Women's Friendly Society." All those present formed themselves into a committee. Mrs. Luke was given the honour as the first President, with Mrs. J. Martin as Vice-President. Miss Agnes Foster was the Hon. Treasurer, with Miss D. Damman (Mrs. J. E. Muir) as Hon. Secretary. Mesdames F. Frewin, M. Williamson, S. Moss, Taggart, and Miss Bella Foster filled the role as committee-women. The last two-named resigned soon after. The rest of the above-named ladies continued to hold office for four years and then changes came.

A room was obtained at the Baptist Church, Collins Street, City, and the meetings held were from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the first ordinary meeting, held on 2nd July, 1901, 19 members enrolled and Mrs. Luke, the President, gave some useful talk on this new organisation. At the following meeting, July, 16th, six more were enrolled, and Mrs. Moss and Miss D. Damman gave their paper readings on Parables of the Ten Virgins and the Prodigal Son respectively.

In 1904 the room was transferred to our new building in Flinders Street, and in 1909 the title of "The Deaf Women's Friendly Society" was changed to "The Women's Guild."

Miss E. Empson holds the record for long association on the Committee of this Guild, 26 years; then follow Misses Rose Dow and Doris Hickey, 23 years each. Mrs. A. Wilson came next with 21 years, and Mrs. J. E. Muir 16. The present President, Mrs. T. Peters, has held office for eight years in succession, a record length of time for a president.

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Men's Guild.

The Guild met on September 22nd when Mr. J. Phillips gave his subject on "Do You Know?" On October 5th half an hour was given over to discussion on "Fascism and Communism," and after that a paper by Mr. W. B. Anderson on "Man versus Nature." Our chairman took the night on October 27th and gave us a talk on "Soviet Russia" and a very interesting subject it was. He was heartily thanked for his paper. The meeting on November 10th was a sad one, for the Guild has lost one of its most loyal and enthusiastic members in the person of Mr. Claude Graham, who was killed in a motor accident. The Chairman spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by the Guild. As a mark of respect to the dead the members stood in silence for one minute. After that, discussion on "Are You in Favour of Forty Hours a Week Work?." It was unfinished. That subject was brought up by Mr. A. Aird. November 24, "Insurances" and "Mrs. Freer's Case" came in for a good deal of talk, and finally the evening wound up with a paper on "Volcanoes," given by Mr. W. B. Anderson, for which he was thanked. December 8th was the evening for a general talk, ending up with Christmas greetings all round.

The Guild has arranged a motor van picnic on A.N.A. Day, Monday, February 1st, to Dromana. A most happy time can be looked forward to. See Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Roxburgh, for further information.

Carnival Notes.

A Social Dance, organised by Mr. J. McLaurin to help the Christmas Carnival Fund, took place on Saturday, October 31st, in the Assembly Hall, which was prettily decorated with multicoloured streamers. About 80 dancers were present and enjoyed a varied programme of dances to the strains of the piano and drums. There were several novelty dances which added to the enjoyment of the evening. The winners were:—Lucky Spot, Mr. Davenport and Miss A. Bently; Monte Carlo No. 2, Mr. W. Ross and Miss E. Dunstan. Miss Evelyn Lloyd, dressed in a flaming red frock with a becoming green jacket, was awarded first prize for the Best Dressed Lady. Mr. Webb made an efficient M.C. After the interval a tasty supper was served. The dance concluded at 11.30, and everyone present was unanimous in the praise of the grand time spent. Mr. McLaurin is to be congratulated on the success of the dance.

Personal Pars.

W. Burge was very fortunate to escape with his life the other day. Some bricks fell from the scaffold above, and two struck him, one on his head and the other on his back. This, of course, laid him out, and he was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital where stitches were inserted in his head. After a week or two he was back to his old self again.

W. Bladier for some time complained of some internal complaint and was treated at the Alfred Hospital. Fortunately for him, an operation was not necessary.

J. Collins, of Neerim Junction, was in Alfred Hospital and operated upon. His was the most remarkable case, as no sooner was he out of the effect of anaesthetic, he was up and walking about. The nurses had to force him back to bed again. He, however, made a very quick recovery.

Colin Johns came down during the Show Week and accompanied Vernon Griffiths for the most part, showing him the sights of Melbourne. Colin extended his stay in Melbourne and tried to obtain employment, but was not successful. He has returned home again.

Mrs. W. A. Paterson had the misfortune to slip over a step at back of her home and broke one of her ankles. She was treated at Alfred Hospital for many months as an out-patient. It is mending very slowly. She went about on crutches, and now has to depend on the use of a walking stick. During her many visits to the hospital, Mesdames T. Peters and G. Newnham, in turn, very graciously assisted in house cleaning, for which Mr. and Mrs. Paterson could not thank them enough.

Since he left school eleven Christmasses ago Vernon Griffiths, of Kenmare, has scarcely moved out of his home district until this year, when he paid his first visit to Melbourne and "Our Centre." He came down expressly for the Royal Show, and expressed great delight to meet his old school mates again. He regretted that his brother Cecil was unable to accompany him, but said that Cecil had his eyes on the Adelaide trip this Christmas, and has asked that his name be included in the party from Victoria. Vernon hopes to be able to come down again next year and bring Cecil with him. We were informed that Ceil is an all-round sportsman, and that tennis is his mission in Adelaide.

Mrs. Hood, of Geelong, was down for two or three weeks as guest of Mrs. Ed. Johnson, of Reservoir, and her sister at Mitcham. While at Geelong Mrs. Ed. Johnson was guest of Mrs. Hood for some time, so their visits reciprocated.

Miss E. Moore, of Geelong, was down, too, and visited the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment, as an out-patient, to her eye. Whilst here she joined in one of the Euchre Tournaments and won a prize of a box of chocolates.

Visitors down for the Royal Show during September were Mr. S. Ferguson, from Bowman's Forest; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stokes, from Trafalgar; Mr. G. Damman, of Warburton; Mr. C. Johns, of Horsham; Mr. V. Griffiths, of Kenmare; Mrs. Hood and Miss E. Moore, of Geelong; Mr. Hopkins, of Nagambie; Mr. Abbott, of Chinkapook; Mr. Richie, of Mortlake; and others.

Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss B. Wilkinson, of Warburton, came down for the 35th Anniversary of the Women's Guild.

The Editor was in receipt of a letter from G. Burgess, of Willaura, who stated that he is still taking an interest in cricket and plays with the local club.

J. Gibson, of Geelong, was off work from Ford's for a time and was fortunate to be back in harness again.

W. H. Duncan, of Coldstream, has been shifting about a good deal lately. Some time ago he moved from Coldstream to Northcote and then on to Bonbeach. Now we hear he is up at Healesville.

We had a visit from Miss Phyllis Gersch, of Hopetoun, during the early part of December, and as it was her first visit to "Our Centre," she was very pleased to be able to meet many of the Deaf again. She is a past pupil of the Adelaide Deaf School. She hopes to be able to join us in Adelaide this Christmas.

The Forestry Camp at Macedon re-opened again for our unemployed Deaf, and the married men were given first preference. The first batch, comprising Messrs. Waterstrom, W. A. Paterson, R. H. Luff, H. McKenzie, C. Brass and Alf. Tyzzer, went under canvas on December 3rd. The single men will go soon after the holidays, and it is expected quite a number will go. They are to remain on the job for three months.

P. Swain is receiving attention to his swollen arm at the Windermere Private Hospital, Prahran.

J. Richie, of Mortlake, has secured a situation on Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith's farm and we trust he is well suited.

Henry Alexander, of South Melbourne, is at present working for Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, of Longwood. Mrs. Alexander, the mother of Henry, said that he spoke highly of his employer and likes his work.

In Camp.

The Forests Commission has arranged two camps at Macedon, one for six of our married men on the mountain, and one for seventeen single men, about six miles distant.

On January 8th our Principal paid a visit to the married men, and the same week, accompanied by Mr. Hobson (a member of the Board of Management) and Miss Empson, started out for the camp

of the single men. About 1½ miles from their destination the car refused to go any farther. Mr. Hobson and Melby Dyson, loaded with boxes of "eats," arrived at the camp and the "gang" that was not working escorted them back to the car. Finally the car was towed into Gisborne.

Little clouds often show their silver lining, and this cloud decidedly did. For, as the car was being towed in, it was observed by a very gracious resident, Mrs. B. N. E. Ross Watt, who invited the party to her home. After being shown her most beautiful garden, Mrs. Ross Watt entertained the party to afternoon tea, and later Miss Ross Watt drove them to Gisborne in time to catch the train for Melbourne. In their inmost hearts, we think, all were rather pleased the car broke down.

Mrs. Ross Watt and our Principal recalled having met a year or two ago, when Mrs. Ross Watt, who is a Justice of the Peace, was on the Bench, and Mr. Abraham was the interpreter for two deaf men.

Tin Kettling in Home of Deaf Couple.

About 40 district friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt (Deaf) gathered at their residence at "Pine Park," Ouyen, on Monday night for a tin kettling to these popular young residents. The evening was passed in games, competitions, cards and draughts. Mr. N. Poole was a popular M.C. A bountiful supper was provided by the ladies, after which Mr. Poole extended heartiest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and wished them happiness and prosperity in the years to come. He presented Mr. and Mrs. Hunt with a beautiful crystal salad bowl on behalf of all their friends, amidst applause. Mr. Hunt feelingly responded and said he had been deeply affected by the large number of visitors present to welcome him home and was grateful for the gift which would always be treasured by him and his wife. The singing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded an enjoyable little function.—"Ouyen Mail."

Cricket.

Our Cricket Team has done decidedly well this season. So far, we have won three out of five matches. The first match was played against Clarendon, which we won by 20 runs on first innings. We put on 245 runs (J. Boal 67 not out, R. Lygon 37, H. Nathan 35, J. Brundell 25, J. Unsworth 22). Clarendon replied with 225 runs (J. Brundell 4 wickets for 33, J. Boal 4 for 49).

Melbourne Motors was beaten on first innings by 52 runs (R. Ryan 58, H. Nathan 42, E. Davenport 23, J. Phillips 21). Of the bowlers, R. Chaundy was best with 4 for 27, D. Johnston 2 for 25.

Clan Socials was the next victim, lost on first innings by 96 runs. R. Lygon shone out with the bat and made 89 not out, J. Brundell 27, J. Unsworth 23. D. Johnston was outstanding with the ball. He took 5 wickets for 21.

In our fourth match our luck changed and South Melbourne Hibernians beat us by 23 on first innings. Warrie Ashby topped the score with 44 runs not out, R. Lygon 32. J. Boal, 4 for 30, and R. Chaundy, 3 for 51, were the bowlers.

Another reverse, at the hands of South Centrals, outright by 10 wickets and 4 runs. Not one of our players scored over 20. J. Boal, 6 for 30, R. Chaundy, 4 for 27, were the best bowlers.

Tennis.

Intense training interspersed with tournaments has been the fare with our Tennis Club during the past three months. A Handicap Mixed Doubles was run through for J. McLaurin's Trophies and on Saturday before last the final was played between J. Dickenson and Mrs. H. Puddy, and H. Puddy and Miss Olive Minton. The first-named won the match.

At present singles matches are being played for the Founder's Trophies. These matches gave the selectors ample time to judge the merits of each player for Interstate matches to be played in Adelaide.

After the holidays further tournaments will be staged and it is hoped enthusiasm will not flag out when the players return home from their interstate visits.

Deaf Boxer.

A deaf-mute, named Joe Randall, aged 18, has lately appeared in a number of boxing bouts in England in the hope that he will recover his hearing or speech, or both.

It is felt by his friends that the impact of blows, and more likely a knockout delivery, might restore his deficient faculties.

Randall receives written instructions from his seconds, and at the end of each round his opponent throws up his hands as a signal for Randall to return to his corner.

One of his friends said: "I do not think a knockout would do him any harm, even if it did not enable him to find his tongue or his ears, as he is strong physically and can take lots of punishment."

Why should not a sudden jolt give him back his lost faculties?

Births.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Derby, of 60 Green Street, Burnley, E.1, on September 27th, 1936 (Thomas James).

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Ashby, of 36 Bute Street, Murrumbeena, on December 1st, 1936.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newton, of Footscray, on 1st January, 1937 (Nancy).

Weddings.

Reiffel—Hunt.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Dawson Street Baptist Church, Ballarat, on Saturday, September 26th, by Rev. Horsfall, when George Alfred Hunt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, of Ouyen, was married to Eva May Reiffel, of Ballarat.

The bride wore a white silk striped matalasse frock made on simple lines with cowl front and short train. The bridesmaid, Miss Ruby McDonald, of Ballarat, was dressed in pink and the little train-bearer was gowned in floral pink. Mr. Charles Hunt, elder brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the Wentworth Cafe, where the usual toasts were honoured. The honeymoon was spent at Melbourne and Healesville. Many beautiful gifts were received.

O'Keeffe—Caroline.

On Saturday, September 19th, 1936, at Camberwell, Mr. William O'Keeffe, of Geelong, was married to Miss Vera Caroline, of Auburn.

Pickett—Sinnott.

On Thursday, December 24th, at Heidelberg, Mr. Kelvin Pickett, of Footscray, was married to Miss Louise Sinnott, of Preston.

Silver Weddings.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters, of Brunswick, on the occasion of their silver wedding on November 29th.

Same congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland. They were married on December 20th, 1911.

Obituary.

After a life of 88 years and 2 days Mrs. G. H. Oakley, of 66 Earl Street, Prahran, was laid to rest at the Box Hill Cemetery on Monday, November 30th, 1936, the day following her passing away. Her end was expected and she was all prepared to meet the inevitable and she died peacefully. Our Principal officiated at the graveside, assisted by the Welfare Officer. A number of her old intimate friends were present to pay her the last respects. Her life story is to be found in the April-May-June issue.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of the well-known Deaf identity, not only in Victoria, but practically all over Australia, in the person of Mr. C. T. O. Graham, on Sunday morning, November 8th, 1936, at the age of 51 years. He was involved in a very nasty motor collision on the Geelong Road at Little River. Mr. Graham was one of the party who went to the Geelong Social on November 7th, and went in his own motor cycle outfit with Miss Bond as his passenger. After the social he, together with two more Deaf cyclists, went over to a friend's place for a further talk, and it was well past 1.30 a.m. on Sunday morning when the cyclists turned their faces homeward. Mr. Graham, as usual, took great care and went on his way last. Things went well till somewhere at Little River, on a straight road, a motor car swerved over on his side and crashed into his cycle. He was killed instantaneously, and Miss Bond was flung forward into the grass and mud at the side of the road and escaped serious injury, but received a nasty shock. She was treated at Geelong Hospital, where she was conveyed by a passing car. Mr. Graham was buried at Spring Vale Cemetery, and only his intimate Deaf friends were present to pay the last respects. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated at the graveside.

At the inquest the Coroner gave the verdict as accidental death.



THE LATE MR. C. GRAHAM.

Sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunt, of Mildura, in the loss of their dear son, Wesley, who died after contracting diphtheria on 2nd December, 1936.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1937, A.N.A. —(Foundation) DAY)—

Men's Guild ANNUAL PICNIC to DROMANA and ARTHUR'S SEAT, by Motor Vans. Tickets, 2/6 each. Milk and Hot Water Free. Tickets from E. Roxburgh, Hon. Secretary.

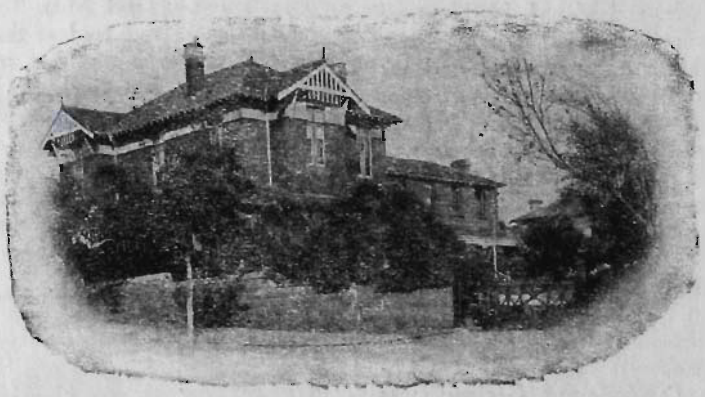
TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1937, at 7.45 p.m.—

LACROSSE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING. Reading of Report and Balance Sheet. Election of Office-bearers, etc.

THE 1937 SYLLABUS will be issued at the end of February.

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Principal: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, Jolimont Square, Melbourne, to whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.

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DEAF AND DUMB SPORTS CARNIVAL

SUCCESS OF N.S.W. TEAMS

The Australian Olympic Adult Deaf and Dumb sports carnival was held in Adelaide during the Xmas holidays, finishing yesterday. The New South Wales Adult Deaf Society cricket team won the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield after defeating Tasmania, South Australia and the holders, Victoria.

The tennis team retains the "Cohen" Cup by defeating Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and West Australia.

In the individual championships, N.S.W. representatives were successful in the billiards, draughts and table tennis.

The 35 N.S.W. representatives who are members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of N.S.W., are returning to Sydney on Sunday.

Sun. 30 Dec 1936

The President and the Board of Management
of the
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
request the honour of the company of

and friends, at the
Fifty Second Annual Meeting
to be held in the
Society's Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East
(Three minutes by tram car from Princes Bridge Station)
on Thursday, 16th July, 1936, at 3 p.m.

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Councillor A. G. Wales, will preside.
Invocation—The Ven. Archdeacon Hancock.
Speakers: Hon. James A. Boyd and Mr. R. D. Elliott.

W. F. ROWE, HON. SECRETARY

During the Afternoon:

In the Language of Gesture—

Recital
"The Lord is My Shepherd"
Miss Rose Dow

Humour in Pantomime—

Five "Beans"
Mr. George Newnham

Afternoon Tea

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The Board of Management and Principal
of the
ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY of Victoria
Have pleasure
IN INVITING YOU
to the
Christmas Social
to be held in
Our Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East
On Thursday, 17th December, 1936, at 7.45 p.m.

Programme: CINEMA PICTURES.
"ILLUSIONS"—*An Hour of Mystery* by Keith Johnson and Lindsay Dodson.
NOVELTIES. PRIZES. SUPPER. ICE CREAM, Etc.

Herald 23 Dec 1936

60 DEAF AND DUMB VICTORIANS FOR S.A.

Deaf and dumb persons from all over Australia will go to Adelaide for Christmas to take part in their bi-annual gathering and see the South Australian Centenary celebrations.

More than 60 men and women will represent Victoria. This contingent will include a cricket team and a tennis four.

The Principal of the Victorian Society (Mr Ernest Abrahams) left for Adelaide yesterday.

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DEAF AND DUMB GATHERING

The bi-annual gathering of the deaf and dumb people of Australia will be held in Adelaide during Christmas week to enable them to join in the South Australian Centenary celebrations. The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria is sending a contingent of more than 60 people, including the Victorian deaf cricket team (holders of the Ernest J. D. Abraham interstate shield) and a tennis team. The principal of the Victorian society (Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham) left for Adelaide yesterday.

Age 23 Dec 1936

Deaf and Dumb Carnival.

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Sydney Morning Herald 31 Dec 1936

DEAF AND DUMB SPORTSMEN.

In the cricket competition of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Australia, Victoria beat South Australia by 26 runs, and New South Wales beat Tasmania by 127 runs. For New South Wales, H. Emerson scored 82 and J. Beath 32.

In the tennis tournament, Western Australia beat South Australia, New South Wales beat Victoria and South Australia, and Victoria beat Western Australia.

Advertiser 30 Dec 1936

Interstate Deaf And Dumb Cricket Carnival

The cricket competition of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Australia was opened by Mr. Victor Richardson today. States taking part were Victoria (holders of the Abraham Shield), New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia.

Scores:—**South Australia v. Victoria.**—South Australia, first innings—L. Spencer, run out, 11; E. Juncken, c. Phillips, b. Chaundy, 14; R. Barnett, c. Ryan, b. Dyson, 14; H. Rickards, c. Unsworth, b. Chaundy, 53; W. Abbott, b. Chaundy, 6; H. Langley, c. Dyson, b. Chaundy, 0; J. Angove, b. Ryan, 0; E. Angove, b. Chaundy, 8; J. Eddy, b. Lygon, 0; C. Stanbury, c. and b. Lygon, 1; C. McMahon, not out, 1; sundries 1; total, 109. Bowling—Lygon, 2/32; Chaundy 5/35; Ryan, 1/14; Dyson, 1/21. Victoria—R. Ryan, run out, 5; H. Nathan, c. Spencer, b. Eddy, 24; R. Lygon, b. McMahon, 2; M. Dyson, run out, 1; R. Chaundy, l.b.w., b. J. Angove, 21; D. Johnston, b. Eddy, 34; E. Raines, c. and b. J. Angove, 0; J. Unsworth, l.b.w., b. Eddy, 0; R. Windridge, l.b.w., b. Eddy, 0; J. Phillips, c. Barnett, b. J. Angove, 44; W. Gorin, not out, 0; sundries, 4; total, 135. Bowling—McMahon, 1/18; J. Angove, 3/35; Eddy, 4/19. Victoria won by 26 runs.

New South Wales v. Tasmania.—Tasmania—A. Simpson, c. Emerson, b. Herman, 1; A. Wright, c. Emerson, 7; F. Williams, b. Emerson, 3; W. Limbrick, b. Beath, 14; O. Fielding, b. Beath, 0; T. McGrath, c. R. James, b. A. James, 15; R. Egan, b. Emerson, 5; K. Smith, b. Herman, 8; N. O'Toole, l.b.w., b. Timms, 3; V. Fleming, not out, 3; J. O'Toole, b. A. James, 2; sundries, 7; total, 68. Bowling—Herman, 2/15; Emerson, 3/23; Beath, 2/6; A. James, 2/3; Timms, 1/6. New South Wales—H. Emerson, c. Smith, b. Williams, 82; A. James, c. Smith, b. Egan, 1; S. Phillips, l.b.w., b. McGrath, 15; S. Fullerton, stp. Fleming, b. McGrath, 9; R. Herman, l.b.w., b. McGrath, 0; W. Timms, c. Smith, b. Egan, 11; J. Beath, c. Fleming, b. Williams, 32; A. O'Callaghan, b. Williams, 20; R. James, b. McGrath, 9; W. Thorburn, not out, 2; F. Johnston, c. J. O'Toole, b. McGrath, 0; sundries, 14; total, 195. Bowling—Egan, 2/28; Williams, 3/43; McGrath, 5/29. New South Wales won by 127 runs.

Deaf Mutes Hold Annual Matches In Adelaide

Adv 31 Dec 1936

ADELAIDE, Wednesday. — All States competed in the deaf-mute cricket and tennis matches in Adelaide today. New South Wales beat South Australia at cricket. Scores:—

New South Wales 247 (A. James 34, A. O'Callaghan 40, W. Timms 55, S. Fullerton 43; Rickards 7-53) d. South Australia 132 (W. Abbott 34, E. Angove 33; Timms 4-21) and 9-96 (E. Juncken 55, R. James 3-55). Victoria 4-185 dec. (R. Ryan 39, R. Lygon 84) v. Tasmania 183 (O. Fielding 33; Chaundry 4-29) and 3-63.

In tennis New South Wales 8 sets 51 games d. West Australia 1-19, and Victoria 8-51 d. South Australia 1-17.

tennis carnival was continued at St. Peter's College yesterday. Results:—

Cricket

NEW SOUTH WALES V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

New South Wales.—A. James, b. Job, 34; W. Herman, l.b.w., b. Rickards, 1; H. Emerson, b. Rickards, 0; S. Phillips, b. Rickards, 17; A. O'Callaghan, b. Eddy, 40; J. Beath, l.b.w., b. J. Angove, 21; W. Timms, b. Rickards, 55; S. Fullerton, stpd. Stanbury, b. Rickards, 43; R. James, l.b.w., b. Rickards, 4; W. Thorburn, not out, 7; F. Johnston, l.b.w., b. Rickards, 2; sundries, 23; total, 247. Bowling—Rickards, seven for 53; Job, one for 25; Eddy, one for 70; J. Angove, one for 31; McMahon, none for 25; Juncken, none for 20.

South Australia.—First Innings—L. Spencer, c. Fullerton, b. Herman, 15; E. Juncken, stpd. Phillips, b. Emerson, 17; W. Abbott, stpd. Phillips, b. Emerson, 34; Rickards, b. Beath, 12; E. Angove, stpd. Phillips, b. Timms, 33; R. Barnett, stpd. Phillips, b. Timms, 3; C. Stanbury, c. Fullerton, b. Timms, 3; V. Job, c. Fullerton, b. Timms, 19; J. Eddy, l.b.w., b. Beath, 20; J. Angove, b. Herman, 1; C. McMahon, not out, 5; sundries, 1; total, 133. Bowling—Herman, two for 37; Beath, two for 11; Emerson, two for 41; Timms, four for 21; O'Callaghan, none for 15; James, none for 7. Second Innings—L. Spencer, b. Herman, 0; V. Job, b. Herman, 0; E. Juncken, c. Beath, b. Timms, 55; W. Abbott, c. Fullerton, b. R. James, 1; H. Rickards, l.b.w., b. R. James, 17; R. Barnett, b. Fullerton, 2; C. McMahon, stpd. Phillips, b. R. James, 2; J. Eddy, c. Emerson, b. Beath, 13; F. Angove, not out, 1; J. Angove, b. Beath, 0; C. Stanbury, not out, 4; sundry, 1; total (for nine wickets), 96. Bowling—Herman, two for 14, R. James, three for 55; Fullerton, one for 18; Timms, one for 8; Beath, none for 2.

TASMANIA V. VICTORIA

Tasmania.—First Innings—A. Wright, b. Dyson, 0; A. Simpson, c. Chaundy, b. Dyson, 7; F. Williams, b. Chaundy, 15; W. Limbrick, l.b.w., b. Chaundy, 0; O. Fielding, not out, 33; T. McGrath, b. Chaundy, 0; R. Egan, c. Chaundy, b. Johnston, 2; K. Smith, b. Johnston, 2; N. O'Toole, b. Chaundy, 16; V. Fleming, c. Nathan, b. Chaundy, 9; J. O'Toole, b. Unsworth, 1; sundries, 18; total, 103. Bowling—Lygon, none for 17, Dyson, two for 20; Chaundy, five for 29; Johnston, two for 7; Unsworth, one for 12.

Victoria.—R. Ryan, hit wkt., b. Limbrick, 39; H. Nathan, c. Fleming, b. Smith, 4; R. Lygon, run out, 84; J. Unsworth, b. Egan, 11; R. Chaundy, not out, 29; M. Dyson, not out, 4; sundries, 14; total (for four wickets dec.), 185. Bowling—Williams, none for 21; Smith, one for 29; McGrath, none for 33; Egan, one for 27; Fielding, none for 24; Limbrick, one for 18; Wright, none for 19.

Tasmania.—Second Innings—W. Limbrick, b. Chaundy, 8; O. Fielding, l.b.w., b. Chaundy, 16; A. Wright, c. Chaundy, b. Unsworth, 7; F. Williams, not out, 23; R. Egan, not out, 4; sundries, 5; total (for three wickets), 63.

Victoria won by 82 runs on first innings.

Tennis

New South Wales, 8 sets 51 games, d. Western Australia, 1 set 19 games.

Victoria, 8 sets 51 games, d. South Australia, 1 set 17 games.

The games will end at St. Peter's College today, when Victoria will meet New South Wales to decide the Abraham Shield (cricket), and South Australia will meet Tasmania.

New South Wales, by its defeat of Western Australia yesterday, has retained the tennis cup for another two years. The individual championships at tennis will be decided today. Outstanding among the competitors are Aubrey Levitzke (Western Australia), defender of the title won in Melbourne in 1934; O. Gordon (New South Wales), a previous holder; and J. Dickenson (Vic.), for the men's championship. For the women's championship the outstanding challengers are Miss Trixie Salton (who comes from Mareeba, 1,000 miles north of Brisbane), and Miss A. Scott (New South Wales). The present holder, Miss B. Higgie (Vic.), was defeated by Miss Salton yesterday.

On Friday an athletic meeting will be held at Long Gully Oval, and will bring the carnival to a close. Every State has taken part.

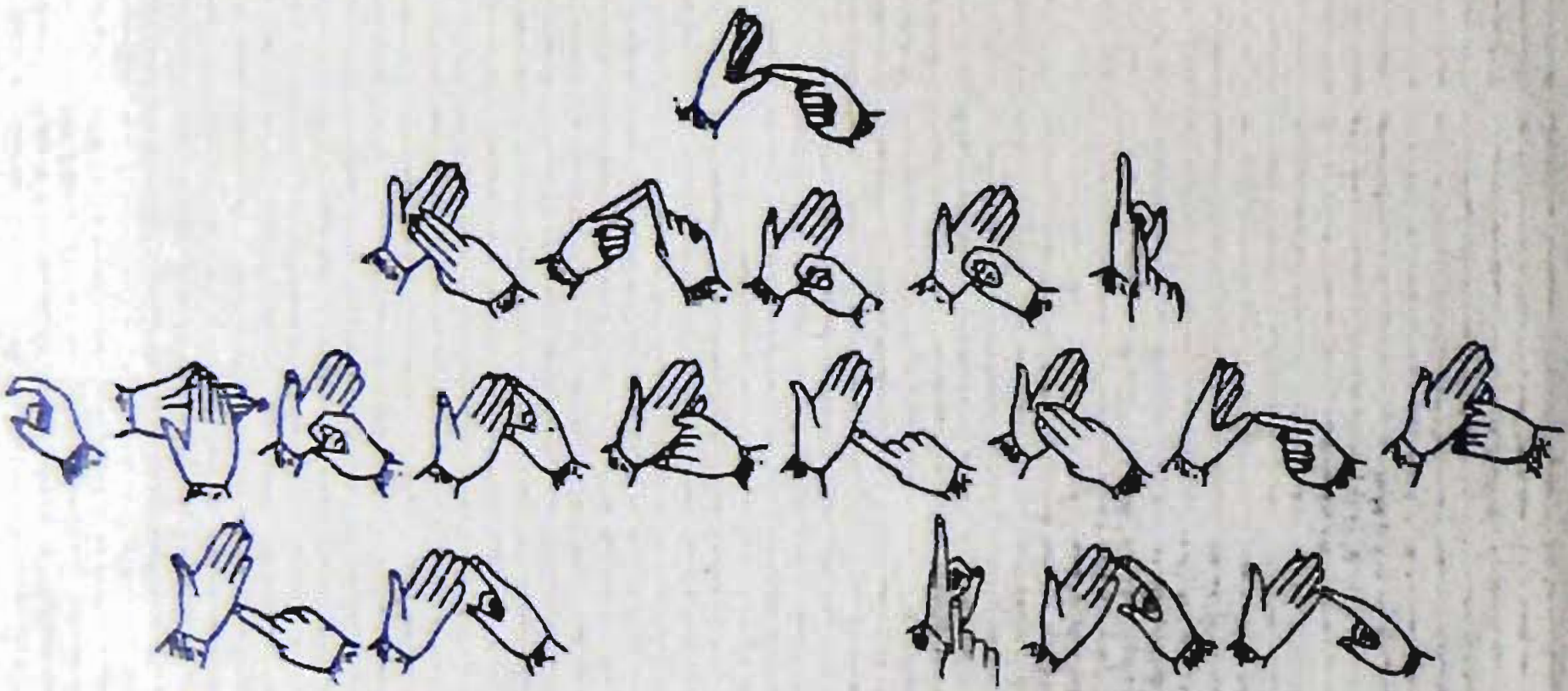
The Cohen Cup (tennis), and Abraham Shield will be presented at a banquet at Osborne Hall tonight.

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Deaf Mutes Compete.

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A Merry Christmas to You

Sun 30 Dec 1936

Deaf And Dumb Cricket In Adelaide

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.—The cricket competition of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Australia was opened by Mr. Victor Richardson today. Taking part are Victoria (holders of the Abraham Shield), New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia. Scores:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v. VICTORIA

South Australia.—First innings, 109 (L. Spencer 11, E. Juncken 14, R. Barrett 14, H. Richards 52. Bowling: Lygon 2-32, Chaundry 3-35, Ryan 1-14, Dyson 1-21.

Victoria, 135 (Nathan 24, R. Chaundry 21, D. Johnston 34, J. Phillips 44; McMahon 1-18, J. Angove 3-35, Eddy 4-19). Victoria won by 26 runs.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. TASMANIA

Tasmania 68 (F. Williams 14, T. McGrath 15; Harman 2-15, Emerson 3-23, Beath 2-6, A. James 2-3, Timms 1-6).

New South Wales 195 (H. Emerson 82, S. Phillips 15, W. Timms 11, J. Beath 32, A. O'Callaghan 20. Bowling: Egan 2-28, Williams 3-43, Beath 5-29). New South Wales won by 127 runs.

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A PRAYER FOR THE KING'S REIGN.

O God, the Ruler over Earth and Sea,
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign to be:
Grant, that our King may make this ancient land
A realm of brothers, working mind and hand
To make the life of man a fairer thing:
God, grant this living glory to the King.
Grant, to our Queen, the strength that lifts and shares
The daily burden that a monarch bears:
Grant, to them both, Thy holy help to give
The hopeless—hope, the workless—means to live:
The light to see, and skill to make us see,
Where ways are bad, what better ways may be:
And grace, to give to working minds the zest
To reach excelling things beyond their best:
Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner peace,
The joy of making human wars to cease:
Make wise the councils of the men who sway
The Britain here, the Britains far away:
And grant us all, that every rightness willed
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled.

JOHN MASEFIELD,
Poet Laureate.



His Majesty King George VI.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE BISHOP OF BALLARAT

The RT. REV. W. H. JOHNSON

will be the Preacher at the

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

of the Opening of the

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East,

SUNDAY, 27th JUNE, 7 P.M.

Organist, Mr. T. F. Crabb. Special Hymns.

The Bishop of Ballarat is the son of the late Mr. Samuel Johnson, M.A., for many years Principal of the South Australian Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children, Founder of the S.A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, and Parafield Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes; also Founder of the Melbourne Deaf Men's Guild, and one of the Founders of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

All ex-pupils of Institutions and Schools for the Deaf and Dumb, together with hearing relations and friends residing in Melbourne and district, should, if possible, be present on this historical occasion. COME YOURSELF, AND BRING YOUR HEARING FRIENDS.

SPECIAL NOTICE. — Commencing the first Sunday in July (the 4th), and for the following three weeks, **DIVINE SERVICE** will be held in the Church for the Deaf at **3.30 p.m.**, instead of 7 p.m. Should this arrangement prove to be popular with the Congregation, it will be continued throughout the winter months.

Every Thursday, 8 p.m., in the Church, Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Make a Note of These Big Events:

Monday, 14th June, 7.45 p.m.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

"A Country Fair"

will be held in the Club House of the Society.

Games of Skill, Prizes. Supper.

Come, and Add to the Fun of the Fair.

Admission—Free.

Thursday, 23rd September, 6 p.m.
(Show Week).

Inaugural Dinner of the Deaf of this State, and Reminiscence Night.

Place of Meeting Not Yet Decided Upon. For further particulars, write "Dinner Secretary," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East

Thursday, 11th November, 7.30 p.m.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT,

Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square:
Very Special Programme.

Every Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Entertainment in the Assembly Hall. Chess, Cards, Billiards, &c., &c., Upstairs.

Every Thursday—Lecturette, News of the Week, Cinema Pictures, &c., Supper.

Three Course Dinner every Saturday, at 6 p.m. — 6d.

For Full Programme of Events—see Notice Board at Club House.

Coronation Day

Arranged as part of the Coronation Festivities, the Adult Deaf Centre was appropriately decorated with bunting round about the buildings and the approaches. A flag pole was put up near the front gate and an Australian flag, purchased by the Deaf Committee specially for the event, was hoisted and waved in the breeze for a week. The Deaf Committee issued invitations to the Deaf of Victoria to a Coronation Dinner and Entertainment on the evening of 12th May, in the Assembly Hall of our Centre. The tables were tastefully decorated with bowls of pale blue and yellow chrysanthemums, and red, white and blue streamers were interspersed over the tablecloths. The walls were also decorated with the national colours, and hung at intervals were shields showing the personalities of the Royal Family and places of interest on route of the Coronation Procession.

An unexpectedly large number responded to the invitation, and this necessitated two sittings at the dinner. In all, 210 sat down to a very sumptuous three-course meal, and, fortunately, by judicious serving and the prompt action of the honorary caterers in obtaining additional supplies, all were catered for. Through the unexpected arrangement of two sittings, the original programme of loyal toasts and speeches had to be cancelled, and it was well on to 8.30 p.m. before we were able to start the evening show. Prior to the picture show, Mr A. W. Sutherland rendered the National Anthem in gesture. The pictures shown were the "Popeye Comedy" and "The Last Outpost," a military drama. Unfortunately, the projection lamp burnt out before the last two reels had been shown, but the audience managed to understand what the end would be. During the interval prizes to holders of lucky numbered tickets were presented by the Principal. Approximately 250 turned up for the evening.

The Deaf Committee extend their sincere thanks to the ladies named below for their wonderful and valuable help in making the dinner the success it was, especially to Miss E. Empson, who is an acknowledged genius in providing for and presiding at our "feeding" functions; Miss Doris Hickey, Mrs. T. Peters, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. I. Halliday, Mrs. N. Sellen, Miss R. Dow, Miss G. Peters, Miss M. Dow, Miss G. McCormick, and Miss L. Sanders.

On this occasion the younger men were also very much to the fore in removing dining tables and arranging the seating for the audience under the most difficult conditions. Altogether, notwithstanding the crowded condition of our building, it was the merriest gathering we have yet witnessed.

Sermon by Rev. P. B. Clayton

("Tubby")

Preached to the Deaf at All Saints', Paddington, England.

My Brothers and Sisters,—

I take our text to-night from that most lovely chapter of the Gospel of St. John—the 15th chapter, 14th verse: "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

I don't suppose that there is anywhere among the miseries which befall mankind a greater misery than being lonely. I know that war and many other ghastly misfortunes befall mankind at various times and places. In these great distresses man can be, by the grace of God, most wonderfully patient; but I do not think there is anything, in all the world of evil, which is more irritating, more difficult to meet and overcome than that of being lonely. There is no state of life which is immune from being lonely some time. The rich can be, and very often are, extremely lonely people; but the poor, thank God, make friendships far more readily. There is a marvellous comradeship among the poor, and I believe that there is a marvellous comradeship among you all here; with the courage that God gives you, you spend your lives in one another's service.

If you take the ages of life, it is just the same. The boy who comes to school for the first time is liable to be extremely lonely. The man who joins the Army discovers that he is a victim of an amazing sense of loneliness. The man who joins a ship he doesn't know finds himself extremely lonely for a time.

I remember, when I was first ordained, on my first Sunday in my Parish at Portsmouth I went to visit the infirmary there. I came to visit one old lady there called Mrs. Fowles, and she, despite her illness, was looking wonderfully well and happy. She was happy simply because she had got two visitors there by her bedside and two more waiting down below to come up; whereas poor old Mrs. Robinson in the next bed was utterly miserable because her family had not come to see her, for they thought that she, being in a poor infirmary, was not respectable enough to visit. When I saw those two old ladies there, one just as happy as the Queen of England, the other, who was far less ill, unhappy, I said, "Why, here is loneliness at work."

Do you remember how the poet said—

"Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing;
Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the darkness.

So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another;
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence."

That is what all human life would be were it not that the love of the Lord Jesus has given us the faculty for friendship, and it is therefore the best thing that life can give to people.

As some of you are well aware, I belong to one of the most amazing and most sacred friendships that now exist in all the world of man, the friendship which is called by that strange name—Toc H. Let me tell you just how it began.

Far back in the old war a boy was killed called Gilbert Talbot. He was the son of the old Bishop of Winchester who died a few weeks back. He was the youngest son and the most brilliant—one of the most brilliant boys in England. In the summer of July, 1915, the regiment to which this boy belonged had had a terrible time at a place called Hooge. There were some great mine craters blown up, and when a crater of this kind is blown the task was to shelter under the foremost lip of these terrible craters as if they were a kind of very deep trench.

Gilbert Talbot was there on the night of 29th July with his battalion. At midnight the few men who were left were relieved and sent out of the line to have a little sleep in an old wood about four miles away. A few hours after they had left the line, at 3 o'clock in the morning, the sentry of the company who had taken over the charge of the crater observed that there was something like a dawn, a red flame coming, and a few moments later it was found that this was a new awful thing in warfare—it was a flame attack with liquid fire. There the men were almost obliterated, clothes caught fire, sandbags caught fire, and they were standing in a bath of fire until death.

The news of this disaster was sent down to Gilbert Talbot's battalion, and they were told to get up at once from the wood and march to the line again, retake the place which had been taken from their dead companions, and in the afternoon of the same day the little, tiny body of true men gallantly tried this desperate enterprise, and all of them just withered right away.

Gilbert was killed, and almost all the men of his battalion. Now, nothing could have possibly looked more hopeless, yet to-day there are some 50,000 men throughout the world who regard Gilbert Talbot as their founder, and all the good they try to do for their fellow-men and God has sprung out of that sacrifice. (His old father said to me: "I can't help thinking, Tubby, that after all Gilbert would have done, how he would have by now been a great statesman and very likely led this country into great nobility, you will see what a tremendous thing was done by offering that living sacrifice.)

So some months after that we started Talbot House in Poperinghe, and to that old house came all sorts of men from all parts of the world on active service. They found a fellowship there which was built by Christ in Flanders.

It was not just a canteen. There were all the ordinary things, but beyond there were all sorts of other things which helped a man in those intolerable days to carry on. There was upon one side a library, loved by the troops because it was so difficult to get a book to read of any worth; it helped them to forget the war. Then on the other side they wrote splendid letters. There are few parts of the whole Empire where some letters written in Talbot House are not still cherished, perhaps in some old drawer, among some old papers; and some of those most precious letters describe the fellowship of Talbot House. They tell you how, if they climbed further up to the top of the old house, they found a hop loft, an attic, where there was the most sacred place of all—a chapel. Now that upper room was the most sacred sanctuary of the field of battle. There never has been in a war before a place like that.

Talbot House in this way became famous and men rose up to love and to serve it Most of those men died in that awful war, and now their graves surround the House in Poperinghe. Let me give you some figures. About one-half million men used and loved Talbot House; about 30,000 men made their Communion there; about 100,000 worshipped there, and so you feel it is quite extraordinary when you learn next that only some 2000 of that number survived; those 2000 who spread all over the world back to their homes did not go back feeling that the Old Country owed them just everything—though that was true; they came back quite convinced that God had spared them that they might serve, and therefore they began to build a great society into which the younger men might come from age to age and find a great deep truth, a Christian faith.

In conclusion, I want to say that Toc H. is in a number of great cities and in a number of far smaller places, and it has a real connection with you. You are a community of whom no man of sense can do otherwise than respect and honour. It is to me a very deep, true thing that Toc H. in its little, tiny team should be allowed to have the privilege of knowing quite a number of you men, because it is very good for those who have all blessings to know some who have been deprived of one blessing—by many people quite forgotten how great a blessing it is.

—From "Ephphatha," London.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DEAF CONGREGATION

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf Congregation was held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of Tuesday, 4th May, 1937. The attendance was much less than that of last year. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Newnham, submitted the Annual Report, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble, the Balance Sheet, both of which were adopted.

After a short address by the Chairman eulogising the work of the Deaf Committee, the election of Officers took place and resulted in the following being elected:—Messrs. G. H. Newnham, E. R. Noble, J. O'Gorman, A. Anderson, M. Dyson, J. McLaurin, H. Greensmith, Misses R. Dow and D. Hickey.

Three propositions were submitted at this meeting and were adopted:—

1. That we make an experiment of holding the Sunday Services in the afternoon instead of the evening during July, and, if popular, throughout the winter.
2. That we inaugurate an Annual Dinner of the Deaf and Dumb of the State during Show Week in Melbourne.
3. That we revert back to Thursday nights for the holding of the Annual Meetings.

After the customary vote of thanks to the retiring officers, scrutineers, auditor and Chairman, the meeting closed with the benediction.

The newly-elected Deaf Committee met on the 11th May, when Officers were appointed as follow:—Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble; Hon. Librarian, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Savings Bank Manager, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Bank Trustees, Messrs. E. R. Noble, J. M. Johnston, J. O'Gorman; Representatives to the General Board, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. G. Newnham, E. R. Noble; Representatives from the General Board, Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and E. J. L. Bremner; Church Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Noble, O'Gorman, M. Dyson, Misses R. Dow and D. Hickey; Social Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, O'Gorman, Noble, Newnham, Anderson and J. McLaurin; Billiard Committee, Messrs. O'Gorman, Anderson and Dyson; Chess Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Noble and Johnston; Magazine Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Noble, Newnham, O'Gorman and Miss Dow.

The Macedon Camp.

By E. R. NOBLE.

We have now been in camp for eight weeks, and the end of our term is in sight.

Most of us will be sorry to leave, and are looking forward to returning for a second term. With one or two exceptions we were new to camp life, but we learnt fast. One of the first things we learnt was that bull ants will fight anything, and that they are well equipped to fight, having both powerful jaws and a sting, in the use of which they are expert. In our innocent early days we would sit down whenever we felt like it; now we are wiser. Entering and leaving our tents we dodge the supporting pole with an ease of much practice. We are in a fair way to becoming quite good axemen, more or less. When we arrived we were faced with a row of tents 8 x 10, one for each two persons. The tents were bare of furniture, indeed of everything. Now, in most cases, they are regular little homes from home, equipped with two beds, a cupboard or so—made from old boxes, and, in the case of the tent which I share with Albert Beard, a floor of fence posts. It would not be polite to enquire where we obtained the said posts, it is sufficient that we have them. Anyway, possession is nine points of the law. The beds are comfortable enough. To some people, perhaps, two sacks stuffed with straw on a frame of saplings might not sound very inviting, but after a good day's work we are tired enough to sleep on bricks—almost. We prefer use to beauty here, and strength above that, seeing that the beds are also used as benches for visitors and neighbours to sit on. It will be understood that when five hefty workers sit on each bed and argue and push and jostle, strength is essential. My first bed was admirably suited to carry one—me. Alas, the strain of holding up half a dozen was too much for it, and one evening when the air was blue with arguments and cigarette smoke, with a despairing groan it gave up the ghost, depositing its load in a tangle of arms and legs on the floor. There are drawbacks, of course. For example, it is rather difficult to get any privacy. As I write this I am constantly interrupted by curious visitors, who lean on my shoulder and breathe heavily down my back, demanding, with mingled eagerness and suspicion, if I am going to "put them in."

The flies are a nuisance, of course, and now and then we are entertained by a scorpion wandering over the tent walls in search of prey. Blowflies and practical jokers are among our other troubles.

Last Saturday some would-be humorist had a fine idea. Why not wake up those who had gone to bed and try and scare them? Thus it was that those sensible ones who were asleep — it was 12

o'clock—were violently awakened by the shaking of their tents as the funny ones climbed over the ridge poles, or by strangely garbed figures standing by their bedsides. Unfortunately for the jokers, a person thus rudely awakened in the middle of the night is not usually in a mood of sweet reasonableness, and, instead of seeing the joke, the sleepers were in a decidedly bad temper. So presently there were two or three of the most annoyed ranging through the camp breathing fire and slaughter. The jokers then showed a little sense by making themselves scarce—one hid under a bed while a vengeful victim described with gruesome actions just what he would do to the —— (censored) who had awakened him.

Second Macedon Camp

(Extracts from Letter from W. A. Waterstrom)

Methinks 'tis time for a "Capstan" and a letter to you. You will see by the address, we three—McKenzie, Johnston and self—are at the Baringo Creek Camp, where the single boys were. Paterson and Luff are at the other camp as usual.

