

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 protegee 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."

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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."

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 understood 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.

Miss A. Graham, the deaf philanthropist, has just returned from Tasmania to her home at Toorak, after two months' well-earned holiday.

Mrs. S. Ferguson, the well-known deaf-farming figure, of Bowman's Forest, had a two weeks' enjoyable holiday with us.

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.

Miss G. Mortimer, of South Gippsland, spent a most happy annual holiday in Melbourne for a month.

Mrs. Crompton, of Flemington, is home again after an enjoyable holiday in Tasmania.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Sydney, have just returned home after the close of two months with us.

Miss D. Hickey is breaking her journey at Adelaide on the way home from West Australia to Melbourne.

Mr. A. Hatley, of Terang, was in town for a brief period, and was looking well.

Miss Salvado paid us a call prior to sailing back to Hobart to resume school duties.

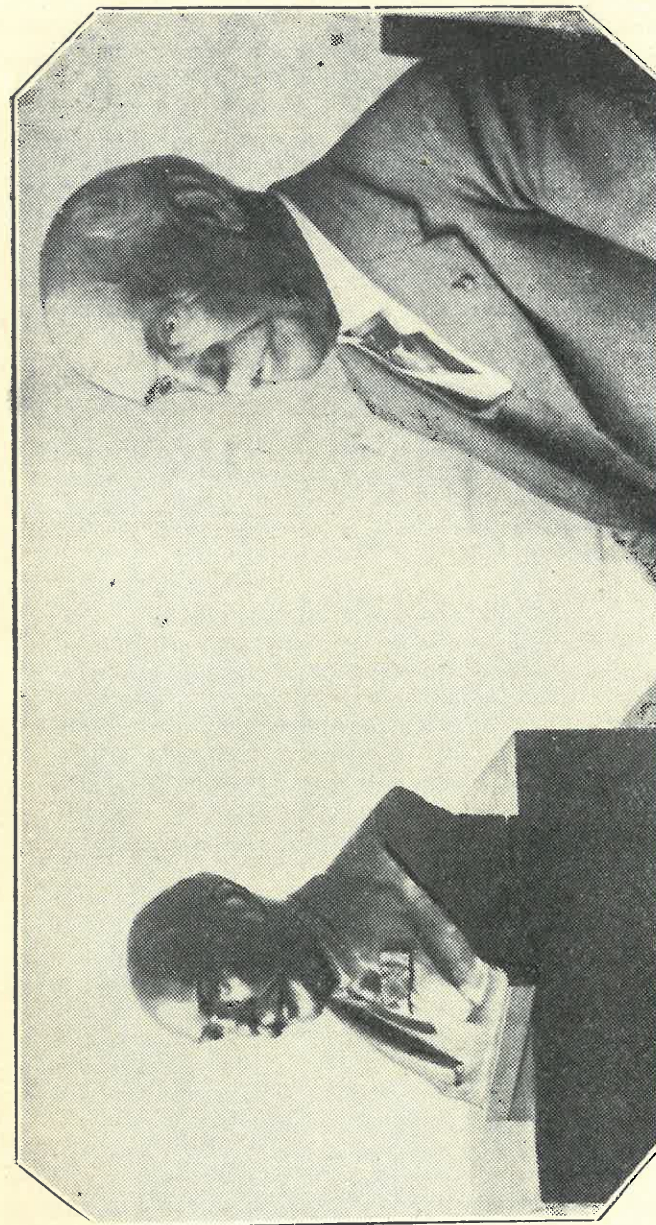
Messrs. Hart and Tonkin, both of Bendigo, were in town for a short stay, and reported that business there was very dull.

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.

Mr. F. Cummins is on a sheep station, 10,000 acres in extent, at Boorooban. He reported in his letter a fair season, and gives kind regards to all.

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.

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.