Yesterday was the first day we had to stop on account of rain. Today was of rare beauty, one of those delightful shimmering autumn days, sunny and gentle breeze on the hill.

We are working on top of the world. We leave camp in the morning, go through the forest to a clearing at the foot of the mount, and see our destination way up in the mists, for if we are nearer heaven we are certainly riding the clouds.

It reminds one of the "poetry" we used to say at school—

"Standing at the foot, boys,
Gazing at the sky,
How can you get up, boys,
If you never try?
They who reach the top, boys,
First must climb the hill."

The three of us took a trip to the other camp on Sunday last, but not in time for the service at dawn.

Also, the three of us will be going home for the week-end and enjoy a little time with our ain folk. Certainly it is more strenuous than at the other camp; still, if one enjoys good health and all home folks are well, there is no need to worry, and one can revel in the many joys of the open spaces and beauties so bountifully displayed at Macedon.

There is also another camp of the Deaf at Macedon.

Church News.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening services on Sunday, 10th January and 4th April, by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Good attendance marked the Easter Service on 28th March, when an appropriate Easter Sermon was given by the Principal.

"This ye do in remembrance" was the text chosen for the Anzac Service on 25th April before a fairly good congregation, and on 9th May we had the combined Coronation and Mother's Day service, and the text was very appropriate, "Honour all Men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King." Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the above services.

The congregation is reminded of our 7th Anniversary Service to be held on Sunday, 27th June, at 7 p.m., when the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Rev. W. H. Johnson, will officiate. It is expected that we will have a record congregation.

The Right Rev. W. H. Johnson is known to many of the Deaf, as he is a son of the Late Mr. Samuel Johnson, M.A., one-time teacher to the Deaf at the St. Kilda Road School, and then for many years Principal of the South Australian School for the Deaf. He was also the Founder of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, and the Parafield Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf and Dumb. Prior to his acceptance of the Principalship of the South Australian Institution, Mr. S. Johnson founded the Melbourne Deaf Men's Guild.

The Bishop of Ballarat interested himself in the Newcastle Adult Deaf prior to his transfer to Victoria, and this will be his first service to the Deaf in this State.

All Deaf and all parents of the Deaf should be present on this historical occasion.

Lip Readers' Club.

The members of the Lip Readers' Club were the guests of the members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria on Wednesday, May 5th. It began a bit stiffly, but developed into a most enjoyable evening and calls for a repetition at an early date. The "Lip Readers" depended upon the lip, of course, for communication, whilst we, through habit, upon the fingers. We all, however, rapidly adapted ourselves to the conditions—they to signs and we to lip reading—for many of our crowd are really good readers if you go out for comparisons. Certainly, we soon found that we liked each other's company, and we hope our "Lip Reading" friends are as anxious for the next meeting as we are.

Cinema Shows.

As a forerunner of the Winter Programme, we had a picture night on 27th March, when three films were shown, viz., "Wedding Bells," a slapstick comedy, humorous and giving real interest by the cleverness of its canine actor; "The Sawmill," a comedy taken in a lumber mill, full of danger, daring and stunts, and "The Ropin' Fool," featuring Will Rogers, an interesting film of rope throwing, showing a good many tricks which can only be performed by such an expert as Will. Rogers. On 21st April, four more films were shown, they were "The Australian Cattle Station," "North-West Tasmania," "Brisbane and Its Environs," and "The Economy of the Cow." Other pictures on other nights were as follows:—"Shanghaied," a Charlie Chaplin comedy; "Leave it to Gerry," a drama; "The Waggon Wheels," a stirring and dramatic picture of the Wild West; "I Eat My Spinach," a Popeye comedy; "There's Something in the Life of a Soldier," a comedy; "Stick Around," a comedy drama, and "Vengeance and the Girl," also a comedy drama.

Annual Bay Trip.

Once again, through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., the inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with many old associates and members of the Adult Deaf Centre and Staff, to the number of 68, were invited to the Annual Trip Down the Bay, per the P.S. Weeroona on 28th January. The weather was just glorious, and the majority stepped off at Sorrento. One half spent their time on the foreshore, playing games and bathing, whilst the other half, searching for more scenic beauty, went over to the Back Beach, and there got what they sought. Mr. S. Hobson, a member of the General Board, was with the party, and we are sure that he derived the same amount of enjoyment out of the trip as any one of us.

Thursday Nights.

Further good lectures and other entertainments were given on Thursday nights by the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and at times the Welfare Officer, Mr J. M. Johnston. After Christmas holidays, the first meeting was held on 21st January, when Mr. J. M. Johnston gave a talk on "The Food We Eat," followed by "The Risks Sailors Ran" by Mr. E. Reynolds. On 4th February, Mr. Abraham gave us an explanatory talk on the approaching Federal Referendum, "Yes or No, and What it All Means." On 11th February he gave us a talk on the "Latest Deaf News," touching on some approaching events in the Deaf World, some of which we have already mentioned in various parts of the present issue of this magazine.

"British Re-arming Policy," "Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day," "Contentment," "Meaning of Words and Jokes," "Married Life," "Latest World Topics," "Lip Reading Contests," "Marriage Customs" were the other subjects on various dates. At times after each lecture cinema pictures were shown such as "Know Your Own Country" series and small comedies by our Baby Cine Kodak machine.

Light biscuit and cake supper wound up each happy and instructive evening.

The attendances have been exceptionally large, and the programme has now become an attractive fixture.

Sports Clubs' Dinner.

The members of the various Sports Clubs were invited to a Dinner and Entertainment by the Board of Management on the evening of 20th March. Over 60 sat down to a three-course meal, served in the Assembly Hall, and at the close of the meal our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and a member of the General Board, Mr. S. Hobson, gave addresses, expressing hope for a successful year and co-operation. Then the hall was cleared of tables and crockery in no time and the audience entertained by a Magician Show. Five Magicians, all members of the Eastern Suburban Magician Society, gave exhibitions of their skill, and, after that, many of us tried our hand at some of the simpler tricks, but even with the easy tricks we found ourselves far from perfect.

Easter Rally.

The Easter Rally, held on the 27th of March, was a pleasing success. The entertainment consisted of a series of cinema pictures and competitions. Approximately 150 turned up.

Campers' Return.

After three months in the Forestry Camp at Mt. Macedon, the married and single unemployed men returned home about the end of March, looking the picture of health and fitness. Since then another camp has been opened for married men only, and five accepted the offer. They are expected to finish by the end of June. The men at present in camp are Messrs. A. Waterstrom, W. A. Paterson, R. H. Luff, Ed. Johnson and H. McKenzie.

Ballarat.

With the marriages of Miss M. Reiffel and of Miss R. McDonald to Mr. G. Hunt and Mr. C. Hunt respectively, Ballarat lost two of its brightest members, the two couples having taken up residence in Ouyen.

Mr. J. Stewart is now residing at Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, and has transferred his attendance to Geelong, which is much nearer.

Mr. Maurice Mark has resigned his secretaryship and all other activities.

Mr. E. Russell was transferred to the Blackburn Home, while Mr. R. Cornell may be moving to Melbourne soon, so that Ballarat Club is only a shadow of its former self.

Geelong.

The monthly meetings at the Geelong Club are on the up-grade and continue to draw many new friends and faces, and the members have instituted social games after prayers and services.

Since the last issue of this magazine, Mr. J. M. Johnston has continued to visit them. His visits are always looked forward to, for every member is eager for fresh news of the doings of the Deaf World, which he invariably brings with him.

Mr. J. Stewart, of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, late of Ballarat, is the latest addition to their number.

During the May meeting, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, of Ouyen, together with their three children, who were down holidaying, were present and enjoyed meeting new friends.

The Geelong folk are planning another mass visit to the Melbourne Club, probably on a Saturday, and they hope that some competitive games will be staged between themselves and the Melbourne Deaf.

Inter-State News.

New South Wales.

After many years' service as Welfare Officer of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Miss E. Doran has tendered her resignation from the Staff, and on 8th January last she was presented with a handbag from the Board of Management, a beautiful cut crystal set from the Deaf members, and a pair of gloves from the Staff.

At the invitation of Thomas Cook and Son Ltd., Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Honorary Superintendent and Deputy Chairman of the Sydney Society, accepted the position of business manager of the New South Wales Farmers' Tour, which embraces three months' travel by the S.S. Orontes to Southampton and by motor coach through England, Scotland and Wales, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Sweden and Denmark.

He and, we suppose, the rest of the party, are assured of seats to view the Coronation procession. We are told that he intends to remain in England much longer than three months, and during that time will visit the various Deaf and Dumb Organisations.

His brother, Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, is taking his place during his absence.

Queensland News.

The Queensland Deaf Tennis Team is making a name for itself in its home town, for we note that they have come out premiers in the Summer Tennis Association Competitions. They were in the "D" Grade, Section "C." We offer them our congratulations.

We noted, too, that the Queenslanders are not taking things easy after their Adelaide trip, for they have already begun to raise funds for the 1938 Hobart Carnival.

Tasmanian News.

The Tasmanian Insitution for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb celebrated the 50th anniversary of the commencement of its work in Tasmania last April.

Oversea News.

New Telephone Device.

The G.P.O. in Great Britain is installing a new telephone device for the benefit of deaf people. It is expected that it will benefit a large public as one in every three persons in Great Britain suffers from some degree of deafness.

Electrical vibrations often make it easier for a deaf person to hear over a telephone than in direct speech. Every sort of facility for the deaf has been introduced in recent years. A radio set for the deaf was invented recently. Hundreds of British Cinemas now have apparatus which enables them to hear talkies. Ear phones at certain seats are connected with a microphone by the screen. The first London Church to introduce headphones for the deaf was All Hallows, the headquarters of the Toc H. Now several London Churches provide them.

Deaf and Dumb Policemen.

The traffic policemen of Bucharest have the reputation of being the most polite in the Balkans. The reason is that a number of them are deaf-mutes.

It was not charity that prompted the local police authorities to recruit men suffering from this particular infirmity. It was simply the necessity of putting an end to long and heated street debates between constables and offending motorists.

These arguments often degenerated in fisticuffs, and several times a day the flow of vehicles on the narrow, busy streets of Rumania's capital was clogged, thanks to the loquaciousness and pugnacity of the traffic policemen.

No More Arguments.

While such debates gave local colour to the town and contributed toward enriching this country's dictionary of invective—one of the most picturesque in the world — they, nevertheless, caused a serious traffic problem.

Even members of the Royal Family were often held up for a considerable time in traffic jams produced in this manner. However, the appointment of deaf-mute constables solved, as if by magic, the problem of street brawls with the police.

The new, silent officers have no other duty than regulating the traffic. They are placid, efficient, and their attention is concentrated only on their job. If a motorist infringes the law, there are no more swearing competitions in which the passers-by participate with great gusto. The taciturn constable takes down in a dignified manner the number of the trespasser and the incident is closed.

Silent and Effective.

Many a driver found himself in court without knowing how or why, thanks to the silent policeman. Incidentally, the innovation of deaf-mute officers also put an end to corruption in the matter of road offences.—"Exchange."

Women's Guild.

"An Account of Her Holidays in Adelaide" was the title of the talk given by Miss R. Dow at a meeting held on 9th February, and on 2nd March Mrs. G. Damman followed with a paper on "Russian Dancer." Both attracted good attendances.

On 9th March a Social Night was held, when the Highfield Methodist Girls' Guild were our guests, and a very happy evening was spent. New games were introduced, and it is the intention of the Guild to introduce same at future social evenings.

March 15th being "Eight Hours Day," and a public holiday, the Annual Picnic was held at Elwood, where close on 40 turned up. The majority spent the day swimming and strolling, whilst a few took advantage of seats and tables at the Reserve to play euchre or 500 card games. Soon after tea many made for the "Centre," where they had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Superintendent of the Sydney Deaf and Dumb Society, who was on his way to the Coronation in England with a party of New South Wales farmers.

On 13th April a special meeting was arranged, when one of the members, Miss Maggie Gibson, was the recipient of a beautiful wedding present of a cut glass water set from her fellow Guild members.

The Guild held its 36th Annual Meeting on the evening of 18th May, in the Assembly Hall. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, presided. Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey, respectively, and confirmed unanimously. Discussion arose as to frequency of meeting nights; it was agreed to hold them quarterly this year. The result of election was as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters; Vice-President, Miss R. Dow; Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber; Committee, Mesdames G. Damman, J. O'Gorman, and A. Rees, and Misses L. Sanders and G. Peters. A dainty supper, provided by the President, was much enjoyed.

On Thursday evening, 20th May, a party of 16 members paid a visit of inspection to the City Newsboys' Society Building, in Little Collins Street, and were amazed at the provision made for the well-being and upbringing of the newsboys. Everyone was well pleased with their visit. A gentleman guided the party over the place, explaining everything in detail. Prior to departure, the President, Mrs. T. Peters, tendered to Miss E. Onians, the Hon. Secretary of the Society, the hearty thanks of the party for the kindness extended and said the visit of the Society had been most interesting. In the absence of Miss Empson, Miss G. Hunter acted as interpreter, and she has our best thanks.

On Saturday, 22nd May, our Blackburn Home was visited by about 20 of the members of this Guild, who went amongst the inmates, bringing cheer and news. Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham entertained the party to afternoon tea, and after inspecting the property the ladies watched the lacrosse match between Our Boys and the Melbourne Technical College Boys. "Centre" was reached just before 6 p.m., where dinner awaited them. A very happy outing it was.

Men's Guild.

The meeting listed for 12th January was cancelled because of the many engagements the members had to fulfil. Our President, Mr. E. R. Noble, was in camp at Macedon, and the Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, had to attend the Geelong meeting, so the next meeting was held on 26th January, and, very appropriate to the date, the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, gave a talk on "Origin of Foundation Day," which was followed by a talk on "Koala" by Mr. G. B. Mortimer, both of which were very interesting.

Monday, 1st February, was the date of our Annual Picnic, which was held at Dromana, and a fuller account of it is printed elsewhere.

On 23rd February the Annual Meeting was held, and, through the unavoidable absence of the President and some members who were at the Macedon Camp, the attendance was very small. Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Vice-President, presided, and carried on the meeting. Mr. E. Roxburgh, the Hon. Secretary, read the Report of the Guild's year of activities, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips, followed with the Balance Sheet, which showed a substantial reduction of deficit. Both the Report and the Balance Sheet were approved. Owing to the small number present, it was agreed that the Chairman be given powers to carry on until the next meeting, when it is hoped a bigger attendance will be forthcoming. On 9th March the attendance was improved, and Mr. J. Phillips was elected President, with Mr. J. M. Johnston as Vice-President, and Messrs. E. R. Noble,

G. B. Mortimer, J. McLaurin and T. Beard as Committeemen. On 18th May Mr. J. McLaurin was selected to take the Hon. Secretaryship post, and Mr. O. Quinton, the Hon. Treasurership, and Mr. J. O'Gorman was included on Committee.

Invitation was extended to the Guild to visit the Australian Glass Works at Spotswood any day, but as practically all our members are in employment it was agreed to enquire if the factory has night shifts, and, if so, a party will be arranged to make the visit.

The Guild is sponsoring a Winter Competition of Indoor Games between teams nominated by various Sports Clubs connected with the Society. Results to be on the aggregate point system at end of season. Four trophies are being offered.

At the last meeting, held on 18th May, Mr. R. W. F. Hopkins, of Nagambie, was present, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Phillips, extended to him the Guild's welcome. He evinced much interest in our doings.

Men's Guild Annual Picnic.

Familiarity is apt to dull the edge of our appreciation. Panoramic views from vantage points in other States rouse us to an enthusiasm that is rarely shown when confronted with equal beauty nearer home.

No Victorian traveller on a pleasure tour would think of travelling along Bulli Pass, in New South Wales, without turning off to see the view from Sublime Point. But thousands of them go to Dromana, Sorrento, Portsea and Flinders without climbing to the top of Arthur's Seat.

No one could say positively what is the finest view in Australia. We talk of the views obtainable from the Mt. Buffalo look-outs, vantage points in the Grampians, from Donna Buang, but few of us rush off to be thrilled by the vast expanse of sea and land that stretches out on every side of Arthur's Seat, near Dromana.

The look-out on Arthur's Seat is the highest point for many miles, 1031 feet above sea level. There is nothing to limit the view, so the range is a complete circle, with places of scenic interest easily identifiable on every side.

Monday, 1st February, was Foundation Day, and, it being a public holiday, the Men's Guild organised its Annual Picnic on that day, and chose Dromana and Arthur's Seat as its venue, and no better place could have been chosen. A commodious motor van was engaged, and 42 took advantage of the trip.

The day dawned disappointedly, with rain falling, but after an hour's run out of the metropolis the weather began to break and the day became fine and warm.

Just on after two hours' run we arrived at Dromana, and the party immediately broke up to make a tour of inspection of the place, which was lovely and one of absorbing interest. Lunch came, and soon after about 20 or more took the three mile hike to Arthur's Seat, and all got there in time. The visibility from the tower was good, and every point of interest was easily distinguished with help of directional pointers placed on banisters round the top. After taking our fill of the beauty of the scenes we returned to Dromana by way of short cuts, and some joined those who remained at the seaside in bathing.

Soon after tea the party boarded the van whilst still daylight and returned home via Mt. Martha and Mornington, by way of the road that skirts the Bay. The route reminds one of the Great Ocean Road, with the cliffs on one side and the water on the other. The road is one of the most picturesque within 50 miles of Melbourne. The party arrived back in Melbourne somewhere near 10 p.m., well satisfied with the outing.

Personal Pars.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer, who has been on the sick list again for about a month, is again active. It has been found necessary for him to relinquish his position as collector for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, a position he held for 34 years—a record amongst the Society's collectors—to safeguard his health, as going out in all weathers may affect him. He is now on the indoor staff of the Society.

Mr. G. Oakley, after 35 years absence from his old home town, paid a visit to Warrnambool during the month of May and, naturally, was amazed at the change wrought since he last saw it. Only a few friends remained to greet him. Many have passed on and still many more have left the district for others. Nevertheless he enjoyed his week there immensely, and is hoping that he will be spared to make another trip during the springtime. He looks very well after the trip.

Mr. Colin Johns, of Horsham, has taken up his residence at Mount Pleasant, Dalby, Queensland. His father sold his farm at Pimpernoo and retired to Horsham, so Colin went up North to join his brother on his new selection there. He spoke very rosily of the new place. Prior to going North he spent a week or two in Melbourne, "giving it a final look over." On the way up he called to see the Sydney Society and then the Brisbane Society. He mentioned in his letter to the Editor that he had a beautiful trip on the motor vessel "Orungal."

Mrs. M. Thomson, who was a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital for some time, where she underwent

a serious operation for internal complaint, and was also suffering from leg ailments, was transferred to Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, where she died.

Mr. W. Nancarrow, after about 10 months in St. Vincent's and Royal Park Hospitals, was transferred to our Blackburn Home two months ago. It will be remembered that he was struck down by a motor car in Victoria Parade on 30th May, 1936. All these months, whilst in hospitals, he found it very monotonous and tiresome to be alone; and now all this is over as he is amongst his deaf friends. It is regretted that he will never be able to walk about unaided. An appeal was made for an invalid chair, per medium of the "Argus," and very readily responses were made and two chairs were forwarded to the Home. Mr. Nancarrow can now enjoy his outings in comfort, and he wishes to thank his kind friends for the gifts.

Miss G. Mahoney, after many years absence from us, returned and secured a situation in Melbourne. She has been in Tasmania all these years. When she came in at the "Centre," on the first night, many had forgotten her, but they gradually remembered her.

Ambrose Maloney, of Culgoa, was down, too, for the final Test and remained for about a month.

Other country Deaf who came for the final Test were Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins, Mr. A. Collins, Mr. A. Stokes, Mr. E. Sturcke, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss Kitty Burke, Mr. C. Johns and Mr. J. Stewart.

Mr. O. Quinton has secured a situation at Ruskin's Motor Body Works at West Melbourne, and therefore has resigned his position as collector of our Society. Mr. Underwood has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Quinton.

Mr. E. Johnson, who was employed at Taylor's Timber Mills, Geelong, for some time, is off temporarily and back in Melbourne.

Mr. J. Boal went over to the Apple Isle on 22nd January, in company with Mr. Norman O'Toole. He hopes to be able to find some sort of work there and we wish him luck. We have heard since that he was involved in a motor smash whilst riding a bicycle and sustained a broken arm.

Messrs. R. Jennings and J. Williams, of Perth, West Australia, extended their trip from Adelaide to Melbourne after the Carnival, and spent great times visiting places of interest and friends.

Our Society was the focal point to many of the interstate visitors during December and January, when travelling to and from the Adelaide Carnival. They were too numerous to mention; but, suffice to say, every one has left some appreciative words or comments on our Club House and fair city.

Many of the Tasmanians who went to Adelaide for the Cricket Carnival extended their stay in Melbourne until after the third Test Match. The last to leave Melbourne was Mr. N. O'Toole, who left on 22nd January.

Master Eric Johnston had the misfortune to run into a motor car whilst trying to cross over Wellington Parade on 21st December, 1936, on his push-bike. He was knocked down and received a slight cut on his head, which necessitated a stitch by the doctor. He has since recovered.

J. Gibson, A. Hately, Jim Walters, Roy Windridge, S. Ferguson, Misses Mona Stevens, Gersch, E. Doney, E. Moore, Mrs. Monahan and her two daughters came down from the country and joined the party for Adelaide. No doubt they had plenty of news to tell when they arrived home.

Mr. W. Durstan was laid up at Prince Henry's Hospital for about a week in April with a smashed nose. The cause was most peculiar. He was to go with a Deaf Party to a picnic on a Sunday, and when he arrived at the meeting place, at Batman Avenue tram terminus, he was seized in a complete faint and fell forward flat on his face, with the result as stated above.

Mr. Northey, of Adelaide, was down amongst us for a week or so during the Coronation Week, and was present at our big Coronation Dinner function. He was seen at every meeting and social, and many of his old friends were glad to renew acquaintance with him. Melbourne's places of interest were not overlooked by him, and he went back well pleased with his stay.

Mr. Allen, of Burnie, Tasmania, was here for some weeks, attending the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment to his eyes. He has since gone back, but will return in about three months' time.

Mrs. F. Johnson, of Fitzroy, is having trouble with her legs and is unable to go out much. At present she is an out-patient of the Royal Melbourne Hospital. By latest we heard she is improving very slowly.

Miss Iris Wouda, of Williamstown, celebrated her twenty-first birthday on 20th March with a party at her home. She was the recipient of many congratulatory messages.

Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora, South Gippsland, was in Melbourne for some time, and joined the Women's Guild at their annual picnic at Elwood on 15th March.

After close on four months, Mr. Willie Hately, of Camperdown, has taken up residence in Hobart, Tasmania, in the hope of securing employment there, but no luck has come his way. He returned during mid May and is now trying his luck in Melbourne and Geelong. Whilst in Hobart he was an attraction to the local Deaf, and was asked to join the cricket team, which he did, starting in January until end of season.

Messrs. Torr and Robb came down from Sydney on Easter Monday and stayed for about a week, enjoying the sights of Melbourne and its environs.

Cecil and Vernon Griffiths, of Kenmare, were here for the final Test Match and remained for about a month. They both took the field with our Cricket Team. Cecil made 36 runs and Vernon 27. Cecil is also a fair tennis player, but we think he is more at home at cricket than tennis.

After five years absence Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt and their three children are on a much needed holiday. They came down south from Mildura in their own car, visiting relatives, friends, and Deaf. They joined the Coronation festivities in Melbourne. They said Mildura is booming, and that the place should be patronised by the Deaf when they contemplate long distance holidays.

Mr. C. Lyfield, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, is a member of our Lacrosse Team and he comes now and then to Melbourne on his motor cycle to play for us.

Mr. W. Utber, of Kew, is at present touring Great Britain and has Mr. W. Chapman, of Camberwell, for his companion.

Miss D. Jones, of Ballarat, was down for about a week during the Coronation festivities and attended the dinner at the Centre. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howe, of East Melbourne, who has a daughter, Gloria, a schoolmate of Dulcie. Miss Jones went home well pleased with her visit.

Miss A. Smith went to Sydney during the Easter holidays and has been there since. It is her intention to secure a situation there.

Miss M. Sandon, after an operation for appendicitis, is now her happy old self again.

Since the last issue of this magazine many country Deaf have been in Melbourne, including Miss F. Owens, of Wangaratta; Mrs. Hood and Mr. J. Gibson, of Geelong, Mr. Allan Salmon, of Merrigum; and Mr. J. Stewart, of Inverleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges, of Greensborough, celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding on 20th March with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Beattie, in Alphington. They were the recipients of many congratulatory messages and presents.

Mr. R. Bogan, of Perth, West Australia, paid a flying visit to our Headquarters whilst on his cruise to the Eastern States. He accompanied the West Australian representatives to Adelaide and continued on the same boat, M.V. "Manoora," for the cruise. He was met at the boatside by Mrs. Crompton, who brought him to the Centre. He called in again on his return on 4th January, speaking highly of the trip.

Our Society entertained the travelling teams, Queenslanders and New South Welshmen, to lunches at the Centre whilst en route for Adelaide, and this hospitality was repeated for the Queenslanders on their return. Those few hours stay in Melbourne gave our distant visitors an opportunity to see some of the sights, of which they were very appreciative.

Mr. Andrew Rankine, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne during the earlier part of January on his way to Sydney for a fortnight's holiday, and during that time he visited the famous Blue Mountains and the Jenolan Caves. He remained a few days in Melbourne on his way home.

Mr. William Smith, of England, popped in again during the last week of May whilst his ship, S.S. "Taranaki," was unloading at the Victoria Dock. It was a Lecture Night and he was promptly asked to give a talk on his experiences round the world, which he did very creditably. He got the audience laughing over the peculiar signs used by foreign Deaf. He has been at sea for 22 years, and now he gets on very well with our folk.

Mr. Jackson, of Rand, New South Wales, made a flying visit to Melbourne per his motor bike during the last week of May. Upon his arrival he sought out George Ames, his old school mate. They had great yarns of old times, etc. He only stayed for five days.

Mrs. J. Boortz, who has been in a private hospital for some time with pneumonia, is home again. Her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, came down from Sydney and remained with her for well over a month, assisting in nursing her.

Mrs. Williamson has also been ill and treated at a private hospital. She had a fall which necessitated treatment. She has to go about very carefully now.

Miss I. Boast, of North Devon, South Gippsland, was in Melbourne for a while, and she was with us at a Kitchen Tea to Miss B. Higgie at Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Gorman's place.

Mr. W. Freeman, of Albury, who has been in residence in Melbourne for some time, has returned to his home town again.

Mr. A. C. Muir was down with the influenza for about three weeks. We are glad to see him out again.

Miss Phyllis Creber, of Hallam, near Dandenong, was involved in a road accident when the jinker she was riding in was run into by a car and she was thrown out, sustaining injuries. She is being treated at the Melbourne After-Care Nursing Home.

Mr. A. Taylor, of Sydney, is in Melbourne at present helping his wife to pack up the home things of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz preparatory to moving to Sydney.

Mr. J. Collins was in the Alfred Hospital for a minor operation during the early part of the year, and left apparently well, but had to return suffering from pleurisy and kidney trouble.

Mr. Bert Hague, of Albany, West Australia, is still keeping in touch with us, and in his last letter he stated that he has been operated on for cyst in knuckle. He is all right again and wishes to be remembered to his Melbourne Deaf, whom he has not seen for over 30 years.

Mr. J. H. Burchett, the head master of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb School, St. Kilda Road, was presented with a clock on the 11th March by Mr. R. A. Edmanson, President, on behalf of the Committee of Management, to mark his completion of 25 years' service as a teacher.

Mr. D. Johnston and Miss B. Higgie were entertained to a Kitchen Tea at Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Gorman's place in Parkville a fortnight prior to their wedding, and a very joyful party it was. The happy couple was presented with a wonderful and varied assortment of kitchen things. Speeches expressing good wishes and happiness were given and, lastly, thanks extended to the host and hostess for their kindness in entertaining the party.

A Presentation Night was held on the evening of 6th April to Mr. D. Johnston and Miss B. Heggie, when the members of the Deaf Committee, Cricket and Tennis Clubs presented the happy pair with a handsome set of cutlery encased in a box. The rest of the evening was spent in social games, finishing off with supper.

Baptism.

For the first time in the history of our Church two babies were christened under the rites of the Church of England on the afternoon of 20th May, 1937. The babies were Nancy May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, of Footscray, and Brenda Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ashby, of Murrumbeena. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. L. Crossley, of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, interpreted. The christening ceremony was witnessed by a good number of relatives, friends and the Deaf.

Marriages.

Johnson-Higgie.

Our Church was beautifully decorated with arches of Easter daisies and arum lilies by the many deaf friends for the marriage of Miss Burnie Higgie, daughter of Mrs. Brown, of Canterbury Road, Albert Park, to Donald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Droop Street, Footscray, which was celebrated on the evening of 14th April, 1937. The bride was attended by a matron of honour, Mrs. J. O'Gorman, and the bridegroom by Mr. J. O'Gorman as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Harris, of the South Yarra Presbyterian Church, and translated to the Deaf and Dumb language by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

The wedding breakfast was held in the Assembly Hall, which was nicely decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnston are now settled at Nicholson Street, Footscray.

Hunt-McDonald.



Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus."

The marriage of Miss Ruby May McDonald, to Mr. Charles Ernest Wesly Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, of Oke Street, Ouyen, was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Ballarat, on Saturday, 6th March. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ballarat, the Very Rev. W. H. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. F. W. Ramsay. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, acted as interpreter, as both the bride and bridegroom were totally deaf. The bride was given away by Mr. H. Ludbrook, Superintendent of the Ballarat Orphanage, under whose care she had been for several years. She wore a becoming gown of ivory satin with an embroidered veil which was confined to the head with a halo of orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of exquisite white gladioli. Little Thelma Sparks, who attended the bride as trainbearer, wore a dainty ankle length pink georgette frock and hat, while Mrs. G. Hunt, as matron of honour, wore a ciel blue georgette frock with matching hat and accessories, and carried a bouquet of

choice pink and blue flowers. Mr. J. A. Hunt supported his brother as best man.

Following the ceremony, wedding breakfast was served at the Orphanage. Mrs. Hunt, who was assisted by Mrs. H. Ludbrook, wore a grey costume with hat and accessories to match. When leaving by the evening train for Melbourne, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride wore a smart navy suit, with hat and accessories to match. The future home of Mr. and Mrs C. E. W. Hunt will be at Ouyen.—"Ballarat Courier."

Lynas-Gibson.

The marriage of Mr. Fred Lynas, of Charlton, and Miss Margaret Gibson, of Northcote, was quietly celebrated at the Northcote Presbyterian Church on Saturday, 17th April. The Rev. A. T. Jones officiated. The church was nicely decorated with autumn coloured flowers, to tone with the bride's tailored costume of rust wool georgette, over which she wore the bridegroom's gift — a beautiful fur necklet. A neat little spray of cream and gold roses, surrounded by autumn leaves, completed a very pretty picture. "The Palms" was chosen for the small reception which followed. Mr. and Mrs. Lynas received many beautiful gifts.

An Impressive Event.

At a meeting of the Ballarat Orphange Committee the president, Mr. J. I. Graham, who occupied the chair, stated that the recent marriage of Miss Ruby McDonald, one of the Orphanage girls, to a comfortable farmer of Ouyen was impressive and unique. The Bishop (Right Rev. W. H. Johnson) performed the ceremony, the whole of which was translated through the medium of the Deaf and Dumb means of communication by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. Mr. Graham also commended Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ludbrook for the capable way they had arranged the wedding breakfast and incidental ceremony. Mr. Graham added that the bride had come to the Orphanage when she was five years of age and had been there for 16 years.—"Ballarat Courier."

Obituary.

Mr. Walter Bladier, of 6a Clyde Street, Oakleigh, passed to a higher life on 25th January, 1937, at the Alfred Hospital, where he was sent back after a few weeks of apparent health. An operation was found to be necessary, but he failed to recover. His remains were interred in the Necropolis, Spring Vale, on 26th January.

He was born at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, 37 years ago, became deaf through meningitis at the age of five years, and was educated on manual system at the Deaf School in St. Kilda Road. He graduated in 1916, and followed the trade of a carpenter, at which he became quite proficient. He married a hearing lady, Miss Winifred Gladman, on 21st December, 1929, and had two fine children, both of whom survive him.

For a time he was a prominent member of our Society, especially of the Men's Guild. He held the post of Hon. Secretary for a year and then the Presidency another year.

Mrs. Mary Thomson, of Fitzroy, passed away at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, on Friday, 28th May, 1937, aged 67 years.

Cricket.

Our Cricket Team came out much better than for many years past and the spirit of comradeship was good, but there is still need for improvement. The following are the scores of matches played since the last issue of "The News":—

Nelson won on first innings by 20 runs. Our side scored 97 runs and the opponents 117 runs. W. Ashby 40, M. Dyson 24, J. Phillips 27 in first innings, and J. Brundell 30 and J. Boal 20 in second innings were the best scorers. M. Dyson, with 5 wickets for 16 runs, was the outstanding bowler.

The match against D.R.C. Old Boys was won by us on first innings by 2 runs. R. Ryan carried his bat for 35 runs, and M. Dyson was again best with the ball, taking 5 for 40. R. Chaundy came next with 4 for 31.

South Melbourne A.N.A. was a bit too good for us, scoring 204 runs to our 172. W. Ashby 33, R. Lygon 25, R. Ryan 29; R. Chaundy 5 for 25, D. Johnston 3 for 40.

Court Clarendon won on first innings in a low-scoring match. They scored 85 to our 52. None of our batsmen scored over 20. M. Dyson was again to the fore with the ball, taking 7 for 36.

The season ended with an outright win for our team against Dunlop-Perdriau by an innings and 78 runs. The opponents made 61 and 139, and we scored 278. R. Chaundy topped with 53, followed by W. Ashby 46, C. Griffiths 36, D. Johnston 32, V. Griffiths 26, and J. Phillips 21. D. Johnston was best with the ball, 6 for 68; R. Chaundy 4 for 46.

Final result was 5 won and 5 lost, and the season's averages of the players are as follows:—

BATTING AVERAGES.

Names	No. Innings	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
R. Lygon	8	89 n.o.	197	28.14
W. Ashby	11	46	212	21.20
H. Nathan	6	42	104	17.33
J. Boal	7	67 n.o.	95	15.83
R. Ryan	12	58	176	14.66
J. Phillips	9	27	102	12.75
J. Brundell	9	30	112	12.44
R. Chaundy	12	53	139	11.59

Others trailed off in lesser averages.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Names	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Avge.
J. Boal	65	5	20	184	9.20
M. Dyson	73	14	22	231	10.50
D. Johnston	65	6	25	288	11.52
R. Chaundy	131	22	31	425	13.70
J. Brundell	52	7	9	183	20.32

Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Club held its Annual Meeting on the evening of 9th February, when Mr. A. Stephens, the President, presided over a fair attendance. After reading the Annual Report and Balance Sheet the election of officers was put through and resulted as follows:—President: Mr. W. B. Anderson; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, G. B. Mortimer and A. Stephens; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. A. Ross; Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. Roxburgh; Committee: Messrs. J. Brundell, E. Raines, G. Henry, W. Gorin.

During the evening E. Raines was presented with the "Brundell Trophy" for being the best and fairest player during last season. A light supper wound up the happy evening.

Two months after the Annual Meeting the new President, Mr. W. B. Anderson, through private reasons, resigned his position; so did the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Roxburgh. These positions were filled by Mr. J. M. Johnston and Mr. W. A. Ross respectively. Mr. W. O'Bryan was invited to fill the post of Vice-President and Mr. E. Roxburgh as Hon. Treasurer, and both accepted.

Two practice matches were played with Hawthorn prior to the commencement of fixtures, and good form was shown by the players.

Results to date:—24th April: Our team defeated "Army" by 32 goals to 2. 1st May: Another win for our team, against Sunshine, 9 goals to 5. 8th May: University defeated us by 9 goals to 4. 15th May: Coburg ran out winners by 10 goals to our 7. 22nd May: Another win to us, from Melbourne Technical College, by 20 goals to 7. 29th May: Our boys were fortunate to scrape home victors against Caulfield by 10 goals to 9. Caulfield fielded four men short in first quarter and ours one man short, and with the uneven sides we took advantage by scoring 7 goals to nil. Caulfield had a full team for the remaining three quarters, but we managed to stave off their onslaughts.

Basketball Club.

Winter and the Basketball Season have arrived. Our girls have already put heart into their effort. Each Wednesday night our Assembly Hall is transformed into an indoor court for practice games, and after three or four nights' practice the women enlisted a team to play against, and no wonder there was an overflow of men eager to join. Many pleasant games are looked forward to.

With the good practices during the week nights the result was beneficial to the team, for, as will be noted, the first six matches of the season the Adult Deaf Girls won in great form. The seventh was lost to Yarra Falls.

17th April: Against Judean Gold, 17 to 13. 24th April: Against Prestige No. 2, 15 to 1. 1st May: Against M.J.S.C., 22 to 4. 8th May: Against West Preston, 18 to 16. 15th May: Against St. Andrew's, 18 to 14. 22nd May: Against Mangarians, 17 to 16. 29th May: Against Yarra Falls, 15 to 21.

Prior to the opening of the first match the players chose Dorothy Johnston to be captain for the season.

The present Committee of the Basketball Club is:—President: Miss A. Graham; Vice-President: Miss E. Empson; Hon. Treasurer: Miss R. Dow; Hon. Secretary and Delegate: Miss G. Hunter; Assistant Hon. Secretary: Miss D. Johnston; Committee: Misses J. Woolhouse, E. Lloyd, A. Bentley and Frances Peters.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, 20th February last, when a very fair muster, including the new President, Miss Alice Graham, met on the lawn at Jolimont Square. The business was speedily got through and afternoon tea partaken of. Our President, Miss Graham, gave a very nice little address, and all present heartily welcomed her and enjoyed having her with them.

Chess.

A return invitation match was extended to our Chess Club by the Hawthorn Chess Club on Monday, 22nd March, and six of our men availed themselves. The match was played at their headquarters, 243 Barker's Road, Kew, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The result of the games was most pleasing to us, as it showed that we have improved a little, compared to the last match. The final result found us only a point behind.

After partaking of the dainty supper, speeches, expressing appreciation for the kind invitation and entertainment to the visitors, were spoken on both sides. Further visits are looked forward to in the near future. Results:—

E. Johnson	0	versus J. Wilson	1
R. H. Luff	1	versus A. Kidd	0
A. Tyzzer	½	versus H. Bustard	½
G. Damman	1	versus H. Buzzard	0
G. Mortimer	0	versus W. Ruddle	1
J. M. Johnston	0	versus G. Matheson	1
Adult Deaf	2½	Hawthorn	3½

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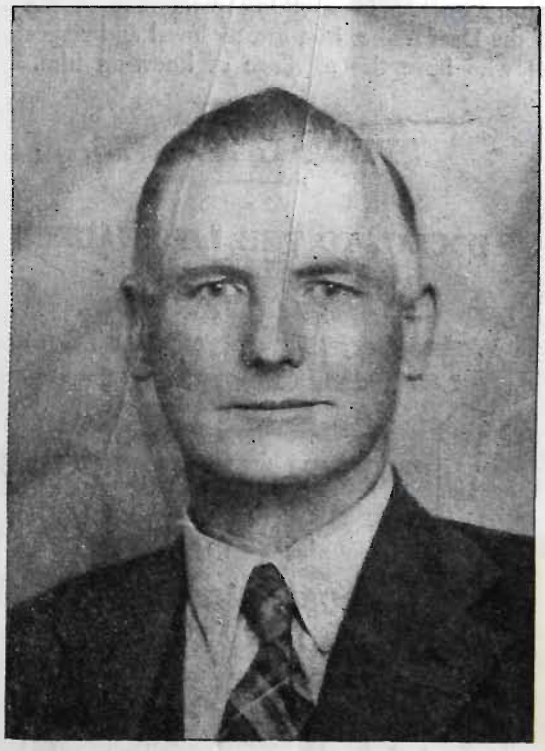
The subject of our present sketch is the one whom the Deaf of Melbourne honoured at a Presentation Night held last October, which was mentioned in the previous issue of this magazine. He is John Montgomery McLean, and a brief summary of his life would be of interest to our readers.

Mr. McLean was born at Moonee Ponds in the year 1885. Deaf from birth, he was educated at the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, remained there for eight years, learning the oral system. Upon leaving school in December, 1898, he secured a situation at Dott's Glass Works at Macaulay as glass worker and blower, and he still remains with that firm to this day—37 years! This firm has since been taken over by a bigger combine, "The Australian Glass Manufacturing Co. Pty. Ltd."

A few months after leaving school he began to take interest in the Adult Deaf Society, joining in meetings, and sports held under its auspices, and in 1902-3 he began to carve his name in the various activities of this Society.

As would be expected, like all sport-loving boys, the first club he joined up was the Cricket Club and was a committeeman of that club for over 15 years, including two years as hon. treasurer, six years as hon. secretary and one year vice-president. He was noted for his fast bowling and has topped the club's season bowling averages three times. He was four times the club's captain and has represented this State in some of the interstate cricket matches. The Men's Guild, too, had its share of his services, for he was approximately ten years on its committee, four of which he acted as hon. secretary, one year as vice-president, and one year as president.

When the Deaf, in the year 1912, decided upon forming a Lacrosse Club, he was one of the foundation members and also one of the first original players in the team. He remained on the committee for three years, one year as hon. secretary.



JOHN MONTGOMERY McLEAN

For a more important post on the Deaf Committee he served us for eleven years, including one year as hon. secretary, a year as hon treasurer, six

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years assistant bank manager, and two years assistant librarian. He twice represented the Deaf on the General Board of this Society.

He married Miss May Clarke of Richmond in 1911 and, very unfortunately, became a widower ten years after. He has two fine sons who did well in their school days. The elder son passed the University Examination for Accountancy and the younger one passed the Scotch College School Leaving Certificate Examination, and later they both joined the Air Force and are now stationed at Point Cook. One took up office work and the other is a wireless operator.

Mr. McLean's bright, winning manner and painstaking energy in anything pertaining to the good of the Deaf makes him greatly loved and respected by all who have the privilege of knowing him.

SPECIAL EVENTS.

SOCIAL TO THE LIP-READERS CLUB.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Wednesday, 1st September, at 8 p.m.

Indoor Games, Supper
All Deaf Welcome

TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Thursday, 2nd September

REUNION DINNER

of the Deaf of Victoria

Smoke and Reminiscence Night

at the Black Cat Flat

(off Centre Way, Melbourne)

Thursday, 30th September at 7 p.m.

Tickets, 3/- - - Number Limited

Ticket Committee,
E. Noble
A. Anderson
H. Greensmith

October—

Holy Communion—The Church for the Deaf, Jolimont, Sunday, 3rd October, at 7 p.m.

QUARTERLY RALLY

Saturday, 9th October, at 7.30 p.m.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Thursday, 14th October, at 3 p.m.
Afternoon Tea - - Open to all

CUP-DAY PICNIC

Tuesday, 2nd November
Place to be announced

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Thursday, 11th November at 7.30 p.m.
Open to all

Divine Service.—Every Sunday, at 7 p.m. Church for the Deaf, Jolimont
Prayer and Praise — Thursday at 8 p.m.

Guild Nights — Tuesdays as Announced.

Lecturettes, News of the Week, Supper, etc. Every Thursday at 8.15 p.m.

Saturday Nights—Open Socials and Tournaments 7.30 to 10.30 p.m.

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Mrs. E. Bryan Teaching the Deaf.

A half century of work among the Deaf—that is the record of Mrs. E. Bryan who has retired from the staff of the Queensland Blind Deaf and Dumb School in June of this year.

Mrs. Bryan commenced her work with the Deaf in the year 1887 at the Derby School for the Deaf in England. Qualifying in her profession she passed on to the Glasnevin School in Dublin, later returning to England to take up a position at the Jews' Home for the Deaf in London. From there her work brought her to South Australia, and in the year 1901 she came to Queensland where she has been ever since on the staff of the Deaf School there.

Not content, though, with her work throughout the school hours with the children, Mrs. Bryan soon commenced work with the Adult Deaf, and as early as 1903 we find her a foundation member of the Council of the Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission. Mrs. Bryan is still a member of our Council and we hope she will continue to be so for many years to come.

Surely nowhere has there been a greater record of service than that given to the Deaf of Queensland by Mrs. Bryan. We know and read of long years of service at schools for the Deaf, and of long terms on committees of Missions and Societies for the Deaf, but this combination of work for both children and adults is something which we unfortunately see far too rarely.

Mrs. Bryan's knowledge of the Deaf of Queensland is naturally very great, and "Ask Mrs. Bryan" is a common saying when anyone wishes to know about one of their number.

It would be interesting to know how many children have really passed through Mrs. Bryan's hands—certainly a great number. The early training of these children was left to Mrs. Bryan and happy are the memories of many who leave and have since grown to manhood and womanhood and are now scattered all over the State.

Mrs. Bryan possesses all those attributes which go towards success in work with the Deaf—kindliness, ability to obtain discipline without repression of any kind, a keen knowledge of their psychology and, above all, an infinite fund of patience. In addition, we find a great sense of loyalty for those with whom and for whom she is working. Only those who have worked with the Deaf for many years know what great mental and physical endurance is needed to carry on at times, and the fact that Mrs. Bryan has given 50 years of her life to the work is proof enough of her great character.—"The Queensland Monthly News."

Seventh Anniversary of the Opening of the Deaf Church.

The Bishop of Ballarat Officiated.

The Bishop of Ballarat (The Right Rev. W. H. Johnson), whose father was one of the founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society nearly 50 years ago, was the preacher at the service for the Deaf and Dumb at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the evening of 27th June. The sermon was translated into mime for the benefit of the deaf members of th congregation. Bishop Johnson's text was: "It is not the will of your Father . . . that one of these little ones should perish." Christ was more than a great teacher, he said. In Him the love of God had come to human life. With simple words and illustrations, Bishop Johnson described to his deaf congregation how members of the Christian Church, with all their human frailties and faults, were able to carry out the Master's work.

Bishop Johnson described work being done in the name of Christ among the Deaf and Dumb, in order that children, shut behind the doors of deafness, could be brought into the fellowship of love and friendship. They were given untold blessings in a language which enabled them to communicate with their fellow men. As they grew to adult life the Deaf and Dumb were cared for by friends inspired by the spirit of the Good Shepherd, who gathered them into the community life of social centres and churches and provided them with recreation and social intercourse in wholesome, happy surroundings.



Photo by Courtesy of "Sun"

The Bishop of Ballarat, Right Rev. W. H. Johnston, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreting.

Church News.

A Memorial Service to the late Mr. A. Aird was held on the evening of 13th June, when our Chaplain, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke of the many sterling qualities and Christian character of our departed member. He also extolled his faithfulness to our church by regular attendances and the many examples that should be copied by our congregation. The text chosen for the evening was from St. Matthew, 25th chapter, 34th, 36th and 40th verses, which read: "Then shall the King say, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. I was sick and ye visited Me. Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

27th June was the seventh Anniversary of the opening of our church, and the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Reverend W. H. Johnson officiated. An extract of his sermon is to be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. T. F. Crabb played the organ and he brought Miss Gilbert as soloist. There was a large congregation. After the service a number of our old members were introduced to the Bishop, and it was very pleasing that he remembered some of them during their interstate visits to Adelaide years ago.

To avoid the cold winter night, Sunday afternoon services were tried during the month of July but drew smaller congregations, consequently we revert back to evening services again.

A Memorial Service was held on 11th July in memory of Mrs. Alice Cove. The preacher, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke on her sincere loyalty and devotion to our church and Society, and of her ever-happy nature.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the afternoon service on Sunday, 4th July, by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Another Memorial Service was held in our church on the evening of Sunday, 1st August, when the preacher, Mr. E. J. D, Abraham, spoke of the many good and human qualities of Mr. T. A. Nelson and the humble and loving nature of Miss Ellen Whitlow. Mr. Abraham had intimate knowledge of them for they were both under his care for many years at the Blackburn Home.

The Prime Minister of England and the Deaf.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of England, in one of his addresses said: "The public have very little realisation of the tragic fate of the Deaf. Blindness is a most terrible affliction, but from the dawn of history it has always been met with a kindness and consideration which must go far to alleviate their lot. Every allowance is made for them. Everyone is ready to help them, to go and talk to them, and they have open to them all the resources that modern science brings to their delectation in the way of music and speech. There is not one person in a hundred who will voluntarily go to speak to a deaf person by means of an instrument. Most people would make for the other side of the room; and when they do try to talk they seem to become paralysed, and their conversation becomes unnatural and stilted. . . . To help the Deaf we should try to alter our behaviour towards the Deaf and assimilate it towards our behaviour to the blind."

Inter-State News.

Queensland.

The Queensland "Monthly News" for May-June is an exceptionally interesting number and it is pleasing to read that the annual meeting of the Mission was well attended and the President was able to report a successful year in all branches of activities—religious, social and financial.

Having completed 50 years' service among the Deaf and Dumb, Mrs. E. Bryan, on the eve of retirement from the staff of the Queensland Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, was tendered a presentation in the Mission Hall, North Quay.

The gathering was arranged by the staff of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, and the Council of the Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission. The guest of honour had been associated with both institutions. Mrs. Bryan, who pinned an orchid to the patterned jacket which covered her black mariette frock, received a desk-bookcase, reading lamp and armchair on behalf of both bodies, and a presentation of a fountain pen and wool rug was made by the children more than 300 of whom have passed through her hands during her long term of office.

Associated with Mrs. Bryan on the platform were Messrs. W. Bevington (representing the Education Department), Holle (Principal of the School), E. J. Davies (President of the Council), Misses Mitchell, Chamberlain, Kathleen Kelly, Mr. D. Lewis and Master T. Morrison. Speeches, which were interpreted to the Deaf by the welfare officer, Mr. Landers, and a musical programme, were included in the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. E. Bryan retired after 36 years service at the school and on the Mission Council which it is understood she has not yet relinquished. Mrs. Bryan well deserved the honour bestowed upon her. She has been a member of the Council since its formation in in 1903, and has watched it grow from a mere handful of members to its present position in which it is engaged in helping the Adult Deaf of Queensland to become self-supporting citizens.

West Australia.

"Notes," the little quarterly publication of the West Australian Adult Deaf Society, is just brimful of interesting news. Our West Australian deaf friends are certainly very much alive and every issue of their paper shows marked improvements in the activities of their Society.

South Australia.

In the June issue of the "South Australian Deaf Note" we noted that the South Australian Deaf Carnival Committee at its final meeting submitted an excellent balance sheet of the Deaf Adelaide Centenary Festivities held during Christmas and New Year's holidays of 1936-37. It showed the receipts amounted to £483/17/-, including £133 from the Button Day effort and £100 from the General Committee. The expenditure was a little over £308, leaving a credit balance of £175/9/2. Of this amount £150 was placed in fixed deposit until such time as the next carnival will be held in South Australia. The balance, £25 odd, was handed over to the incoming committee to arrange for the Hobart Carnival in 1938.

Certainly South Australia has made a splendid start for their future trip and carnival celebrations. We offer our congratulations to them.

Tasmania.

For three years the Board of Management of the Tasmanian Institution for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb has been urging the Government to reduce the compulsory age of education of the blind and deaf children. At a recent meeting of the Board of Management, it was agreed that a deputation is to wait on the Chief Secretary in regard to the matter. It contends that the statutory age for beginning the education of the blind and deaf should be five years, instead of seven years as at present, in order to take advantage of the more plastic period of the child mind.

The education of the deaf child is greater even than that of the blind, for the Deaf from birth know not even the meaning of sound or language. Not having heard, it cannot even attempt to form articulate sound, for the utterances of its own lips are as dead to its ears as is the speech of others.

It is sincerely hoped that the effort of the Institution will be rewarded. It is surely encouraging to know that a truly conscientious board of control of the Institution has the interests of afflicted persons so much at heart.

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Farewell and Welcome Social.

To bid farewell to Mr. W. F. Rowe, who recently resigned from the position of Honorary Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the Deaf and Dumb Community held a bright social in the Society's Assembly Hall in Jolimont Square on the evening of 3rd August. In addition to farewelling Mr. Rowe, the Society welcomed the new Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. R. B. James. The President (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), Mr. E. J. L. Bremner and Mr. M. J. Hoath, members of the General Board, were present. Apologies were received from the Chairman of Committee, Mr. F. W. Spry, who very much regretted that an important and pre-arranged engagement prevented his presence with us; Messrs. E. H. Peacock and S. G. Hobson, who were down with influenza, and Mr. N. Armstrong, who was detained on a regular business arrangement. Just prior to the commencement of the evening's programme the President and Mr. and Mrs. James were introduced, one by one, to the gathering. The programme opened with a rendering in gesture of the National Anthem by Mr. J. M. Johnston, then followed up with a humorous recital in gesture of "A Parson and a Three Legged Pot," by Mr. W. A. Paterson. Messrs. W. A. Ross and J. McLaurin came next with their magical skill and they did some remarkable tricks. Mr. Paterson added another recital, "An Irishman and the Dredge," Then came a few words by the President, Mr. Cleveland, who expressed regret at Mr. Rowe's departure, and welcomed Mr. James. Miss R. Dow spoke on behalf of the Deaf Community and presented Mr. Rowe with a Waterman fountain pen as a token of our appreciation of his services to the Society. We give Miss Dow's address almost as delivered:—

Miss Rose Dow's Address.

"The deaf people of this State have arranged this little social because they want to show that they are not lacking in appreciation of the many kind things done by their hearing friends to help them and raise their status in the public mind. I am very happy to have been chosen to say the words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. James. We do most sincerely welcome you here to-night. We are sorry that Mr. Rowe is leaving us, but we quite understand his reason and the hold that the Church of England Men's Society must have upon him. Although somewhat jealous of this other girl, we all agree that *as she knew you first,* Mr. Rowe, she has the first claim upon you. We think it very generous of your wife, as it is, to share your affection with one other attraction, but as the other attraction is *just* "he male" *only,* perhaps, after all, it is an advantage.

"It is good of you, Mr. James, to accept the position of Honorary Secretary to our Society. As I have the honour to represent the Deaf on the General Board of the Society, I have the opportunity of meeting those gentlemen who give so much of their valuable time to helping us and managing our affairs. And I always feel that it is good for me to be

at these meetings, for I learn so much of the great interest taken in all that concerns us. We hope, Mr. James, that under your kindly care and direction our Society and its members will progress and that there will always be the best of feeling and perfect harmony. We heartily welcome you and Mrs. James, our new friends.

"Mr. Rowe, our Principal has told us that you accepted our invitation to this social conditionally that there should be no presentation. Being most anxious to have you with us on this occasion, so that we could personally tell you that we have valued your services, we accepted this condition and respect your motive. I hope you will not think we got you here under false pretences if we ask you to take a little *token* in remembrance of your deaf friends. We cannot very well ask you to wear one of our *buttons* in your coat lapel. So we thought of a simple fountain pen, so that when you take it out to write you will just have to remember your deaf friends. Will you please accept it in this spirit?"

Mr. Rowe responded, thanking one and all for the kind expression of farewell, and spoke highly of the help received from the members of the Board and the Staff.

Mr. James and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham also spoke.

Games in charge of Miss M. Dow followed, and all too soon supper came and thus the happy evening was brought to a close.

King's Birthday Rally.

The Quarterly Rally, under the title of "King's Birthday," was held on Monday evening, 14th June, 1937, in the form of a Country Fair which comprised a number of games of skill such as lightning billiards, bobs, bagatelle, table tennis, quoits, dart throwing, croquet, etc., All the upstair rooms as well as the Assembly Hall were used for these games and this helped to spread the crowd.

The winners of the games were as follow:—Lightning Billiards, Jack Stewart and Gloria Howe. Bagatelle, Arthur Morgan and Lydia Sanders. Table Tennis, Jack Brundell and Joyce Tampion. Bobs No. 1, Leslie Sutton and Mrs. L. Smith. Bobs No. 2, Cedric Nesbit and Evelyn Lloyd. Quoits, Norman Webb and Mrs. I. Halliday. Dart Throwing, Norman May and Gladys Mahoney. Croquet, Ian Anderson. By 10.15 p.m. supper was served. There was an attendance of approximately 130.

Czechoslovakia Order of the White Lion.

The Consul for Czechoslovakia, Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, has been advised that the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Edward Benes, has conferred on him the Order of the White Lion.

The Order of the White Lion was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic when the independence of the Republic was regained. It is the only order of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is being conferred exclusively by the President of the Republic on distinguished citizens of foreign countries whom the President desires to honour personally.

Mr. Peacock was Deputy Consul for the Republic from 1925 to 1932, and has been Consul for Victoria since the death of his father, Mr. E. R. Peacock, in 1932. He is governing director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., and Honorary Treasurer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, with which he has been associated for 35 years.

International Congress of the Deaf and Dumb.

News came to hand that the appointment of Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Hon. Superintendent of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, as representative of the Commonwealth at the International Congress of the Deaf and Dumb in Paris in August, has been gazetted. Mr. Lonsdale is at present touring Great Britain and the Continent.

Chess Tournament.

Once more the open Chess Tournament amongst the members of our Society is in full swing. The competitors were graded into two classes. The last year's winner and runner-up of the "B" grade, Messrs. E. Roxburgh and A. Tyzzer, were drafted into the "A" grade, and they have justified their position by their progress so far. It is the committee's intention that after each year's tournament one or two players with the least points in "A" grade be matched against one or two leading players of the "B" grade. The winners of these matches will be drafted into "A" grade and the losers to "B" grade for the following season's tournament. By this means the committee hopes much interest will be given to this ancient game of skill and keener competitions will result. Progress result to date:—

"A"—Section.—G. Damman leading on points. Mr. G. B. Mortimer close behind. "B" Section.—J. M. Johnston leading, with A. Beard next.

Euchre Tournament.

A Euchre Tournament is being played at the Centre at fortnightly intervals since the beginning of June. Besides prizes for each night's tournament, there are prizes for aggregate wins at the end of the season. There is great excitement amongst the card enthusiasts, who are vying with each other to keep well up on the list.

Every competition brings in some sort of dispute and this euchre tournament is not an exception, for on two or three occasions disputes have arisen as to the winner of level scores. We desire it to be known that partners making the last score which equalises their opponent's score are still the losers. After the equalising game players in the next game, when stopped by time in the middle of the game, must play on to decide the issue.

The idea of giving the win of the equalising score to the partners who made the first score at the opening of the game is wrong.

Winners of each night's tournament were as follow:—

5th June.—Miss C. Derbyshire and Joe Retallick.
19th June.—Mrs. W. O'Bryan and Alex. Collins
3rd July.—Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Ian Anderson.
17th July.—Miss C. Derbyshire and Jim O'Gorman.
31st July.—Miss L. Sanders and Joe Retallick.
14th August.—Mrs. T. Peters and Norman Webb.
28th August.—Mrs. J. M. Johnston and John Cariss.

Cricket.

With the lacrosse season over and the wintry weather slipping round the corner, the attention of the menfolk is now being directed to set the Cricket House in order for the commencement which will be on the first Saturday in October. The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, 24th August, when the usual procedure of reading the annual report and balance sheet, and election of office-bearers was executed.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of 24th August at the Centre. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, occupied the chair. The annual report was full of good achievements and the balance sheet showed an excess of expenditure over income by £10. The debit shown was through the purchase of the standard size matting which was made necessary to conform to the regulation of the Victorian Junior Cricket Association.

The chairman in his address complimented the members upon their improvement during the season and hoped that the new season's outlook would be equally good.

Officers.—There was no need for an election as all nominees were elected without opposition. President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnston, M. G. B. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. Dyson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. J. Phillips, R. Chaundy, W. Gorin and W. O'Bryan; Delegate: Mr. M. Dyson.

The chairman extended to the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips, the thanks of the Club for his excellent service for the past three years and for bringing in large sums by competitions such Popluar Man's and Ugly Man's Competitions. Trophies were then presented by the chairman on behalf of the Club to R. Lygon, a cup, for best batting average; to J. Boal, a cup, for best bowling average, and to R. Chaundy, a similar cup, for best allrounder. The trophy for the best allrounder was the "Aird's Memorial" Trophy which the Club bought in his memory. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer then presented his prize, a purse with 10/6 in it, to M. Dyson for most catches during the season, and Mr. J. Phillips presented his, an E.P. nickel silver sugar basin with spoon, to W. Gorin for the best behaved and most helpful to the Club.

The meeting ended with the usual vote of thanks to the retiring officers and others who have assisted the Club during the year. Prior to the opening of the evening's business, the chairman spoke of the loss and regret of the Club in the passing of Mr. A. Aird, who in his brief career with the Club had been of inestimable value and asked all present to stand in silence for one minute.

The season will begin on the first Saturday in October.

Tennis Club.

The thanks of the Club are accorded the Board of Management for the consideration shown during the past season.

The harmonious relations existing between the players and committee have been very gratifying, and have tended towards the successful working of our Club.

Financially the year has been highly satisfactory with the result that the committee completed the season showing a credit balance of approximately £14.

The congratulations of the Club are extended to Mr. Harry Puddy and Mr. Joe Dickenson on their success at the South Australian Carnival last Christmas, when they carried off the Individual Doubles Championship of Australia.

Owing to the damage caused by the roots of nearby trees, a solid concrete wall has been constructed between the large trees on the east side side and the court. (Extracts from Annual Report.)

Mr. J. Dickenson has been warned by his doctor against using his right arm in playing tennis. Joe intends to use his left in future but does not believe he can play as capably with it as with his right.

A notice board advertising the fact that the court is for hire is to be placed on the fence facing Wellington Parade and Agnes Street. Revenue from this source will be divided equally between the Board of Management and the Tennis Club.

By joining up again last season Mr. G. Damman has shown us that he absolutely refuses to grow old. Many of the "not so young" Deaf could do worse than follow the example of that fine sportsman.

The 1937-38 season will commence on Saturday, 4th September. Newcomers, young or old, are cordially invited to become members of this sociable Tennis Club. Fees are:—Men, 10/-; Women, 7/6; Juniors, 18 years and under, 5/- per year.

Basketball.

We congratulate the basketball team upon its successful season for, at the close of the second round, our team was third on the premiership list, but, unfortunately, lost to Yarra Falls in the semi-final. Results of the second round are as follows:—

5th June.—A.D.G. defeated Judean Gold, 20-13. The following three weeks were taken up for interstate selection, etc.

3rd July.—A.D.G. defeated Prestige II, 28-6.

10th July.—A.D.G. defeated M.J.S.C., 24-6.

17th July.—A.D.G. drew with West Preston, 14-14.

24th July.—A.D.G. defeated St. Andrew's, 17-16.

31st July.—Mangarians defeated A.D.G., 19-16.

7th Aug.—Yarra Falls d. A.D.G., 16-8.

14th Aug.—Semi-Final: Yarra Falls . A.D.G., 22-9.



A. D. Girls' Basket Ball Team.

Men's Guild.

At the meeting held on 22nd June references were made by the chairman, Mr. J. Phillips, and other members to the severe loss sustained in the passing of Mr. A. Aird, who has been most loyal and very consistent to this Guild. As a mark of respect to his memory a minute's silence was observed.

"Have Women Killed Chivalry?" was the title of a paper given by Mr. Ed. Johnson at the August meeting. This subject proved to be very interesting and it brought forward quite a lot of discussion from members. It was agreed, after all, that chivalry has not been killed yet.

After the above paper, Questions and Answers followed, the chairman opening with the question: "What are the seven wonders of the world?", and he answered correctly, explaining what they were, etc. Mr. E. R. Noble came next with "Where does all the bad air go?", stating that plants breathe in all the impurities and exclude the good air, thus functioning oppositely to human beings. Mr. H. Greensmith was given what was thought to be beyond his calculation: "How much stuff was taken out of the Panama Canal?", but he was up to the occasion for he had been to the Public Library and secured the required information. Mr. J. M. Johnston's question was: "What is the cause of present unemployment?", and he attributed the cause to modern machinery which displaces hand work.

The Guild proposes to organise rambles and hikes on Sunday afternoons during the spring and summer months.

It has been agreed that our next Annual Picnic, which is to be held on Foundation Day, Monday, 31st January, 1938, is to be a char-a-bancs trip to Mount Macedon and the Memorial Cross. The fare will be 6/-, and it is advisable to book early. A small deposit and a monthly instalment will be accepted. Start now and book your seat with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. McLaurin, or Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer.

Inter-Club Indoor Games Competitions.

The Inter-Club Indoor Games Competitions, sponsored by the Men's Guild, launched out very enthusiastically on the first Tuesday of June when a series of competitions was held—table bowls, quoits, bagatelle, draughts, dominoes, darts, badminton, etc. To date, individually, the Lacrosse Team is far ahead of the next best, the Basketball Team, but for teams' results (for which this competition is being run) Lacrosse, Basketball and Women's Guild teams are level on points.

Billiard Tournament.

The Annual Billiard Tournament is on again on the handicap knock-out system. Twenty-seven entries were received. W. Burge is placed on virtual

scratch, receiving five points handicap. The progress results to date on the first round were as follow:—

A. Morgan (45) defeated J. Brundell (75) by 90.

C. Haynes (60) defeated J. Murphy (100) by 62.

W. Hately (50) defeated R. Ryan (50) by 107.

W. Burge (5) defeated R. Cornell (100) by 71.

J. McLaurin (100) deftd. W. Manton (100) by 28.

N. Webb (65) defeated J. Ramage (50) by 98.

R. Jose (100 defeated I. Guthrie by forfeit.

M. Dyson (50) defeated R. Lygon (40) by 12.

N. Webb (65) defeated C. Haynes (60) by 6.

A. Beard (70) defeated J. Boal (50) by 1.

R. Jose (100) defeated W. Burge (5) by 2.

Thursday Nights.

The Thursday night gatherings have retained their popularity and have now become a fixed feature. The evening begins with a short service in the church, "Prayer and Praise," which is followed by a talk or lecturette upon some topic that is interesting the mind of the public at the time or something that has been suggested as likely to be of special interest to the Deaf. The lecturer "reads up" for the occasion. This is followed by a summary of the news of the week with explanatory notes, then sometimes a few cinema films, etc., concluding with coffee, tea, cake, biscuits, etc.

Weddings.

Miss Lorrie Ellis, of Woolamai, South Gippsland, was quietly married to Mr. George McGuinness, of Coburg, at St. Matthias' Church of England, Richmond, by the Rev. Ernest Frewin on the afternoon of 26th June.

On the evening of Monday, 9th August, Mrs. Bernice Cardwell, of Carlton, was quietly married in our church to Mr. Clarence R. Jose, of the same suburb, by Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, of the Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted.

Branch News.

Ballarat.

Two car loads of Melbourne Deaf travelled to Ballarat on 4th July and attended the monthly service at the Ballarat Orphanage, which was conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston. The visitors found Ballarat much colder, but it was made negatory by the warmth of the meeting room where the big fire blazed in the open hearth. After the sermon on "Obedience and Loyalty," the visitors were shown over the Orphanage, and this was followed by a conversazione until tea time. The tea was specially prepared in honour of Miss Dulcie Jones's eighteenth birthday, and a very happy party it was. The table was tastefully decorated and laden with all the good things possible for a party. In the centre, a huge birthday cake with 18 candles was the object of many complimentary remarks. At the close of tea the candles were lit and Dulcie was called upon to blow them out, which she did with one blow. The cake was then cut up and distributed. Miss Jones was the recipient of many greetings and presents. At 6.30 p.m. the Melbourne party, which numbered ten, bad adieu to the local folk and went home in the rain.

The meeting for August was cancelled as a precaution against the possible spread of infantile paralysis.

Geelong.

The Geelong Branch went into recess during July and August because of the coldness of the weather. Meetings re-open in September.

What Does the Bishop Drink?

At the commencement of an address to members of the Apex Club, the Bishop of Ballarat (Dr. Johnston) told an amusing story of how his thirst was catered for at a recent function he attended. When it was discovered that he drank milk, there was great consternation, as all the milk had been used in the coffee. A boy was sent post haste to secure some more milk, meantime the Bishop being shepherded from the ginger ale and such like with the remark, "We're getting some milk for you." In overdue course the boy arrived back breathless, and between gasps explained that he could not find any milk until he had reached the Methodist minister's house, and as no one was home he had "pinched" the jug from there.—"Ballarat Courier."

The Sign Language a Most Beautiful Language of Priceless Value.

At the Hamilton Convention (Canada) the following resolutions were passed:—

Whereas the sign language is a most beautiful language, of priceless value to the Deaf at such occasions as lectures, meetings, religious services, and on the playing fields, etc.,

Resolved: That any policy of education which tends to impair, destroy, or restrict the use of the beautiful language is to be much regretted.

Whereas we fully recognise and appreciate the value of speech to the Deaf and we also recognise the difficulties and even the impossibility of acquiring it by many Deaf,

Resolved: That we favour finger-spelling as an adjunct to the present method of teaching at the Belleville school and we recommend to all instructors of the Deaf the frequent use of the single-hand alphabet.—"Deaf Mute Journal," New York.

B.Sc. to Deaf and Dumb Student.

The University of London has awarded the degree of B.Sc. to a deaf and dumb student.

He is Bernard Lewis Pitcher, who passed before the Vice-Chancellor when degrees were presented at the Albert Hall. Deaf and dumb from birth, Bernard Pitcher, who is 28, specialises in geology. His success is the well-deserved reward of noble patience and indomitable perseverance.

He Scooped up "Kitty."

A few weeks ago a lacrosse team from the Deaf and Dumb Institution was playing on a ground adjoining a bowling club, and in the course of the game the opposing side hit the ball through a straggling hedge dividing the two arenas. This entailed a free throw to the deaf team, so one of their players gleefully leapt the hedge, dashed among the horrified bowlers, scooped up kitty in his racquet and had it well in play before its rightful owners could come to its rescue. Quite a lot of angry words, finger-talking and lip-reading was necessary before kitty got back to the right side of the hedge.

—Sydney "Bulletin."

His Holiness the Pope and the Deaf and Dumb.

Our Principal gave a most appropriate address in our church on Ephphatha Sunday, part of which we hope to find room for in a future issue. Meanwhile we print an address by His Holiness the Pope on the same subject to a large audience of the Deaf.

Both in the Anglican and the Catholic Churches the Sunday after Trinity, in which the Gospel for the day records the healing of the deaf man, is dedicated to the Deaf and Dumb and called Ephphatha Sunday.

The Pope in August, 1935, received in audience a considerable number of deaf mutes and the following is an extract from his address to them:—

"I bid you welcome in the home of your Common Father. I bid you welcome because you belong to the great Catholic family and are our beloved children in Christ. I welcome you all the more because through your great privation you have a right to Our fatherly affection. Most of all, I welcome you because, above others, you are beloved by Jesus Christ, as is read to-day in the Gospel, for if He, in curing the deaf mute, gave very tender and special signs of love, His Vicar cannot, and ought not, to act otherwise. You have done well on this Sunday dedicated to the deaf mutes in coming to Us. We indeed, like all the priests of the Catholic Church, have read to-day the Gospel according to Mark. Beautiful indeed is this Gospel, and well fitted to move our compassion, when it describes with so many affecting circumstances such an extraordinary prodigy. With what special care did the Saviour proceed in curing the poor deaf mute? He took him aside from the crowd, raised His eyes to Heaven, touched the dumb tongue as though He were transmitting to him something of His Own Divine Person, placed His finger in his ears, and pronounced the wonder-working words, 'Be thou opened'! A miracle was worked, and the more He enjoined them to say nothing about it the more the people proclaimed it everywhere, saying, 'He has done all things well, and has made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.' The general terms of the acclamations are an indication that Our Lord cured several deaf mutes.

"Learn from this, beloved sons and daughters, with what love you are embraced by Our Lord, and how great is your obligation of loving Him in return, by observing His holy law, especially the law of prayer, of which He Himself to-day gave an example when He turned His eyes, while sighing, towards the Heavens . . . .

"Therefore, with all Our heart We give Our blessing to the Reverend Father Director and to all of you who labour and collaborate in the continuation of this prodigy, and to you, beloved sons and daughters, and all who are dear to you, We give this blessing as well as to all of those interests to which your intentions at this moment are turned."

South Africa.

Mr. Gilby has left these shores for his old home (we hope not for good). He has been fortunate in visiting the Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal, the Eastern Province and everywhere, but especially in Cape Town, he is universally beloved. The Editor of this paper will miss him more than anyone else for he was a daily visitor to Liberal Buildings and for nine months occupied the "second room" temporarily at the Deaf Headquarters. He has been given provisional leave of absence for 12 months subject to the appointment of the Council.

—The South African "Silent Messenger."

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby has returned to England after spending a couple of years organising work amongst the Deaf and Dumb of South Africa.

AN ACCOUNT OF MY HOLIDAY TO SYDNEY.

By W. A. ROSS.

As my annual holiday from work fell due during the middle of July, I decided to take a trip to Sydney, which was to be my first experience of a long journey. The longest distance I had been out of Melbourne was less than 100 miles, so the trip to Sydney gave me some thrill. On Saturday, 17th July, I boarded the M.V. "Kanimbla" at the North Wharf, where some of my relations and intimate deaf friends came to see me off.

Whilst sailing down the bay we were given instructions in life-saving drill and allotment of stations as precautionary measures. After tea I found that we had already passed the Rip and were well out on the swelling ocean.

During the evening I had games of draughts with the chief steward and found him too good, so we turned to euchre and my luck changed for I had most of the good hands. At midnight I went to bed but I could not sleep at all because of the continual purring and rocking. By 6 a.m. I was up again and found Wilson's Promontory some two hours behind. By 1 p.m. Gabo Island was passed.

Deck tennis occupied my time in the morning and, by good fortune, during the afternoon I was given permission to inspect the motors by which the ship was driven. Time passed very quickly on board and before we knew where we were we found ourselves in bed again. We were informed that we would pass through Sydney Heads by 6.30 a.m. next day, so to make sure of seeing it I was up at 5.30 a.m., and it was a grand sight, too. We went up the harbour very slowly and the sight of the Harbour Bridge from the distance was magnificent. The trams and trains that traversed the bridge, when viewed from the distance, were like flies and caterpillars.

My sister-in-law met me and she immediately took me sight-seeing, including a ride in the "tube" train and then over the Harbour Bridge. Getting off at North Sydney station we walked back over the bridge again. The pylon was visited and a good view of the harbour and the surrounding district was obtained. After that we visited the Adult Deaf Society's Headquarters, where I met Mr. W. Engel, the Welfare Officer, who introduced me to a number of deaf people there.

In the afternoon my brother obtained shore leave and took me out to Bondi and back, and very soon we boarded a ferry for Manly where I stayed eight days.

The whole week was spent in sight-seeing. I was much struck by the magnificent Zoological Gardens at Taronga Park. The Adult Deaf Society's building was visited several times. Their special attraction was only on a Friday night, similar to our Saturday nights. I found the Sydney Deaf too good at billiards, table tennis and other games.

On Sunday my brother took me to Garden Island which is a naval depot and where he works as a supply clerk.

As I am a cooper by trade for a brewery firm I very naturally was anxious to see what Sydney breweries have in that line of work. I secured permission to inspect Tooth's, and Kent's Breweries and was surprised to find them using machinery instead of hand work.

On Tuesday, 27th July, Sydney saw the last of me for M.V. "Manoora" took me back home to Melbourne again. I found the M.V. "Kanimbla" a better boat in size and sociability. After being on the go for fully 10 days I was ready for a good rest on the boat home and so did not enter much into games. The trip home was much rougher.

On the whole the holiday was very much enjoyed, and the sight of another city was an experience never to be forgotten. I am contemplating a trip to Brisbane on my next annual holiday.

I cannot understand how people get seasick, for during the sea trip I never experienced any of the symptoms of seasickness.

Auxiliaries.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Home Auxiliary held their second annual dance at the New Embassy on 29th July last, where the 136 guests had a most enjoyable evening.

Knowing first-hand the hard work this Auxiliary had put into the arranging of this event, it was very pleasing to see the evening turn out such a great success in every respect.

To help swell the funds two prizes were raffled, and to add to the fun of the evening two Monte Carlos were held for which the winners received prizes.

We were very pleased to have in our midst Mr. Peacock, representing the Board. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peacock and their two daughters.

I would like to take this opportunity of mentioning the good work already done by this Auxiliary.

Firstly, they purchased a specially constructed lounge suite consisting of three couches and four armchairs for our men's reading room, and kindly donated Christmas presents for our large family at the Home, also treating them to a very enjoyable picnic at Sandringham.

Our new Blackburn Home Auxiliary held their second and very successful function on 26th August last in the form of a Novelty Night at the Home. This event was most enjoyable, every one of the seventy guests were in party spirit, the games were novel and perfectly organised, and the supper excellent.

The services of Mr. Allen Adcock, whom most of you know as Jimmy Shields of the Shell Show on Sunday nights, who gave a marvellous impersonation of Old Sam, also of a man who had decided to become teetotal and poured the contents of twelve bottles of whisky down the sink, anyhow that is what he started to do with most humorous results, were greatly enjoyed by the gathering. Many prizes were presented to the winners of the games.

Mr. Hobson conveyed thanks on behalf of our Board to both the Auxiliary and their guests for the interest and support they are giving our Society. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hobson and Mr. and Mrs. White.

Miss Alice C. Graham.

Our Fairy Godmother, Miss Alice Graham, was the recipient of many presents, also 28 letters and telegrams on her birthday, the 3rd August.

Greetings were sent from the Board of Management of this Society and the Basketball Club, of which Miss Graham is President.

Cheers for Ian Anderson.

Ian Anderson has now on the market a very good cleanser, something similar to Solvol. It contains healing as well as cleansing properties.

He already supplies one factory, which finds it invaluable, and will be pleased to execute as many orders as he can get.

Roll up and help him to make a success of his new trade.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, of Blayney, New South Wales, are at present in Melbourne, making an extended stay. Mr. Rivers has been to many of our functions.

Mr. Norman May is at present with his uncle at Walwa, up at the north-eastern part of Victoria, trying his hand at bakery, etc.

Mrs. James, of Northern Tasmania, nee Miss Muriel Smith, who for some years was residing in Melbourne, gave birth to a son on 8th June, 1937.

Mr. Jack Boal, of South Melbourne, who went over to Tasmania last January in the hope of finding work there, returned home on Saturday, 7th August. Whilst there and throughout the apple season he was engaged in making fruit cases at the cool stores. As will be remembered, he was involved in a motor smash and had his arm broken, but not a sign of damage can be see now for it has completely healed.

About a month ago Ray Kemble was knocked off his push bike and sustained a nasty cut on his head which necessitated five stitches. He is progressing favourably.

Mr. Ambrose Maloney is in Melbourne at present, having been here over a month.

Through the kindness of one of our country collectors and with the help of our Society, a visit to Melbourne was made possible for Miss Norma Rawlins, of South Lillimur, via Kaniva, during the month of June. It was eight years since she left the St. Kilda Road school and as she had not been back to Melbourne since she was very happy to be able to see her old school friends again. She was met upon arrival at Spencer Street station by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and was accommodated at the Women's Hostel and later at the Blackburn Home. Whilst there she lost no time in making good her stay by visiting her old school and places of interest. She returned home on 5th July, well pleased with her holiday.

Dick White, Claude Lyfield and Alex. Collins were in Melbourne for some days during July. Their sawmill at Neerim Junction was closed down on account of snow and frost which lay very thick and hard. They returned after the thaw.

Mr. Jim Walters, of Leitchville, revisited Melbourne during the month of July, and so did Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton.

Mr. J. Boortz, of Elsternwick, met with a nasty accident some time ago when he was struck down by a motor cyclist near his home. It was on a foggy night and as he was just stepping off the footpath to cross the road a motor cyclist swerved on to him and he was thrown heavily on to the kerb, receiving lacerations, bruises and a cut on his head. He was laid up for about two weeks in a private hospital and when sufficiently well he, together with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, left Melbourne for Sydney on 12th July by the Sydney express. Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz intend to take up permanent residence in Sydney and we trust the northern climate will suit them well. Mrs. Boortz looked well on the day of her departure. She said she had lost two stone six pounds. A fair number of relatives, friends and Deaf saw them off at the Spencer Street station.

The unemployed Deaf, who were at camp at Macedon for the last three months, have returned home and are looking a picture of health. More than half were anxious to return to Macedon in spite of the wet, cold, and discomforts.

For the last few Sundays Mr. Ernest Reynolds has been assisting in hymn renderings and lesson readings in our church, and he also interpreted part of Bishop Johnson's service.

Mr. E. Sturcke, of Main Ridge, was the victim of a hit-and-run motorist for on the night of 31st May, in Wellington Parade, he was knocked down, fortunately a sidelong knock which spun him, and he fell heavily on his hip, causing him much pain and some difficulty in walking. He was attended to as an outpatient of the Melbourne Hospital. He was put through the X-Ray and it was found there was a fracture in his right leg, which was later put in plaster. Mr. Sturcke intended to make a very brief stay in Melbourne for business but through this accident he had to stay longer.

Mr. W. Duncan, of Healesville, was down in Melbourne for the day on business and looked the picture of health.

Mr. Ian Hinton, of Holbrook, New South Wales, wrote to say that he is very much interested in our little magazine which is, to him, most newsy and hopes for its regular continuance. He sends his kind remembrances to all his old school friends.

Miss Betty Doyle was operated on for tonsilitis and is feeling much better after it.

Mr. Jack Stewart, of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, was here for three weeks renewing acquaintances.

Mr. Willie Chapman, Blind Deaf, underwent operations upon his eyes at the Eye and Ear Hospital during June and July, and we are pleased to say that he got over them well and is looking much better now.

The Editor is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Crush who has been to England during its midwinter and felt the cold very much after being used to our warmer climate. He stayed there for six months and half of that time was spent in touring England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He has visited a great many Deaf and Dumb Churches, Missions, Societies, Associations and Schools, and in some places gave addresses. He stated that everywhere the Deaf are interested in the work being carried on in Australia and wished them to convey their greetings and best wishes to their fellow Deaf in Australia. He also stated that remarkable progress is being accomplished in England with the aid of electrically equipped earphones, etc., in special schools for the Deaf. Local councils and corporations maintain all schools for the Deaf Dumb the same as ordinary schools for normal children. He returned home per the new boat R.M.S. "Arawa," which came via the Azores, West Indies, Jamacia, Panama Canal and New Zealand. He remained in New Zealand for a week seeing the best known beauty spots before taking another boat for Sydney. His letter concluded with best wishes to all Victorian Deaf friends and their administrators.

Macedon Camp.

At the Macedon Camp for the Deaf the men were employed erecting a fence. As each post was placed in the hole the foreman would hold his axe lightly suspended in his fingers and squint along the line of fence to get the post in position. He said, "As long as you get the post plumb, it can be rammed into position." One lad said to the other, "What is plumb?" His mate said, "Plumb is what they put the posts up with; it is put on the axe to show when posts are in line."

For those who don't see the joke it might be mentioned that all the axes are stamped "Plumb," the trade mark of a leading manufacturer in U.S.A.

Best and Fairest Lacrosse Player.

Harry Puddy has just missed by a point the "George Beech" Trophy for the best and fairest lacrosse player in the Senior Section of the V.L.A. this season. The winner is D. Scott, of Camberwell. H. Puddy plays for Coburg and it is said that he is the chief mainstay of the club at the present time.

Obituary.

We greatly regret to record the passing away of Mr. A. Aird, of North Fitzroy, aged 80, who for some years had been a quiet and consistent worshipper in our church. Although he was neither born deaf nor educated at the Deaf School, he became deaf in later life. He quickly adapted himself to the deaf language and found much joy in mixing with our congregation since he joined our Society about five or six years ago. He interested himself in our Cricket Club and acted as its official scorer on many Saturdays, and has been generous in regard to presentation of trophies.

On Tuesday night, 8th June, he came along to attend the Men's Guild meeting and had a game or two of draughts. Soon after 9.30 p.m. he bade us farewell. After joking with the station master at Jolimont station he dropped dead. He was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Wreaths were sent—one from the Principal, Staff and all Deaf Members, and the other from the Cricket Club.

Our Principal, Welfare Officer, Messrs. G. Mortimer and M. Dyson represented the Society and the Deaf at the funeral. Mesdames Cross and Downes joined us at the graveside service.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, 13th June, in our church, when our Chaplain, Mr. Abraham, spoke of the many sterling qualities and the Christian character of our late friend.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

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It is with deep regret we announce the passing away of one of our oldest and most loyal members, Mrs. Alice Cove of Murrumbeena, on 28th June at her married daughter's residence, Wattletree Road, Malvern, at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Cove, nee Alice Guest, was born in London in the year 1853 and came to Australia during her infancy. She lost her hearing at the age of two years through Colonial fever. At the age of seven her parents noted the opening of a new school for the Deaf and Dumb by the late Mr. F. J. Rose at Peel Street, Windsor, sent her there, and she was the second pupil to be enrolled. The late Mrs. S. Moss, who died in 1930, was the first pupil. Mrs. Cove was taught the manual system. She married Jesse Cove (hearing) and was the mother of seven fine children, all normal, one daughter having predeceased her. She had been a widow for a great many years. She was known for her jolly disposition, always having a good word for everyone, and was full of wit and humour even to her very last day.

Her loyalty to our Society is well known, and only a few months ago, in spite of her frailty, she managed to be present at the Pioneers' Sunday Service to meet her many friends again.



Late Mrs. A. Cove.

She was buried at Oakleigh Cemetery where many of her deaf friends congregated to pay their last respects. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, interpreted both at the house and the graveside.

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After being a patient of St. Vincent's Hospital for over a month suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, Mr. Thomas Alexander Nelson, whilst there, contracted pneumonia, from which he failed to recover. He passed away on the morning of 21st July, at the age of 67, and was buried on the following day at the Preston Cemetery. He was one of the best known members of the Society, noted for his bright, kindly-natured ways, not afraid to make friends with anybody, and was a regular churchgoer until a few years ago when he moved to a place rather far from transport facilities.

He was born in Collingwood in the year 1880, became deaf at the age of four. He was put to the Deaf School at St. Kilda Road where he remained for nine years, learning the oral system. Upon leaving school he was taken charge of by a "Mr. Spicer" who ran a variety show, touring the country towns, and when the show disbanded later he went selling alphabet cards and books until taken charge of by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, He was engaged in clearing the bush land for our Blackburn Home, and then studied gardening. After twelve years or so he left the Home and started on his own in market gardening and hawking.

All the time he was at Blackburn Mr. Nelson interested himself in many of the Society's activities such as the Deaf Committee, Men's Guild, Cricket and Lacrosse Clubs.

A wreath was sent on behalf of the Deaf Community, and a number of Deaf, together with our Principal and the Welfare Officer, were present to pay last respects at his resting place.

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Another old identity, Miss Ellen Whitlow, an inmate of the Blackburn Home, passed away on the morning of 29th July, 1937, at the ripe age of 83. She died in her sleep after being unconscious for about two days. She was born at Windsor, Melbourne, on 12th February, 1854, and became deaf and dumb in early infancy. She was the third pupil enlisted at the late F. J. Rose's School for the Deaf at Windsor, and was trained on the manual system. She has been connected with the Blackburn Home since its inception in 1908, and was known as one of the most cheerful and contented inmates. She was buried at Box Hill on the following day. Our Chaplain, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, officiated at the graveside. A number of inmates were present to pay their last respects.

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The mind it its own place, and in itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.

"'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll deserve it."

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life runs ahead like a song;
But the man who's worth while
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

The ancient sacrifice—a lowly and a contrite heart.

A Prayer for Each One of Us.

Almighty God, in whose hands are the mountains and the seas, and all the power of the rushing, mighty wind, in Thy gentleness I put my trust: on Thy forgiveness I depend; in Thee, and in Thee only, I find myself.

Grant that I may live so close to Thee that Thy strength and grace may ever abound in me, and that through my life others may feel Thy power flowing in them as a tide of new life, lifting them above the wreckage of Time and the cares of common days, and bearing them ever toward the sun of Thy abiding peace.

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The Good We Do.

The good we do to-day becomes
The happiness of to-morrow.
—Hindu Proverb.

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St. Anslem's Prayer.

O Merciful God, fill our hearts, we pray Thee, with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit; with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Teach us to love those who hate us; to pray for those who despitefully use us; that we may be the children of Thee, our Father, who makest Thy sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust.

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God and My Neighbour.

Lord, help me to learn the hard lesson in which Thou dost bid me love my neighbour.

Give me spaciousness of spirit, abounding patience, and an enduring love. Bless my neighbour, Lord, and show me how Thy blessing may reach him through me. Amen.

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(Incorporated)

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All-Australian Deaf And Dumb Carnival

A civic reception was tendered by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) yesterday at the Town Hall to the interstate representatives to the All-Australian Deaf and Dumb Carnival. The following were present:—

Victoria—Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and J. M. Johnston, Misses E. R. Empson R. Dow, and D. Hickey.

New South Wales—Misses F. Fyffe and E. Doran, Mrs. C. H. Richards, Messrs. J. Rigg and C. H. Richards.

Queensland—Misses K. Kelly, T. Salton, and D. Scott, and Messrs. A. Landers, A. Lewis, D. Lewis, and R. Baker.

Tasmania—Mrs. T. McGrath.

Western Australia—Miss M. Wallace.

South Australia—Mrs. O. R. Redman, Messrs. J. A. Thomson, O. R. Redman, W. F. Appleton, C. Hawkins, and A. M. Rankine.

When the Lord Mayor spoke he was interpreted at amazing speed on the fingers of one of the visitors. Others spoke, who could talk on their fingers, too, and they expressed themselves both ways.

The treasurer of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission (Mr. J. A. Thompson), Messrs. E. J. D. Abrahams (Victoria), and A. Landers (Queensland), and Miss E. Doran (New South Wales) spoke on behalf of the visitors.

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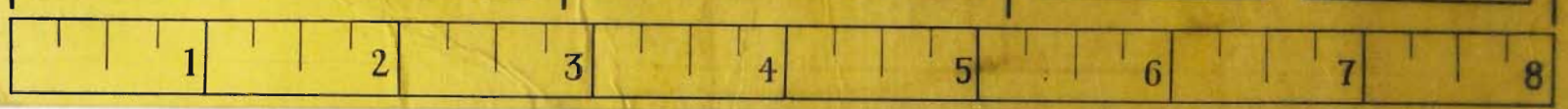
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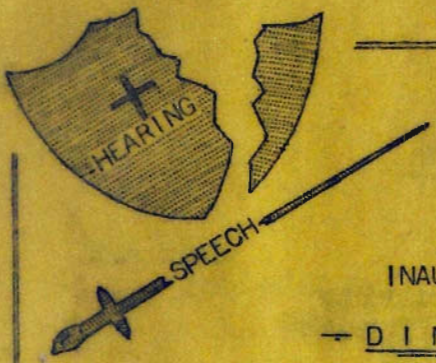
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New Year's Day, Jan. 1st
Foundation Day, Feb. 1st
Eight Hours' Day, Mar. 15th
Good Friday, March 26th
Easter Saturday, March 27th
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King's Birthday, June 28th
Cup Day, Nov. 2nd
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INAUGURAL

— DINNER —

OF THE

DEAF OF VICTORIA

HELD AT THE

BLACK CAT FLAT.

OFF CENTREWAY, COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1937

"GRANTED THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US,
GRANTED WE ENTER THE FIELD,
WHEN FATE HAS FOUGHT AND CONQUERED,
BROKEN OUR SWORD AND SHIELD;
WHAT THEN? SHALL WE ASK FOR QUARTER
AND SAY THAT OUR WORK IS DONE?
NAY, RATHER, THE GREATER GLORY IS OURS,
IF THE FIELD BE WON."

MENU

SOUP

A la Adammuirity
Johnstonia Tomato

FISH

Oakley Whiting

JOINTS

Roast Fruinbeefa
Lufflamb
Pork and Damman Sauce

SWEETS

Crompton Plum Pudding
McLaurin Pie(Apple)
Eric Trifle
Morty Wine Jelly

Other Sweets, richly flavoured with:
Hickey, Dow, Sanders, Sandon, Lloyd, Leber, Doyle, Peters, Hawkins, McCormick, Phyllis and Dorothy J., etc.

Cigarettes (Greensmith Brand)

Drinks:
Lemon Puddy, Sandon Ginger, Noble Kola.
Dyson Tea. Phillips Coffee.

All drinks guaranteed to be free from thick heads and wobbly legs.

TOASTS

The King
Schools for the Deaf
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Benefactors
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Presentation by the Deaf Tennis Club:

Founders Trophies to the Winners

Gentlemen's Singles .. Joe Dickinson

Ladies' Singles .. Mrs. Don Johnston.

Deaf Men's Guild

ANNUAL PICNIC

to

D R O M A N A

Monday, 1st February, 1937.

Vans leave "Snows", Flinders Street, 9 a.m. sharp.

Hot Water and
Milk Free.

Tickets 2/6 each.
E. Roxburgh,
Honorary Secretary.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

A S O C I A L

To MR. W. F. ROWE (who has been, for the past few years Honorary Secretary of our Society) and MRS. ROWE, and to

MR. C. R. B. JAMES (our new Honorary Secretary) and MRS. JAMES

will be held in our Assembly Hall
on TUESDAY, 3rd AUGUST, 1937, at 8 p.m.

HOST, on behalf of the Deaf Community,
MR. L. A. CLEVELAND,
President of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

Admit Mrs Halliday

REUNION DINNER

OF THE DEAF OF VICTORIA

(SMOKE AND REMINISCENCE NIGHT)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30TH, 1937, 7 P.M.

AT THE

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(THROUGH CENTREWAY)
COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE

TICKETS, 3/-

E. NOBLE
A. ANDERSON
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PLEASE BE SEATED BY 7 O'CLOCK

CHURCH for the DEAF
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

Dear Friend,

I am looking forward to seeing you at Divine Worship on Sunday next, 22nd July, and hope that you will join us in partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

Service 7 p.m.
Lord's Supper 7.45 p.m.

"Sun" 25 Sept 1937

Lives His Shuttered Life With Shakespeare

By R. L. Hoffmann

YOU can't know how life can be —not until you know about old Thompson. He is a man who is making his way through the years like a night-traveller—gropingly. He is blind. He is deaf. And he is dumb. Yet there is something almost mystic in his drawn, bearded cheeks; something luminous in his sunken, sightless eyes.

It is the face of a visionary, illuminated by a spark that shines inside — a sort of happy warrior ensnared by hopeless adversities.

Yes, Thompson — it is not his name — cannot see, nor hear, nor speak. His world is muted and shuttered. He is an inmate of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's idyllic little haven at Blackburn. But away in his remote fastness, and beneath these crowded afflictions, he is happy. His heart sings with the joys of scholarship. His mind dwells among the poets.

Mr. Douglas Abraham, superintendent of the Blackburn home, can tell you of Thompson's special genius for Shakespeare. At his finger-tips he has almost any of the Master's plays and poems. When I say at his finger-tips I mean it literally. With lightning manipulation of the manual alphabet he can quote you passages from Coriolanus, Macbeth, Lucrece.

Thompson was born deaf and muted. He seems to have been one of those trial cases selected by a wayward fate just to see how much man can stand. Age brought blindness —and Thompson is standing it well. Before this last affliction blotted his world out altogether he took Shakespeare as company through his loneliness. He loved Shakespeare with a passion.

Now nothing can take his friend from him. There is something ennobling about the pathos of the case of this man. No wonder Mr. Douglas Abraham and his father, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who is principal of the society in Victoria, have a special pride in him.

There are about 1000 people in Victoria who are deaf and dumb. A few — like old Thompson — are also blind. They live in a world of their own. Silence and solitude wrap them round. There is no escape.

But of these just deaf and dumb, a myriad glints and scintillations now light their way. This is due to the work of the Deaf and Dumb Society, which, at this moment, is directing the lives of about 600 victims.

The Society's principal (Mr. Abraham, senr.) has a sort of patriarchal authority over the large family. To him they bring their joys and their sorrows, their differences and perplexities. They even approach his advice on matters of romantic interest — should they marry, and if they marry, should they have children? . . . and all the whys and wherefores of this shuttered world of theirs.

Mr. Abraham's story itself has a saga-like flavor. He has been caring for the deaf and dumb for 54 years. That sounds like a lifetime but it isn't Mr. Abraham's life-time by any means. His enthusiasms make you feel it is only the beginning. Perhaps his fire is some curious reaction to the depressing gloom through which he so often has to smile.

Struggle For Funds

He began this labor in Manchester, when he was on the threshold of a literary career with Robert Blatchford, of The Clarion. His father conducted a Baptist mission for the deaf and dumb, and soon the younger Abraham had fallen under the spell of helping others. He edited a newspaper written specially for his father's afflicted congregation. Then accepted the job he now holds here in Melbourne.

Since the beginning, work for the deaf and dumb has been a struggle against financial difficulties. It is still a struggle, as it is with so many other organisations depending on public support.

The Society is plodding along weighted with a bank overdraft of £2000 and a property debt of £12,000. Just yet there is no sign that this handicap will be lifted, and the activities of the Society must remain curtailed, by comparison with what it knows should be done for the afflicted.

The headquarters at Jolimont Square is one of the quietest and most peaceful spots in Melbourne. What was once a gentleman's residence, set in magnificent grounds, has been altered to suit its new needs. It is the constructive centre of the Society — the hub of Victoria's deaf-mute community.

The atmosphere at Jolimont Square is remarkable. Apart from Mr. Abraham and his assistant secretary, Miss Empson, everyone speaks in the language of signs. The human voice, when it is heard at all, strikes an almost discordant note.

Throughout the day you may find men and women who know no sound, sitting at tables in the bright but inadequate club room reading newspapers and magazines. The lightest footfall is a raucous clash against the symphony of silence.

Sometimes these people gather at bridge parties when a partner's ace can be massacred with a trump without even so much as a whispered recrimination. When a deaf-mute is provoked his anger mounts no further than his finger-tips. It is true that epithets and curses are sometimes fiercely gestured, but a thundering row is a decorous affair, conducted in an eerie silence.

On the whole, however, Mr. Abraham says, deaf-mutes play good bridge, and their tempers are not easily ruffled.

The Society assumes responsibility for its



Power of speech with the hands is illustrated by this picture of Miss E. Lloyd talking to Mr. Wallace Ross at a lecture in the Jolimont Deaf and Dumb Institution last night. The word is "True."

children — they are all children, whether 16 or 60 — so soon as they leave school. It becomes their university, their training centre and their employment bureau. At night lectures on all sorts of subjects are given, and in every way they are taught to adjust themselves to a world for which nature forgot to equip them.

In the grounds of Jolimont Square stands a church. This is no ordinary church, but one of which every specification was designed to help its handicapped congregation. Special lighting effects were introduced, for a deaf-mute hears with his eyes.

Every Sunday a non-denominational service is conducted by Mr. Abraham. With their eyes the devotees follow the prayers transcribed manually from the rostrum.

Few normal people can conceive the sufferings and handicaps of a deaf-mute. It is not so long since people so afflicted were the butt of ridicule more often than the object of sympathetic understanding. Unhappily this is still sometimes the case.

Actually, it is claimed, a deaf-mute is more seriously handicapped than a blind person, who never fails to evoke public sympathy — and rightly so.

But although a person is blind his sense of hearing and power of speech gives him friendly intercourse with his fellows. He has music and conversation. Radio has brought the world to his feet.

The deaf and dumb person, however, lives in a world of deathly silence. So far as he is concerned his fellows, too, are deaf and dumb, and a radio set is just a weird piece of junk.

The Society has been rewarded by many of its sons and daughters who have shone in various walks of life. Until a few years ago one of Melbourne's leading engravers owed his start to the Jolimont institution. Others have risen to positions of trust and responsibility. And football followers of another generation will remember the deaf and dumb trio — Muir, Ward and Bourke — who stripped together in the Fitzroy team.

These and others have done well by themselves and those who have helped them.

But at Blackburn the real pathos of these afflictions hits you hardest. Here you may find some victims in complete surrender — men and women, not only deaf and dumb, but blind and senile as well.

Blackburn is a farm, a school and a rest home — a lovely retreat, set among great gardens and an orchard with a lake gleaming at the foot of a hill. Some of the men work done by the rest.

And there along the promenade verandah gropes old Thompson, living in the world of Shakespeare's yesterdays . . . taking tea, perhaps, in a Veronese garden with the Capulets . . . . or in the tap room of the Boar's Head tavern making merry passes with Bardolph, Pistol, Falstaff and the rest. . . . Who can tell?

Sun 11 Oct 1937

Deaf and Dumb Society Meeting in Historic Setting

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria at Jolimont Square at 3 p.m. next Thursday, will give an opportunity to those attending to inspect the old residence of the first Governor of Victoria, the houses of the staff of Governor Latrobe, and the quaint church specially designed for the deaf and dumb. The public is invited.

The Lord Mayor will preside, and speakers will be Sir Isaac Isaacs, and Mr. Pittard, M.L.C., chairman of the Charities Board.

Herald 14 Oct 1937

TRAINING DEAF AND DUMB

Government Help Wanted

The opinion that the Government should assist in training the deaf and dumb adults in Victoria for professions was expressed by the Lord Mayor (Sir George Wales, M.L.C.) at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria yesterday.

Sir George Wales said that almost every country in the world had a shortage of skilled labour. The only migrants that England could send us would be unskilled workmen.

The need for the erection of a central building for the care, training, and social life of deaf and dumb people after they left their elementary school was emphasised in the annual report of the society.

After the annual meeting an extraordinary general meeting was held to amend the articles of association of the society. Mr. J. P. Bourke, a deaf member of the society, said that the articles were "right out of date." Although the society belonged to the deaf they had had no say in framing the constitution.

None of Mr. Bourke's proposals was acceptable to the chairman, the president of the society (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), and further discussion was adjourned until the next meeting on November 4.

Argus 15 Oct 1937

APPEAL FOR WORK FOR DEAF MUTES

Nearly all skilled deaf workers in Victoria are now in employment, but other unskilled men need regular employment to retain their mental and physical poise, said the secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Mr. C. R. B. James) in his report at the 53rd annual meeting this afternoon.

The Lord Mayor (Sir George Wales, M.L.C.) presided.

Mr. James said if the new State Employment Service would include one or two per cent. of deaf mutes among the thousands of unemployed normal men to be given work it would absorb nearly all the Society's unemployed. The Minister for Labor (Mr. Mackrell) was considering the suggestion.

"Sun" 25 Oct 1937

Deaf And Dumb Couple Married

The marriage took place at St. Margaret Mary's Church, East Brunswick, on Saturday morning of a deaf and dumb couple—Mr. A. Anderson, of Coburg, and Miss Olive Minton.

The Rev. Father Pearce, of Heidelberg, who has a close knowledge of the sign language, officiated.

"Sun" 28 Oct 1937

Deaf and Dumb Aid Praised

A TRIBUTE to the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in Victoria has been received by the secretary from Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, deputy chairman of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of N.S.W., who has just returned from a world tour.

Mr. Lonsdale stated that Australia need not be ashamed of the work she was doing on behalf of deaf and dumb people. Referring to Victoria, he declared he did not know any place that was so well equipped as the Church in Melbourne, the Welfare Centre and the Blackburn Homes.

"Sun" 15 Oct 1937

"DEAF PEOPLE TREATED LIKE NATIVES"

OUTBURST ROUSES MEETING

Attack on Society's Constitution

AN outburst by Mr. J. Bourke, a deaf member of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, stirred members at an extraordinary general meeting yesterday, following the society's normal annual meeting.

"In our relations with this society," said Mr. Bourke, "we deaf people are treated like the natives of India, South Africa or Egypt — we have no say in the election of those who govern us.

"I have in my hand the society's articles of association. If Germany and Italy have State constitutions they must be just like these articles. They want altering from top to bottom.

"Hear me speak; hear me speak," cried Mr. Bourke when the president of the society (Mr. L. A. Cleveland) directed Mr. Ernest Reynolds, who translated the proceedings into deaf and dumb signs, to tell Mr. Bourke that he was out of order.

MR. CLEVELAND then pointed out that the meeting had been called to deal with making a specific change in the constitution. This was the only matter, therefore, with which the meeting was competent to deal.

"If Mr. Bourke desires that the articles of association should be altered from top to bottom," said Mr. Cleveland, "he should write to the executive, submitting the proposed amendments. The necessary machinery will then be put in motion."

As Mr. Bourke tried to continue, cries of "sit down" and "throw him out" came from the meeting. Deaf and dumb people gesticulated wildly and Mr. Bourke, still appealing to be heard, made his way to his seat and sat down.

TO THE DEAF

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
To which you are invited.

REUNION DINNER of the DEAF of this STATE.
Smoke and Reminiscence Night
at the BLACK CAT TEA FLAT (off Centreway)
Collins Street, Melbourne.
Open to all ex-pupils of schools for the Deaf, but number of tickets limited.
Tickets 3/- may be obtained from Messrs. E. Noble, A. Anderson, H. Greensmith.

ADULT DEAF SOCIETY QUARTERLY RALLY
Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.
SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 7.45 p.m.
Good Programme and Supper.
Hearty Welcome to all Deaf. Free.

ANNUAL MEETING of the ADULT DEAF and DUMB SOCIETY
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.
Thursday, 14th October, 3 p.m.
See special announcement.

CUP DAY PICNIC
Tuesday, 2nd November.
Place to be announced.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Assembly Hall, Jolimont
THURSDAY, 11th November, 7.30 p.m.
Big Programme. Open to all.

"Sun" 30 Oct 1937

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Mr. R. J. Oehr has been elected a life governor of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, of which he was honorary secretary for 21 years.

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Mr. R. J. Oehr

Bendigo advertiser 3 Nov 1937

Deaf and Dumb Society.

The official collector of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (Mr. W. M. Underwood) is in Bendigo, and will be pleased to meet citizens desiring to assist the good work of this organisation. The society has more than 1000 deaf and dumb adults on its books, and it supports a home for the aged deaf and dumb at Blackburn, Victoria, where indigent cases are cared for. Contributions for the society's work will be gratefully received. Mr. Underwood is accompanied by Mr. S. G. Hobson, who many years ago resided here.

Bendigo Advertiser 3 Nov 1937

Mr. S. G. Hobson, of East Kew, and a former Bendigonian, is on a visit to this city after an absence of 45 years. As a youth he was employed on the staff of "The Bendigo Advertiser," and has pleasant memories of Bendigo. Mr. Hobson is on a business visit for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, with Mr. W. M. Underwood. For 40 years Mr. Hobson was in the Malay States on business for the Government in the rich tin dredging areas, principally with the Austral Malay group. After his long absence he found many changes and great progress in Bendigo, and is delighted with the advancement made in the city and district.

A.D.G. Basket Ball Club

Dance

Saturday, 20th November, 1937, at 8 p.m.

at

The Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, Jolimont Square
East Melbourne

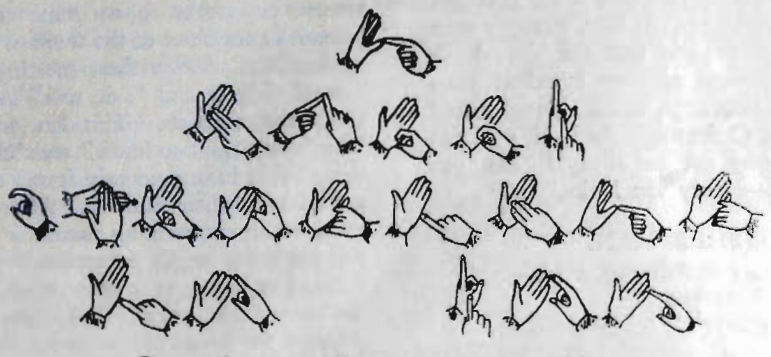
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A Merry Christmas to You.

Christmas is nearly here and we are all looking forward to much that will give us pleasure—happy family gatherings, nice presents, cheery greetings, and joyous games! But is that all we keep Christmas for? No, surely not!

Let everything alive share, if possible, in the joys of Christmas. Do something to make it a happy time, at least, for every living thing with which you have anything to do. In this way we can try to make it a season of real loving kindness to one and all. Let us make up our minds that every living being with whom we have anything to do—our human friends and our "lower brethren" —shall be, somehow, the happier because of what we—you and I—have been able to do for them.

KEEPING CHRISTMAS.

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his little watch now and then by the great clock of humanity. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts' hunger for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what are you going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and to look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness?

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends

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love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open? Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And, if you can keep it for a day, why not for always? But you cannot keep it alone.—Henry van Dyke.

THE OTHER MAN.

Perhaps he sometimes slipped a bit—
Well, so have you.
Perhaps some things he ought to quit--
Well, so should you.
Perhaps he may have faltered—why,
Why all men do, and so have I;
You must admit, unless you lie,
That, so have you.

Perhaps if we would stop and think,
Both I and you,
When painting some one black as ink,
As some folks do,
Perhaps, if we would recollect,
Perfection we would not expect,
But just a man half-way correct,
Like me and you.

I'm just a man who's fairly good,
I'm just like you.
I've done things I never should,
Perhaps like you.
But, thank the Lord, I've sense to see
The rest of men with charity,
They're good enough if good as me—
Say—men like you.

Church News.

The 15th of August was "Ephphatha" Sunday and our Principal gave a most appropriate address at the evening service in our church.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening service on Sunday, 10th October.

During Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's indisposition and health trip up North from 17th October to 11th November Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated at all of the church services and prayer meetings.

The collections on Sunday, 24th October, were devoted to the Hospital Appeal and the sum of £2/16/3 was raised.

Thursday Nights.

Notwithstanding its distinctive educational nature Thursday night is now the young folks' most popular evening at our Centre. It begins with a short service in the church which is followed by a 30 to 45 minute lecture or address upon some topic of immediate interest or the news of the week or world wide doings of the Deaf. When these meetings began there was a small fidgety and "side talk" section which rather spoilt the function. This has entirely disappeared. The "don't want to know" and "already know everything" folk have evidently found attractions more in accord with their outlook. After the lecture something of an entertaining nature is introduced; mostly this feature is largely educational—a cinema film with a moral or lesson, or a game which brings the mental machinery into action. Just now "Housy Housy" is popular for about 20 minutes towards the end of each evening, but it is without the gambling element, although a small prize is given such as a box of chocolates. The evening winds up with conversation, tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. The Assembly Hall is arranged as a lounge. Carpets, arm chairs and card tables, and floral decorations give the atmosphere of a party and not the old dry as dust form so commonly associated with a lecture. Perhaps that is the secret of its great success.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR SOCIETY.

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was again held in our Assembly Hall of our Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the afternoon of Thursday, 14th October, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Cr. A. G. Wales. The Hon. A. J. Pittard, Chairman of the Charities Board, was the principal speaker, and gave a very excellent address. After the Annual Meeting an extraordinary general meeting was held to amend the articles of association of the Society. This was referred to an adjourned meeting on 4th November and was then carried.

The following officers were elected:—President: Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. H. Peacock; Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. R. B. James; Board of Management: Messrs F. W. Spry, N. Armstrong, E. J. L. Bremner, H. Bedggood, H. Belyea, M. J. Hoath, S. C. Hobson, G. H. Newnham, E. R. Noble, E. H. Peacock, Cr. Sweetland and Miss R. Dow.

Extracts from Annual Report:—

A general survey of the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for the past 15 months reveals progress in varying degrees of practically all its activities.

Application was made to the Premier to provide funds for the erection of a central building and the board was advised that the application is to be considered by the Metropolitan Standing Committee of the Charities Board early in the financial year. It is able to report that, as a result of representations to the Charities Board, a grant of £250 for the half-year ended 30th June last was made towards the maintenance of the Society's Home for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf Mutes at Blackburn, for which it was sincerely grateful.

The Board of Management gratefully acknowledges the temporary relief extended to the unemployed Deaf by the Employment Council by way of two camps for single men for a period of 12 weeks each at Mount Macedon.

The report ended up with thanks to the many friends for their generosity and kindness shown during the past 15 months.

Re-Union Dinner.

Approximately 60 of the Adult Deaf gathered for their inaugural Re-union Dinner at the Black Cat Flat on Thursday evening, 30th September, 1937 (Show Night), which proved a success. The guests of honour were the Deaf Citizens of 70 years and over —Messrs. A. C. Muir, F. E. Frewin, R. H. Luff, M. G. B Mortimer, and Mrs Crompton—and included in the gathering were Messrs E. J. L. Bremner, S. Hobson, C. R. B. James (members of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria); the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and his wife; the Manager and Matron of the Blackburn Home, Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham; the Assistant Secretary of the Society, Miss E. Empson; and the Honorary Interpreter, Mr. E. Reynolds and his wife.

The tables were delightfully decorated with a profusion of roses in varying shades of colour specially brought down from the Society's Farm at Blackburn.

Mr. Adam C. Muir, by virtue of his activities in the early days, was given the honour of presiding over the gathering. He opened the proceedings after the dinner with the toast, "The King." It was followed by an explanatory talk on the dinner by the Announcer, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who stated that the object is to inaugurate an annual reminiscence night for the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Victoria; to entertain the Deaf of seventy years and over as special guests; to recognise in some form or other the outstanding Deaf of the year and those who in various ways have contributed to the general esteem and uplift of the Deaf; and make it the occasion for the presentation of trophies won by the Deaf during the year, and to spend a happy evening together.

Mr. C. R. B. James, the Hon. Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, was called upon to propose the toast of "Our Pioneer Guests," and in doing so the speaker referred to the early struggles of the Deaf to found a meeting place for social intercourse and their long association with it. The chairman, Mr. Muir, responded.

The toast of the "Schools for the Deaf" was proposed by Mr. E. R. Noble, who was a pupil of Manchester School for the Deaf, England, and paid tribute to the teaching staff for the painstaking and successful upbringing of the Deaf in the various schools. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer, the President of the Past Pupil's Association, responded. Then came Mr. F. E. Frewin's toast to the Adult Deaf Societies, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by them and wished them continued prosperity. Mr. E. J. L. Bremner responded.

Mr. R. H Luff then proposed the toast to the "Benefactors." Mr. S. Hobson responded and paid tribute to the Deaf benefactors who have helped those not so fortunate as themselves, especially Miss A. Graham, the late Messrs. M. L. Miller, S. Moss, A. Aird and others.

The toast to the Sporting Associations was proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnston who said that it was mainly through the Cricket Club that the Melbourne Deaf Society came into existence some 55 years ago. He remarked that in many instances the Deaf have made names as champion players in various spheres of sport, especially football in years gone by and lacrosse in the present day, as selected representatives of their States in interstate matches. Before honouring the toast Mrs. J. M. Johnston, the founder of the Melbourne Deaf Tennis Club, presented trophies to the winners of Ladies and Gentlemen's Singles Tournaments. Mrs. Don Johnston (nee Miss Burnie Higgie) received a handsome silver-plated tea pot and Mr. Joe Dickinson an inscribed Swan fountain pen.

Mr. H. Puddy, an interstate lacrosse player and an allround sportsman, responded, stressing mainly the need of another tennis court for our members, and his remark was duly noted.

Mr. E. Johnson proposed the toast of the Officers and Staff of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society which was drunk amidst much applause. The meeting then ended with the exchange of autographs on the menu cards.

A unique and most appropriate menu card was got up for that occasion. On its front page, in the top left hand corner, was a drawing of a broken shield and broken sword representing lost hearing and speech, and below the announcement a poetical verse

to represent the meaning of the drawing, "Granted the odds are against us." This piece of poetry was written by an American deaf poet.

The menu was written up as follows:—

SOUP

A la Adamuirity
Johnstonia Tomato

FISH

Oakley Whiting

JOINTS

Roast Fruinbeefa
Lufflamb
Pork and Damman Sauce

SWEETS

Crompton Plum Pudding
McLaurin Pie (Apple)
Eric Trifle
Morty Wine Jelly

Other Sweets richly flavoured with—Hickey, Dow, Sanders, Sandon, Lloyd, Leber, Doyle, Peters, Hopkins, McCormick, Phyllis and Dorothy J., etc.

Cigarettes (Greensmith Brand)

DRINKS

Lemon Puddy, Sandon Ginger, Noble Kola, Dyson Tea, Phillips Coffee

All drinks guaranteed to be free from thick heads and wobbly legs.

Anniversary Rally.

The Anniversary Rally in celebration of the coming to Australia of Principal Ernest J. D. Abraham was held on the evening of Saturday, 9th October. Mr. F. E. Frewin acted as chairman and before commencing the evening's programme asked those present to make the choice for our next Cup Day Picnic. At least five places were named, and they were Diamond Creek, Blackburn, Seaford, Yan Yean and Mordialloc. Voting showed that majority favoured Yan Yean, with Seaford close second. The chairman then performed a pleasing ceremony in presenting Mr. Alex. Anderson with a very handsome amberine glass flower basin with stand and ornament in centre, as a wedding present from the Deaf Community. Mr. Anderson very feelingly responded with sincere thanks.

Business over, including announcements of coming events, the chairman gave a short resume of events since Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's arrival in Melbourne some 36 years ago, and the work accomplished to get the present luxurious church and club-house. Mr. Abraham in responding said that he never had a finer body of men and women to work with him than his Victorian Deaf friends, and he was most warmly applauded.

The original programme was games before pictures, but owing to lengthy speeches and business the chairman reversed the order of things. The title of the picture was "Captain Fly-by-Night." It was a stirring tale of Old California in the days of Spanish rule—a story of romance and ancient chivalry, of brilliant sword play, desperate rebellion, daring horsemanship, and personal encounter; and withal clean and highly entertaining.

Supper followed and soon after a number of games, including figure games, were played until closing time, much to the enjoyment of the younger Deaf.

Lip Readers' Club.

We had another visit from the members of the Lip Readers' Club on the evening of Wednesday, 1st September, when various indoor games were played. Team competitions were arranged for table tennis (which was won by our members), bagatelle (both sides scored equal number of wins), carpet bowls (the visitors excelled in that department), so the honours of the evening were equally divided.

The new outfit of table tennis and carpet bowls are proving popular.

Card games and unravelling puzzles occupied the attention of others. At 10.15 p.m. supper was served.

Our ladies overcame their difficulties in regard to the absence of gas to boil water for tea by having kettles on the wood and briquette fire in the office.

Approximately 15 visitors arrived and about the same number of our members were present. The evening terminated with a vote of thanks by the President of the Lip Readers' Club, Mr. Don, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham replied expressing our pleasure in their coming and invited them to come to our Quarterly (Anniversary) Rally on Saturday, 9th October, 1937.

Cinema Picture Shows.

On 10th June we had "From Hand to Mouth," featuring Harold Lloyd and Mildred Davis in Hal. Roach's comedy, with other small supporting items.

On 24th June "Golf," a farcial comedy featuring Larry Semmons, and one or two small items.

On 1st July Laurel and Hardy featured in "Them thar Hills," and the other two were "Hi Neighbours" and "Jungle Jitters."

An unusual story, and extremely entertaining, of Mexican border incidents, "The Thundering Hoofs," was shown on the evening of 19th August. There was plenty of thrilling action with laughs and chuckles scattered through it.

We had, on 23rd September, "The Moonstone." It was the story of the Sacred Jewel of Vishnu which destined to bring death and evil influence into the lives of those who handled it, and not until the jewel was finally restored to the Temple of Vishnu did the shadow of tragedy cease to stalk in its wake. The actor and actress were Eugene O'Brien and Elaine Hammerstein.

BASKET BALL CLUB'S DANCE.

By A.D.G.

The dance held by the Basket Ball Club on Saturday, 20th November, can without exaggeration be described as one of the most successful functions of its kind we have had.

On Friday night a band of willing workers tackled the job of decorating the hall and the result of their work was really splendid and worthy of the large crowd who attended.

The attendance was about 150 of whom well over a third were hearing friends and relatives. Those who preferred cards to dancing were well provided for and about 20 took advantage of these arrangements.

A good orchestra had been engaged and everything was very well planned. The brilliant frocking of the ladies formed a kaleidoscope of glorious colours set off to advantage by the sombre evening cloths of the men. Half-way through the evening a Monte Carlo dance was held and won by Miss G. Hunter and Mr. A. Leigh. Mr. Ronald Damman and Miss Jessie Williams gave some exhibition dances. It was a marvellous exhibition of grace and skill and was warmly applauded by the spectators.

Some old time dances came next, including some minutes hectic excitement with the Alberts. It was during this dance and the Flirtation Barn Dance that those present became only too well aware of the pressing need of a larger—much larger—hall. However, unavoidable bumps were taken in good part. We would remark, by the way, that a crowded ballroom is no place to try fancy steps which had better be left till there is plenty of room.

A nice supper was served at 10.15 p.m. and at about 11.15 the first departure began of those living in outlying districts.

All were pleased to see the President of the Basket Ball Club, Miss Alice Graham, present; also a new member of the General Board, Mr. H. Belyea, and Mrs. Belyea.

To Mr. Damman, Miss Williams and Mr. Bell, who acted as M.C., the members of the Basket Ball Club extends sincere thanks for their share in making a very enjoyable night.

The Card Tournament was won by Mr. A. Morgan and Mrs. Nicolls respectively.

Billiards Tournament.

The Billiards Tournament which has been running for some weeks past was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday night, 23rd October, and resulted in a win for Willie Hately, of Camperdown, who was on the 50 point mark. In the final game he played against Norman Webb, who was receiving 65 points. An excellent contest was provided although, unfortunately, there were not many members present to witness it.

Until the first hundred Webb had scored practically as many points off the stick as his stronger opponent, but thereafter Hately's masterly tactics and very accurate potting, including a break of 23, slowly brought him along, until at the conclusion of the game he was 47 points in front.

Hearty congratulations to both the winner and the runner-up for their excellent performances throughout the tournament.

Trophies will be presented to them at the Christmas Rally, 16th December.

Euchre Tournament.

The Fortnightly Euchre Tournament ended on 11th September last with wins for John Cariss, who scored an aggregate of 59 wins on the gents' side, and Miss Chris. Derbyshire on the ladies' side with 55 wins. In the last match played on 11th September Miss Rose Dow and David Leber won respectively.

Many expressions of regret were made of the termination of this interesting competition, but the players may be assured of many more tournaments at later dates.

Table Tennis.

Largely through the instrumentalities of Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of the Board of Management, Mr. Victor McKay of the Sunshine Harvester Works was induced to make the kind gift that we are in possession of—a fine indoor tennis table. Both gentlemen have our sincere thanks. The table tennis game has become the rage of the younger set and many fine contests were witnessed. It is the intention of the Committee to stage a tournament in the near future to discover our champions.

When the Deaf Committee was in receipt of the new table tennis top it was found to be seven inches narrower than the standard width. At the August meeting of the Committee it accepted Mr. J. McLaurin's offer to remedy this defect and also to provide the top with trestles. One vacant evening Mr. McLaurin set to work and completed the widening job some four hours after, including the staining and marking off. The trestles were made some previous time. Mr. McLaurin was most heartily thanked for his gratuitous work at the September meeting of the Committee.

Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club held its Annual Meeting on evening of 2nd September, 1937, after the Thursday night

lecture, in the Library of the Centre. The time allowed for this meeting was limited, but we managed to get the business through before closing time, 10.30 p.m.

The annual report, which was of fair length, contained all the good reports of the members' and club's doings, and the balance sheet, showing the club to be in a healthy position, were read and received.

Owing to shortness of time the chairman's address was cut out. He then called for nominations for officers for the coming year and the election resulted as follows:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President: Mr. J. Dickenson; Honorary Secretary: Mr. C. Ellwood; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. McLaurin; Committee: Messrs. T. Peters, H. Puddy, R. Conacher, Mrs. D. Johnston and Miss D. Johnston. The membership fee for the year was fixed at 7/6 for gentlemen and 5/- for ladies.

Life membership was conferred upon Mr. J. M. Johnston for his long service with the club.

Suggestions re the balls, tournaments, sub-committee, etc., were left over to the new committee for consideration.

The Committee met a few days after the annual meeting and decided upon entering the club into competition in the Southern District Tennis Association for the summer season. The club was graded in the "C" Section and the season began on Saturday, 2nd October, with a match on our court against Glenfield. Glenfield was too good for our team, scoring 59 games to our 25. Then came a running sequence of losses against Tooronga, Grandview, Baptist, Hotham and Olympic.

Inter-Club Indoor Games Competition.

The Inter-Club Indoor Games Competition was brought to a successful conclusion last month and the result was surprising. The Cricket Club's team just sneaked in and gained a 1½-point victory over Lacrosse and Men's Guild No. 1. The Basket Ball team followed up with another 1½ points behind. The rest trailed off.

Cricket Club.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf Cricket Club was held on the evening of 22nd August in the Assembly Hall, when the annual report and balance sheet were read and confirmed. Prior to the reading of the above a minute's silence was observed in memory of the late member, Mr. A. Aird, who died some time previously and who had been a most loyal and consistent patron of the club. The chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, gave an address, stressing upon the members the spirit of sportsmanship and co-operation, and complimented the club on its definite improvement.

Nominations were called for and it was found there was no need for an election. The following were elected:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnson, G. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. Dyson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. W. O'Bryan, J. Phillips, W. Gorin and R. Chaundy; Hon. Delegate: Mr. M. Dyson.

During the evening trophies won during the past season were presented by the chairman. R. Lygon, for batting average, a silver cup; J. Boal, for bowling average, a similar cup; R. Chaundy, the best allrounder, "A. Aird Memorial Cup"; M. Dyson received a purse and some cash for most catches, presented by Mr. G. Mortimer; and W. Gorin received a sugar bowl from Mr. J. Phillips for the best behaved and obliging person.

As usual our club entered in the Victorian Junior Cricket Association, Third Grade, and the season opened on 2nd and 9th October with a match against Ingles on their ground. We came out winners on first innings by 85 runs. The next match was against Albert Park and we forfeited it because our captain refused to send his players on the muddy outfield. Dunlop-Perdriau accounted for us by an innings and 13 runs. Clarendon won outright by 66 runs in the following match.

The club held a novelty evening on 6th November when a number of novel games was introduced, such as balancing basins of water on heads, waitresses' race, straw drinking competition, and others. It was a very happy evening and was well attended.

Chess.

The Chess Tournament for 1937 is nearing its end. Gus Damman and A. Dodson are running neck and neck for the lead of the "A" Grade. Alf. Tyzzer, a graduate from the "B" Grade of last season, was a thorn to the leaders. The result of this tournament depends largely on his showing against the two top-notchers. His was the model of patience and the many victories gained by him were due to this method.

At present it is temporarily held up through the inability of Mr. Tyzzer to turn up, and we sincerely hope it will not be long as, as stated above, the competition depends largely upon his showing.

The "B" Section is already won by J. M. Johnston who came through undefeated.

This will conclude the chess activities for the year. The members, though some of the more enthusiastic continue to court caisia "on the sly" during the summer months, meet no more as a club until next year.

This idea of a chess season is quite common in England, we understand, but its observance in Australia is rather the exception than the rule.

Our Family Circle.

Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss Betty Wilkinson, of Warburton, are now members of the local golf club where they first learnt the rudiments of the game. It has since been learnt they have progressed well and that Mrs. Muir entered into some matches or tournaments and came out winners on four occasions. Miss Wilkinson has yet to win a match. We offer them our congratulations on their progress.

Mr. Alex. Anderson, of Coburg, was married to Miss Olive Minton, of Brunswick, at the St. Margaret Mary Church, East Brunswick, on the morning of 23rd October, 1937. Rev. Father Pearce, of Heidelberg, who has a close knowledge of the deaf language, officiated.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Paynesville, Gippsland, asks that any Deaf contemplating a holiday will not forget Paynesville and that he promises anyone visiting him a very happy time. The Editor can recommend Paynesville as an ideal holiday resort, being in the midst of the beautiful Gippsland Lakes.

Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, has been at Leitchville for a while as guest of Mr. J. Walters and she reported excellent times there.

A position for Mr. James Anderson has been obtained, his employer being Mr. Newbury, of Wesburn, near Warburton. Mr. Anderson, a general hand at Oakland Junction for Mr. B. Chaffey for 20 years, was thrown out of employment through Mr. Chaffey's demise and the disposal of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stokes, of Trafalgar, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their wedded life on 6th November and were the recipients of many congratulatory messages.

Mr. James Ashley, of Geelong, had the misfortune to fall off a ladder one day while painting his house. We are glad to know that he has recovered from his injuries.

Mr. J. H. Cross, late of Bendigo, is now a resident of our Blackburn Home and is delighted with his new surroundings and the comfort of the Home.

Mr. H. R. Gillett, of Irymple, is also at our country residence. He always enjoys a stay at the Home.

Mr. J. O'Gorman recently went with his employer by car to Balranald and Ivanhoe, in the far west hinterland of New South Wales, to fix up new refrigerating racks, and was on the job for about a week. He enjoyed the experience of working in new surroundings and also the novelty of going over the trackless country. On one or two occasions they got lost on the way. He saw plenty of kangaroos and emus. Since then he has heard that the racks broke down under the weight of carcasses and it is expected he will go up again to fix up the damage.

Additional country visitors during recent months were J. Gibson and Mrs. Hood, of Geelong; Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss B. Wilkinson, of Warburton; Allan Salmon, of Goulburn Valley; Jack Stewart, of Inverleigh; Miss E. Read, of Wesburn; and S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest.

Mr. E. Raines is at present on Government unemployed work, cutting ragwort, bracken and other pests on Crown lands in Gippsland.

Mrs. H. Puddy is holidaying at her old home in Launceston, Tasmania.

Bernard Grayden has gone back to Phillip Island for some time.

On the 9th November last the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution celebrated its 77th Anniversary. A Reunion of Past Pupils was held at the Institution. A varied programme of performing monkey and dog, juggling display, and conjuring was submitted, followed by a supper with toasts to "The King," "Past Pupils" and "Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution." Quite a large number of past pupils shared in the celebration including many from the country.

The football final between Geelong and Collingwood on 25th September attracted a number of Deaf people to Melbourne. A. Hately of Camperdown, R. Cornell of Ballarat, J. Gibson, C. Hennessey and Miss E. Moore of Geelong were amongst the crowd; also Miss Monahan, the hon. secretary of our Geelong Branch.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Superintendent of the New South Wales Deaf and Dumb Society, who went to see the Coronation in England, passed through Melbourne on 18th October per s.s. Orion. He paid us a visit and we were pleased to see him.

An unfortunate accident befell Mr. W. A. Paterson more than two months ago when the front wheel of his bike was struck by a passing motor car and he was thrown heavily on to the roadway, causing severe bruises and shock. He was laid up for some time but is now out and about.

Whilst pruning vines at his home at Bowman's Forest Mr. S. Ferguson fell from a ladder and suffered a fracture of the left shoulder blade. This happened early in October and we were agreeably surprised to see him among us a month later with no sign of injury.

After an absence of about three or four years Len Treffene, of Merbein, was down for the Royal Show and remained in Melbourne for nearly a month.

Mrs. G. Quantock was operated upon for appendicitis some time ago and is well and hearty again.

Miss Francie Owens, of Wangaratta, has settled in Melbourne with her parents. Work was obtained for her at Hatcher's Laundry.

Ossie Quinton, after five years as country collector to the Adult Deaf Society, relinquished his position in favour of his old trade, fortunately securing a situation at Ruskin's Motor Works as a trimmer and upholsterer, and later he was transferred to the Duco spraying department. Mr. Underwood has taken over Mr. Quinton's round and is doing very well.

Another of our collectors, Mr. Vincent Buttacavoli, who was on the suburban beat for almost four years, resigned in favour of a fixed trade. So far he has not been fortunate enough to obtain work.

Mr. Byron Taylor and Mr. William Allen of Hobart and Burnie, Tasmania, respectively, came over the Strait during the early part of October, trying to settle in Victoria. By latest news Mr. Allen has secured an allotment out Dandenong way, poultry farming. Mr. Taylor, rather shy of being his own master, took up a position as a dairy hand at Moorabbin.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Puddy of Pascoe Vale on 10th September, 1937 (Larry).

Harold Ahchow, of Orbost, has written to the Editor enquiring about the return to Macedon Camp. He is longing to get back to it again. He said he has been out to Nowa Nowa on a fishing expedition and caught a fair number of fish. He sends his kind regards to all his friends.

Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, of Camberwell, was in Guildford Private Hospital for some three months. She underwent a nasal operation and is now doing finely. The treatment is not yet complete; she is expecting to have a final treatment.

Bill Donnelly was again fortunate to accompany his aunt on a winter sea cruise during the later part of August and early September. They went to Fiji and other islands en route per the P. & O. boat "Strathaird," which left Melbourne on 17th August. He was full of news when he returned and had quite a pile of snapshots.

During the latter part of August Mr. Z. Bragg was knocked down, whilst riding his push bike, by a motor truck and he received a cut on his head which necessitated three stitches. Three months after, his son Norman was run into, but he was more fortunate as he was not hurt, although he somersaulted two or three times. His bike was severely damaged.

Mrs. M. Cross spent three weeks holiday at Benalla during September and returned home the picture of health.

Miss Margy Sandon, of Chelsea, had a fortnight's holiday in Sydney during the last and first weeks of August and September respectively. She went with her mother per M.V. "Manoora" and returned home on the S.S. "Katoomba." She was asked to give an account of her trip but was not game enough to write up one.

Mr. George Oakley had another enjoyable fortnight's holiday at his old home town, Warrnambool, during the first half of September. He looked much better when he returned to Melbourne.

Messrs. W. Utber and W. Chapman returned home last August from their tour of Great Britain. Mr. Chapman was asked to write up an account of the trip and he has promised to do so.

Mr. Hopkins, of Nagambie, was down for the Show and his first night at the Club House was the occasion of a lecture and cinema picture night. The "Sun News-Pictorial" photographer was present and took flashlight photos. A very good one of two of our members in conversation appeared in the following morning's "Sun."

Mr. Frank Williams, of Hobart, Tasmania, came over during the last week of August and after three weeks search for employment secured one at the Blind Institution. He remained there for a month under a permit and is out again.

Hikes.

Hike No. 1.

Contributed by E. R. NOBLE.

It had several times been suggested that it would be a good idea to form a Hiking Club among the Deaf, but there were some who doubted whether it would be a success. It was decided, therefore, to arrange one hike as an experiment to see if it was popular. The organisers, Miss M. Dow, Harry Greensmith and myself, made enquiries, and finally fixed on a route from Clematis to Belgrave—a distance of about 10 miles.

On Sunday, the 12th September, a party of 18 set out. Travelling by electric train to Fern Tree Gully, we changed to the narrow gauge steam train there. The 18 of us just about filled one carriage, and with many puffs and snorts the train moved out, winding in and out as it climbed slowly through the hills. The views from the train were lovely, and most of the time we were hanging over the side of the open carriage. The weather was very changeable, intermittent showers being followed by bursts of sunshine. At last, arriving at Clematis, we collected our packs and filed out. Crossing the railway line we followed a road for a short distance, then turned down to the right. The road soon turned into a narrow track which wound round and over a pretty creek. We followed the track through tall gums and vividly green ferns for about three or four miles till we arrived at a picnic ground, where we decided to have lunch. Very soon a big fire was roaring, around which we clustered, waiting for the billies to boil. The crisp air had sharpened our appetites and in no time the good things brought in our packs melted away.

A shower of rain was falling as we started out on the second lap. A winding road of what had once been earth but was now sticky mud fronted us, and this we followed steeply uphill, only to find it ended at a farmhouse on the hilltop. A brief consultation was held and after enquiring at the farm we set off down hill the way we had come. Near the bottom we struck a narrow track beside a fence, half hidden in ferns and brackens. This we followed, once more up hill. The track soon levelled out then dipped into a valley, rising again up the side of an even steeper hill. With much hard breathing we finally neared the summit. Climbing over a fence we found ourselves on a road which went higher still. From the road on either side there was a magnificent view. On the right was a succession of bush-clothed hills and valleys rising again to the farther ranges. Nestling in their midst was a patch of dully gleaming silver —Silvan Dam. To the left the hills fell away in a succession of billows towards a mist-enshrouded plain dotted with clearings and farmlands.

A welcome halt was made at a farm farther along where we obtained a refreshing drink of icy water. The road rose and fell slightly till on the left a narrow track wandered away through the bush. This we took, strung out in single file, arriving a quarter of a mile farther on at a junction of three roads. Crossing these we followed a narrow way at first up, then steeply down hill, coming out at length on the Sherbrook Road. This we crossed, entering a track through Sherbrook National Park. The first faint shadows of dusk began to gather as our leaders entered the narrow, muddy and slippery path that runs down parallel with Sherbrook Falls. The mud was terrific, and what with the steepness of the path and the rapidly gathering dusk it was not surprising that falls were not rare.

We came out at last at the picnic ground by the main road. Here hot water was obtained and tea was had by the muddy, weary but happy band of hikers. Tea over, we straggled down the main road with the first stars glittering overhead. It was now fully dark, and the lights of Belgrave shone welcomingly through the gloom. At 7 o'clock we piled thankfully into the train for home after a most enjoyable day.

Hike No. 2.

Yes, our original intentions were to go by train to Wandin and hike to Mount Evelyn via Silvan Dam —a route of 14 miles. So accordingly we took the train to Wandin at 9.10 a.m. on Sunday, 10th October. On alighting I, as hike leader, took them across the railway and along the road towards the township, but before reaching the town we turned right into a wheel-track and followed it along to Clegg Road. It was raining all the time so we decided to ask at a farmhouse if they would supply us with sacks for some of the fair hikers. So far we had gone according to plans, but when we came to a track branching off Clegg Road we took the wrong turn but did not know, till making enquiries, that not only had we come the wrong way but in doing so had cut at least three miles off the allotted 14. When we found our bearings we set off for Silvan which we reached at 1.30 p.m. We had been on the go since 11 a.m., so we stopped for dinner. I, as usual, started a fire, then we all crowded round to get dry and cook our dinners.

Imagine 18 wet and hungry hikers round one fair-sized fire. I said wet and hungry, but when I put the question, "Are we downhearted?" they came up with a definite "NO!"

After dinner we extinguished the fire and at 2.30 p.m. set off for our goal, Mount Evelyn and home. From Silvan we followed the bush track down and came upon a saw mill which at first glance appeared to have been abandoned but on closer inspection was found to be working. We stopped here for a while as one of us discovered an old car, and on making known her find the car (which was made to hold five persons) was soon crowded, while cameras clicked.

We, every one of us, honestly thought we were on the right track so kept on till we reached the road which took us to Kalorama. We passed beautiful fern gullies on this road, also many a garden in full bloom. When the road joined the Mount Dandenong Road we switched over, and I kept my eyes peeled for a side track, but I must have either missed it or it did not exist. After going strongly for 3½ hours I began to doubt myself so I made further enquiries at a tea-room and found that we were on the Mount Dandenong Road, that it went to Croydon, that we would have to turn back to reach Mount Evelyn, and finally that we were only five miles from Croydon. On making it known to the others we decided to go on to Croydon so we set off, but after going for a while some of us began to doubt the information. So on reaching Montrose, one mile farther, I again made enquiries and found that we were now four miles from Croydon. While I was in the shop a 'bus turned up and six of the lesser hikers (or should I call them semi-hikers?) got in and rode the rest of the way. The remaining twelve decided to uphold the name they had taken and hike it; time now 5.30 p.m.

Oh my! those last four miles were done on a road made of some sort of material that stretched and made it seem twice as far as it was. To put it in the words of my second in command (he's rather a brainy chap), "This is a rubber road."

Well, we twelve pure bred hikers kept plodding along and plodding along, but still no sign of Croydon.

At the start we were well bunched, but as we travelled those older ones fell back a bit. As there was plenty of time I did not hurry them but let them fix their own pace and kept up with the rear-guard. By the time the leading batch had reached Croydon we were half to quarter of a mile back. We arrived at Croydon Station at 7 p.m., 5½ hours solid hiking and 22 miles in 8 hours.

What became of those six semi-hikers I did not know till the following week, when I found that they, feeling cold, decided to catch the 6.15 p.m. train home, or was it they did not like the prospects of being teased? I would like to say here that I am very pleased with the way this party behaved in the face of my mistake, especially that fair hiker whom we christened Pixie. Well done Pixie; I could see you were tired but you stuck it to the end. Again I say, well done, Pixie; and all you other pure breds, well done.

H.L.G., Hike Leader.

The Golden Keys.

The door of death is made of gold
  That mortal eyes cannot behold :
But when the mortal eyes are closed,
  And cold and pale the limbs reposed,
The soul awakes, and wondering sees
  In her mild hand the golden keys.

—William Blake

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Play the Man.

Fear not what the world may say ;
  Hold the straight and narrow way
In the open light of day,
  And play the man.

They will call thee poor and weak,
  Being merciful and meek :
Heed not thou the words they speak,
  But play the man.

Trust in God, and let them mock,
  Vain as waves that surge and shock,
Broken on resisting rock :
  Play thou the man.

—Walter Chalmers Smith

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The Only Way.

I must have someone by me who sinks his own will utterly in mine, who believes in me unflinchingly, who will cling to me in good hap and ill, who lives only to shed light and warmth over my life and must die if I fail.

Buy yourself a dog, my lord !

—Henrik Ibsen.

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Our desire to get this issue out before Christmas has compelled us to hold over much interesting matter including inter-state and foreign news.

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We acknowledge with thanks a donation of half a dozen copies of the "Daily Mirror" for our reading room from Mrs. Spittall of Elsternwick, received through the medium of Mrs G. Damman.

Announcements.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Invitation is extended to all the Deaf of Victora by the Board of Management to their

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RALLY

On Thursday, 16th December, at 7.30 p.m.

At the Assembly Hall, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne.

Games, Competitions, Pictures, Cards, Christmas Cheer, Supper.

Deaf Men's Guild.

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Tickets: 4/6 each.

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SUPPER

SUNDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1937.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the Service.

You are earnestly asked to be present.

CUP DAY PICNIC

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1937.

The most popular location for the picnic will be decided at the Rally.



ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.
1st December, 1937.

My Dear People,

In a few days the great occasion for Festivities and Greetings of Goodwill will be with us once more, and we shall be celebrating the coming of the Prince of Peace in a manner, I hope, that will be in harmony with the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas is a time when we think more of one another and less of ourselves; a time when we want to be giving, helping, and cheering, when our thoughts are kinder and our words more gentle.

This little note is just to tell you that I am thinking of you and wishing that all kinds of good things may come your way.

You will, I am sure, be glad to learn that there are very few of our people at present unemployed, and there seems to be an all-round improvement every where and in every way, which should make us all feel much happier.

There is, however, just one regret and that is, owing to the infantile paralysis epidemic we cannot have a Children's Party this year, nor can the children attend our Christmas Rally. This will be a great disappointment, not only to the children, but to all of us. They will get their toys and other good things, as usual, for arrangements have been made for parents to collect the present on behalf of their children at the Rally.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Rally on the 16th, for which a ticket of admission is enclosed. Also, I hope that you will attend some, at least, of the Sunday evening Services in our Church and the Thursday night functions in the Assembly Hall, and which are now so very popular.

Wishing you a Joyful Christmas and a New Year brimful of Brighter and Happier Times,

Yours affectionately,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM



ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
President, L. A. Cleveland Esq.

C H R I S T M A S R A L L Y

By invitation of the Board of Management,

Held in the Society's Assembly Hall, Jolimont, Victoria,
Thursday, 16th December, 1937.

Chairman: C. R. B. James Esq., Honorary Secretary.

P R O G R A M M E

In the Assembly Hall - 8 p.m.

Welcome Address .. the Chairman

Presents for Children

Presentation of Trophies to Winners of Billiard and Chess Tournaments

Platform Competitions for Prizes

Parlour Games and Amusements
M.C. .. Mr. J. M. Johnston

In the Social Rooms, upstairs .. 8.30 p.m.

Cinema Pictures .. Operator, Mr. Melb. Dyson

In the Principal's Room
CARDS .. Mr. E. Noble

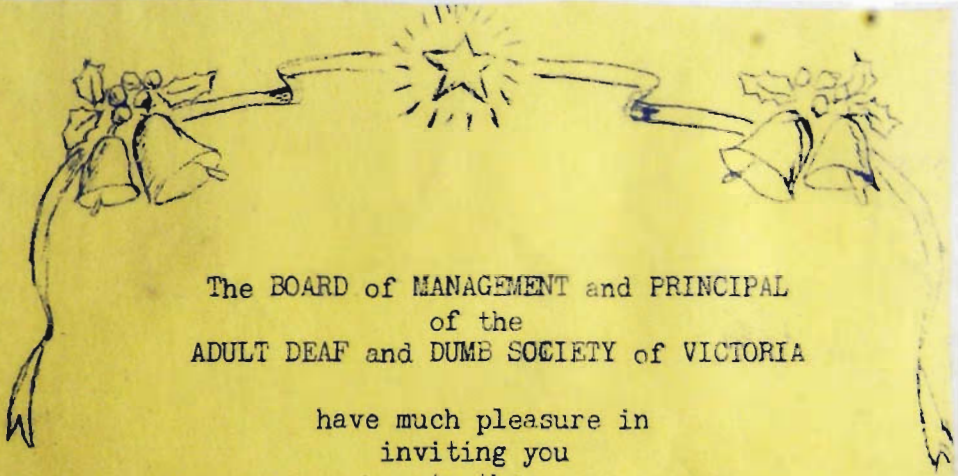
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TABLE TENNIS .. Mr. J. McLaurin

In the Billiard Room, upstairs
PYRAMIDS

10 p.m., or thereabouts .. Supper

During the evening .. Ice Cream, Fruit, and Sweets.





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to be held at the Society's Centre, Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, on

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1937, at 8 p.m.

Please Note:

Because of the large attendances and crowded state of the Assembly Hall at previous Christmas socials, this year the whole of the Centre building has been placed at the disposal of the Rally Committee, and amusements will be provided to suit all tastes in the various rooms.

Parlour games, cinema pictures,
cards, competitions, etc.

Supper, fruit, sweets,
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Plans for Hostels for Young Men and Women under consideration.

HOME AT BLACKBURN
For Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes, with Training Farm for Mental Defectives.

NEW HEAD-QUARTERS:

ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE E.

Patrons: His Excellency The State Governor
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Principal: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham

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For your cheque of £ being subscription to the above Society we sincerely thank you. Enclosed please find official receipt.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

COLLECTOR

Argus 28 June 1937

In The Churches

Many Special Services

There was an unusual number of special services in Melbourne churches yesterday. At one of the youth services there was a sermon on "The Apathy of Youth to Public Affairs," and at Auburn a member of Parliament (Mr. Gray, M.L.A.), preached on "Christianity and Public Life."

Bishop at Deaf-mutes' Church

The Bishop of Ballarat (the Right Rev. W. H. Johnson), whose father was one of the founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society nearly 50 years ago, was the preacher at the service for the deaf and dumb at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, last night. The sermon was translated into mime for the benefit of the deaf members of the congregation.

Bishop Johnson's text was "It is not the will of your Father . . . that one of these little ones should perish." Christ was more than a great teacher, he said. In Him the love of God had come to human life. With simple words and illustrations, Bishop Johnson described to his deaf congregation how members of the Christian Church, with all their human frailties and faults, were able to carry out the Master's work.

Bishop Johnson described work being done in the name of Christ among the deaf and dumb, in order that children, shut behind the doors of deafness, could be brought into the fellowship of love and friendship. They were given untold blessings in a language which enabled them to communicate with their fellow men. As they grew to adult life the deaf and dumb were cared for by friends inspired by the spirit of the Good Shepherd, Who gathered them into the community life of social centres and churches and provided them with recreation and social intercourse in wholesome, happy surroundings.

Argus 3 Aug 1937

Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the board of management will meet in the assembly hall of the society at Jolimont square to-night to say farewell to Mr. W. F. Rowe, who is retiring from the position of honorary secretary. Mr. C. R. B. James, who will succeed Mr. Rowe, will be welcomed.

"Sun" 3 Aug 1937

Deaf and dumb members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society will meet in the society's assembly hall, Jolimont Square, at 8 tonight to farewell Mr. W. F. Rowe, honorary secretary, and welcome Mr. C. R. B. James, the new honorary secretary.

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SERVICE AMONG DEAF MUTES.

At the Alexandria last night the Apex Club had as their guest the Bishop of Ballarat, who subsequently addressed the members on the subject of social service among the deaf mutes. In tracing the origin and evolution of the language of signs as used by these unfortunate people it was shown that at the beginning a tremendous amount of work was done by a Roman Catholic priest in Paris, who had great difficulty in interesting the church and Government authorities in the education of these people. The Bishop spoke in praise of the work at present being carried on by the Mayoress of Newcastle, and also the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institution in Melbourne. It is evident that this work is close to the heart of the Bishop, and the Apexians present were deeply moved by his inspiring address. Mr O. Glenn voiced the appreciation of the members, and expressed the hope that the club would add this sphere of service to those that they already have in mind.

"Argus" 3 July 1937

The Consul for Czechoslovakia (Mr. Edgar H. Peacock) has been advised that the President of the Czechoslovak Republic (Dr. Edward Benes) has conferred on him the Order of the White Lion. The Order was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic when the independence of the republic was regained. Mr. Peacock was Deputy Consul for the republic from 1925 to 1932 and has been Consul for Victoria since the death of his father, Mr. E. R. Peacock, in 1932. He is governing director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd. and honorary treasurer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, with which he has been associated for 35 years.



Mr. E. H. PEACOCK

"Sun" 28 June 1937



THE BISHOP OF BALLARAT (the Rev. W. H. Johnson) delivered a sermon at the Deaf and Dumb Society's Church in Jolimont Square Jolimont, last night. Mr. E. J. Abrahams, principal of the society, was the interpreter.

"Age" 24 June 1937

Bishop Johnson, of Ballarat, will be the preacher at the seventh anniversary service of the Church for the Deaf and Dumb, Jolimont-square, East Melbourne, on Sunday next. This is an event of outstanding interest to the deaf and dumb community, as Dr. Johnson is a son of the late Samuel Johnson, M.A., who was one of the founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria upwards of fifty years ago, a master at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, afterwards principal of the South Australian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and founder of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission and Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes. The service will be interpreted to the deaf and dumb.

"Sun" 28 June 1937

Deaf And Dumb Service

IN celebration of the seventh anniversary of the opening of what is known as the cathedral of the deaf and dumb people of Victoria and an institution unique in the Commonwealth, the Bishop of Ballarat (the Right Rev. W. H. Johnson) preached there last night.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the principal, interpreted his address in the finger and sign language.

Courier Ballarat 25 June 1937

DEAF AND DUMB ANNIVERSARY.

An event of outstanding interest t the deaf and dumb community in Eas Melbourne will be the visit of the Bisho of Ballarat (Rt Rev W. H. Johnson) o Sunday for the seventh anniversary ser vice of the Church for the Deaf an Dumb. Bishop Johnson, who will b the preacher, is a son of the late Samu Johnson, who was one of the founde of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society Victoria upwards of fifty years ago, master at the Victorian Deaf and Dum Institution, afterwards principal of th South Australian Institution for th Deaf and Dumb, and founder of th South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mis sion and Home for Aged and Infir Deaf Mutes. The service will be inter preted to the deaf and dumb.

Herald 30 June 1937

THE RIGHT REV. W. H. JOHNSON, Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, will preach on Sunday evening at the seventh anniversary service for the deaf and dumb at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne. Bishop Johnson is a son of the late Mr Samuel Johnson, M.A., one of the founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria nearly 50 years ago. He was afterwards Principal of the South Australian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and founder of Deaf and Dumb Mission and Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes in that State. The public is invited to the service, which will be interpreted to the deaf and dumb present.



Bishop Johnson

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

CHURCH for the DEAF

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the Late Mrs. Alice Cove

Sunday, 11th July, 1937, 7 p.m.

Lessons .. Mr. J. M. Johnston
Hymns .. Mr. Ernest A. Reynolds
Address .. The Principal

There will also be short afternoon Services at 3.30 p.m. on 11th, 18th and 25th July.

On these occasions tea will be provided in the Assembly Hall at 5.30 p.m. for friends who have attended the afternoon Services and desire to stay for the evening gathering.

Note: Evening Service every Sunday at 7 o'clock.

"Sun" 26 July 1937

Lacrosse Referee Knocked Out: Reports Whole Adult Deaf Team

JUST before half-time at the D section lacrosse match between Adult Deaf and Coburg on Saturday, when the scores were 8-4 in Coburg's favor, the referee ordered an Adult Deaf player off the field for rough play.

The referee was attacked by Adult Deaf players and knocked unconscious, and it was about half an hour before he recovered. Medical aid had to be sought.

The match was then abandoned.

The incident will be brought before the meeting of the Victorian Lacrosse Association tonight. The referee is reporting the whole of the Adult Deaf team for misconduct.

(Football Melee — Page 39)

VICTORIAN CONSUL RECEIVES RARE HONOR FROM REPUBLIC

Federal Labor Government Frowned On Same Order For Father

MR. EDGAR H. PEACOCK, Victorian Consul for Czechoslovakia, was advised yesterday that the President of the Czechoslovak Republic had conferred on him the Order of the White Lion. This is conferred exclusively by the President on distinguished citizens of foreign countries as a personal honor.

IN May, 1931, the late Mr. E. R. Peacock, father of the present Consul, received the honor for distinguished services as Victorian Consul. An investiture by the then Consul-General for Czechoslovakia (Dr. Rudolf Kuraz) was arranged for May 21. Later it was announced that failure to seek the King's permission for bestowal of the honor would prevent the investiture.



Mr. E. H. Peacock



The Order of the White Lion.

Dr. Kuraz was informed by the Governor-General that it was not permissible for Mr. E. R. Peacock to accept the insignia until the King's consent had been obtained by the Czechoslovak Foreign Office. Dr. Kuraz returned to Sydney with the Order.

A Canberra message a few days later stated that it was against the policy of the Federal Labor Government to recommend persons for honors or titles of any kind, and it was likely that the Government would maintain this attitude in regard to Mr. E. R. Peacock's decoration.

Mr. E. R. Peacock died in 1932 and was succeeded by his son, who had been Deputy-Consul from 1925.

The Order of the White Lion was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic when its independence was regained. It is the only Order bestowed by the Republic.

"Sun" 27 July 1937

DEAF PLAYERS' LIFE BAN

Lacrosse Club Out Indefinitely

TWO members of the Adult Deaf team were disqualified for life by the Victorian Lacrosse Association last night, and the club itself was suspended indefinitely, with a proviso that no application for readmission would be considered before 1940.

The disqualified players were E. Raynes and H. Newton. Another player, Henry, whose conduct was mentioned by several witnesses, has been ordered *to appear before the investigation committee.*

The trouble arose in the match between Coburg and Adult Deaf on Saturday when an Adult Deaf player was said to have assaulted the referee, other members of the team joining him in an attack on that official.

The referee reported Raynes and Newton, and the whole team for misconduct.

The Adult Deaf team has no connection with St. Kilda Road Deaf school which also plays lacrosse under the auspices of the V.L.A.

"Age" 27 July 1937

LACROSSE.

Two Life Disqualifications.

The general committee of the Victorian Lacrosse Association lost no time in dealing with the incidents which occurred during the D section match between Coburg and Adult Deaf and Dumb on Saturday, when the referee, T. Simpson, was knocked unconscious by a player of the last-named club. At a meeting of the committee last night a very serious note was struck by all the speakers, who, while expressing sympathy with the afflictions of the members of the club, stressed the fact that the game was far greater than the individual.

After considerable discussion it was decided that E. Raines and T. Newton, of the Adult Deaf and Dumb team, be disqualified for life; that the captain, H. Henry, be ordered to appear before the investigation committee at its next meeting; that the club be disqualified during the pleasure of the committee, and that no application for readmission be considered before the commence-

COME to

OUR CLUB HOUSE

at Jolimont Square

THURSDAY NEXT, 11th NOVEMBER, 1937.

8 p.m. Service in Our Church

8.20 p.m. Welcome Home to Our Principal, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, who has been on a health trip to Cairns.

8.30 p.m. Benefactors' Night Address.

SPECIAL GAMES, SUPPER ETC.

It is going to be a GREAT NIGHT

LADIES! wear your party frocks.

-- DEAF MEN'S GUILD --

Annual Picnic

to Healesville, Monday 31st January

Parlors leave Spring St., Flinders St., 9.15 sharp

Snap Shot Competition Tickets 4/6 each

J. McLAUGHLIN
HON. SECRETARY

HOT WATER FREE

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

3rd August, 1937, 8 p.m.

The DEAF COMMITTEE'S SOCIAL EVENING

to MR. and MRS. W. F. ROWE and

MR. and MRS. C. R. B. JAMES

HOST: Our President - MR. L. A. CLEVELAND

PROGRAMME:

God Save the King

Recital in Gesture .. .. Mr. W. A. Paterson

"The Quickness of the Hand etc..." .. Messrs. W. Ross and J. McLaurin

A Trial of Skill and Quickness .. ..

A Few Words by Our President

Speaker on behalf of the Deaf .. .. Miss Rose Dow (member of the Board of Management and of the Deaf Committee)

A Few Words by the Principal

INTERVAL

GAMES

SUPPER

Sporting Globe Feby 2. 1938

By Harry W. Francis, former secretary, player, selector for Hawthorn-East Melbourne.

ADULT DEAF'S WIN

Watching the finish of the Albert Park Old Boys v. Adult Deaf contest, I saw Dick Chaundy, a tall lad of 20 make the last 50 of his 91, which undoubtedly pulled the game out of the fire for the Adult Deaf team. The Old Boys' side scored 198, the top scorer being Len Considine, with 47. He, too, is in the early twenties. He is a tall right-hander of the aggressive type, and formerly played with the Lands Department (now defunct) in the A section of the V.J.C.A. He is in great form this season and has to his credit two centuries in a total of 400 runs so far, his highest being 112. Considine is also a useful change bowler and sends them along at medium pace.



L. Considine

The Adult Deaf team, which has been playing cricket for more than 30 years, is now captained by Warwick Ashby, who had scored 61 not out when Chaundy lost his wicket. Frank Williams, a former Tasmanian, who was Badcock's partner for the Esk club, Launceston, in 1929, gave the Adults' team a fine start, scoring 35.

Dick Chaundy, however, impressed me as a lad likely to reach the pennant grade. He stands close on 6ft. high, and for a lad of 20 years looks like developing into a fine athlete. He made his runs in 118 minutes and scored two sixers and nine fours. He was unfortunate to miss the century, being out to a freakish catch low down at second slip. Dick was taught cricket at the Adult Deaf School, St. Kilda Road, and was a useful all-rounder for the school team.

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"Continental" Melbourne

ITALY? This might perhaps be the entrance to some monastery in the land of Mussolini — the sort of place you might find in the hills of Tuscany, or perhaps further south, where there are cloisters and an ornate iron well-head in the courtyard and the monks make their own liqueur, fragrant with the spices of the surrounding countryside.

But this gateway, with the sunlit chapel behind, and the creeper-topped wall, is another glimpse of our own Melbourne — the Deaf and Dumb Society's chapel in Jolimont Square, a stone's throw from the modest chalet occupied by Victoria's first Governor, Charles Joseph Latrobe.





ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY
OF VICTORIA

Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

My Dear People,

Many interesting gatherings are being arranged for your entertainment throughout the year 1938. The following are a few of them. Although all functions are open to all deaf associated with Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies, we most particularly wish you to take notice of this essential rule: In every case where a dinner or tea is to be provided you must ask for the special invitation ticket not less than three days before the event.

The reason for this rule you will all understand and appreciate. There have been occasions when we have expected only 100 friends, and 200 turned up. Then, of course, some have had to go without, and mostly it is those who have been working all day for the happiness of others who have to make the sacrifice. This, all will admit, is not fair to our volunteer lady helpers. So in future only those having special tickets will be admitted to dinner and tea socials. These tickets can be had by just asking for them.

Remember, too, that Sundays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are the great nights at our Church and Club House. Keep these three nights free for enjoying the company of your fellow deaf.

Yours affectionately,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Preliminary Announcements

FEBRUARY, 1938.

THURSDAY, 17th, 8.20 p.m.
Young Folks Social. Guests of the evening - Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCubbin and Miss Pat Jackson. During the evening Mr. McCubbin (Director of South Australia's National Art Gallery) will give a short
ILLUSTRATED TALK.
This will be followed by social and supper.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING is a "Gala Night" in some form or other. The Prayer and Praise Service in the Church (8 p.m.) is always followed by a "specialty" in the Assembly Hall (8.20 p.m.) There is a lecturette, or talk by some prominent citizen, or the Principal - (for names of our speakers and guests see "Notice Board") - followed by cinema pictures or some other attraction of outstanding interest, then a light supper. These meetings are free to all.

SATURDAY, 19th, 8 p.m. sharp.
Adult Deaf Cricket Club Picture Night.
This is an exceptional opportunity for all the films are silent pictures, and good ones. "Son of Tarzan", "The Champion" - Charlie Chaplin, and "The Submarine Pirate" - Sid Chaplin; Kodak Projector.
Admission 1/-. Lucky number prize.

SUNDAY, 20th:
Preacher, Mr. Edwin Johnson.

SUNDAY, 27th:
Preacher, Mr. H. Blackmore.

(March) MONDAY, 28th (Eight Hours Day):
Women's Guild Picnic to Warrandyte.

MARCH, 1938:

SATURDAY, 12th, 3 p.m.
GARDEN PARTY at JOLIMONT SQUARE
3 p.m. Outdoor games
5.30 p.m. Tea
8 p.m. Social
Ask for special invitation ticket.

SUNDAY, 20th MARCH, in the Church, 7 p.m.
The great silent moving picture film
THE LIFE of CHRIST
will be screened by the Religious Film Society.
A living Christian message.
Be seated by 6.55 p.m.

SUNDAY, 27th:
Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 7.15 p.m.

When price of admission is not mentioned, the gathering is free.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH 7 P.M.

THE PICTURE GLORIOUS

The Life of Christ

WILL BE SCREENED

IN THE ABOVE CHURCH.

BEAUTIFUL! ENNOBLING! REVERENT!

A GREAT SILENT MOVING PICTURE
OF 6,000 FEET.

BRING YOUR HEARING FRIENDS

PLEASE BE SEATED BEFORE 7 P.M.

"Continental" Melbourne



"Herald." Jan (1938).

THERE is something purely Australiann —Colonial at all events—about this old-world glimpse. But it is none the worse for that, and none the less picturesque. There is an early Colonial flavor in this old house nestling comfortably in the shadow of the big elm and more than a dash of the spacious Georgian era in the simple breadth of its design.

It is one of the old houses in Jolimont Square—one of the most delightful corners in all Melbourne and a quiet retreat within sound of the city's bustle.

The Principal of the
Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria

requests the pleasure of the company of

at a GARDEN PARTY at
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East,

Saturday, March 12th 1938. 3 p.m

Tea 5.30 p.m. Social and Cinema Pictures 8 p.m.

Please obtain ticket of admission from the
Welfare Officer on or before March 6th, 1938

JOLIMONT SQUARE. MELBOURNE EAST.

SATURDAY. MARCH 12th, 1938.

GARDEN PARTY. 3.pm.

GARDEN PARTY PROGRAMME.

3. PM. Introductions and Conversazione.

3.30 PM. Egg and Nest Game. (on back lawn)

3.45 PM. Traffic Signals (on back lawn)

4. PM. Sack Races (on the Drive)

4.15 PM. Cat and Mouse Game (on Lawn or Drive)

4.30 PM. Ball between feet jumping race (on the Drive)

4.45 PM. Tug of war (on the Drive)

5. PM. Treasure Hunt No I.

5.30 PM. HIGH TEA.

6.30 PM. Treasure Hunt NO 2.

8. PM. Cinema Pictures.

Carpet Bowls on front lawn for those who do not want to go in for strenuous games.

"Age" March 11th 1938.

Deaf & Dumb Home

Auxiliary Meeting

The value of having homes or institutions built on the outskirts of the city, so that the inmates could have the benefit of the space in which to work or rest, was stressed by Mrs. Weber, M.L.A., speaking at the first annual meeting of the Blackburn Auxiliary for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Institute at Blackburn, at the institute yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Weber said this was one of the virtues of the institute which she particularly admired, for it was built so that the people in it could do something towards their independence. She also spoke generally of the maintenance of all institutions.

She was welcomed by the president of the auxiliary, Mrs. D. Abrahams, who presided at the meeting which was attended by some 70 people.

During the afternoon songs were sung by Mrs. A. Smith and Miss Rosa Wartha gave monologues for the entertainment of the guests.

The following office bearers were appointed:—President, Mrs. G. Allan; vice-presidents, Mesdames Abrahams and Sutton; secretary, Mrs. W. McK. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Yuncken; committee members, Mesdames Bowen, A. Burns, Collins, McAlister, Effary, Garduevich, Neville, Stewart, A. C. Belvea, A. Jamieson and Miss E. Sheehan.

TO THE DEAF

Church for the Deaf & Club House
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER
- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th -

HOW WOULD THE
LORD JESUS
have you spend your Sunday?
COME AND SEE.

Prayer & Praise 3.30pm.
What Jesus said 4 pm.
Fellowship
Tea 5.30pm.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - APRIL, 1938.

CHURCH for the DEAF

SUNDAY, 3rd APRIL, 7 p.m. The beautiful silent picture "THE PATH OF LOVE"

SUNDAY, 17th APRIL. The great silent picture "THE WANDERER"

will be screened by the RELIGIOUS FILM SOCIETY. Bring your hearing friends. Remember at the screening of the "Life of Christ" the Church was crowded to the doors. Come early and be seated by 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY, 10th APRIL, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion Service.

GOOD FRIDAY, 15th APRIL, 11 a.m. Special Service, Mr. H. Blackmore.

Note: Divine Worship is held every Sunday at 7.15 p.m. When films are screened at 7 p.m.

Every THURSDAY, 8 p.m. - PRAYER and LESSON.

ADULT DEAF CENTRE

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, 7.30 p.m. Open Social. Free.

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL, 8 p.m. GRAND PICTURE NIGHT in aid of the Cricket Club. Something to please everybody. Admission 1/-.

EASTER SATURDAY, 16th APRIL, 7.30 p.m. EASTER RALLY. This is the "bumper" night. Entertainment. Supper. Free to all.

TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 8 p.m.
President's Night (Mr. H. Greensmith) of the Deaf Men's Guild.
Also Deaf Women's Social Evening to the Highfield Road Methodist Girls, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL, 8.20 p.m. Pictorial Lecturette by new form of projector. Supper.

Something new, novel, and interesting every Thursday evening.

OPEN EVERY DAY - CLUB HOUSE and OFFICE

Reading Room and Library, Billiards, Tennis Court, Bank, Social Intercourse, Showers, etc.
OFFICE, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays 9 to 12 noon, for advice, employment, assistance.
CLUB HOUSE, 9 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, 28th APRIL, 1938.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

THURSDAY, 19th May:
Speaker: Mr. W. J. McCaskill.
Subject: "Modern Developments".
Followed by social and supper.
All welcome.

SATURDAY, 21st May:
Open Social.

TUESDAY, 24th May:
Speaker: Rev. Mr. Harland.
Subject: "Central Australia".
All welcome.

SATURDAY, 28th May:
Grand Dance - Modern and Old Time.
Tickets 2/-, including supper.

Next Rally:
KING'S BIRTHDAY, Monday, 13th June.
Hearty welcome to all.

Enter your name at once for the
RE-UNION DINNER
Show Day, September, 1938.
Tickets 3/6.

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MISS FRANCES LEILA PETERS.

A popular member of the Adult Deaf Younger Set, also a player in the Adult Deaf Girls' Basketball Club, who scored 43 goals in the first two matches of the season. Her engagement to Joe Phillips, another of our Younger Set, is announced.

Deaf Church News.

During the past two months our church had quite a variety of services. Besides our usual preachers, Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and J. M. Johnston, we had Mr. Ernest Reynolds of Heidelberg, in the pulpit on Sunday, 13th February, and he chose St. John 3rd Chapter, 16th Verse, for his text: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." On 20th February, Mr. Edwin Johnson officiated and his text was "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words." (Revelations 1st Chapter 2nd Verse). Mr. H. Blackmore took the pulpit the following Sunday, 27th February, and gave for his text, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things ye shall never fail."

On 20th March, a special service was held, which approximately 210, including relations and friends, of the deaf attended. Messrs. E. Reynolds and J. M. Johnston, assisted Mr. E. J. D. Abraham in the conduction of the service, after which "The Life of Christ" was screened. It was most beautiful, ennobling and reverent.

About one hundred attended the service on Sunday 3rd April, and witnessed the screening of the "Path of Love." representing the life story of St. Francis of Assisi, as told to a patient of a hospital by a Sister in Charge. Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted orally at the service which preceded the screening, whilst Mr. E. Reynolds interpreted it in finger and sign language.

"The Wanderer," the story of the Prodigal Son, was also screened in our church at the Easter Sunday Service conducted by our Principal, when there was again a large congregation. These exceptionally fine religious films were screened by the Religious Film Society.

Published by the Deaf Committee of the

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on the 27th March, when the church was most appropriately decorated with fruit, flowers, vegetables and greenery, the gifts of many members, for which they are to be heartily thanked. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated and he had for his text, "Virtues," in which he said that, with so many blessings and gifts we receive each day, we are apt to forget to use one of the noblest of virtues, gratitude and appreciation. He said it is most fitting that the church sets aside a day of thanksgiving to make up for our shortcomings.

The Holy Communion Service was held on the 10th of April. Mr. H. Blackmore conducted the Good Friday Morning Service on 14th April and gave a resume of Christ's suffering, persecution and crucifixtion.

Our Principal's Garden Party.

An event looked forward to each year for many years was the Garden Party, usually held at Blackburn on 12th March—Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's birthday. For the past three or four years, however, the custom had fallen into abeyance, so that it was with considerable interest and curiosity that the deaf heard it announced that the Garden Party would be revived this year and held at the Centre. A large number of invitations were sent out, and it was requested that all intending to be present, should let us know in good time, so we should know how many to cater for. We had not forgotten the Coronation Dinner when we received about 80 replies. Knowing how slack the Deaf are, we expected about double that number, and over 200 turned up on that occasion! The Saturday morning of the 12th was not exactly a cheering day. Heavy clouds overhung the sky, and before long rain was deluging the decorations. There was the usual frantic rush of preparation, putting up flags, arranging the seats, and—most important of all—preparing the food and tables in the hall. By twelve the rain eased off a little, and shortly after, the first of the guests began to arrive.

By 3 o'clock, the official opening time, there was a good crowd present, and the sun was shining through the dispersed clouds. Games were arranged on the back lawn for those who wished to join in. As the hour of five approached, a steadily increasing crowd gathered round the door of the Assembly Hall. Some may like games and some may not, but where eating is concerned, the unanimity is remarkable. At 5.30, the doors were opened and, like the breaking of a dam, we surged forward.

There was some delay caused by the usual percentage of forgetful or careless ones who had not asked for tickets. I do believe some people would forget to bring their heads if it were not for the fact that they need their mouths to eat with—but in a little while all were seated. The morning's rain had after all been a blessing in disguise, seeing that it kept the crowd down to manageable proportions. After tea, the tables were cleared away by a multitude of willing helpers, while a second treasure hunt was announced to get the Deaf to scatter a bit and give the organisers room to clear up. The younger people seized on the idea with avidity. After all, there are worse amusements than wandering through the dusk with a partner of the opposite sex.

While these people were so amusing themselves, chairs were rapidly arranged in rows in the hall for the picture show that was the next item on the programme. This started at 7.30 (by which time most of the treasure hunters had wandered back again) and lasted until 8.30. Some good games followed, after which the party began to break up and by 11.30 the last and most persistent gas-bags were shooed off home and the Centre was wrapped in silence and darkness.

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

Special invitation was issued to the Deaf of Victoria by the Board of Management and Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria to the Christmas Rally, held at the Society's Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the evening of Thursday, 16th December, 1937, and approximately 175 attended.

Because of the large attendances and crowded state of the Assembly Hall at previous Christmas socials, this year the whole of the Centre Building was placed at the disposal of the Rally Committee, and amusements were provided to suit all tastes in the various rooms, parlor games in Assembly Hall, cinema pictures in Library, cards in Board Room, and table tennis in Office.

Mr. C. R. B. James, the Society's new Honorary Secretary, was the Chairman of the Evening and he extended a welcome to those present, on behalf of the General Board.

Mrs. Spry, the wife of the Chairman of the Board, was then asked to distribute toys, presented by the Women's Guild, together with money boxes filled with sweets and coppers, given by Mrs. Spry herself, and bags of sweets by Mrs. Patten (mother of Miss D. Hickey). to the children of Deaf Parents.

After this, Mrs. James the secretary's wife, presented trophies to winners of chess and billiard tournaments.

Parlour Games and amusements followed in the charge of Mr. J. M. Johnston. The following were the games and winners:—candle blowing, Mr. R. W. F. Hopkins; balloon blowing, Mr. H. Greensmith; threading needle whilst sitting on a bottle, Mr. A. Beard; ball towing, Mr. C. Nesbit, and Miss Preece; musical chairs, Mr. J. McLaurin; Drawing up Lifesavers by means of tongue, Mr. Hopkins; a gentlemen's team defeated the ladies' team at noughts and Crosses.

The five tables in the Board Room were fully occupied by the card players and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland was the winner.

More than half of those present went to see the cinema picture screened in the library. The picture was "The Red Raiders" featuring Ken Maynard and the wonder horse, Tarzan, in an exciting episode of the colonisation of Western America and fighting with the Red Indians.

During the evening, ice cream. fruit and sweets were distributed, and at 10.15 p.m.. supper was served. Prizes for games won during the evening were then distributed by the Chairman.

Votes of thanks were extended to the general Board for the pleasant treat, to the Women's Guild for their help and presents of toys, and to Mrs. Spry and Mrs. Patten, on the motion of Mr. F. E. Frewin, seconded by Mr. A. W. Sutherland, which was carried with acclamation. The Chairman responded, and, on behalf of the Board of Management, extended the compliments of the Season to all.

Amongst the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. N. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. E. Peacock, Mr. S. Hobson, and Mr. E. L. Bremner. A very happy evening was recorded.

FOUNDATION DAY PICNIC.

The Men's Guild Annual Picnic held on Foundation Day, Monday, 31st January, 1938, was declared to be one of the best. The locality chosen was Healesville. A coach and a bus were chartered and the party left "Snow's" in Flinders Street at 9.45 a.m. The route lay through Box Hill, Ringwood, Lilydale and Coldstream. On the route midway between Lilydale and Healesville, we passed Coombe Cottage, the much loved home of the late Dame Nellie Melba, the world famed singer. There is a clock tower and on it we noted the wording, which proves her sincere regard for her home: "East, West, Home's best." By 11.30 a.m. our conveyances pulled up inside the Queen's Park where we made our "camp" for the day. Games of rounders were played. Some went swimming in the local baths which were just near our "camp." Lunch at 12.30 p.m. and at 1.45 p.m., parties were formed to explore the various beauty places. About 30 went to Maroondah Dam which was about 2 miles or more. Some went up Mt. Riddell and others to the Sanctuary and Badger's Creek weir by cars. The rest inspected near-by attractions.

The party to the Maroondah Dam was amazed at the improvements made to the locality and well pleased with the visit. After consulting the map for the return route to "camp," a split in the party was made, one half returning the way they came up, the other half deciding on a new route farther afield, and they were rewarded with a refreshing sight of the outlet channel. They followed the channel till they came to Echo Tunnel, and, after resting a bit there, the party took the road home. From information, the parties that went to the Sanctuary had an equally fine trip. Mt. Riddell, 2750 feet, was not conquered by the few who went that way.

Tea was most welcome at 5.30 p.m., after which ball games of all kinds were played until 7.30 p.m. and by 7.45 p.m. we bade Healesville good bye, and Melbourne was reached at 9.30 p.m.

It was a wonderful picnic and the weather was glorious, although on the hot side. The attendance was 76. There was a photo snapshot competition amongst the picnickers, and the result was a win for Mr. G. Hamson for the best Holiday Group, Mr. D. Nesbit for the best group of photos, and Mr. M. Dyson was given a special prize for the best scenic group.



CURIOUS FREAK.

This curious freak is a member of our community, and is almost invariably to be seen at our club house on all occasions, and is always "jolly good company."

Of course he doesn't ordinarily look like this, he is just one of the best to be with, and go anywhere with. If he can smile like this when so reduced in appearance, you can imagine what a great smile he has when he is normal in height and appearance. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to tell us what has happened to him.

WOMEN'S GUILD PICNIC TO WARRANDYTE.

On Eight Hours' Day, in accordance with their usual custom, the Women's Guild held their Annual Picnic, this time to Pound Bend, near Warrandyte. Round about 9 o'clock, the Deaf began to put in an appearance in ones and twos at the rendezvous, outside Ball & Welch in Flinders Street. There were numerous other groups of picnickers standing around, and when at 9.30 our two big charabancs arrived, a horde of strangers descended on them by mistake, much to the alarm of the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Guild, who evidently thought they had done it on purpose, and was having visions of a pitched battle for the possession of the charabancs.

However the mistake was quickly put to rights and the strangers evacuated their position and retired in disorder without firing a shot, so we took triumphant possession.

We waited for a while for the late comers—have some people no clocks?—then, finally rolled off in triumph. We proceeded through Camberwell and Deepdene (where we picked up Mr. and Mrs. T. Peters and Miss D. Hickey) to Box Hill (where Mrs. Holmes joined the party) then turning off White Horse Road. proceeded through Doncaster and Templestowe till, after about two hours drive, arrived at Pound Bend. Piling out of the cars we stretched our legs, then, proceeded by one of our number who had been before, set off for the river and tunnel. We started together but were quickly strung out into a long ant-like file, winding up and down a steep rocky path that followed the winding of the River. After quite a while of hard going, we arrived at a spot where a jagged hole marked the entrance to a tunnel, through which an overflow from the river murmured and splashed over tumbled rocks. The adventurous leaders decided to wade through to the farther opening which could be seen down the tunnel. Soon most of the younger set, boys and girls alike, were clambering and wading barefoot into the deepening gloom of the tunnel, and there was a straggling procession clinging to the side of the tunnel, while they groped with bare feet for footholds beneath the water. Bangs and bumps were not uncommon for the walls bulged and receded in a most disconcerting fashion, and stubbed toes were practically general, the rocks beneath the rushing stream of all shapes and sizes, the great majority having sharp edges, while all were hard—decidedly so! However the farther opening loomed larger and larger and brighter and brighter till the blue sky was above us once more. We sat down and proceeded to examine our bumps and bruises. The unluckiest of the explorers was Dot Johnston who sustained a cut toe and a scratched arm.

A nearby house provided first aid and soon Dot was limping about with a bandaged foot, like a retired colonel with the gout. It was then lunch-time, and soon the picnickers were scattered about on the grass in various groups.

After lunch the charabancs came up and we moved off to the township of Warrandyte. Here, close beside the river, we established our camp.

The afternoon was given over to further exploration of the surrounding heights and riverside. A few who preferred to remain at the camp passed the afternoon playing cards. By 5 p.m. the explorers had returned and were ready for tea. When tea was over it was well past six and the first hint of dusk had appeared as we packed up our various packages for the return journey. At 7 o'clock, through the rapidly gathering darkness, we moved off on our return journey, after a most enjoyable day.

Thanks are due to the Women's Guild for this well organised and most successful picnic.



Once the home of a Deaf Man named George Parker

During the Women's Guild Picnic at Warrandyte on Eight Hour's Day, we met Mr. Hutchinson, who ran a kiosk at the Pound Bend, and he was able to talk to us on his fingers. He pointed out to us a lonely bark hut some distance away, stating that it was once the home of a deaf man named George Parker, who used to be employed by Mr. Hutchinson as a woodcutter. It was through Mr. Parker that he was able to talk on his fingers. Not one of the deaf

seemed to know that name of the deaf man until Mr. Mortimer came along, and he instantly remembered the name as his old school mate. The hut is well preserved and is open to public inspection. Mr. Mortimer had the hut photographed with himself standing beside it. Mr. Parker died some 10 years ago.

CRICKET CLUB.

The cricket season has just ended and our team finished with four wins out of ten matches to its credit. The following are the results of matches played since 27th November, 1937. South Melbourne Hibernians won outright by 9 wickets and 2 runs. South Melbourne A.N.A. also won, on 1st innings by 25 runs. Our team struck its best form in a match against Endeavour Socials in which we won on 1st innings by 43 runs. Our team scored 4 wickets for 282 runs, W. Ashby made 111 runs and F. Williams 91 runs.. Our opponents were all out for 239 runs. We had another win, this time against Albert Park Old Boys by 47 runs on 1st innings. R. Chaundy 95 runs, W. Ashby 72, and F. Williams 35, were the run-getters. We went down to Bridge United by 17 runs, and then won the last match of the season by 143 runs on the 1st innings against Melbourne Motors, W. Anderson with 39 not out was the top scorer, W. Ashby 32, and J. Phillips 28, also helped with the bat.

The Club held its picture nights on 19th February and 9th April, when bumper houses were registered. The pictures shown on 19th February were: "Son of Tarzan," "The Champion" featuring Charlie Chaplin and "The Submarine Pirate," and on 9th April: "Where the North Begins" featuring Rin-tin-tin, "The Wonderful Chance" and "Dunces and Dangers," featuring Larry Semmons.

References were made about the Adult Deaf's play in the Melbourne "Sporting Globe" on Wednesday, 2nd February, on previous Saturday's play. This par was written by Harry W. Francis, former secretary, player, selector for Hawthorn-East Melbourne Club, in which he said:—

"Watching the finish of the Albert Park Old Boys versus Adult Deaf contest, I saw Dick Chaundy, a tall lad of 20, make the last 50 of his 91, which undoubtedly pulled the game out of the fire for the Adult Deaf Team.

The Old Boys' side scored 198, the top scorer being Len Considine with 47. He too, is in the early tweties, a tall righthander of the aggressive type. He is also a useful change bowler and sends them along at medium pace.

The Adult Deaf team which has been playing cricket for more than 50 years, is now captained by Warwick Ashby, who had scored 61 not out when Chaundy lost his wicket. Frank Williams, a former Tasmanian, who was Badcock's partner for the Esk Club, Launceston, in 1929, gave the Adults' team a fine start scoring 35.

Dick Chaundy, however, impressed me as a lad likely to reach the pennant grade. He stands close on 6ft. high, and for a lad of 20 years, looks like developing into a fine athlete. He made his runs in 118 minutes, and scored two sixers and nine fours. He was unfortunate to miss the century, being out to a freakish catch low down at second slip. Dick was taught cricket at the Victorian Deaf School, St. Kilda Road, and was a useful all-rounder for the school team."

Socials.

The Deaf Committee ran three social nights in aid of a fund to cover cost of printing the Victorian Deaf Magazines. One was a Picture Night held on 5th February, when "The General Died at Dawn," with two comedies supporting were shown. The second social was held on 5th March in the form of a Euchre Tournament. Mrs. T. Peters and Mr. J. Retallick were the winners. For non-card players, there was a table tennis tournament which was won by Miss E. O'Hagan and Mr. A. Bately. Social Games were played on the 19th March. In all cases the attendances were good.

Thursday Nights.

"Thursday Nights" continue to draw big audiences. Perhaps it is the varied nature of the programme that makes this feature of our centre so popular and the surprises. There is always a Divine Service in the Church at 8 p.m. and likewise always a lecturette at 8.20 p.m.; for what follows at nine one mostly has to wait and see. The evening is presided over by our Principal who, more often than not, gives the lecturette. Since the last issue of "The News," Mr. Louis McCubbin, director of the South Australian Art Gallery, gave us an illustrated talk on "Art" (17th February). Mrs. McCubbin and Pat Jackson were also our guests that evening. Mr. Hughes secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was our guest on the 24th March, and gave us a "double dose" lecture, his subject being "Two Eyes and Two Ears in India." That same night was screened some magnificent travel films loaned by the N.Z. Government. Both the lecture and the scenic programme were exceedingly interesting. A new form of projector, exhibiting "still life" pictures was experimented with on the 31st March and 7th April. but found little or no favour, some commenting that a lecture by finger spelling, illustrated, by gesture, was infinitely more enjoyable.

Amongst the many other talks were: "Silk—Real and Artificial," "Vegetables," "The Situation in Europe" (illustrated by maps), "The Most Important Sense," Topical Talks. Amongst the films shown:

"Courting Wild Cats," "Corporal Jim's Ward," Charlie Chaplin in "A Night Out," "Felix Strikes it Rich," "The Happy Duffer," "Mama, Behave," "Flaming Father," "Hold your Breath," "Ship Ahoy," "The Rent-Taker."

One evening, Miss C. Derbyshire's brother-in-law Mr. Newton, lent us quite an array of films showing places he had visited including the South Sea Islands, America, Niagara Falls, London, Europe, etc., also scenes on the passenger vessel by which he travelled and we were all "absolutely sure" that amongst the other passengers "screened" was Mr. T. J. Lonsdale of Sydney. On other evenings, after lecture, we have played Housey Housey and taken part in competitions.

Basketball Club.

Owing to the inability of the Chairwoman and Hon. Secretary to be present, the Annual Meeting of the Basketball club fixed for 26th February was postponed to 5th March, when 14 members attended. After the usual procedure of reading the Annual Report and Balance sheet, the election of Officers took place and resulted as follows:—President, Miss A. Graham: Vice-President, Miss E. Lloyd; Hon. Treasurer, Miss F. Peters; Hon. Secretary, Miss D. Johnston; Committee, Misses J. Woolhouse, M. Marley, A. Bentley, G. Kinsella and G. Howe. Delegate to Victorian Women's Basketball Association, Miss G. Hunter.

The Club is in receipt of a trophy from Mr. W. A. Ross, to be awarded to the best and fairest player for the coming season. Mr. Ross has our sincere thanks.

The season will open on 23rd April and our ground will, as usual, be at Albert Park. Players began their practices early, and are showing ready aptitude and should do well in the coming season.

Tennis Club.

Our position in the Southern District Tennis Association competition during the summer season was far down on the list. There is much need for improvement in our play and system of team work. The Women's Section of the team was extremely weak, and needs strengthening if we are to enter again the coming season.

There was some suggestion that we enter a team for the winter competition, with a still more weaker team, but, in the end, the wiser council of the Committee prevailed and the idea was abandoned.

Founder's Trophies and Club's Tournaments were played up to the end of March, which resulted as follows.—Men's Singles, won by Bob Conacher; Ladies Singles, Betty Doyle, Mixed Doubles on American System, Fred Sandon and Betty Doyle.

During the winter months, opportunity should be made by beginners to improve themselves, whilst the more experienced ones are busy in other spheres of sports.

Lacrosse Club.

On the 15th February, 1938, the Lacrosse Club held its Annual Meeting in the Assembly Hall. Mr. J. M. Johnston presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. After a short discussion, it was moved and seconded that the club terminate itself without electing any new committeemen, and the funds transferred to a Trust composed of Messrs. J. O'Gorman, A. Stephens, and W. A. Ross.

In view of the termination of the above club, many of our players are signing up with hearing clubs and it is sincerely hoped that they will do well.

Only recently Caulfield Lacrosse Club had its Annual Meeting and we noted in its report that the three deaf players who played for Caulfield in different grades, received distinctions. Warrie Ashby was voted the best and fairest player in their "A" section team, Dick Chaundy the same in the "B" section, and Bob Conacher as the most consistent junior in the "E" section.

Complimentary remarks were made upon the play of Les Sutton and Vincent Buttacavoli at Sunshine Club's meeting, and upon Harry Puddy's play at Coburg's meeting.

J. McLEAN AND THE SPARROW.

An amusing incident occurred one day when Mr. Jack McLean was travelling out Preston way by tram. A sparrow flew in and made vain attempts to fly off again. The conductor tried to catch it so that it could be put out, but the sparrow eluded him. It flew about the passenger's legs and suddenly dived up the leg of Mr. McLean's trousers and remained there. Mr. McLean stood up and managed to rescue the sparrow right up near his waistline line, much to the amusement of the passengers. The sparrow was none the worse for its adventure.

Annual Bay Trip.

This year the Annual Bay Trip was held on Thursday, 27th January, 1938, and in all 51 went, including the staff and friends. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham and his wife were absent from this trip. After a good dinner on board, the party landed at Queenscliff and pitched "camp" under the shady pines in the picnic reserve nearby. Half an hour after landing, sack races were held, two heats and a final for gentlemen, and the like number for ladies, and the results were wins for George Russell and "Ettie" respectively. A Boot and Shoe scramble followed, and Reggie Thaw breasted the tape first.

Then came a cricket match between sides picked by two inmates of the Blackburn Home. It was a splendid and exciting match, three or four inmates showed wonderful aptitude in the game, and scored freely. The most outstanding players were G. Russell and W. Littlewood. Fruit and swimming capped off the happy sojourn on the shore. By 4.30 p.m., the "Weeroona" was boarded again for the homeward journey, and with the help of the following wind, Port Melbourne was reached in good time, 10 minutes to 7 p.m., from where a charabanc took the inmates back to our Home at Blackburn.

Thanks are again due to Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., and the many friends who donated towards the cost of dinner on board.

MEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Annual Christmas Dinner of the Men's Guild, held on 14th December, was an extremely successful affair. Although, as is usual at Guild functions, the attendance was not large, the small number present (15) lent the dinner a cosy intimate air. Nearly all present made speeches, some long, some short. Most were amusing and all were interesting, which is worth comment. Not many groups can boast of a dinner at which there were no boring speeches! Our President, Mr. J. Phillips being, to his great regret, absent, our old friend, J. M. Johnston, took the chair.

The table was marvellously set out, showing an astonishing variety of edibles, vases of flowers, colored streamers, crackers and paper hats added to the gaiety of the scene. The arrangements were in the hands of those extremely efficient workers, J. M. Johnston the Vice President, and J. McLaurin, our hard-working Hon. Secretary, ably asisted by Eric Johnston, who was clearly enjoying himself immensely, dashing about with a tea cloth over his arm like any Parisian waiter.

The delightful evening passed at a surprising speed and there was a general murmur of astonishment when it was announced that it was past ten. It was announced, amid acclamation, that the dinner would be repeated the following Christmas.

BY AIR TO BROKEN HILL AND BACK.

By J. McLAURIN

Long before Christmas I decided upon taking the novel experience of travelling by air for my holidays, and thereupon I booked passages on airliners for Mildura, Broken Hill, and return. It was the most wonderful experience I have ever had and I enjoyed every minute of it. On 20th December, I left Essendon at 7.30 a.m. per "R.M.A. Marika," and flew via Bendigo (at which we did not land), Kerang where we stopped for 15 minutes, and Mildura, where half an hour was allowed for refuelling, and arrived at Broken Hill at 11.45 the same morning.



I remained at Broken Hill three days visiting my relatives and sight-seeing. Returning to Mildura I stayed there four days. After making enquiries as to the location of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt's home, I paid them a surprise visit and they immediately took me sight-seeing in their car, for which I thank them very much. We went to Red Cliffs, visiting the Pumping Station and the Vineyards, and on another day we went to Merbein and saw its packing sheds and the pumping station, and on to Wentworth, in New South Wales across the River Murray. There we saw the old jail which was once a busy place, but now is not used. We then visited a vineyard belonging to Mr. Hunt's brother-in-law, where we saw the plantations and the racks.

One day was spent looking over Mildura town and its surrounding district. On 2nd January, I bade Mr. Hunt, his family and Mildura, farewell, leaving that city at 2.30 p.m. and flew to Kerang where we had refreshments. We, at times, flew as high as 10,000 feet and the scenes below were peculiar, more like a patchwork quilt, and I was unable to perceive any moving objects on the ground.

Essendon was reached at 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt send their kind remembrances to their many Melbourne friends and suggest that others should take the same opportunity as myself in visiting Mildura.

I so enjoyed my air trip that I have decided to book another air trip for next Christmas, this time it will be to Hobart.

Easter Rally.

The Easter Rally, held on 16th April was probably the quietest one we have had for many a year. The evening was given up entirely to games. Speech making was absent this time. Messrs. E. R. Noble

and H. Greensmith were in charge of the games and they did their part well, keeping up the merriment all the while until supper time. Approximately 130 turned up.

Our Little World.

Two more newcomers who have made their homes in Melbourne are brothers, Ronnie and Albert Devine. They came over from Perth, West Australia. Ronnie has secured a situation as a button dyer, and we hope he will like his new work. They are at present living at Altona Bay, which is a good way out of Melbourne.

Miss Norma Rawlins, of Kaniva, was in town again for some time and was at our Blackburn Home for a while.

Mr. A. Salmon was down for a while from the Goulburn Valley before the fruit picking season called him home again.

Mr. Arthur Hately, of Camperdown, was here for an extended holiday, and during that time he went over to the Apple Isle for a week and states that the Tassies have made a start for the forthcoming Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston recently had their annual holiday. They took a house at Beaumaris and had Misses R. & M. Dow, D. Hickey, G. Howe, D. Johnston and Messrs. F. E. Frewin, H. Howe and E. Johnston with them.

Miss Betty Preece was also holidaying at the same time at Mentone with her parents.

Rosebud had its share of deaf holiday-makers during Christmas. Mr. J. Leber and his family, Mr. W. Chapman and others were there.

Messrs. R. White, C. Lyfield and A. Collins, of Neerim Junction; J. O'Grady of Myrtleford; J. Gibson and J. Stewart of Geelong and Inverleigh; Miss E. Moore, Geelong; Mrs. S. Ferguson, Bowman's Forest; and Mrs. J. E. Muir, Warburton, called in at different times.

During the Foundation Day week end, Messrs. W. Hately and W. A. Ross spent their time travelling along the Great Ocean Road by motor cycle, and reported wonderful times there.

Recently Len Treffene reached his 21st birthday, and to mark the occasion, Mr. T. Beard got up a party for him and 50 guests were invited. A very happy evening was spent and Mr. Treffene was in receipt of many useful gifts and congratulatory messages.

Mr. H. Williamson, of Tasmania, is at present in Melbourne, trying his luck re employment. He follows the tinsmithing trade.

During the Christmas holidays our centre was very quiet, except for several visitors at different times.

Mr. Percy Smith, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on his way to join in Sydney's 150th year celebrations. It was his intention to make a lengthy stay, probably three months, and so far we have not seen him pass on his return journey yet.

Mr. Andrew Rankine, also of Adelaide, called both on his way to and from Sydney. He called in again sometime later when he was on a cruise to New Zealand with his sister. He was loud in his praise of the beauties of New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. Juncken also dropped in to see us on their return from Sydney.

Messrs. Paqualin and J. Williams, of Perth, West Australia, called in, too. They were on a cruise to Queensland and, like many others, reported grand times.

Miss Alice Smith, after eight months' sojourn in New South Wales, much to our surprise, returned home. She was in employment for a time there.

Mr. L. Treffene, of Mildura, came down to Melbourne again after the Royal Show visit, and he immediately obtained employment as a box maker in the Australian Glass Works at Spotswood.

Miss Evelyn Lloyd went over to Sydney for her Christmas holidays and stayed there for five weeks. She enjoyed herself immensely. She confessed that she liked the Melbourne Deaf much better.

Still another deaf young lady planned to stay in Sydney for possibly three months, but before half the period had passed, Miss Joy Tampion was back in Melbourne again.

Mr. F. Kendall was most fortunate to purchase a ticket at a vastly cheaper rate through the unfortunate sickness of the intending traveller. He went for a cruise to the South Sea Islands per the S.S. Katoomba. It was a sudden arrangement, and we were not informed of it until he returned home. He was full of praise of the trip and the places he saw, and suggested that anyone desirous of a genuine holiday should take this sort of cruise. It is the ideal way to relax.

Miss Gertie Kinsella, of Sydney, has made her home in Melbourne, having secured employment at Brockhoff's Biscuit Factory, and is popular amongst our girls. She has joined the Basketball team and we hope her inclusion will improve our strength.

An unfortunate accident befel two of our deaf friends, Willie Elwin (driver) and George McGuinness both of Melbourne, on the night of 14th April, when they were involved in a motor cycle collision on the Calder Highway, near Keilor. They were on the way to Daylesford to spend the Easter holidays. At a spot near the 15 mile post, between Keilor and Digger's Rest, a motor cycle outfit travelling towards Melbourne, tried to pass two motor cars which were at that time running abreast, making that cycle the third abreast, the cyclist found himself facing another outfit, and crashed into it. G. McGuinness received the full force of the impact, the nose of the side car was smashed in, fracturing his legs. W. Elwin received injuries to his hand and arm. G. McGuinness is at present a patient in Alfred Hospital.

Mr. Ken Peters also had the misfortune to be injured in a peculiar accident. By some mischance he, on his push bike, rode into the back of a stationery motor car, his face hitting against the rear window, resulting in gashes to his face, necessitating some 6 stitches.

Mrs. A. W. Sutherland was recently a patient at Hamilton Russell House, where she underwent a grafting operation to her upper lip. She is home again and as cheerful as ever.

Mr. Ernest A. Reynolds has been appointed an honorary interpreter to our Society by the Board of Management. Ernest has a business of his own, which eats well into most of his time, but he is always ready to come along and give a helping hand. Good interpreters like him are extremely scarce, hence his services are greatly appreciated; perhaps our Principal is the most glad, for he now gets resting time at big functions, where the interpreter is in constant demand.

Misses Monahan spent their short Easter Holidays in Sydney and Newcastle, and to avail themselves of more time for sight-seeing, they went over and returned home by Air. They say the Air trip was so pleasant and enjoyable that they intend to make all their trips to distant parts by Air in future. They passed through stormy weather on the return journey, and one of the sisters said she was almost "seasick," and that it was fortunate for her that the Airliner came to land.

George Boyce, after about six months on a Gippsland Farm, has returned to Melbourne. He has now been placed by Our Society with a Radio Firm in South Melbourne, and we trust he will like his new position.

Births.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Keeffe, of Richmond, on 10th February, 1938.

A Son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, of Footscray, on 29th April, 1938.

Deaths.

Mrs. M. Briner, of Hawthorn, passed away suddenly at her home on 22nd January, 1938, and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery.

Marriages.

Mr. Egbert Pallott, of Oakleigh, was married to Miss Thelma Darragh, of Ormond, at the Ormond Presbyterian Church, on the afternoon of Easter Saturday, 16th April, 1938. Our principal interpreted.

Mr. James Walters, of Leitchville, was married to Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, on Saturday, 30th April, 1938. Miss Phyllis Johnstone, of Kew, was one of the Bridesmaids, and Mr. Cliff Ellwood the Groomsman.

Interstate News.

The N.S.W. "Silent Messenger" is a bright little paper, and one can easily believe that the N.S.W. Deaf read every line of it, notwithstanding the printed statement in the number before us that at a meeting of the deaf one member was seen to say that the "Messenger" was of no value, as the deaf do not read it. Our opinion is, if the deaf do not read it, they ought to, and our belief is they do read it.

We see by the "Queensland Monthly News" that the Brisbane Deaf are preparing to hold a Fete on 9th July in aid of the trip to Hobart next Christmas.

DEAF MUTES IN THE FAR EAST.

According to the Salvation Army Year Book for 1938, the Army has established religous services for the deaf in London, and speaks of Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft, O.F.

Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft, O.F., one of the pioneers of this work, who now lives in retirement, took a keen interest in the many deaf-mutes she found years ago, in different parts of India and in Korea, where her husband, the late Commissioner, was Territorial Commander. Mrs. Toft has described as one of her sweetest memories a Christmas festivity she attended in Seoul with groups of deaf and dumb Koreans gathered round the Christmas tree eagerly following in the soft light of its flickering candles the story of the coming of the Son of God, as told by swift fingers and rhythmic hands.

Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft was led into the Army's ranks through a deaf and dumb relative, and when The Salvation Army commenced its work for these people she was already equipped by contact from earliest childhood with many acquaintances, to take a leading share in the development of this specialised work.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DEAF CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation was held on the Evening of Thursday, 28th April, and there was a good attendance. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided. The Annual Report,

read by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman, and the financial statement, read by the Hon Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble, were adopted on motion of Mr. F. E. Frewin, seconded by Mr. G. B. Mortimer. The Chairman, in his address, said that it had been a very successful and delightful year, and had been noted for remarkable attendances. He paid tribute to the good work done by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman, referring to him as a Minature Mr. John Muir, and regretting his withdrawal from office through force of circumstances. The good services of other members were also gratefully acknowledged. As there were just sufficient nominations received to fill the nine seats on the Committee an election was not necessary, so the names submitted were approved. The new Committee is:— Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, Miss R. Dow, Miss D. Hickey, Mr. E. R. Noble, Mr. M. Dyson, Mr. H. Greensmith, Mr. J. McLaurin, Mr. D. Johnston and Mr. W. A. Ross, with the Principal and Mr. Bremner representing the General Board, and Mr. J. M. Johnston, (Welfare Officer).

The evening ended with thanks to the retiring office-bearers, Hon. Auditor and Chairman for presiding. Supper and a few games followed until closing time.

Christmas Carnival.

Christmas is only seven months ahead, and what are we doing to prepare for Our holidays? Have you decided on a place to visit? Well, Hobart is to be the focal point of the Deaf of Australia this coming Christmas. Arrangements are being made for Inter-State Cricket and Tennis Matches to be played there.

The New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australian Deaf are pushing ahead with their preparations for this trip. What of Victoria? We hardly hear of any activity yet, an Awakening is about due.

The Victorians seem to sleep until the last lap, then tear ahead at mighty speed; we look like doing the same this year, but we suppose, as on previous occasions, when the time comes we will be well represented.

There is talk of arrangements for a Fancy Fair sometime in November. We will appreciate any new suggestions that will help to make it a success.

A fuller Announcement will be made in our Next Issue.

Many Happy Returns of the Day to —

Enid Peters, Joseph Retallick, Edward Roxburgh, 1st May; Vincent Bragg, Clifford Bragg, 3rd May; Frederick Johnson, 4th May; Raymond Cornell, Alice C. Ashby, George Oakley, Robert Conacher, 5th May; Timothy Curtain, 8th May; Rose Dow, Norman May, 9th May; William Donnolly, 11th May; Benjamin Davies, 18th May; Samuel Ferguson, 21st May; Lyle Robertson, Herbert K. Robinson 24th May; Byron A. A. Taylor, 25th May; Alfred Puryer, 26th May; Laurie Walsh, 27th May; Joseph W. Hunter, 28th May; John Anderson, 31st May.

Announcements—

ADULT DEAF CENTRE,
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

Thursday Nights (special) 19th May.

Speaker:— Mr. McCaskill.

Followed by Social and Supper

Tuesday, 24th May, 8 p.m.

Lecture on—

"CENTRAL AUSTRALIA"

By the Rev. Mr. Harland,

Under the Auspices of Deaf Men's Guild

All Welcome. — Ladies Too.

AT OUR CLUB HOUSE,

in aid of

Combined Guilds

GRAND DANCE

— Modern and Old Time —

Saturday, 28th May, 1938, 8 p.m.

Good Prizes Euchre Good Music

Tickets 2/- (including supper)

H. L. Greensmith,
Hon. Secretary to Organising Committee

Our next number's Big Feature will be

"The Deaf News of the World."

The Night of Nights to the Deaf of Victoria

YOU must not miss this :

RE-UNION DINNER
of the Deaf of this State.

Smoke and Reminiscence Night.

Show Day, September, 1938.

in the

Banquet Hall of the "Victoria"

(LT. COLLINS STREET)

Open to All Ex-Pupils of all
Schools for the Deaf.

Tickets - - Three Shillings and Sixpence,

Obtainable at the Adult Deaf Centre,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East,

Early Reservations essential, as seating accommodation is limited.

Our Next Rally :

KING'S BIRTHDAY, MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

Hearty Welcome to all Deaf.

The Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria

(Incorporated)

HEADQUARTERS :

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST,

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After They Leave School.

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HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM and DEPENDENT DEAF and DUMB (Both Sexes).

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Principal: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, to whom all communications in connection with the Society's work should be addressed.

E. H Blackwood, Printer, 110 Greville Street, Prahran, Melbourne.

Herald May 3rd 1938



Antoine.

Miss Francis Leila Peters, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Peters, of East Brighton, whose engagement to Joseph Maurice, only son of Mrs C. Phillips, of Williamstown, and the late Mr Samuel Isaac Phillips, is announced.

Age 29th April 1938

NOT TOO DUMB !

Within the next few days Oakleigh hopes to add to its list Frank Williams, a deaf and dumb player from Tasmania. Williams, however, is anything but dumb when on the wing. He comes from Hobart. Fortunately, Mr. W. Blake, the Oakleigh secretary, is expert with hand signs, having conversed with a dumb neighbor for many years. He is thus able to convey instructions to the new recruit.

Age June 18th 1938

For Blackburn Home

Over 150 guests were present at a gay cabaret dance held at Bibron's, Old Admiralty House, last night, when members of the Melbourne branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Home arranged a function to aid the Blackburn Home. During the evening a specialty dance was given by Miss Lorna Stevenson.

Members of the committee were the president, Mrs. O. Haub, who wore a graceful gown of cream chantilly lace; the vice-president, Mrs. D. Aorahams who chose cyclamen lacquered satin; the hon. secretary, Miss Alys Kirkby, in burgundy ring velvet; the hon. treasurer, Mrs. D. d'Coite in a gown of blue and silver lame. Other committee members were Mrs. V. McGrath, who wore black sunray pleated georgette; Mrs. M. Browne, in black lace, and Miss J. Harris, in black georgette.

Age June 11th 1938

Aids.

The Melbourne branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb auxiliary will hold a cabaret dance at Bibron's in aid of the Blackburn Home. Tickets may be obtained from Miss A. Kirby (MX4055), or Mrs. O. Haub (Hawthorn 2973).

Herald June 17th 1938

Dance for Deaf and Dumb Home

ABOUT 150 guests will be present at Bibron's (Old Admiralty House tonight, when a cabaret dance organised by the Melbourne Auxiliary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Home will be held.

Proceeds of the evening will be devoted to the Blackburn Home. During the evening a specialty dance will be given by Miss Lorna Stevenson. The committee responsible are: President (Mrs Otto Haub) vice-president (Mrs Douglas Abrahams), secretary (Miss Alys Kirby), treasurer (Mrs David D'Coite), committee (Mrs V. McGrath, Mrs Morton R Browne, and Miss J. Harris)

Sun June 18th 1938

MEMBERS of Melbourne branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Auxiliary held a successful cabaret ball at Old Admiralty House last night to raise money to aid the Blackburn Home.

The function was organised by the branch committee, of which Mrs. O. Haub is president, Miss Alys Kirkby is secretary, Mrs. D. D'Coite is treasurer, and Mesdames V. McGrath, M. Browne and Miss J. Harris other members.

ADULT DEAF CLUB

JOLIMONT SQUARE, WELLINGTON PARADE SOUTH
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GRAND DANCE

Modern and Old Time
At OUR CLUB HOUSE

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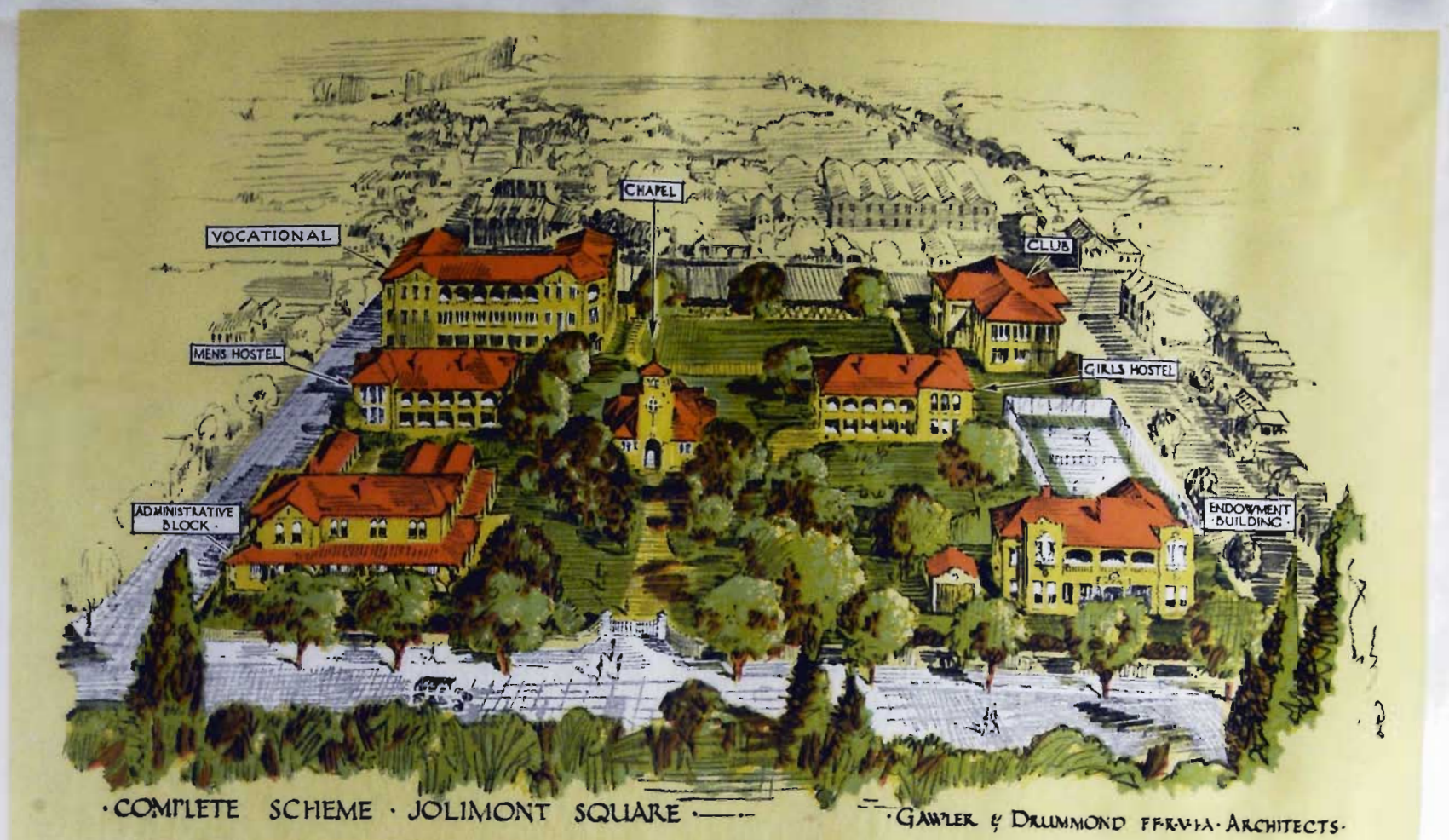
Saturday, 28th May, 1938, at 8 p.m.

GOOD PRIZES EUCHRE GOOD MUSIC

Tickets 2/-

(Supper Included)

H. L. GREENSMITH, Hon. Sec.
Organising Committee



VISION OF THE FUTURE.

For those with Eyes which see, but Ears which cannot hear. and Tongues that do not speak.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

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SUBSCRIPTION FORM

From M.....

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I have pleasure in donating the sum of £ : : to be listed as follows:—

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Exclusively for Relief of Distress Cases.....

Building Fund.....

Toward Liquidation of Debt (£12,000).....

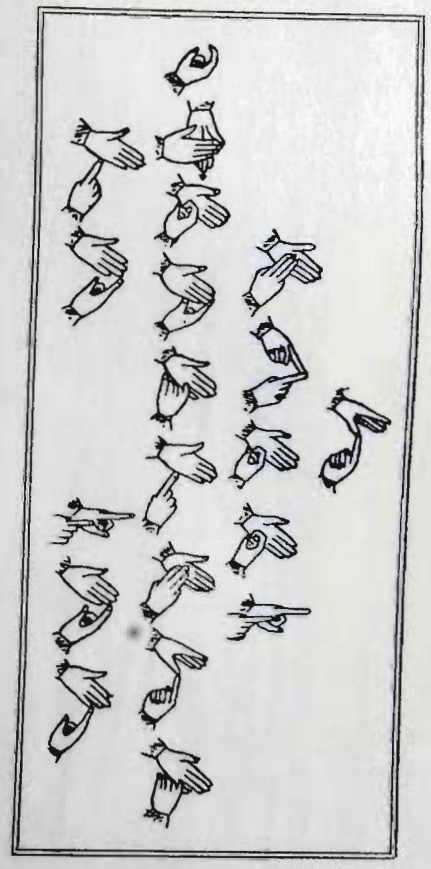
Yours truly,

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To Mr. E. H. Peacock, J.P.,
Honorary Treasurer,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, C.2.

Note—

There is a debt of £12,000 on Jolimont Square, the Society's Headquarters, and a bank overdraft of £1,400 on the maintenance fund. To meet normal expenses an additional £600 per annum is required, and a modernised Welfare Centre is also an urgent need.



A Merry Christmas to You

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least.....
ye did it unto Me."

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
AND HOMES FOR THE AGED, INFIRM AND DEPENDENT DEAF MUTES
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.
PHONE J 1270

AIM: *To be* EVERYTHING *to the Deaf and Dumb after they leave school.*

Friend,

In Victoria there are about one thousand of our fellow citizens who are deaf and dumb.

Their deafness is a barrier to social intercourse between us and them, and shuts them out from most of the ordinary things that are "life itself" to us—Divine Worship, Drama, Music, Song, Talkies, Wireless, Telephone, Public Functions, and even the voice of loved ones.

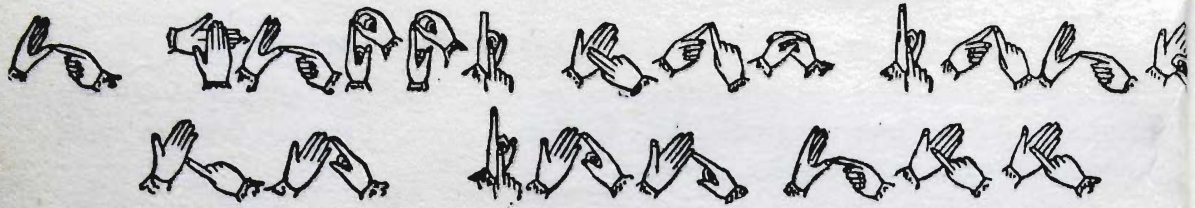
The objective of this organisation is to provide as many substitutes for these as is humanly possible.

Will you give one day out of your 365 to help brighten their lives?

You could render a splendid service to these doubly handicapped folk by spending a day in interesting other folk in their welfare. Even one hour so spent would accomplish much to their interest.

Who of your friends would turn down an appeal on behalf of fellow citizens up against such odds? Will you help us to help them?

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal.



A Happy New Year to you all.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Farewell of Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer as Collector



M. G. B. MORTIMER

Dear

For thirty-five years it has been my pleasure to wait upon patrons of this Society for their annual subscription toward its maintenance.

Owing to ill-health I have been transferred to the indoor staff of the Society, and, in introducing Mr. H. Blackmore, who has taken my place as Collector, I wish to thank you for the very kind way you have always received me, and respectfully ask for the continuance of your support to this very necessary work.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. B. MORTIMER.



H. BLACKMORE

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V. BUTTACAVOLI

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

OBJECTIVE: To be EVERYTHING to the Deaf and Dumb of this State after they leave school.

The Board of Management, in introducing to the subscribers and friends of this Society, Mr. W. M. Underwood, our new Collector, who takes the place of Mr. Quinton, avails itself of the opportunity to thank you for your past contributions to the work, also the kindly way in which the Collector has been received.

There are about one thousand deaf mutes in this State. Their deafness is a perpetual barrier to social intercourse between them and those who are gifted with hearing and speech: it shuts them out from most things that mean Life—Divine Worship, Drama, Music, Song, Wireless, Talkies, Public Functions, and even the voice of loved ones. Our Society aims at providing as many substitutes for these as is humanly possible. We, therefore, heartily thank you for helping us to help them.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,

Principal.



W. M. UNDERWOOD

TELEPHONE J 1270

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Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Patrons:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

President:
MR. L. A. CLEVELAND

Honorary Treasurer:
MR. E. H. PEACOCK, J.P.
Honorary Secretary:
MR. WM. F. ROWE.

Friend,

This is an appeal on behalf of our fellow citizens who are deaf and dumb.

Has it ever occurred to you how great is the loss of the deaf and dumb? That they cannot participate in Divine Worship, nor can they enjoy the wireless, the talkie, music, song, the human voice, drama, lecture; even ordinary social intercourse is closed to them. They are isolated, more or less living in a world of their own.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society aims at introducing for the deaf and dumb substitutes for as many of these every-day advantages of the normal citizen as is humanly possible.

AT JOLIMONT there is a specially designed Church, and Welfare Centre to meet the requirements of the Adult Deaf and Dumb. Office, in charge of expert officers, open daily for advice and help.

AT BLACKBURN, Homes for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf Mutes.

The Society has no invested funds, no Government grant, depending wholly upon voluntary contributions. To adequately maintain our varied activities, we need an additional £1,500 per annum.

Will you help us to make similar provision for the deaf and dumb as at present enjoyed by every normal citizen?

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal.

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Name and address of Firm, School or Party.....

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Representative of Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.....

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As this sheet is required for auditing purposes, we would esteem it a favour if, when complete, it is returned to the representative of the Society or posted to the Honorary Treasurer, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

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ADULT Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

(Incorporated)

JOLIMONT, MELBOURNE



CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, EAST MELBOURNE



HEADQUARTERS AND ADULT DEAF AND DUMB WELFARE CENTRE, EAST MELBOURNE



HOMES FOR AGED, INFIRM AND DEPENDENT DEAF AND DUMB (BOTH SEXES), BLACKBURN

THE OBJECTIVE of this Society is to be EVERYTHING TO THE DEAF AND DUMB PEOPLE OF THIS STATE AFTER THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF 16 ON THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES, providing Social Welfare Centre and Church at Jolimont Square and Homes for Aged, Infirm and Dependent Deaf Mutes of both sexes at Blackburn.

Patrons:

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(To whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.)

HEADQUARTERS,
Phone, J 1270

Jolimont Square
Melbourne East.

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Sirs,

Will you kindly help maintain this work? We depend wholly upon public subscriptions.

I am, yours faithfully,

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Collector.

In Urgent Need of Funds. Will You Help?

OUR DEAF MUTE CITIZENS



YOU recognise that our fellow citizens who are deaf and dumb are severely handicapped; that we should at least place in their way the means to enjoy, so far as is humanly possible, advantages open to us through the senses of hearing and speech.

That is the object of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

WILL YOU HELP?

WE NEED FUNDS IMMEDIATELY FOR MAINTENANCE, BUILDINGS, AND DEBT OF £11,000

The disability of the Deaf and Dumb is not obvious, although very real.

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Our Deaf Mute Citizens

More or less submerged among all peoples are individuals composing a peculiar race, with a language bearing somewhat the same relation to speech as the earliest picture-writing bears to modern script. In them an imaginative mind may recognise representatives of our pre-historic ancestors, at the epoch when they conversed mainly by gestures, and before their inarticulate grunts and cries began to be shaped into a language. This submerged remnant dwells in a world of its own. From its scattered members nature withholds that glorious sense which enables us to enjoy the exquisite raptures of sound. Life passes before them like the views of a cinematograph—living, but silent. Much knowledge that is made easy for us by our hearing has to be gained by them in the same tedious way as our knowledge of the moon and stars—by the unaided sense of vision. I refer to the Deaf and Dumb.

In the State of Victoria there are about 1000 fellow citizens who are known as Deaf Mutes, that is, people who are deaf, and consequently dumb—dumb, not because the organs of speech are missing or imperfect, but because speech is an acquired art—an art we begin to learn in our childhood, and acquired by means of the sense of hearing—imitating sounds heard.

Deprived of hearing, they are dependent upon sight for practically everything which gives interest to life.

The Deaf and Dumb are educated through THE EYE by means of writing, lip reading, finger spelling and signs. And it is by means of the eye, assisted by the hand, that the Deaf and Dumb are able to participate with their fellow afflicted in social intercourse and the pleasures of life open to them.

Yet it was not until 1860, when sufficient public interest being aroused, that the first school for the Deaf and Dumb was founded in Australia. These schools were known as Asylums, and resulted to a large extent in the general public believing that such afflicted people were put in these "asylums" for their own protection, and there remained for the rest of their lives. There are thousands of people, unfortunately, who think in like manner to this day.

The fact that the deaf were merely "dumb" because they could not hear—speech being an acquired art—and that mental deficiency did not necessarily go with deafness, only began very gradually to be understood when the deaf started to leave school and to establish themselves. These first pupils were joined by adult deaf mutes from Europe, and became the pioneers of the **Adult** Deaf and Dumb Societies. In those days, some forty-odd years ago, the only meeting places for the Deaf and Dumb were convenient lamp-posts or quiet hotel parlors. There were no churches, institutes or clubs for them; it was also most difficult to persuade employers to give them work.

When still more pupils reached the age of sixteen and left the "asylum" and still more arrived from Europe, the need of Spiritual Guidance and the means for social intercourse was more apparent and became an urgent necessity.

A cricket club was founded by the Adult Deaf of Melbourne, out of which, soon after, grew what is now known as **The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.** At first, services and meetings were held in rented premises; then, twenty-four years ago, an Institute for the Adult Deaf was erected in Flinders Street. The activities of the Society were almost yearly added to, and the number of deaf mutes taking advantage of the provision made for them also grew, until the accommodation of the Flinders Street premises became inadequate. Years were spent in the search for a more suitable site or building. Four years ago the Board of Management of this Society purchased Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, and a large house in the Square has been altered and adapted to the needs of the Adult Deaf and Dumb, and is the administrative centre of the Society pending the erection of the necessary buildings needed to adequately house the various activities of the Society.

At Blackburn the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society also has a Home for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective and Blind Deaf Mutes.

Normal people have numerous organisations established for their benefit. The necessity of making similar provision for the Deaf and Dumb will surely appeal to you.

Our small hall at Jolimont Square is used for numerous purposes: Sunday mornings and evenings for Divine Worship, and upon week days for lectures, classes, entertainments, socials, and the meetings of the Men's and Women's Guilds, Workers' Club, lacrosse, cricket and tennis clubs; also for weddings, birthdays and other social functions of the deaf. All are looking forward to the day when they will be able to hold Divine Worship in their own specially erected Church, and when there will be a separate institute for the educational work, freeing the present Centre for use as a club house.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE
as used by the Deaf and Dumb.



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The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(Incorporated)



CENTRAL OFFICE, ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East

OBJECTIVE

To bring into existence conditions that will, so far as is humanly possible, open to our Deaf and Dumb citizens the opportunities already available to the normal citizen, i.e.:

- A Secondary Educational Institute, Social Hall and Club House for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Vocational Training Workshop for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Hostel for Deaf Mute Young Men and a Hostel for Deaf Mute Young Women.
- A little Church specially designed for Services for the Deaf and Dumb.
- A Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes.
- A Training Farm for Mentally Defective Deaf Mutes.
- An Office (open all day) for Employment, Relief and Advice.

In brief, to make so complete the equipment and activities of the Society that it will be EVERYTHING to our Deaf and Dumb citizens except a school for children.

To adequately house these various activities and pay off a debt of £11,000 upon the Jolimont Square property—the sum of £26,000 is needed.

Patrons

His Excellency the Governor,
Col. the Right Hon. Lord Somers,
K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

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59 William Street, Melbourne

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Will You Help?



HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND BLIND DEAF MUTES
Blackburn, Victoria.

This Society is NOT connected with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, which is a RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL for Deaf and Dumb children.

The Deaf and the Deaf and Dumb in England and Wales.

A Summary with Suggestions from the Report of Dr. A. Eicholz to the British Minister of Health and President of the Board of Education.

His research concerned the two main types of these afflicted persons—**the Deaf and Dumb**—those who from birth or early age are deprived of useful hearing and natural speech—and the **deafened**—those who, after possessing useful hearing and speech, have lost the power of hearing in varying degrees.

THE DEAF AND DUMB A DEFINITE CLASS.

The Deaf and Dumb form a definite class, isolated by reason of their lack of power of communication. In present circumstances it is likely that they will continue in this position of isolation, depending on special efforts for education, training, employment social and religious activities.

The Deafened, on the other hand, are widely distributed amongst the general population, and include persons with every degree of impairment, from slightly defective power in one ear to complete deafness in both ears. It has been stated on good medical authority that **one person in three** of the whole population suffers from deafness.

It cannot be said that the Deafened form a class by themselves in the sense applicable to the Deaf and Dumb. The Deafened are able to live normal lives in the general community and as such are no more to be considered as a category to be selected for special social treatment at the hands of public administration than are sufferers from other general diseases of a non-infectious nature, such as rheumatism, heart failure, diseases of the circulation and alimentary canal and diabetes.

DEAF-MUTISM—PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL.

Deaf-mutism is of two kinds, pre-natal and post-natal in origin, and the factor of prevention bears upon the latter. We may anticipate, therefore, that post-natal deaf-mutism. which at present includes the majority of cases, will in course of time disappear, leaving only the born deaf to be dealt with.

TEMPERAMENTAL PROPENSITIES.

The Deaf and Dumb, generally speaking, suffer little, if at all, from a physical point of view in their potential capacity to engage in industrial life. Their outstanding disability lies almost entirely on the social side and is connected with their incapacity to maintain normal means of communication with the outside world.

To this are to be attributed certain temperamental conditions due to isolation, misunderstandings in their contact with other people, certain difficulties which occur in securing employment, and a general lack of public sympathy with them as individuals and with their cause as a whole.

The temperamental inequalities of the Deaf and Dumb in their graver forms are reflected in the proportion of Deaf mutes suffering from mental diseases. The proportion of Deaf mutes in mental institutions is seven times as great as that of hearing people. The proportion of Deaf mute inmates in public institutions under the poor law is also seven times as great as that of hearing persons. Those receiving institutional relief is more than twice as heavy.

Deaf-mutism is a condition which has become definitely established at birth or early childhood, and it may be said that no person is Deaf and Dumb who was not so during school age. This fact marks off the deaf and dumb from persons afflicted with deafness pure and simple.

THE DEAF AND THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The problem of the Deaf and Dumb, difficult as it is, is simplified to this extent; it can be envisaged and planned for as a whole in a single scheme extending from childhood through adolescence into adult life for one and all. It is this fact that makes it possible in public and charitable administration to lay down as a general principle that no person shall be eligible for any benefit or special consideration applicable to the Deaf and Dumb who has not been on the register of a certified school for the totally Deaf or Deaf and Dumb, a principle now accepted by the British Trades Board Department of the Ministry of Labour.

THE NEED FOR TEACHING FINGER SPELLING.

Oral teaching has prevailed almost unchallenged during the past 30 years, and has achieved extraordinary results, but it has not altogether altered the outlook of the Deaf mute, who, **in spite of all his speech achievements, is obliged in adult life to rely largely on finger spelling, gestures and writing.**

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

The teachers of the Deaf in England and Wales, as a whole, prefer that training should be deferred until 16.

NO DEAF BODY CAPABLE OF VOICING CAUSE OF THE DEAF.

There is, at present, no body of highly educated Deaf persons in the country (England and Wales) such as would be able to voice the cause of the Deaf and Dumb with adequate effect from within.

DEAF AND DUMB IN MENTAL AND POOR LAW INSTITUTIONS.

Dealing with the Deaf and Dumb in the ordinary poor law and mental institutions, he says: "They are in a state of isolation which adds to the misery of their normal and physical condition, and dependent on the chance of an occasional visit from an understanding friend or missionary. In many cases they are deprived even of this comfort. It is suggested, therefore, that the local authorities in considering the re-organisation of transferred institutions should take into account the desirability of classifying the Deaf and Dumb together as far as possible and engaging the interest and services of the local Deaf and Dumb missionaries with a view to alleviating the heavy burden of misfortune which these doubly afflicted persons are obliged to suffer.

OCCUPATION.

The Deaf can follow any occupation for which hearing is not essential.

The skilled Deaf and Dumb follow a great variety of trades.

The main hindrance to their employment is the lack of understanding of the public in general, including prospective employers.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETIES.

These bodies are doing excellent work, but they are cramped for funds and in many cases they are inadequately or insufficiently staffed.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

To meet the need of the Deaf and Dumb, some financial assistance is necessary, as I have shown it to be economical. This assistance can be rendered solely by those who understand the Deaf and Dumb, and that is by their missionaries.

ENCOURAGE SELF-RELIANCE ON PART OF DEAF.

Further, I wish to endorse the view of the missioners, which is practically unanimous, that no public funds should be made available as a compensation for Deaf-mutism. It is realised generally that doles of this kind would undermine the spirit of self-reliance and weaken the steady character which now marks the life of the Deaf and Dumb!

DR. EICHOLZ' CONCLUSIONS IN RELATION TO ADULT DEAF LIFE.

EDUCATION

(d) That there is need of further provision for vocational training.

(f) That there is need for provision of Secondary Schools for the Deaf.

GENERAL WELFARE.

(b) Need for social welfare of mentally and physically afflicted Deaf and Dumb in asylums and infirmaries, including the proper classification of Deaf and Dumb in asylums.

INDUSTRIAL WELFARE.

(a) Need for further financial assistance by Public Assistance Authorities in support of special placement effort for the Deaf and Dumb.

(b) Need of extension and co-ordination of mission effort on behalf of the Deaf and Dumb.



IN URGENT NEED OF FUNDS. WILL YOU HELP?

Terrible as the situation of the Deaf person is, it does not immediately appeal to the compassion of everyone as is the case in regard to the Blind.

—**Lord Charnwood, in the House of Lords.**

The Deaf man is, perhaps, cut off from the world more severely than the Blind man.

—**The Duke of Montrose.**

My experience has taught me that **the public does not realise** what an appalling calamity is deafness and dumbness. If they did, much more attention would be paid to those suffering from it. Whereas people are always sympathetic towards and willing to help the blind, it frequently happens that the Deaf, who are very much more socially isolated on account of their affliction, are neglected.

—**F. G. Barnes, M.A., National Institute of the Deaf. and 40 years a Teacher of the Deaf.**

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

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His Excellency the Governor Col. The Right Hon. Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.
The Right. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Headquarters: Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

To the Hon. Treasurer,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

I have pleasure in enclosing the sum of £..... being a donation to the funds of your Society.

Name.....

Address.....

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For the Maintenance Fund.
For the Building Fund.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath the sum of £.....to the Treasurer for the time being of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria for the use of the said Society, for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

The disability of the Deaf and Dumb is not obvious, although very real.

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May we ask you kindly to help maintain the **only** Welfare Organisation for the Adult Deaf and Dumb in this State? Your contribution, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

The aim of the Society is to make provision for the whole of the deaf and dumb after they leave school at the age of sixteen, providing a Central Club House, Employment and Relief Agencies, a Home for Aged, Infirm and Dependent Deaf Mutes of both sexes, a Church, Welfare Officers, etc.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

Yours faithfully,

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Deaf and Dumb Collector.

IN A WORLD OF PERPETUAL SILENCE!

Have you thought what it means to be a Deaf Mute—one cut off from the happy companionship of the great majority, because of his infirmity?

Help us to relieve the distress of these afflicted ones!

THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY

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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

CHURCH and SOCIAL CENTRE MEETINGS

Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

SYLLABUS FOR JUNE, 1938.

Thursday, 2nd. Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette and Entertainment.
Saturday, 4th. Social Evening in aid of Basket Ball Club. Admission 1/-.
Sunday, 5th. Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
" " " " 3.30 p.m. Ballarat.
Tuesday, 7th. Men's Guild Meeting. Paper on "The Drums of Mer" by Mr. E. R. Noble.
Women's Guild Annual Meeting.
" " Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Geelong.
Thursday, 9th. Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette and Entertainment.
Saturday, 11th. Open Social.
Sunday, 12th. Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Monday, 13th. King's Birthday Rally. Admission Free.
Tuesday, 14th. Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday, 16th. Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette and Entertainment.
Saturday, 18th. Open Social.
Sunday, 19th. Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday, 21st. Men's Guild Meeting. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" - Mr. F. E. Frewin.
Thursday, 23rd. Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette and Entertainment.
Saturday, 25th. Open Social.
Sunday, 26th. Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday, 28th. "Printing Off" night of "The Deaf Talkabout" by members of the Men's and Women's Guild.
Thursday, 30th. Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette and Entertainment.

JULY, 1938.

Sunday, 3rd. Divine Service, 7.15 p.m. and Holy Communion.
Tuesday, 5th. Men's and Women's Guilds Meetings.

Editorial Notes

Well! How do you like us?

One reader, some months ago, said, "I like the 'News' immensely, but it does not come often enough. The news is stale at the end of three months and most of it has trickled through to me by then. Now! if we could only get it monthly as in days of yore!" This is but one of several sound arguments which set us thinking.

But, twelve editions instead of four, and the postage - with the Honorary Treasurer already telling us the "News" already absorbs ninety per cent of our pocket money! Someone said "Let's turn printers ourselves, produce a smaller magazine, less pages, but published oftener". So we began to count the cost of it. If we were willing to go back to work and do the job ourselves it could be done. We decided to go back to work. We borrowed "the necessary" and bought the producer or apparatus, with its various gadgets, and here is our first number.

We would like to enlarge on this aspect of the idea, but find to do so would take the whole of the space, and there are others who want to have a say in this issue.

Having decided to print our own paper and to give her a new frock, we thought a new name would also be appropriate to the occasion. "News" is all right, of course, but it does not wholly explain our objective, and it seems somehow old and "Sleepy". We looked round for a word with a "kick" in it. Someone came in with a rush with all the latest news. "Talk about a crowd", she said. "Talk about" this and that and the other. "Talk about" began her every sentence. Why not "Talkabout" for a title? "The Deaf Talkabout". That word has movement and the kick needed.

When the abo makes up his mind to get away from the routine of life mapped out for him by the white man, he goes on a "walkabout", and when we deaf leave our daily occupation we just love a "talkabout". So the title of our little paper will, in future, be "Talkabout".

Well, what has our gentle reader to say about it, especially our country cousins? Will you please talkabout it to us with your pen and ink on paper? We are anxious to know what you think about the change.

PERSONAL PARS.

Miss E. Empson, our Society's Assistant Secretary took her annual holidays recently and evidently her three weeks' stay in the Harbour City was of real benefit to her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walters, whose marriage was announced in our last issue, dropped in at the club before leaving for their future home in Leitchville. To judge from their appearance marriage seems to suit them.

Speaking of country visitors, Miss Beryl McCallough has been a frequent visitor to our club buildings during her holidays recently. Her holiday was completed at Geelong where she stayed before her return to Warrnambool.

Ballarat was represented at our Euchre Tournament on May 7th in the person of Mr. Ray Cornell who was down for a week's stay.

These Socials and Tourneys are very popular. On the above-mentioned occasion the prizes went to Miss Rose Dow, and that other card enthusiast Mr. J. Cariss.

Two other Saturdays have been open evenings - 14th and 21st May. These evenings were given over to that favourite pastime of the Deaf, gossiping. There were half a dozen circles of chairs in the hall, each occupied by a ring of chatterers.

Personal Pars (Contd.)

Among these we noticed a visitor from Tasmania, Jack O'Toole, renewing old acquaintances. He is over for a month's stay and is often to be seen about the club.

Speaking of Interstate visitors, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. H. Williamson a week or so ago. He was here to try his luck in getting a job, but had no success and has just returned to Tassie.

Yet another Tasmanian is in the news. Frank Williams, who has settled down amongst us as a collector, finally got his clearance from his old football club in Hobart, and is now a fully fledged member of Oakleigh Football Club. He is the first member of the deaf community to play as a member with a professional football club since the great days of J. E. Muir, T. Ward and "Teddy" Burke so many years ago.

Len Treffene took advantage of the Easter holidays to run up to see his relations at Merbein near Mildura.

We have received a big bundle of London's humorous magazine "Punch", the gift of Mr. Henry Marshland of Caulfield. Our sincere thanks are extended to him for his kind thoughtfulness.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The Annual Meeting of the British Deaf Amateur Sports Association was held at the Adult Deaf Institute, Grosvenor Street, Manchester, England on Easter Monday. The Officers elected included six representatives from Scotland, and six each from the North and South of England.

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A Deaf International Tennis Tournament is to be held at Prague, Czecho-Slovakia on the 3rd and 4th July.

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Arrangements are on foot to form an English Bowls Team to compete in the International Match to be held at Glasgow during the running of the Empire Exhibition there.

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News of the World (Contd.)

The great International Deaf Games will take place at Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1939.

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There are Deaf Billiard, Table Tennis and Whist Leagues in England. In the Billiard Shield Competition organised by the Midland Association of Missioners to the Deaf. Leicester tied with Nottingham for divisional honours.

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DEAF OF GERMANY.

The Rev. A. W. Blaxall of South Africa has been on a visit to Germany and upon his return writing to a Johannesburg Newspaper said "So far as I know the only country where it is compulsory by law for every employer of labour to engage a percentage of handicapped workers, is Germany. He visited factories of every kind in Berlin where numbers of blind, deaf and crippled people were working. One employer told him that until compelled by law to find jobs for the handicapped, he had no idea there were so many things that can be done by people so handicapped and done quite effectively.

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INDIA.

According to the census of 1931 there are 35,437 deaf and dumb people in Bengal alone, of whom about 14,000 were of school age. In Calcutta the number of born deaf is given as 500. Out of the large number of deaf in Bengal, only 350 were receiving education.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

There is but one Adult Deaf Institute in South Africa and that is in Cape Town and was opened on 7th of February last by the Minister of Labour, Mr. J. H. Hofmey.

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LONDON.

In accepting the office of President of the National Institute for the Deaf at the Annual Meeting of its Council, the Duke of Montrose said he believed he was the first Deaf President the Institute had ever had. The Duke of Montrose says the most serious work the National Institute (London) has in hand is to find a solution for employment and vocational training of the young deaf people when they leave school. He has several deaf and dumb boys working on his farm in Scotland. They were excellent he said, and told him they were very happy.

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JAMAICA.

The Rev. F. W. G. Cilby, for many years chaplain of the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, London, is at present in Jamaica, and is engaged in campaign to interest the people in the welfare of the deaf.

DEAF COMMITTEE.

The newly elected Deaf Committee lost no time in buckling down to work. The various Officers were quickly elected as follows:- Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. N. Noble; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Greensmith; Hon. Editor, Mr. E. R. Noble.

The various Sub-committees were appointed in record time. The Billiard Committee has in hand plans for a winter tourney and the Chess Committee has similar ideas. The Social Committee has persuaded the Deaf Committee to purchase a specimen of "Monopoly", an extremely interesting new game and has plans for the purchase of other games. The Magazine Committee - well you can judge for yourselves. If you don't like the magazine tell us. If you do, tell your friends.

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Thursday, 5th May, saw a good crowd for the evening lecture. There was also a good cinema picture "Beyond the Rainbow". A supper of cocktail sausages and biscuits sent the deaf home in contented frame of mind and brought them back in strength the following Thursday to a very good lecture on "Salt" by the Principal, after which they enjoyed a comic picture "Movie Crazy" with Harold Lloyd. The usual light supper wound up the proceedings.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held on Tuesday evening, 7th June. New members are eagerly solicited as it is hoped there will be a big muster of the younger girls.

THE BLACKBURN HOME.

On the 23rd March, the inmates of the Blackburn Home spent a very pleasant day at Mentone. The journey was made by pair coaches. Games on the beach and swimming were enjoyed by the younger inmates. The picnic was a huge success and was made possible by the efforts of the Home No. 1 Auxiliary.

The Manager and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham) are away on a short holiday. Rumour reports that they are on a motor trip through Gippsland. Our Principal and Welfare Officer are looking after affairs during their absence.

The Home Folk, speaking generally, are enjoying good health. Of course, there is a toothache and a sore finger now and again with a big family like ours, that is to be expected.

We are all familiar with the "washerwoman", but one seldom hears of a "washerman", unless it is the fellow who puts washers on taps. So it is somewhat of a novelty to have a washerman. We have an excellent one at our Home. Because of difficulties with the men's clothing, Reg. Thaw came to the rescue and added the "job at the tub" to his other duties.

Our Home is fortunate in having two Ladies' Auxiliaries interested in the welfare of its inmates. They have raised substantial sums of money for all sorts of comforts, improvements and diversions for the inmates, including the refurnishing of the sitting room and trips to the seaside. At present funds are being raised for the renovation of the kitchen.

On 3rd May a successful Bridge Night was held at the Home by No. 2 Auxiliary, resulting in a profit of £7.

Gas mains are now laid up to the Home gates, so we shall soon be reporting the installation of a gas stove when, of course there will be great rejoicing by the kitchen staff.

George Boyce has started work at a wireless factory and Dick Hammond is trying out at the Blind Institution.

At Easter Mrs. R. Cohen donated forty large Easter Eggs to the inmates, and Mr. Boyle, of the Acanthus Lodge, eight dozen buns.

William Shirra:

One of the oldest inmates passed away at the age of eighty-one years on 9th May, 1938. Our Principal officiated at the burial and nearly all the inmates of the Home attended the Service at the graveside. Wreaths were sent by the deaf congregation and the inmates of the Home.

MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild held its 54th Annual Meeting on the 15th of March in the Assembly Hall of our Centre when Mr.J.Phillips, the President, presided over an attendance of 24.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. Both Statements showed some improvements in the Guild's affairs.

The result of election of Officers for the ensuing twelve months was as follows: President, Mr. H. Greensmith, Vice-President, Mr. A. W. Sutherland, Hon. Treasurer Mr. O. Quinton, Hon. Secretary Mr. J. McLaurin, Committee Messrs. T. Beard, A. Bately, L. Treffone, W. Hately and J. M. Johnston. Results of photograph snapshot competition of Healesville Picnic resulted in win for George Hamson for best holiday groups, Douglas Nesbit for best group of photos, and Melby Dyson for special enlargement group.

Presentation was made to Mr. J. M. Johnston of a box containing a Fountain Pen and Propelling Pencil for the valued help given to the Guild during the past years.

The Meeting held on 5th April was the "President's Night", when the new President, Mr. H. Greensmith, entertained the members to a short talk and this was followed by a general conversazione. Smokes and Supper were provided by the President for which he was heartily thanked.

The one held on 3rd May was the Past President's night, Mr. Joe Phillips, and he gave papers on "Place of Skulls", "Smuggler's Tricks", and "China's Proverbs" which were all interesting.

We had Rev. Mr. C. Harland on 24th May when he gave an illustrated lecture on "Central Australia". He told us the

many experiences he had up there whilst on his missionary work, and how the people struggled to carry on their existence. The illustrations were very good. Rev. Mr. Harland was heartily thanked for coming and giving us the entertainment. Supper was served at conclusion.

The future programme of this Guild will be:- 7th June, a paper on Ion Idriess's story of "The Drums of Mer" by Mr. E. R. Noble. On 21st June, Mr. F. E. Frewin will entertain us with a Shakespearian rendering of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona". It is hoped to have a good audience on both of these nights.

Telephone Exchange Authorities are being approached with view of Guild's visit to the Exchange some time early in July. Members and non-members please accept the above as official notice of forthcoming meetings and try to make it a point of attending same.

MR. J. M CASKILL'S VISIT.

The Superintendent of the Home for Deaf Children paid his long expected visit to us on Thursday evening, May 19th. Our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, whom we were pleased to see with us, remarked that no introduction was needed for Mr. McCaskill as 90% of the audience were ex-pupils of the Deaf School. His lecture was on the subject of Modern Developments, chiefly in connection with the education of the deaf. It was quite a treat to have the whys and wherefores of the education of the deaf explained to us. If teachers would only explain more often they would get a more intelligent co-operation from their pupils. Mr. McCaskill spoke of the use of various machines as aids to hearing for those who are only partly deaf, in assisting them to form an idea of sounds and their meanings. The tremendous benefits to be got from proper reading were then stressed, it being the way to a finished education, and to the acquisition of culture. The speaker wound up with a couple of very good stories and was well applauded. Mr. H. Bedggood, another of our General Board, who was with us, moving the vote of thanks to Mr. McCaskill, said he agreed with the speaker in his remarks about reading. A love of books was a tremendous help in life. Mr. E.R.Noble seconded the motion. After this Messrs. McLaurin and Ross came on to do their stuff in the line of Black Magic. Jack McLaurin performed a trick of ancient and honourable lineage: that of turning water into wine. Luckily for the wine industry he does not intend to oper a wine shop. Wallace Ross put up a good show also, making a watch disappear and appear somewhere else minus its "inwards" which were found in a third place. When this show was ended Joe Phillips (No 8 know him?) came forward to try his hand at cartooning. My word! His work was an eye-opener! Hitler, Mussolini, Honest Joe Lyons, and even our respected President, Mr. Cleveland, appeared in rapid strokes upon the board as large as life and twice as natural. Our Editor promptly snapped him up as cartoonist for this paper. Some of his work may appear in our next issue.

An excellent supper wound up the meeting.

Mr. McCaskill! Our best thanks!

EASTER MONDAY HIKE.

By E. R. Noble.

The Walking Club's hike through Werribee Gorge to Bacchus Marsh was carried out to schedule in the face of very unpleasant weather. Thirteen courageous hikers tramped the several miles between the Gorge proper and Bacchus Marsh station, returning home in the evening with a fine sense of achievement. It was a day wretched enough to daunt anyone but a Melbourne bred hiker. The cold light of early morning showed a sullen sky, from which rain fell with a steady persistence. Nevertheless thirteen out of fourteen arrived at the rendezvous at the appointed hour - 8 a.m. Some of the newcomers, eyeing the steady drizzle, were inclined to call the whole thing off, but the old hands poured scorn on the idea. Rain, hail, snow or earthquakes, they were going and let fainthearts stay behind.

By the time the train was snorting through the outer suburbs, there were clearly visible breaks in the sky through which patches of blue showed. After an hour and a half of steady climbing the train jarred to a halt at a level crossing which seemed to be in the heart of the Never-Never. Aided by a ladder that was just too short, our party de-trained, to the vast interest and amusement of the rest of the passengers, who thrust enquiring heads from the windows, and waved us a fond farewell as the train steamed on leaving us in the wilderness. Unfortunately we lacked a Moses to lead us through this particular wilderness and of necessity trusted to luck to pull us through. The weather was much better, bursts of sunshine being followed by brief showers, and towards noon, we came out in a beautiful spot, where a quiet pool nestled under towering cliffs. Upstream, the left bank rose with increasing steepness merging into a towering cliff that must have been a good 500 feet in height. Downstream, the creek forced its way between the towering cliffs that rose jagged and irregular on either hand. Beside the pool was a bank of gravel and here we quickly prepared lunch. In the early afternoon, in single file, we moved up between the steepening cliff on the left and the noisy stream on the right. After a hundred yards of increasingly difficult going, we crossed the stream and almost immediately struck a well-defined path, which we thankfully followed.

After half an hour's steady going along the right bank of the stream we came suddenly upon a right-angled turn across our front where the stream again gathered in a quiet pool. The path turned sharply back and rose ever more steeply upwards, coming out at last upon rolling moorland heath. On the far horizon was the road to Bacchus Marsh towards which we headed. And now, away from the shelter of the friendly bush, we felt the full force of the biting wind, coming in increasing gusts, each gust bringing a shower of rain. The last stretch to the road was done in heavy rain, driven with stinging force by the fierce wind, which dropped as we clambered over the fence on to the rainswept road. After that, it was simply a matter of steady plodding along the road, till at half past four, just as the rain ceased, we tramped into Bacchus Marsh, to the great wonder of the inhabitants. The last remnants of the food we had brought disappeared rapidly at tea in the shelter in the park, and before 6,

cleaned and refreshed, we were on the station platform watching the gathering dusk enfold the distant hills.

Our thanks are due to the station master at Bacchus Marsh, who provided a fire for us in the waiting room.

Altogether, in defiance of the weather, it was a really good day out, and it has been tentatively suggested we go again in Spring.

TALENT.

Talking of entertainments and entertaining, someone asked us the other day, "Have you any talent amongst your folk?"

Have we any talent? What a question!

Ask Joe Phillips, our cartoonist; ask Jock McLaurin and Wallace Ross, the professors of Legerdemain. Ask "Prof." Dyson, the cinema man. Ask --

Have we any talent indeed!

We would like to see the New South Wales "Silent Messenger" more often. We do not know how often it is published. Well informed people, who have from time to time enlightened us, do not appear to be "well informed", for one says monthly, another weekly, and still another daily.

We received the Christmas number, then some time in May a copy dated 29th April. This seems to bear out the statement that it is a daily. If so, it is rather unkind to make it a quarterly so far as the Victorian deaf are concerned.

CHINA.

A School for the Deaf of South China was recently opened at Hong Kong by Miss Lei Cuk Wah.

Speaking of the great Sports Carnival to be held at Stockholm in 1939, the British Honorary Secretary of the B.D.A.S.A. said: "I have said before, and I repeat, that only those showing a high standard of proficiency will have any chance of selection to represent Great Britain".

Will the Big Guns please strongly emphasise this when selecting team to represent Victoria at the Tassie Sports Carnival?

When we studied at the "Editors' University", one of the first lessons the professors tried to teach us was "what to put in, and what to leave out". We would like to have one of those professors at our elbows just now.

What to leave out! It seems to us we have got to leave out a mountain and put in a mole-hill.

N E W S.

CANADA:

Bob Thompson, an ex-pupil of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Canada, aged twenty-three, is a linotype operator in the "Kincardine News" office, Bruce County, and has ambitions of running a small newspaper of his own.

Meanwhile, he is coach to two hockey teams, has taught those hearing teams to talk on their fingers, and gives instructions by means of diagrams on a blackboard.

LONDON DEAF CLUBS:

The Federated London Deaf Clubs have competitions during the Winter months in billiards, shove-halfpenny and darts.

The Clubs held their Annual Dinner on 19th February, and tickets were 6/6 each.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE PARK.

The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) recently visited Lake Park, Blackburn, and is reported to have said that it is a beautiful spot and has great possibilities of being developed into a wonderful asset. It is a wonderful asset. Yet the Premier seemed to expect our Society to give it away. Its undulating loveliness was the chief reason why it was chosen as the site for our Home and the cultivation of flowers the occupation of the inmates, as the interests and pleasures of life with the deaf must come mainly through the eyes.

DEAF FIRE BRIGADE OFFICER.

Mr. William Farley of Woodland, Washington, U.S.A., has been a member of the Cities Fire Department for over seven years. His duties include looking after the hose and the traffic during fires. His Chief reports - "We are proud of this man's success in a line of work noted for its dangers and requirements for speed and skill".

DEAF FINEST WORKERS.

Mr. A. G. Hoffman, President of the Midwent Radio Corporation of Cincinnati which employs over 20 deaf people, recently said that the deaf are among their finest factory workers.

"Work records," Mr. Hoffman said, "show this group approaches a high degree in ability and reliability. Many applicants for jobs, particularly in the assembly line are unable to master the work, which requires a good eye, and delicate hand. Deaf people, however, almost without exception, have quickly learned their jobs."

THE DEAF AND QUACKS.

In the April number of "Hygeia" (American) in an article written by Dr. S. J. Kopetzky, the author urges deaf people to shun quack remedies and cures. "Find a competent ear specialist", he says, "and have an exact diagnosis made of the condition. Then discuss with him the value of treatment and what may be expected of it. Establish the irrevocable losses and accept them."

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In total deafness, no matter how acquired, there is no cure.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

We are expecting a large congregation at our Church Anniversary Service on Sunday, June 19th. Come and bring your friends.

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Adult Deaf & Dumb Society,
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DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know any deaf folk who are not directly in touch with our Society? We are sure they would be pleased to receive our little paper monthly. Send us the names and addresses of all the deaf you know, all your old school mates, for instance, especially those living in the country, and if we are not already doing so, we will send them a copy of "talkabout" and other publications of our Society regularly.

NOVELTY FAIR.

We are sending cricket and tennis teams to Tassie next Christmas to take part in the great Deaf Sports Festival. Also we hope to send representatives to participate in all the other competitions. This is an expensive undertaking. Of course the teams and competitors will "put in the hat" as big a sum as they are able. Even so we shall need an additional amount to meet expenses.

It is proposed to hold a Fancy Fair in November in aid of this Fund.

Will you help?

THE BIG DINNER.

You are coming to Melbourne for the Show? Then book for the Great Event of the Deaf of Victoria - the Dinner and Reminiscence Night to be held in the Banquet Hall of the "Victoria" on the evening of Show Day. Tickets 3/6 each.

Ex-pupils of school for the deaf aged seventy and over will be the guests of the Committee of Management. Also, deaf Victorians who have in any way raised the status and high opinion of the capabilities of the deaf during the past twelve months. Trophies won by the deaf during the year will also be presented.

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SYLLABUS for JULY, 1938.

Saturday,	2nd	CINEMA PICTURES & CARD NIGHT. Admission 1/-
Sunday,	3rd	Divine Service, 7.15 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION. Branch Service at Ballarat Orphanage, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday,	5th	MEN'S GUILD MEETING. Visit to Telephone Exchan
Thursday,	7th	Prayer & Lesson. Lecturette & Entertainment.
Saturday,	9th	"Monopoly" Night. Admission Free.
Sunday,	10th	Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	12th	DEAF COMMITTEE MEETING.
Thursday,	14th	Prayer & Lesson. Lecturette & Entertainment.
Saturday,	16th	GRAND DANCE in aid of Cricket Club. Admission 2
Sunday,	17th	Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	19th	MEN'S GUILD MEETING. H. L. Greensmith - "Eyes - and How Science Saves Them".
Thursday,	21st	Prayer & Lesson. Lecturette & Entertainment.
Saturday,	23rd	PARENTS' and CHILDREN'S NIGHT. Billiard Tournament and Chess.
Sunday,	24th	Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	26th	"Printing Off" night of "The Deaf Talkabout" by members of the Men's and Women's Guilds
Thursday,	28th	Prayer and Lesson. Lecturette & Entertainment.
Saturday,	30th	CINEMA PICTURES & CARD NIGHT. Admission 1/-
Sunday,	31st	Divine Service, 7.15 p.m.

AUGUST, 1938.

Tuesday,	2nd	MEN'S and WOMEN'S GUILDS MEETINGS, 8 p.m.
Thursday,	4th	"BON VOYAGE" NIGHT to MR. E. H. PEACOCK.
Saturday,	6th	Card Night and Billiard Tournament. Free.
Sunday,	7th	Branch Service at Ballarat Orphanage, 3.30 p.m.
Saturday,	13th	"500" Night. Admission Free.
Sunday,	14th	EPHPHATHA SUNDAY.
Saturday,	20th	GRAND DANCE. Admission 2/-

BIG EVENTS: September .. BANQUET. October .. VISIT to GEELONG. November .. GREAT FAIR December .. CARNIVAL AT HOBART.

From the EDITOR'S DESK:

Well! We asked for criticism in our No. 1 issue and we got it!

One correspondent wants to know why we were worried about what to leave out when we had three-quarters of a page empty. The fact is, we overestimated the amount of space required, and as the stencilling was done by a city firm we had not the opportunity to correct it. Hence the great open spaces referred to. We trust that this No. 2 will be freer from errors, since it is entirely the work of the Magazine Committee.

In the old days the magazine was usually a one man job, but we are pleased to report the deaf are overcoming their shyness in writing reports for us

Another correspondence objects to being called a "gentle reader". I agree. The day of "gentle readers" is gone for ever - but what would you? "Dear Sirs" is clumsy. "My Dear Readers" too old-fashioned. Any ideas? Personally, I would start "Comrades" but the Committee might object. Another fault found was the lack of any religious message. Your Editor is too conscious of his own imperfections to dare to try and preach to others, but that has been remedied in this issue.

However, we hope to improve each time we appear. We might borrow the motto of the City of Melbourne - "Viros Acquirit Eundo", we gather strength as we go.

THE EDITOR.

SEND IT IN:

If you have a bit of news, send it in; or a tale that will amuse, send it in. A story that is true, an incident that's true; we want to hear from you, send it in. Never mind about the style, if you think the news worth while, it may help or cause a smile, send it in.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, one and all! We are glad you like "Talkabout". No. 1 was not up to what we wanted - what we set out to do - but then, of course, it was our first number and we had not, have not, yet mastered the mechanism nor know how to handle the gadgets properly. We are hoping that this issue will show improvements, but one never knows, therefore it is not safe to prophesy, it is best just to hope. Of course you had a laugh at our expense, so did we at our own. But our laugh was not quite so merry as yours. We really did have enough matter to crowd three issues of twelve pages, and we held over a heap only to find our typiste had spread the news over sixteen pages. Why worry? You like "Talkabout" and we like the job of filling the basket of all the latest and sending it on to you for your enjoyment.

Do your bit! Help to make "Talkabout" a success by sending news of yourself and friends. You have friends who want to know what you are doing, but send news before the 20th of each month.

ARE YOU PREPARING for the TASMANIAN CARNIVAL?
IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Don't sit down and say "I might go - if a miracle happens". The day of miracles is over. Nowadays we believe in the laws of causation. That is, that every event is the result of innumerable previous events, without which it could not have happened. You cannot skip things, however pleasant and easy it would be if you could. Some people think it would be nice if we could have what we want by wishing for it. But it would not. Not by any means. When people get things for the asking they become fat and lazy both mentally and morally.

You may ask "What has that to do with Tasmania?" A lot. It was not in answer to a request for a miracle that 60 of our Victorian deaf attended the Adelaide Carnival. It was the culmination of months of hard work. And it was hard work, too. A surprising number of deaf think that writing reports and arranging committee meetings etc. is not hard work, but they are pretty careful not to try it themselves

So arise! Set to work!

THE HAND - THE ORGAN OF SELF-EXPRESSION.

The hand is the organ of self-expression. The soul of the painter may be flooded with beauty; the soul of the pianist may be overflowing with music; but, if the hand be hurt, the beauty will never be seen and the music will never be heard. The hand seems very small and very feeble; yet all the work in the world - its art, its engineering, its architecture, its navigation, and the rest is the product of its cunning. All the processes by which an unfurnished planet has been transformed into a civilised world have been marshalled by the cunning of the human fingers.

- Rev. Dr. F. W. Boreham.

OUR LITTLE WORLD:

We had a visit from Mr. J. M. Paul, of the Queensland Deaf Association, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of June. He was present at the Saturday night social, accompanied Mr. J. M. Johnston to the Blackburn Home on Sunday afternoon, interpreting the service conducted by the former to blind-deaf Cork, was amongst the congregation at the Jolimont Church Service and joined us at the King's Birthday Rally on the Monday. Mr. Paul was assistant to Mr. Abraham for three years before he went to Queensland. That was some twenty years ago, but quite a number of the deaf "of those days" remembered and welcomed a renewal of acquaintanceship.

NEWS:

Miss Dow and Miss Hickey have made very neat covers for the card tables. Your services are greatly appreciated.

KEEP ON HOPIN'

Kee on lookin' for the bright, bright skies,
Keep on hopin' that the sun'll rise;
Keep on singin' when the whole world sighs,
And you'll get there in the mornin'.

Keep on sowin' when you've miss'd the crops,
Keep on dancin' when the fiddle stops;
Keep on faithful till the curtain drops,
And you'll get there, and you'll get there
in the mornin'.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 23rd JUNE:

On Thursday, 23rd June, the deaf had a rare treat in the form of several travelogue films shown by Mr. Alex. Terdich, a friend of Mr. Bedggood of our General Board. The coloured films shown were undoubtedly the loveliest things we had ever seen at any picture show.

The first film in black and white was the official film of the Coronation so that we saved quite a lot of money by seeing it instead of going to England to stand in the crush for hours. Indeed, many of the scenes shown were such as would not be seen by the ordinary spectator. Shots were taken in the Abbey of the actual ceremony of the Coronation.

The other films were scenes of beauty spots in Australia, chiefly Tasmania and Victoria. One showed a record in full colour of a trip by air to Tasmania. Scenes around Macedon in autumn were shown. The English deciduous trees in their autumn foliage forming pictures of breath-taking loveliness. Beautiful pictures of Lorne, the Gorge at Launceston, of the Bendigo Easter Pageant, were also shown. The programme closed with a film of the Air Display at Laverton, squadrons of aircraft looping and diving in perfect formation against the deep blue of the sky, the wings of the planes flashing silver as the sun caught them.

At the close of the programme, Mr. H. L. Greensmith moved a vote of thanks. Mr. C. R. B. James, the Honorary Secretary of our General Board, at our functions. On this occasion we had Mr. and Mrs. C. R. B. James and Mr. and Mrs. Bedggood; Mr. Bedggood acting as Chairman stated that he hoped Mr. Terdich would come again, and at the close of his remarks delighted his audience by dispensing with the services of our Honorary Interpreted, Mr. Reynolds, and finishing his speech in our own language. Nothing pleases the deaf more than to see our General Board able to speak as we do.

An excellent supper was then served during which the deaf took the opportunity to discuss the beautiful scenes they had see

Among the audience we noticed Mesdames Candy and Ogilvie who brought their respective daughters to renew old acquaintances We much appreciate Mr. Bedggood's good will in bringing Mr. Terdi and his wonderful pictures.

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BALLARAT BRANCH:

Since cancellation of meetings of the Ballarat Branch as a precaution against possible spread of Infantile Paralysis, which was just on eleven months ago, the meetings re-opened on 5th June at the Ballarat Orphanage, and a very happy gathering it was. The deaf were glad for the renewal of acquaintances. Mrs. Rolfe and Miss Gladys McCormack, together with the Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, went up for the meeting.

The day was miserably cold and wet, but the warmth of the meeting room, where a big fire blazed, made us forget the discomforts of the outside.

A short sermon, followed by conversazione, brought us to tea time and then, after tea, the three Melbourne visitors bade adieu to the local folk and went home by train. The local deaf enjoyed the company of each other for an hour or so more before dispersing.

It is the desire of the Matron of the Ballarat Orphanage, Mrs. Ludbrook, that anyone contemplating a trip to Ballarat should notify the Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, a week prior to the meeting so that catering and other arrangements can be satisfactorily made.

The next Ballarat meeting is to be held on Sunday 3rd July, 1938.

GEELONG BRANCH:

The attendance at the last two meetings of the Geelong branch have been small owing to the wintry conditions. By common consent of the Geelong deaf, the regular meetings will be closed until spring. They suggest a big Centenary Social at their centre probably in October, at the same time as Geelong celebrates its Centenary.

Further news will be issued in a month or two. In the meantime it is advisable for you to save up for the trip.

GOD HELPS THOSE:

I had a letter recently from a man who in his youth had sailed a fishing schooner with his father in the North Atlantic. One night he says, near the Arctic Circle, the dark came down, the fog closed in, and the seas ran high. "I was at the wheel", he writes, "doing by best to keep her on her course and my father was standing close by. He knew that we were in for a bad night. "Well", said my father, "About this time the little woman at home is offering up her prayer for us to the God who holds the waves in the hollow of His hand. **All** hands on deck, put a close reef in the mainsail and let the jib run, we have got to get that prayer answered." -Harry Emerson Fosdick.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

The Women's Guild held its Annual Meeting in the evening of Tuesday, 7th June, when the Annual Report, which recorded the many useful works done by its members, especially the distribution of toys to children at Christmas and the supervising of suppers at different functions, was read. The Balance Sheet showed a surplus of £2:5:0 to carry forward. Mrs. T. Peters, who presided, complimented the Guild on its excellent report and finances, and trusted that the coming year would see the continuation of its good work.

After nine years of presidency, Mrs. T. Peters decided to relinquish her position in favour of a younger member, and the choice fell upon Miss M. Dow. Mrs. Peters as a Vice-President. Miss L. Sanders took up the Honorary Treasurership vacated by Miss D. Hickey, and Miss Margy Sandon the Honorary Secretaryship, from which Miss E. Leber resigned. The Committee is as follows: Mrs. A. Sutherland, Misses R. Dow, D. Johnston, G. Howe, and E. Lloyd. Miss E. Leber, three years as Honorary Secretary, and Miss D. Hickey three and one half years as Honorary Treasurer, were complimented by the Chairwoman upon their services. The meeting then closed with supper

The next meeting is booked for 2nd August.

MEN'S GUILD:

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Men's Guild on Tuesday, 7th June, when Mr. E. R. Noble gave a paper on "The Drums of Mer", touching on the story of Australian aborigines, which was quite interesting. The subject took up nearly the whole evening and left little time for discussion but, nevertheless, the speaker was heartily thanking for introducing that subject.

Mr. F. E. Frewin took the stage for the evening of 21st June, and rendered Shakespeare's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona", which was well recited. He, too, was heartily thanked for entertaining the members.

Already there is a full party booked for the educational visit to the Telephone Exchange on Tuesday, 5th July.

AUSTRIA:

Recently a special Ski Competition was held for Deaf only. The event took place during the National Championship of Austria.

GUILDS' DANCE by H. Greensmith:

Someone suggested months ago that the Women's and Men's Guilds should combine and hold a dance to enhance their funds. The outcome of that suggestion was seen on the night of 28th May, when the Guilds held a Grand Dance and Euchre Party.

The attendance was Al, and close on two hundred turned up all told. If that figure is rather exaggerating, I'll say there were over one hundred and fifty. Mr. Bell acted as M.C. and a better one would be hard to find. In addition he brought a party of twenty-five to thirty with him.

The decorations were in royal blue and yellow, and the workers who put them up made a good job of it and had simplicity as the keynote, which never fails to get results. Mr R. Damman and Miss Jessie Williams gave some exhibition dances which were greatly applauded and our best thanks go to them, also to Mr. Bell for acting as M.C.

From experience we had arranged to cater for thirty-six card players as that amusement is always popular. But that is where we made a mistake as only five tables were in use. Most of them preferred to dance instead of playing cards. The Euchre prizes went to Miss C. Derbyshire and Mr. Spargo, and the ever popular Monte Carlo was won by Mr. G. Newnham and Miss Dorothy Johnston. The prizes donated by Mr. J. McLaurin for the "Belle of the Ball" were won by Miss Joy Tampion first, Miss Margy Sandon second, and Miss Folda Moreton. The last named was the only hearing person to carry off a prize.

I would like to see some more dances held, say to aid the Carnival trip at Christmas. Three or four dances held before Christmas should do much to enhance the Tassie trip funds.

What Mr. Greensmith "would like to see" can be seen by him and others on Page 2 of the cover.

BELFAST:

The Belfast Deaf Mission, which was started by Miss Tredernick in a private house fifty years ago, is celebrating its Jubilee.

We understand that the Rev. R. W. Dodds, of the Kingham Mission to the Deaf, will shortly retire.

SPORTS CARNIVAL - HOBART - DECEMBER, 1938.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 24th December:
Arrival of Visitors. Conference of Cricket Association and finalising of arrangements.
Sunday, 25th December:
Divine Service.
Monday, 26th December:
Cricket, Tennis and Indoor Competitions.
Tuesday, 27th December:
Cricket, Tennis and Indoor Competitions.
Wednesday, 28th December:
Excursion and Athletic Competitions.
Thursday, 29th December:
Cricket and Tennis. Public Meeting and Presentation of Prizes.
Friday, 30th December:
Excursion and Farewell Social and Supper.

OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS:

(a) Cricket: for the Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield. Two grounds h[a]ve been applied for for three days each. It is understood that matches will be limited to one day's play commencing at 9 a.m. and that these and all other details will be arranged by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Cricket Association.

(b) Tennis: Several courts are available and will be reserved on receipt of advice as to estimated number required from the bo[dy] arranging details.

(c) Athletic Events: One outdoor excursion will be arranged to a locality where facilities are available. Suggestions are invited for suitable events.

INDOOR COMPETITIONS:

(a) Facilities are available for the following: Billiards, Snooker, Draughts, Chess, Quoits, Table Tennis.

It is suggested that these take the form of Australian Championships, and that eliminating competitions to ascertain the two state finalists be conducted in each state. The two finalists from each state would then at Hobart either play each other and the winners play for the championship, or the six, eight or ten state finalists be pooled and drawn for semi-finals and finals.

What conditions would you recommend for these. Do you think a committee should be formed to prescribe conditions and carry out the competitions?

(b) A competition is also suggested between teams from each State for the best plan for a social half-hour. This would involve the submission in writing of a plan in advance with programme and details of events, and the carrying out of the programme at the social evening on 30th December. To be judged by a committee consisting of one representative from each competing State. It is suggested that points be awarded for novelty, humour, simplicity, entertainment value, numbers engaged or entertained, etc.

PUBLIC MEETING: This has been tentatively included in the programme, as a means of public education in the problems of deafness. Interest would undoubtedly be added if the programme for the evening were to include items by deaf visitors. It has been suggested that these take the form of a state team competition for the best public entertainment for a maximum period to be decided - 10, 15, 20 or 30 minutes. Items might consist of any form of artistry, deaf or otherwise, - miming, lightning sketches, conjuring, club swinging, are some that suggest themselves.

ACCOMMODATION:

(a) Blind, Deaf and Dumb School: Men Only. Bed and breakfast, 3/- per day. (b) Y.M.C.A.: Men Only. Bed and breakfast, 3/- per day. Lunch 1/- and tea 1/-, optional. (c) Other accommodation is obtainable at boarding houses etc. at rates ranging from 4/- per day (bed and breakfast) upwards. Information concerning these is available at the mainland branch of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau, "The Block", Collins Street, Melbourne.

HOSPITALITY: Subject to certain essential local negotiations being satisfactorily concluded, the Society proposes to entertain all visitors as guests: (a) at supper on 24th December and 30th December (b) at excursions on 28th and 30th December (including midday meal).
On 26th, 27th and 29th, players and officials of visiting cricket teams will be entertained at lunch by the Tasmanian Deaf Cricket Club. On these days lunch will be available for other visitors at a charge of 1/-

EDUCATION of the DEAF in ENGLAND

Mr. J. Spalding was installed as Chairman of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf on 12th March. The following paragraphs are quoted from the address he gave on that occasion:

There are two landmarks that have happened during the last twenty-five years. The first one is the establishment at Manchester University of the only training department for teachers of the deaf on a University basis in the world. The second one is the passing of the Admission Age Bill, bringing the compulsory admission age to school down to five years. After thirty years striving the deaf child today has the same educational right, as far as entry into school is concerned, as any other child in the country.

The Manchested University authorities have decided, in their new building schemes, to erect for the Department of Education of the Deaf an entirely new building containing laboratories, lecture room and clinic, which will be worthy of the work itself and of the people who direct the work.

There are still educational measures that we want for for our children, and I want to suggest to you this, that our education should now be turned to the other end of our school age, and that the College should now seriously consider whether the time is not ripe for approaching Education Authorities and the Board of Education to see if Educational Authorities should not compulsorily take responsibility for a few years after sixteen years of age. Our children at present finish their elementary education at sixteen and I am firmly convinced from enquiries I have made that a lot of them enter industry and enter employment rather haphazardly. They are placed in a job because it is there; it is not considered whether they are suitable for it or not in many cases.

I have always held the view personally that the real salvation of a deaf child is education and more education, and if official responsibility can be extended compulsorily beyond sixteen years of age to ensure a real start in the industrial world, then the deaf person's adult life, with the existing welfare organisations and social services, will compare favourably with that of his hearing brother.

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BASKET BALL:

Undermentioned are the results of matches played by our basket ball team since the opening of the season:

April 23 A.D.G. defeated M.J.S.C. 41 to 2. Goalthrowers: F. Peters 29, J. Woolhouse 12.
30 A.D.G. defeated Judean Gold, 18 to 4. F. Peters 14, A. Bentley 4.
May 7 A.D.G. defeated St. Andrews 21 to 3. F. Peters 14, J. Woolhouse 7.
14 West Preston defeated A.D.G. 32 to 12. F. Peters 8, J. Woolhouse 4.
21 A.D.G. defeated Deepdene 31 to 4. F. Peters 26, J. Woolhouse 5.
28 D.S.L. defeated A.D.G. 32 to 15. F. Peters 13, J. Woolhouse 2.

Since the above matches there have been interstate and country matches, and the competitions were resumed on 25th June.

TENNIS:

Jack McLaurin is a member of the East Kew Tennis Club and recently made a name for himself by winning the Eastern Suburban Tennis Association Singles Championship. The final match was played on Saturday, 21st May. At present he is competing in the doubles event, which will not be completed for another week or two.

LACROSSE:

There are at least twenty deaf playing lacrosse in the various association teams. Hawthorn has the the largest number of deaf members on its list, which is five.

BILLIARDS:

The annual Winter Billiard Tournament on the handicap knock-out system, is to begin in mid-July. Entries (1/-) are now open. Leave your entry with our Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, LONDON:

Regular film services are now being held in St. Saviour's Church for the Deaf, Denmark Place. The attendance has greatly increased since these illustrated services were begun.

THURSDAY NIGHTS:

Our Principal was away from "his nights" on 26th May and 2nd June, when Mr. Johnston took charge, giving a talk on local deaf news, and introducing the new game "Monopoly". By the enthusiasm shown it is bound to be popular. Supper ended both happy evenings. The same programme was arranged for 2nd June, with the inclusion of four games of Housey Housey. Mr. C. Nisbet annexed two prizes, Miss M. Sandon and Eric Johnston won the other two.

The Principal took charge on 9th June, his lecture being on our new "Talkabout" and many forthcoming events. After that a cinema picture "The Americano", featuring Douglas Fairbanks in his usual whirlwind activities, was shown. A cocktail frankfurt supper wound up this pleasant evening. The Principal also conducted the evening of the 16th June. His lecturette was on "Gratitude to our Inventors and Scientists". After which card games - "Snap", "Old Maid", "Auction Bridge" - were played by some, whilst others played carpet bowls and table tennis.

BIRTH:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Stiff, of Coburg, on 6th May, 1938. Elaine Adeline.

BAPTISM:

Barry Keith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Puddy, of Pascoe Vale, was christened according to the rites of the Church of England, on the afternoon of Sunday, 29th May, in our Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. L. Crossley, of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. Our Principal interpreted. The event was witnessed by a number of relatives, friends, and the deaf.

OBITUARY:

TAGGART. On the 22nd June, 1938, at her residence, 2 Byron Street, Canterbury, Elizabeth Charlotte, wife of Percy James. Aged 65 years. Buried at Box Hill Cemetery.

SOUTH AFRICA:

The Rev. A. W. Blaxall is President of the Johannesburg Deaf Association, and now lives on the Rand, South Africa.

His Majesty, King George VI, has given his patronage to the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb of London.

BASKET BALL CLUB'S SOCIAL:

The Basket Ball Girls' Social on 4th June was a most successful function. About 80 attended, mostly young folk, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was quite a change to see a social run by the younger girls and the success of the evening reflected great credit on them. The Honorary Secretary, Miss Dot Johnson, sat enthroned on the dais with a note book and pencil, like a recording angel, while the President of the Club, Miss E. Lloyd boshed the proceedings from the floor of the hall.

Many novel games were introduced. The first was a needle threading competition which caused much excitement, but the game that followed caused much more. This was a game in which the girls had to roll a cigarette, put it in the man's mouth and light it. Most of the girls crudely bundled tobacco and paper together and thrust it into the luckless youth's mouth, then held a flaring match under his nose.

Other games and competitions followed until supper time brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Two prizes were awarded, one for ladies and one for men, according to the number of points gained. Miss Pixie Howe won the ladies prize, a crystal vase, and the men's prize, a silk scarf, was borne off by Mr. Tom Beard.

It is a long time since any of the deaf put on a dramatic show or play, but a group of young folk have been quietly preparing a play to be shown in the summer. Quietly and without fuss, they have gone ahead with their preparations and in a few weeks we hope to be able to make a definite announcement.

It is perhaps the most ambitious play that the deaf have attempted for a long time, but the producer has every confidence in his cast, which has revealed unsuspected ability.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY (Cont.)

Our thanks are due to the members of the Ladies Guild who took charge of the supper arrangements, and particularly the Honorary Secretary, Miss M. Sandon, and the Misses E. Lloyd and J. Tampion, who spent the greater part of the afternoon preparing sandwiches, etc. for the supper.

HOME NOTES:

Sunday services are now being conducted regularly every Sunday at the Home. On 12th June, Mr. Jim Johnston officiated and Mr. E. A. Reynolds on 19th June. Twenty-seven attended on both occasions.

The Blackburn Home Auxiliary provided an all comedy Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy Picture Night at the Home on Monday, 20th June. Mr. Melb. Dyson, the operator, looked very Clark Gableish with his brand new moustache.

Two members of the Auxiliary were present, Mrs. Allan (President) and Mrs. Belyea. Mrs. Allan's young son, John, who had been saving up for some time, supplied sweets for the gathering, and he says he is not a Scout.

Mr. John Paul, of Brisbane, visited the Home on Sunday, 12th June, and made very favourable comments on the Home and grounds.

The Melbourne Home Auxiliary held their Annual Dance at Bibron's on Friday, 17th June, from which £15 was raised for the Home. The Blackburn Home Auxiliary are holding a dance in the Blackburn Masonic Hall on 16th July.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

Monday, 13th June, saw a large attendance of both young and old at our Club House for the 1938 King's Birthday Rally. The evening opened with a few remarks by the Chairman, our Principal, in which he extended a welcome to Mr. J. M. Paul, who was on a brief visit to Melbourne.

Mr. Paul is well known to the older deaf of this State having previously been Welfare Officer here.

A cinema programme of two news gazettes, a comedy cartoon and a two reel comedy completed the first half of the evening's entertainment. "Guess Who?" the first game, was then begun: Half a dozen well known deaf passing behind a screen in a shadow show. This was won by R. Conacher and Henry Alexander, who both gave fully correct lists. The next game was "Try your skill at making a sketch on the basis of a circle drawn on the blackboard". The prize for this was awarded to Mr. G. Newnham, by popular vote. Blowing out the candle came next, during which game supper was served by many willing helpers. The winners of the Candle game were Miss Pixie Howe and Mr. Don Johnston. Prizes were given out to the winners at the close of the evening.

HERE and THERE:

We were very glad to greet Mr. Percy Smith at our Club House during the first week end in June. He was on his way home to Adelaide after a holiday tour of New South Wales and Queensland. He waxed enthusiastic describing the beauties of the northern State, and the Brisbane deaf received their share of praise. We are hoping to meet Mr. Smith again at Christmas in Hobart but, like a wise man, he would not make any promises so far in advance.

Another very welcome visitor was Mr. J. M. Paul, of Queensland, who was here for a week during June. Mr. Paul is well known to the older deaf of this State, having been Assistant to our Principal for some years. Mr. Paul paid several visits to our Centre and found that Mrs. A. Sutherland and he had many friends and acquaintances in common in Glasgow.

When two Glaswegians get together it is a job for any one else to get a word in, and the best part of Sunday evening was spent in talking of the past.

Arthur Boswell, of Stawell, dropped in over the King's Birthday week-end, and was gone again before we could look round.

Another country visitor, who is perhaps here for good, is Miss Vivienne Martin, of Underbool, who has secured employment in Moreland.

Mr. J. O'Toole, of Tasmania, after a month's stay left Melbourne on 18th June by the airliner "Kurana" for home. We believe he has the distinction of being the first Tasmanian deaf to travel interstate by air.

Miss V. Martin and Mr. J. McLaurin were at the aerodrome to see him off.

Soon after the departure of the "Kurana" , Mr. J. McLaurin and Miss V. Martin went up for a joy ride in one of the 'planes at the 'drome. Miss Martin was quite thrilled, and enjoyed the trip

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby were having holidays during May and they went their different ways. Mr. Ashby went to Trafalgar and Mrs. went to Portland and distrixt. Both reported happy times.

On Sunday, 22nd May, Mr. and Mrs. G. Damman, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston and their children took a run by cars to Rosedale, near Sale, and joined in the happy celebration of the Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hair (parents of Mesdams Damman and Johnston).

It took them three hours to cover the journey. Altogether 55 descendents were present to do honour to the old couple and also a few friends of long standing. The celebration was held at the Home of their daughter, Mrs. C. Farley, when a beautiful wedding cake, suitably decorated to meet the occasion, held pride of place at the sumptuous spread. Photographic records of the groups were taken by the Traralgon photographer. The Dammans and Johnstons returned home the same night, arriving about 9 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. W. Hair are regular subscribers to our magazine.

Seen at the Combined Guilds' Dance were Miss M. Box, of Poowong, Miss E. Moore and Mr. J. Gibson of Geelong, Mr. J. Stewart of Inverleigh, and Mr. J. O'Toole of Tasmania.

We were so glad to see Mrs R. Cohen again during the Dance. She has had a bad time for a long time, but is looking very much better now. Tried her hand at the Euchre Tournament but did not land a prize.

FOR or AGAINST:

One of the heaviest burdens the world has to carry is the burden of indifference.

The people who would have you believe that nothing matters unless it hits you or hurts you are the drag on every good movement that ever lifted up the world. Everything matters to us if it is wrong; there is no such thing as injustice that does not concern us.

YES! You read these paragraphs last month. But have you sent in names and addresses? What are you sending in aid of the Fair? Are you going to the big Dinner?

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know of any deaf folk who are not directly in touch with our Society? We are sure they would be pleased to receive our little paper monthly. Send us the names and addresses of all the deaf you know, all your old school mates, for instance, especially those living in the country, and if we are not already doing so, we will send them a copy of "Talkabout" and other publications of our Society regularly.

NOVELTY FAIR:

We are sending cricket and tennis teams to Tassie next Christmas to take part in the great Deaf Sports Festival. Also we hope to send representatives to participate in all the other competitions. This is an expensive undertaking. Of course the teams and competitors will "put in the hat" as big a sum as they are able. Even so we shall need an additional amount to meet expenses.

We have decided to hold a Fancy Fair in November in aid of this Fund.

Will you help?

THE BIG DINNER:

You are coming to Melbourne for the Show? Then book for the Great Event of the Deaf of Victoria - the Dinner and Reminiscence Night to be held in the Banquet Hall of the "Victoria" on the evening of Show Day. Tickets 3/6 each.

Ex-pupils of school for the deaf aged seventy and over will be the guests of the Committee of Management. Also, deaf Victorians who have in any way raised the status and high opinion of the capabilities of the deaf during the past twelve months. Trophies won by the deaf during the year will also be be presented. BOOK NOW! Send your name to the BANQUET HONORARY SECRETARY, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, JOLIMONT SQUARE MELBOURNE EAST.

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SYLLABUS for AUGUST, 1938.

Tuesday,	2nd	Women's Guild Meeting. "President's Night". Men's Guild Meeting. Demonstration on how a barrel is made by Mr. W. A. Ross.
Thursday,	4th	BON VOYAGE NIGHT to E. H. PEACOCK ESQ. 8 p.m.
Saturday,	6th	BILLIARD, TABLE TENNIS, CARPET BOWLS and CHESS TOURNEYS
Sunday,	7th	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m. Branch Service at Ballarat Orphanage, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday,	9th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday,	11th	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette, and Social.
Friday,	12th	TENNIS CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING, 8 p.m.
Saturday	13th	Billiards, Table Tennis, Carpet Bowls, and Chess.
Sunday,	14th	EPHPHATHA SUNDAY. Divine Service 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	16th	Cricket Club's Annual Meeting at 8 p.m.
Thursday	18th	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette, and Social.
Saturday	20th	GRAND DANCE NIGHT. Admission 2/- (Carnival Fund)
Sunday,	21st	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	23rd	Men's Guild Meeting. Mr. A. W. Sutherland's paper on "My Trip through the Suez Canal".
Thursday	25th	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette, and Social.
Saturday	27th	Billiards, Table Tennis, Carpet Bowls, and Chess.
Sunday,	28th	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday,	30th	"Printing Off" Night of *"The Deaf Talkabout"* by members of the Men's and Women's Guilds.

SEPTEMBER, 1938.

Saturday,	3rd	CRAZY WHIST NIGHT. Admission 1/-.
Sunday,	4th	Ballarat Branch Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday,	6th	Men's Guild Meeting. "Pound Night".
Saturday	10th	GRAND DANCE. Admission 2/-.
Thursday	29th	RE-UNION DINNER at "THE VICTORIA", Little Collins Street. Tickets 3/6 each.

B I G E V E N T S — NOVEMBER: Benefactors' Night .. Great Fancy Fair.
DECEMBER: Carnival in Hobart, Tasmania.

E D I T O R I A L:

With this, the third number of "Talkabout", the Editor has pleasure in remarking the increased number of correspondents, not only those old faithfuls who can always be trusted to drop us a line, but from those of the younger generation. The Editor will welcome letters from all readers of "Talkabout", particularly if they have some suggestion or criticism to make.

A very nice letter came from Jan Andersen, of Mordialloc, expressing his appreciation of "Talkabout". We know by now like new style is popular, but we like to be told so all the same! Then there is a chatty letter from an "old faithful", W.H. Trush, who is somewhere in the wild west, or rather east, New South Wales, to wit. He might - no promises, mind! - run down to civilisation for our Re-Union Dinner in Show Week.

That reminds me! Will those who wish to join in the fun at that same dinner and who have not yet sent in their names, please do so? P.D.Q!

Among our other correspondents we have Robert Hamilton, of Paynesville, Gippsland, W. Spinks, of New South Wales, Colin Johns, now of Dalby, Queensland, and a cheerful letter from James Hunt, who promises us a newsy letter if our next "Talkabout" is as good as the last: All right! We will take you on! And we expect that letter, too! Colin Johns, who regrets his inability to be present at our Re-Union Dinner, almost took the prize for distance, but was out-distanced by a very nice letter from the land of sun, sand, and sore eyes - West Australia. This epistle comes from the Editor (or should it be Editress?) of West Australia's cheery little magazine, Miss J. Ransom. The Editor, and most of the Victorian crowd who saw the Adelaide Centenary, have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Ransom and her - er satellites, and it looks as if we shall have that pleasure again at Hobart. All the way from Perth to Hobart! That takes a bit of doing, but we have no doubt they will do it.

This letter looks like over-running its space, so it must be cut off

The Magazine Committee and the Editor much appreciate the good wishes tendered by readers of "Talkabout" and will do all in their power to merit further goodwill.

- THE EDITOR.

THURSDAY NIGHTS:

This weekly gathering has become essentially a young people's night. After Prayer and Scripture Lesson in our Church, we flock into the Assembly Hall to watch, with varying degrees of interest, the lecturettes by our Principal. We all give perfect attention, whether the topic is of particular interest to us or not, for, whilst one subject may be of absorbing interest to some, it may have no attraction to others. Hence we, who may want to play marbles, take our dose of educational medicine, whilst our comrades enjoy it as one would a jam tart.

On Thursday evening, 30th June, members were treated to an excellent lecturette by our Principal on "Present Day World Affairs" touching on the many activities of different nations for peace or war. This lecturette was followed by a Lightning Artist Competition. Each competitor was given a piece of paper and coloured chalk and told to draw four different objects in the allotted time of three minutes. Dudley Nisbet gained the judges' verdict for the best and neatest sketches, with Jack McLaurin a close second. In the ladies' section Mrs. T.Peters gained the honours, with Miss E. Leber second.

Mr. J. M. Johnston gave the lecturette on 7th July and took for his subject "Luck", in which he explained how various forms of luck came to different people at different times, which was very interesting. Conversazione and supper followed.

The Principal resumed his lecturette on 14th July, having for his subject "Manners and How to Address People", which was very instructive. A short cinema picture followed, showing "Monsters of the Deep", and "Many Scrappy Returns". Supper, as usual, wound up this happy evening.

"Sign of the Times" or "News of the Week" was the subject given by the Principal on 21st July, touching on the King's and Queen's visit to France, Atlantic crossing by an Irishman, and many local matters at present holding the attention of the public, which were all very interesting. This was followed by a word-making competition on the blackboard, which was won by Messrs. E. R. Noble and F. Sandon and Miss D. Johnston, each receiving a small box of chocolates. A light supper and conversazione ended the happy ending.

CHURCH NEWS: Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening service on Sunday, 3rd July, by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

MEN'S GUILD:

On Tuesday, 5th July, the Men's Guild paid a visit to the Central Telephone Exchange and spent a very interesting time. We were taken to the main exchange first, and the how, why, and wherefore explained to us. As we came to the end of a section, our guide would ask if there were any questions - he seemed to know every thing, and remarked that it is quite easy if you know how.

We were shown a row of sockets and informed that the whole row, fifteen in all, connected Myers! After that we went downstairs to the interstate, overseas, and country exchange, and were staggered when the guide in answer to a question said that a three minutes talk to New York costs £10:10:0. The guide then secured permission for us to see the "insides", that is the rooms where all the batteries and cables are, also the meters for registering the number of calls each individual subscriber makes, and rows upon rows of boxes which we were informed were called relays. We also went underground, but as it was damp we could not go very far.

Thus concluded one of the most interesting visits, of which we hope to have more in the future.

"Eyes and How Science Saves Them" was the subject of a paper given by our President, Mr. H. Greensmith, on 19th July. The subject was very good, explaining how doctors and opticians, through the medium of scientific instruments in their hands, could gauge to a nicety the eye's requirement for better seeing or sighting. Many members came forward came forward and contributed their share of knowledge on the subject. Mr. Greensmith was heartily thanked forhis talk.

A very interesting evening is promised for Tuesday, 2nd August, when Mr. W. A. Ross will demonstrate how a barrel is made. We are told Mr. Ross will actually make a barrel from the beginning to the finished article. So it is hoped we will have a bigger attendance that night.. ROLL UP, BOYS!

On 23rd August, Mr. A. W. Sutherland will talk on his trip through the Suez Canal, which should prove very interesting.

DO YOU KNOW of any deaf folk who are not directly in touch with our Society? We are sure they would be pleased to receive our little paper monthly. Send us the names and addresses of all your old school mates, and if we are not already doing so, we will send them a copy of "Talkabout" and other publications of our Society regularly.

BALLARAT BRANCH:

Another full attendance was recorded at the Ballarat Branch Meeting on 3rd July. The day was again miserable and cold. Mr. W. A. Ross and Miss D. Johnston accompanied the Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, from Melbourne. Upon arrival in Ballarat, the Melbourne visitors were given a round of sight seeing by Mr. D. Johnston, the brother of our Welfare Officer, in his car. The service was held, as usual, at the Orphanage, and the sermon was "Trying to live up to Christ's example". Conversazione and tea followed. A very nice birthday cake, the gift of the Matron of the Orphanage, Mrs. Ludbrook, graced the table to honour the nineteenth birthday of Miss Dulcie Jones. The Melbourne visitors returned home each with a slice of the cake in their pockets.

The next Ballarat Meeting is to be held on Sunday, 7th August.

GEELONG - postponed:

The Misses Monahan, who have for years most lovingly mothered our fellow deaf of Geelong, had planned a sparkling social for October, to which the deaf of everywhere within possible distance were to be invited. But Geelong just now is celebrating its Centenary, and, consequently, a suitable hall for the function is unprocurable, so our good friends, the Misses Monahan, are, to use a mild expression, very disappointed. They were looking forward to giving us all a good time in the month of October.

Another month is just as good. "Better", said someone looking over my shoulder. October is a cold month, besides up to Christmas our meagre funds are well pledged. There's the Big Dinner, the Tasmanian Trip, for which we are all saving up, and the other functions in the minds of the Deaf Committee. And as we want to go to Geelong, the postponement is "good-oh". It will enable us, of the "few coppers", to be on the floor at every dance.

OBITUARY:

Mr. H. Parkin, of Ivanhoe, passed to his long rest, after some weeks of illness, on 2nd July, 1938. He was one of those who lost his hearing late in life, and tried to associate with us and learn our language, but had not quite mastered it when the call came.
Our sympathy goes to his relatives.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

The Women's Guild will hold its first meeting since the Annual Meeting on 2nd August, when the new President, Miss Mabel Dow, will be the hostess for the evening. An attractive programme, including supper, is promised, so a bumper meeting is looked forward to.

It has been arranged that members of the Women's Guild will visit the Blackburn Home on Sunday afternoon, 21st August, and anyone wishing to join the party is quite welcome. The party will catch the 1.50 p.m. train at Flinders Street Station. (Late comers are assured of a next train at 2.10 p.m.) The fare is 1/6 second return.

Since our last number was printed, we have received copies of the interstate magazines; The Adelaide "Deaf Notes", the Queensland "Monthly News" (which only appears every two months despite its name); the New South Wales "Silent Messenger" has also appeared after a period of silence - we wish it would pit in an appearance with greater regularity. We have also a copy of the cheerful little magazine published by the West Australian Mission.

The South Australian "Deaf Notes", commenting on the new style "Talkabout", observes that it (the South Australian magazine) is the only printed one for the deaf in Australia.

They seem to have overlooked our little contemporary in Perth.

Incidently, we can make a prouder boast. "Talkabout" and the West Australian "Quarterly Notes" are the only papers printed for the deaf, edited and written by the deaf!

There are ten schools for the deaf in Canada, with 1,332 pupils and 219 instructors. 10,482 students have received instruction since the establishment of the first school.

Alexander Patch, the wellknown deaf photographer of New York, U.S.A., died on 12th March, 1938, aged 74.

OUR LITTLE WORLD:

Colin Johns, late of Horsham, now of Dalby, Queensland, has written to our Editor a seven page letter on his travelling experiences in the far west of Queensland during the rainy season. And what a tale he told of the bogging of his car and the job of getting it out. He regrets that he will not be with us this time for the Show Night Re-Union Dinner.

K. Spinks, of Berry, New South Wales, sends his remembrances and kind regards to Melbourne folk and is looking forward to the continued receipt of our "Deaf Talkabout". He stated that almost everyone in Sydney is looking forward to a trip to Hobart this Christmas.

Jack McLaurin, one of our active working members, was on the sick list for three weeks, and we are glad to report that he is on the mend again. He was down with 'flu and bronchitis.

Mrs. Louis McCubbin, wife of the Director of South Australia's Art Gallery and daughter of our Principal, arrived in Melbourne on Sunday, 24th July on a month's visit to her parents. Before her marriage, Mrs. McCubbin - lovingly known as Elsie - was Honorary Assistant Matron of our Home at Blackburn. Miss Pat Jackson, daughter of Mrs. McCubbin, is also over with her mother.

Miss Monahan was in Melbourne on Saturday, 23rd July. She came to attend a football match with a number of friends and, of course, paid a visit to our Centre and brought a most welcome message from the Geelong Deaf. It was: "We all enjoy reading "Talkabout".

Several readers want to know if we can publish "Talkabout" weekly instead of monthly. We could but we can't. Prize of a box of chocolates to the first reader answering this riddle.

Our Principal, accompanied by Mr. S. G. Hobson and driven by "Professor" Dyson paid a flying visit to Ballarat, Ararat and Stawell in the interests of our country deaf cousins. Whilst attending to the special business of the trip, they visited Maurice Mark (Ballarat), L. Ching (Linton), A. Boswell (Stawell), Mr. Flavelli and Miss Sweeney (Ararat). At Ararat our Principal spoke at the Rotary Luncheon.

Wallace Ross spent his annual leave during mid-July and took a cruise up the east coast as far as Brisbane, and an account of his trip is being looked forward to.

Mr. W. Hately has been collecting for our Society in the suburbs since the beginning of the year.

HOME NOTES:

The Blackburn Home Auxiliary held its first annual dance in the Blackburn Masonic Hall on Saturday, 16th July, which proved to be most successful, both socially and financially. It was very pleasing to see our Home board so well represented by our Chairman, Mr. Heath and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and Mr. and Mrs. Belyea. Mrs. Allen, the President of the Auxiliary, gave a short address and thanked all present for their support.

A few members of the Deaf Women's Guild paid a visit to the Home on Saturday, 9th July, and did a great job in cheering up our Home members. We are always very pleased to have your cheery company and are hoping our croquet lawn will tempt you along when it is completed. Sounds very much like bribery!

The Melbourne Home Auxiliary is financing a party for our folk at the Home on Thursday, 28th July, and a happy night is assured.

OUR LITTLE WORLD (Cont.):

Jack Stewart, of Inverleigh, was down during the first weekend of July and brought a box of lovely mushrooms for Mrs. J. M. Johnston, gathered off his own farm land. Mr. Stewart remarked that with the approaching spring his place will be busy with lambing.

It is with pleasure we record that Mr. E. R. Noble has employment with Bedggood and Co. Pty. Ltd., Boot Manufacturers, and we trust that he will like his new job. Mr. Horace Bedggood is a member of the General Board of our Society.

Mrs. A. Johnson celebrated her 63rd birthday on 20th July with a small party at her home. and a very jolly time was spent.

The coming of age of Cliff Elwood was celebrated with great gusto on 9th July, when about thirty of his young deaf and hearing friends assembled at his parents' home. He was the receiver of many presents and congratulatory messages. Games were played, which ended all too soon, but not regretfully, as supper came next, to which the guests did justice in no time by almost leaving the tables bare.

We are holding over, for want of space, an interesting account of a trip to Queensland by Wallace Ross.

"ALL THE FAMILY" PARTY:

The Deaf Committee is sponsoring some very original ideas and carrying them out successfully. The latest was an "All the Family" Party. Knowing that the Younger Set can be sure of something to their taste at our Centre at least once a week, mostly twice, the Deaf Committee decided to rope in "our married, and their children". So on 23rd July, the Deaf Committee held a social evening for parents and children at the Club House.

Quite a large crowd turned up, but a very different one from the usual merrymakers at our functions. There were middle-aged people and there were seemingly hordes of children, but the betwixt and between-aged seemed to have disappeared from the earth. There were one or two, admittedly. Perhaps the most easily noticed were our worried-looking Honorary Secretary and his tall friend, endeavouring to cope with tribes of children, who seemed to be at once as ubiquitous and elusive as rabbits.

The proceedings opened with a short speech by the Principal, (yes, it really was short). Then the first part of the programme began. This was a moving picture show, frist of a good Charlie Chaplin film, "The Pawnshop", which was probably a great deal older than most of the children present, but Charlir Chaplin is perennial and raised the usual number of laughs. The other picture was an interesting one of carnivores in captivity.

The children then had a riotous game of musical chairs, followed by "Red-hot Poker", then "Pinning on the Cat's Tail. The cat - minus its tail - being drawn by our obliging artist-friend, Mr. G. Newnham. Prizes, consisting of books and boxes of chocolates, were distributed as each game ended, and a pleasant supper brought the evening to a close.

Of the 500 inhabitants of Rathlin Island, off the coast of North Ireland, few have perfect hearing after middle-age. Medical investigation puts this down to the noise of the thunderous waves.

The "Daily Express" (London) has a full-length portrait of Beryl Lang (deaf), who is the most popular personality of the South African Golf Team, now on a visit to England, in a recent issue.

Frank Walworth Booth, first Editor of the Iowa Deaf Hawkeye, U.S.A., passed away on 21st March, 1938, aged 82.

HOW ARE YOU GOING?

The Tasmanian Sports Carnival is the talkabout in Melbourne deaf circles. If you are going it is time to think about how you are going to get there. You can't walk, and you can't go by train. It's either boat or aeroplane by which you will have to travel, and Christmas is a very busy season - people who know book early in advance. If you really wish to be "in" at this great deaf event, you are strongly advised to get into communication with the Organising Secretary at once.

Requests for probable cost of the trip have been received, and here it is:

Steamer and rail fares (second return) £5:7:6; bed and breakfast, one week £2:10:0; extras for short trips, meals, fares, etc. £2:12:6. Total £10:10:0. With reasonable economy it is quite possible to take off £1 or £1:10:0. Mr. J. M. Johnston is the Organising Secretary.

THE ANCIENT GREEKS had a story of a sturdy waggoner proceeding to market, when the wheel of his heavily laden waggon sank deep in a rut in the muddy road. The waggoner was loud in his cries and implored the aid of the god Hercules, without attempting to shift the wheel himself. Hercules appeared and addressed the waggoner, "Why call on me for help? Put your shoulder to the wheel, man!" The waggoner did so and was surprised to find he was quite able to move it himself.

How many of us are like the waggoner! When trouble overtakes us we are too prone to sit down and cry for aid. Self reliance is among the greatest of virtues, but how few of us possess sufficient! Admittedly it is not easy at times. Therein lies the test. Should you know before hand you will win; there is nothing in the contest, but when you are losing and can see no hope of victory, that is the real test of courage, and while your courage endures you can conquer.

Say not the struggle nought availeth
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things are, so they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'er now the fliers,
And but for you, possess the field.

GIVING EDGAR A SEND-OFF:

YES! We know Mr. Edgar H. Peacock is a Justice of the Peace, Consul for Czechoslovakia, a nd also holds many other important offices, including that of Honorary Treasurer of our Society. Nevertheless, he is EDGAR to the deaf of Victoria and affectionately so, for he has been our friend since the coming of our Principal some thirty-seven years ago. And, therefore, we feel we have a strong claim to call such a friend by his Christian name.

We are giving Mr. and Mrs. Peacock a send-off at our Centre, Jolimont, on the evening of 4th August, in the form of a Social to wish them "Bon Voyage". We all most heartily and sincerely wish that they will enjoy their trip abroad to its full possibilities, and return to us in the best of health, and their interest in us and our Society as strong as ever.

BASKET BALL:

Our basket ball girls continue to do well in their matches, and are now well in the running for the semi-finals and, we hope, the finals. The following are the match results since the last issue of "Talkabout";

June 25 Rovers defeated A.D.G. 11 to 7.
F. Peters 5, J. Woolhouse 2.
July 2 A.D.G. defeated M.J.S.C. 28 to 1.
F. Peters 22, A. Bentley 6.
9 A.D.G. defeated Judean Gold 18 to 2.
F. Peters 15, A. Bentley 5.
16 A.D.G. defeated St. Andrews 21 to 8.
F. Peters 18, A. Bentley 3.
23 West Preston defeated A.D.G. 19 to 16.
F. Peters 11, J. Woolhouse 5.

The season ends on 20th August, and the semi-finals will commence on the 27th.

TEST MATCHES:

Our Society's wireless set was in great demand during the Test Cricket Matches played in England, and at every function progress scores were posted up or announced as they came through.

One one or two occasions, the enthusiasm for socials was almost swamped by the interest in the cricket scores.

"GENTLE READER"

A reader writes that she quite agrees with the Editor that the day of the "Gentle Reader" does appear to have gone, but she hopes not for ever. She thinks that the modern youth prefers "vulgarity and shoveableness" rather than the little "niceties and loveableness". "Certainly the word "friend" is is preferable to "comrade". There is a sound of sincerity about "friend" which is absent from "comrade"; the latter somehow smacks of humbug, dynamite bombs, daggers, and vindictiveness." She hopes that we will stick to "My Dear Reader".

MIRACLES:

Someone has dared to contradict the Editor on the matter of miracles. Says he, "The day of miracles if not ever. It is an age of miracles; nowadays nothing seems to be impossible. If listening to a man speaking twelve thousand miles away and understanding him perfectly, practically whilst he is speaking, is not a miracle, what is?"

DON'T FORGET THE LADIES:

But mostly we do until it is too late to do them justice. Some of us plead guilty, very guilty. There is a vote of thanks to the chairman, and to the speakers and entertainers, who, by the way, have had their "applause", but the ladies who have been "cutting up" all the afternoon and "serving a good part of the evening are forgotten. How is it that almost every one of us who happens to be running the show invariably omits the vote of thanks which is the most deserved?

We write this as a kind of confession and in the hope that we may bring about repentance on the part of others who are as guilty as ourselves. Now, Ye, who are placed in authority on the big occasions, don't forget to thank the ladies!

CAPE TOWN:

The Cape Town and District Adult Deaf and Dumb Association recently held its fiftieth Annual Meeting. The Association has a new Institute and the alterations to the building purchased have been completed and the building opened. The Institute is commodious, with large halls on the upper and lower floors, a kitchen, a refreshment room, and a room that may be used as a dormitory.

CRICKET CLUB'S DANCE:

Another successful dance was held in our Assembly Hall on 16th July, this time in aid of the Cricket Club's funds, when approximately 150 attended. The hall was tastefully decorated in national colours - red, white and blue - with coloured balloons hanging here and there. The Hon Secretary, Mr. M. Dyson, and Mr. J. Phillips were complimented upon their effort in this line. It is hoped that others will come forward and make the labours of decorating lighter in the future.

Mr. Bell again generously acted as M.C. and he has our best thanks. The dances were both modern and old time. Mr. J. Phillips and Miss F. Peters won the Monte Carlo, and Miss Joy Tampion again carried off the prize for the best dressed dancer of the evening. She dressed differently from the last dance, and the judges were not the same, therefore there was no favouritism in their choice.

The Committee arranged a Euchre Tournament for non-dancers in adjoining rooms. It was eventually won by Mr. Spargo and Mrs. Sutherland respectively.

Soon after supper dancing was resumed, and it was then that the dancers received a pleasant surprise when, by pre-arranged signal, the balloons overhead were burst and the confetti secreted in them showered over the dancers, making the scene very gay and animated. The idea was quite new to many of us, we believe it has not been tr here before.

Arrangements have been made to run dances almost monthly in aid of the Carnival Trip Fund. The next two dances will be held on 20th August and 10th September.

OUR LITTLE WORLD (Cont.):

A pleasant surprise awaited Kelvin Pickett, who attained his majority on Saturday, 23rd July, when approximately fifty friends awaited his arrival at Northcote Catering Establishment. Kelvin was visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith at Burnley, who suggested a drive to visit other friends. Imagine Kelvin's surprise when he stepped into a room filled with guests waiting to greet him! Games and supper filled the evening. Kelvin received many m nice and useful presents.

I'M A LOOKER ON: One deaf friend, who is an enthusiastic worker in the service of the deaf, asked another deaf man the other day at a social function "Are you helping in this?" and got the reply, "No! I'm always just a looker on". "Just a looker on" and "always". No deaf person should be just a looker-on. The cause of the deaf is t job of the deaf, all the deaf, it's your affair as well as ours.

The EVENT of EVENTS to the Victorian Deaf -

DINNER and REMINISCENCE NIGHT
of ex-pupils of schools for the deaf,
on the evening of SHOW DAY
in the
BANQUET HALL of THE VICTORIA,
Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

Tickets 3/6 each.

Obtain your ticket at once from the
Banquet Honorary Secretary,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East.

TASMANIA for YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!
SPORTS CARNIVAL of the DEAF,
24th to 30th December, 1938.

Many of our readers have written to ask if we can give them the approximate cost of a visit to Tasmania during the Deaf Carnival time. The following figures may prove of service. With £13 at your disposal you should be able to do the trip from the first class point of view, and £10.10.0 second.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
Steamer Fares		
To Launceston and return	£5 10 0	£3 15 0
Rail Fares,		
Launceston to Hobart and return	2 3 3	1 12 5
Bed and Breakfast,		
Approximate cost for 10 days	2 10 0	2 10 0
Extras - Meals and short trips	3 2 9	2 17 0
Approximate total for trip:	£13 6 0	£10 14 5
Possible Concession on rail fares	6 0	4 5
	£13 0 0	£10 10 0

CONGRATULATIONS:

It looks as though very soon it will be necessary to accompany our Editor with fans to hide his blushes, so many are the congratulations on the get up and contents of "Talkabout".

THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

(Incorporated)

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Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

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Open to all homeless and those needing care and protection.

CENTRAL ROAD, BLACKBURN.

All communications in connection with the Society's work should be addressed to:-

The Principal,
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ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND INSTITUTE FOR ADULT DEAF, JOLIMONT

Centre Phone—J.1270



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HOME FOR DEPENDENT DEAF MUTES, BLACKBURN

Blackburn Phone—WX.2216

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HEADQUARTERS, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST. 28th July, 1938.

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THE AFTER-SCHOOL WELFARE OF THE WHOLE OF THE DEAF AND DUMB OF THE STATE

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Dear Friend,

Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, J.P., Consul for Czechoslavakia, and Honorary Treasurer of our Society, has been a friend of the deaf of Victoria for upwards of thirty-seven years. He has rendered invaluable service to our Society and the advancement of every objective pertaining to the welfare of the deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock are leaving Australia for a long trip abroad, and it is felt by the many of us who have benefited by their kind offices that we cannot let them depart without giving them an enthusiastic send-off so as to let them know how very much they are esteemed and how greatly their services are valued by us.

A social, to bid them Bon Voyage, will be held in our Assembly Hall on Thursday, 4th August, at 8.15 p.m. to which you are invited.

Come and share in the pleasure of giving them a great send-off.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

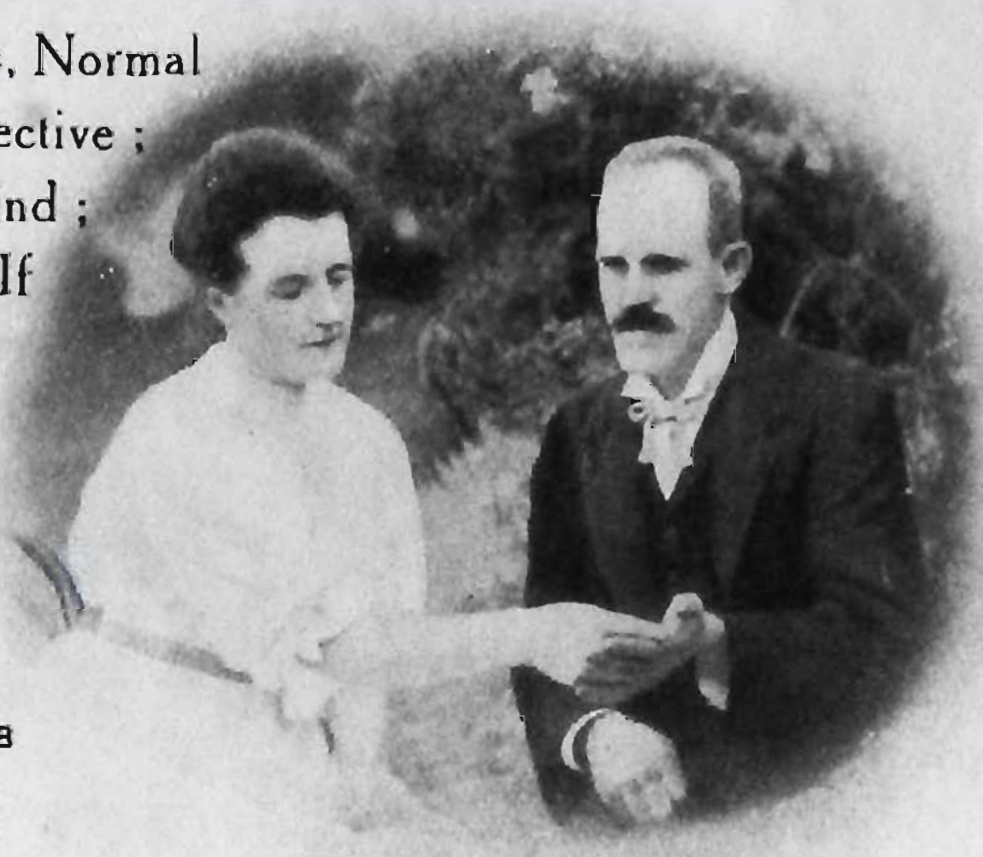
Subscribers are asked to note that this Society is NOT connected with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution for Children, St. Kilda Road.

The DEAF and DUMB of Victoria

WE Already Help Many—BUT WANT TO HELP THEM ALL. To Find Them is the First Step to Helping Them.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY DEAF MUTES RESIDING IN YOUR DISTRICT ?

Children or Adults, Normal or Mentally Defective ; Deaf, Dumb, Blind ; Aged or Infirm—If so, will you kindly communicate with us ?



THE MATRON CONVERSING WITH A BLIND DEAF MUTE

ISSUED BY THE
ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
32-34 FLINDERS STREET
(EAST)
MELBOURNE



DEAF YOUNG WOMEN'S PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASS AT THE ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

The Deaf and Dumb of Victoria

SCATTERED over the State of Victoria are, at least, 700 deaf and dumb people of all ages and conditions.

Many are children of school age.
But most are **Adults,** some of whom, besides being **Deaf and Dumb, are also Blind.**

Others, **Mentally defective and Deaf and Dumb.**

And some are Aged or Infirm.

The great majority are "normal" deaf mutes capable, if trained, of earning their own livelihood and becoming effective citizens.

For the Children

There is a **Special Residential School,** with specially trained teachers, known as the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution (St. Kilda Road, Melbourne). The educational department of this Institution is maintained by the Government, and the residential quarters, etc., by public subscription and fees from parents. The committee of

this Institution is tireless in its efforts to make known the benefits of the School. There are, nevertheless, very many deaf and dumb children in the State who are growing up without education, and unless found and educated will, ultimately, become burdens to themselves, to relatives and to the public generally.

Will You
Help us to Find Them?

For the Adult Deaf and Dumb

There is the **Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria,** which provides a special Institute for the **Adult** Deaf and Dumb, known as **The Adult Deaf Mute Centre,** (32-34 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Every effort is made to provide these doubly handicapped people—at our **One** Institution—with the same advantages as are enjoyed by hearing and speaking people in many associations.

The headquarters of the Society contain a Church, Social and Lecture Hall, Classrooms, Billiard Room, Library, Offices, etc. Here



services, lectures and classes are regularly conducted in the language of the deaf and dumb by expert instructors. There are frequent socials and entertainments, also here the Deaf Lacrosse, Cricket, Tennis and Rambling Clubs hold their meetings.

We have an officer on duty from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to assist in our activities of the Employment Bureau and Relief Agency. The Society also publishes its own newspaper. The mere fact of being deaf and dumb entitles all so afflicted to these advantages. It is open to all denominations. There are close upon three hundred adults participating and enjoying the advantages of our Central Institute, but we are desirous of extending these advantages to all.

Will you help us to get in touch With Them?



THE HOME AT BLACKBURN, VIC.

For the Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf and Dumb

There is a comfortable **Home** beautifully situated at Blackburn. For those who are **Mentally Defective** as well as deaf and dumb, there is a **Training Farm** connected with this Home. This is another activity of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

We believe there are many more in the State bearing these terrible afflictions, the relations and friends of whom have never heard of our Home.

Do you Know of any People so Afflicted?

And, if so, will you do your part to help them, and put us into communication with their parents or friends?

The Principal

Mr Ernest J. D. Abraham, the Chaplain and Principal of the Society, took charge of this Organisation in 1901. He has devoted his time and talents to the welfare of the deaf and dumb, making the subject his life's study, beginning as a teacher, and afterwards responding to an unanimous call, accepted the position of Minister to the Deaf of South London. His leaving was felt to be a National loss. At the time of his arrival in Melbourne the Society owned a building site in Flinders Street, and in 1904, sufficient funds had been raised to erect the Adult Deaf Mute Centre.



In 1906, the Premier, Mr.. Bent, in an address, sympathising with the aims of Mr. Abraham, said that with Mr. Abraham's assistance it might be possible to accomplish them, and soon after, Mr. Bent sent for Mr. Abraham. Steps were taken to remove objectionable words from the Marine and other Acts of Parliament. Free

and compulsory education for deaf children was initiated, a pension for the founder of the deaf school was granted, and a Government gift of £2,000 was made toward a Home for the Aged and Infirm, Deaf and Dumb. A further £3,000 was publicly raised the following year, Lake Park was purchased, and the Farm Home erected in 1909. Additions were made to the Home in 1912 and further additions in 1922. We are now anxious to complete the Adult Deaf Mute Centre.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT THE CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB
FLINDERS STREET



THE LIBRARY OF THE ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

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*These gentemen are deaf, and represent the Deaf Mute Community of the State.

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Mr. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, 32-34 Finders Street, Melbourne.

Our Aim

To stretch out a protecting and helping hand to the whole of the Deaf Mute Community of the State is, in brief, the object aimed at by this Society.

The Adult Deaf Mute Centre

The Society's Building in Flinders Street, Melbourne, is a Religious, Educational, Benevolent and Social Institution for the Adult Deaf and Dumb; is the centre of their activities, and every influence is brought to bear that will lead to the adult deaf and dumb people becoming independent and effective citizens.

The Home and Training Farm At Blackburn

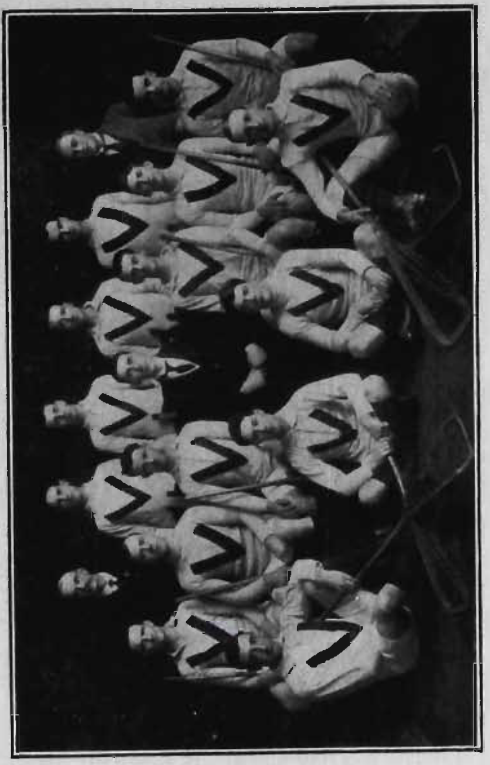
Provides a comfortable home for aged, infirm and blind deaf mutes and training for the mentally defective deaf and dumb. It is the refuge of that section of the deaf-mute community who are unable to take care of themselves.

Among the present inmates of the Blackburn Home are four blind-deaf mutes, others semi-

blind, the majority of the inmates being mentally defective as well as deaf and dumb. Recently, insane deaf mutes have been admitted to the home experimentally, the Society's experts believing that incarceration in the ordinary hospital for the insane must mean permanent insanity.

Mentally unbalanced are isolated from all sources of communication with those similarly afflicted. There is little in life for these sadly deficient folk. Association with other deaf mutes and under the care of officials familiar with their language and needs, it has been proved that there is reasonable hope of cure and certainly a brighter outlook.

The committee record with feelings of gratification that out of three cases recently admitted, two from public hospitals for the insane, and one privately, one of those from the public hospital has been returned to his relatives mentally sound, and the other two are making satisfactory progress. Tact and patience, with a knowledge of the mental peculiarities and special needs of each individual case is essential in dealing with these people.



One of the Lacrosse Teams of the Adult Deaf Mute Centre, Flinders Street

The busy citizen may not have time—if the inclination—to make himself familiar with the conditions and needs of all his less fortunate fellow citizens, hence there is at times a confusion of ideas as to existent institutions and their work.

For instance, the opinion held by a surprisingly large percentage of people, is that the deaf dwell in "Asylums for the Deaf and Dumb," to the end of their days. We want them to know that this is not the case, but like normal children, they go to school—a special school—and at the close of their school life, go out into the world, like normal people, to earn their own livelihood. An "Asylum" is necessary only for those who in addition to being deaf and dumb, are blind, mentally defective, aged or infirm, **and these are cared for at our Blackburn Home.**

It is difficult for the normal individual to have full realisation of the actual state of these less fortunate fellow citizens, who are deprived of two of the most precious human gifts—hearing and speech.

Notwithstanding the fact that they live in a world of silence, the majority of the deaf are inclined to law and order. Still, there are with them as with the normal, varying degrees of good, indifferent and bad, but, unlike the normal (and here the conditions are so very different) **One** Society enrolls them all. The whole deaf mute community, as it were, including the wilful and the wayward and "the very worst" are part of the brotherhood (normal and abnormal) and their needs have the right of the individual to consideration. They are, by their fellows in affliction, compelled "to come in" and participate in every benefit.

Our Society's influence has, therefore, a wonderful refining, moral and uplifting effect.

Form of Bequest

I bequeath the sum of £..... to the Treasurer of the **ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA** for the use of the said Society, for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Please communicate with the Principal upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of the deaf and dumb.

Address:—The Principal,
Adult Deaf Mute Centre,
32-34 Flinders Street,
Melbourne, Vic.

WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO SEND ALPHABET, CARDS WALL SHEETS AND DEAF MUTE LITERATURE TO A ADDRESS



You can learn the Manual Alphabet in half an hour and co verse on your fingers within the hour. Learn it and say a word cheer to every deaf mute you meet. To use the Manual Alphabet sufficient introduction to the deaf mute. You will see his eyes lig up when you pay him this little attention and will consider yours well rewarded.

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PROVIDING—

A WELFARE CENTRE, with expert officers, ready to go anywhere in Victoria, to assist in obtaining employment, give relief and advice, visit the sick and others at their homes, and act as interpreters, etc., for them.

A SOCIAL CLUB HOUSE, where everything is done to provide entertainment suited to their handicap.

A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CHURCH, where Divine Worship is conducted in their own language.

A HOME for Aged, Infirm and Dependent Deaf Mutes (both sexes).

OPEN TO ALL DEAF AND DUMB PEOPLE

Jolimont Square,
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Dear Sir or Madam,

In Victoria there are about one thousand of our fellow citizens who are deaf and dumb.

Their deafness is a barrier to social intercourse between us and them, and shuts them out from most of the ordinary things that are "life itself" to normal people:—Divine Worship, the Drama, Music, Song, Talkies, Wireless, Telephone, Public Functions, and even the voice of our loved ones.

The objective of this Society is to provide as many substitutes for these as is humanly possible.

You could render splendid service to these doubly handicapped folk by spending even an hour of your time in interesting your friends in their welfare. Who of your friends would turn down an appeal on behalf of fellow citizens up against such odds? Will you help us to help them?

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM,
Principal.

Manual Alphabet as used by the Deaf and Dumb.



ADULT DEAF CLUB

JOLIMONT SQUARE, WELLINGTON PARADE SOUTH
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GRAND DANCE

Modern and Old Time

At OUR CLUB HOUSE

In Aid of
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Saturday, 16th July, 1938, at 8 p.m.

GOOD PRIZES EUCHRE GOOD MUSIC

Tickets 2/-
(Supper Included)

M. B. DYSON, Hon. Secretary

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Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

THE DEAF COMMITTEE requests the pleasure

of the company of

Mr. and Mrs..... and children

to an "ALL THE FAMILY" PARTY

on SATURDAY, 23rd JULY, at 7.30 p.m.

CINEMA CARDS GAMES SUPPER.

Argus Aug 5th 1938

Farewell to Treasurer

AT the assembly hall of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, in Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, last night, farewells were said by members of the society to Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, the Consul for Czechoslovakia. Mr. Peacock is honorary treasurer of the society, and has been connected with it for 37 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock will leave on the Orama on August 16 for Europe, and the good wishes and affectionate esteem of the members of the society were expressed by the president (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), and other speakers.

Miss Mabel Dow, the president of the Deaf Women's Guild, presented Mr. Peacock, on behalf of the members, with a cigarette case, suitably inscribed, and Mrs. Peacock was presented with a sheaf of flowers. The speeches were interpreted for the deaf members of the audience by Mr. Abrahams and Mr. Reynolds.

Argus Aug 5th 1938

Deaf Mute Fined

Deaf and dumb sign language was used by Mr. J. A. Campbell, J.P., in the Fitzroy Court yesterday in questioning James George Pierce, a deaf mute, aged 62 years, of Brunswick road, West Brunswick, who was charged with having, on July 29, endeavoured to obtain money from Robert Anderson by falsely stating that he was authorised by the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

Pierce, who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

"Age" Aug 10th 1938.

The executive of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria tendered Mr. E. H. Peacock, the honorary treasurer of the society, a farewell luncheon at Scott's Hotel yesterday, and presented him with a wallet. Mr. Peacock is leaving shortly for an extended tour abroad.

Sun Aug 5th 1938.

Czechoslovak Consul And Wife Feted

MR. EDGAR PEACOCK, Consul for Czechoslovakia, and his wife were entertained last night by members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society at Jolimont on the eve of their departure for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock will sail on August 16 for Czechoslovakia and later will visit England and return to Australia by way of America.

Mr. Peacock has been associated with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for 37 years and has been treasurer of the society for a long period.

"Sun" Aug 12th 1938

Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, consul for Czechoslovakia, will leave Melbourne on Tuesday by the Orama for an extended tour of Europe and America. During his absence the duties of the consulate will be carried out by Mr. David Murphy, deputy consul.

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Mrs. E. H. Peacock, who will leave next week with her husband for Europe, was the guest of honor at a farewell party yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. S. Wilson, Ardrossan, Camden Road, Hawthorn.



Mr. E. H. Peacock

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East
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In aid of the
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GOOD PRIZES GOOD ORCHESTRA

Tickets 2/-
(SUPPER INCLUDED)

J. McLAURIN
Hon. Organising Secretary

"Sun Pictorial
Aug 17th 1938.



THEY SAILED FOR EUROPE in the Orama from Port Melbourne yesterday. —Mr. E. H. Peacock, Consul for Czechoslovakia in Melbourne, and his wife, were farewelled by their daughters Mavis and Beryl before leaving for Prague, where they hope to join in Czechoslovakia's National Day Celebrations.

"Sun" Aug 10th 1938

Members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society tendered a luncheon to Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, honorary treasurer of the society, at Scott's Hotel yesterday. A presentation of a wallet was made. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock are leaving for an extended trip abroad.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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ASSEMBLY HALL, JOLIMONT SQUARE,
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THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST, at 8.15 p.m.

MR. THOS. ROBBINS

will give a talk on

J A V A

and other places of interest,

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MR. HORACE BEDGGOOD
will preside.

A pleasant evening for all of us.
You may bring your hearing friends.

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THE DEAF TALKABOUT



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ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

CHURCH and SOCIAL CENTRE MEETINGS
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

SYLLABUS for SEPTEMBER, 1938.

Thursday	1st	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette and Social.
Saturday	3rd	Crazy Whist Night. Admission 1/-.
Sunday	4th	"Ephphatha Sunday". An illustrated service, 7 p.m.
		Ballarat Branch Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday	6th	Men's Guild Meeting. Pound Night.
Thursday	8th	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette and Social.
Saturday	10th	Grand Dance. Admission 2/-.
Sunday	11th	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday	13th	Deaf Committee Meeting.
Thursday	15th	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette and Social.
Saturday	17th	Invitation Dance.
Sunday	18th	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday	20th	Men's Guild Meeting. Debate on "Prohibition".
Thursday	22nd	Prayer Meeting, Lecturette and Social.
Saturday	24th	Cinema Pictures. Admission 1/-.
Sunday	25th	Divine Service at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday	27th	Printing and setting up of "The Deaf Talkabout".
Thursday	29th	Reunion Dinner at "The Victoria". Tickets 3/6.

Watch the Notice Board for the "specials" at Thursday night meetings.

OCTOBER, 1938.

Sunday	2nd	Holy Communion Service, 7.15 p.m.
		Ballarat Branch Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday	4th	Men's Guild Meeting. "Question Box" night.
Sunday	9th	Principal's Anniversary Service.
Saturday	15th	Cinema Pictures. Admission 1/-.
Saturday	29th	Grand Dance. Admission 2/-.

BIG EVENTS

November	1st	Annual Cup Day Picnic.
	12th	Benefactors' Night.
	18th & 19th	Great Fancy Fair.
December		Interstate Deaf Carnival in Hobart, Tasmania.
January		Annual A.N.A. Day Men's Guild Picnic.

EDITORIAL TALK

The event of the month is, of course, the Grand Re-Union Dinner at the "Victoria". Everybody who is anybody will be there, and those who don't go will miss a lot. It should not be difficult nowadays to raise the wind. After all 3/6 is less than you would spend on an evening's amusement elsewhere; so why not? There is plenty of room for all, the food will be excellent, and the speeches not too long and not too boring either. When the speeches are over you can start "Remember when....." and fight schoolday battles over again.

Another event worth noting is the Dance on the 10th of the month. Judging by the attendance at our other dances, this form of amusement is popular, so dancers, and would-be dancers should make a note of these dates - 10th September, 8th and 29th October.

The dance on the 10th has already been well announced. On 8th October a really big affair has been arranged by Mr. W. Ross and his parents and friends in aid of the Tasmanian Trip. This is a dance at the Christ Church Memorial Hall, Hawthorn. Tickets are two shillings each, and, believe me, you will get your money's worth! On the 29th of the same month the last dance of the season is planned for the Carnival Fund, so keep that date free.

These are only the highlights of the near future. Other events to suit all tastes are planned week by week.

The event of events for the coming six months is the Fancy Fair. Date - 18th and 19th November - and don't say we did not tell you! Donations in cash or kind gratefully accepted. Also there is a play coming off early in December that will be worth seeing.

Everyone wants to see the Tasmanian Carnival a success. Well, the secret of success is no secret at all. It can be summed up in two words - "HARD WORK".

Just wishing is not enough!

Get going!

THE EDITOR.

THURSDAY NIGHTS. CONT.

healing of the deaf and dumb mean by our Lord Jesus Christ, and the spiritual influence that incident has had upon the world and that really led to the education of the deaf.

After the address cinema pictures were shown, followed by supper. There was the usual large and appreciative audience.

THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE.

Our Principal again took charge of his evening on 18th August, when his talk was on the beauty and the value of the language of gesture, especially of illustrative signs, used with conventional signs, that together made it a grammatical language, cut out in the air instead of being written on paper. He regretted that the accuracy and the poetry of the language was being lost because of the lack of instructors,who really understood the sign language as a grammatically constructed means of communication, and the introduction of silly and vulgar "signs" that were in themselves meaningless

MR. T. ROBBIN'S VISIT

Mr. H. Bedggood has done it again! We all remember his good work in bringing Mr. Terdich and his marvellous pictures a few weeks ago, and now Mr. Bedggood has duplicated that feat by producing another gentleman, Mr. Thomas Robbins, with an amazing array of pictures. Like Mr. Terdich's pictures, these were in colour - and such colour! Scenes from the Great Barrier Reef were shown in their glowing **beauty**, each one more gorgeous than the last, till the final film of Java, Bali and Celebes achieved a climax of loveliness. For sheer, breathtaking beauty, the scenes of Java and among the Balinese would be hard to equal. Included in the scenes were some remarkable religious dances.

At the close of the performance, the Chairman, Mr. Bedggood, said that the films which had been shown were all taken personally by Mr. Robbins. A vote of thanks to Mr. Robbins for his magnificent films was proposed by Miss Rose Dow and seconded by Mr. G. Newnham and carried with enthusiasm; and Mr. Bedggood was heartily thanked for introducing Mr. Robbins. Mr. Newnham, in his very appreciative and humourous little speech, said that like Dicken's Oliver Twist, they all wanted more. Mr. Bedggood said he would, at some future date, bring another show like the one we had just enjoyed. If he can perform this "hat trick" he will be a marvel! The usual supper was provided to the large number present, and brought the evening to a close.

I'M GLAD I'M DEAF. by Arthur G. Leisman.

I have been deaf, utterly and absolutely, for 35 years.
Since the age of five I have heard no sound of that great chaos and fury which is called life; the roar of human activity has passed me by without so much as an echo.
Yet today, standing at the threshold of middle-age, I scorn the slightest hint of sympathy from the world. I am glad I am deaf.
Believe it or not, there is a poetry in silence.
If my hearing could be returned tomorrow by some miraculous means, I would not snatch at it. In fact, I would reject it, swiftly and without regret.
For, contrary to popular belief, it is not a calamity to roll along life's grooves without hearing.
There are numberless delights and diversions if one knows how and where to find them.
Peace and tranquillity of nerves are mine, like the peace found on a South Sea island, where one's natural needs are satisfied.
Deep sleep, unbroken by the horns of impatient motorcars and the midnight serenade of romantic cats.
An insensibility to harshly-shouted words, to mysterious creaking noises in the attic, to the wails of an ailing baby, to meaningless blah-blahs emanating from the radio.
I can utter silence at any and all times. A boisterous party can go on for ever next door, for all I care.
With one of my five senses gone, my needs are limited, my desires easily and abundantly satisfied.
Eliminating from my recreational programme such inconsequental items as the talkies, stage plays, concerts, and radio demonstrations, there remain car trips, hunting and fishing, sports events, and social gatherings of the deaf.
Yet it would be an exaggeration to say that I have never rued my fate. Time was when I submitted to the caressing embraces of a subtle inferiority complex. Overcoming it has helped me to realise that the state of deafness itself is incapable of inflicting mental, moral, or physical harm. All the worth while things that have ever been uttered or sung are preserved on paper.
Music? Not all the tender airs depend for satisfying enjoyment upon normal hearing. The lyrics of Tennyson, the sonnets of Browning, and all time-tested songs can be read with the feeling that my heart is responsive to their hidden tones. Thus, life without sound is like a deep, silent river coursing leisurely through gorgeously-hued canyons and between varying patterns of landscapes, broken here and there by man-reared cities, but from all of which there is no raucous shout, no shrill whistle, no rumble of heavy traffic and geared machinery. All is serene, beautiful, naturally conducive to peace.

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