



Blind Deaf and Dumb Inmates of the Blackburn (Vic.) Home conversing on each other's hands.

ADULT DEAF SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
101 Wellington Pde. 5th., Melbourne East, 3002

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Incorporated)

Headquarters :
Adult Deaf Mute Centre, 32-4 Flinders St. E., Melb.
and the
Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes
with
Training Farm for Mentally Defective
at Blackburn, Victoria.

38TH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1922

Phones : Adult Centre, Central 5223
The Home, Box Hill 47. The Training Farm, Box Hill 19

The Aim of this Society is to make Full and Complete Provision for the whole of the Adult Deaf and Dumb of the State.

This Society is NOT CONNECTED with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, the Residential School for Deaf and Dumb Children.

SPECIAL NOTICE —

The Committee would draw attention to the innovation of omitting the printed list of subscriptions. These will now be printed on lists by our office staff, and each collector will carry a list for inspection of subscribers. This means a saving in the cost of printing and the Committee feels sure the economy will meet with the approval of subscribers. Please ask collector to point out your name on typed list.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
(INCORPORATED)

THE ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE

32 - 34 FLINDERS STREET, MELBOURNE

is Open Daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**HERE ALL THE NEEDS OF THE DEAF AND
DUMB OF THE STATE ARE CATERED FOR.**

Providing Library, Reading Room and Club Accommodation for both sexes.

Public Worship, Lectures, and Classes in their own Language.

Youths on leaving school are helped into Situations, and employment obtained for Adults.

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**The Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf Mutes
and Training Farm for Mentally Defective**

at Blackburn

provides a Home for Aged, Infirm, and Blind Deaf Mutes, and Training and Employment for that section of the Deaf and Dumb who, by reason of mental or physical defects, are unable to follow ordinary occupations.

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*These Gentlemen are deaf.

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Women's Guild:—President: Mrs. W. A. Paterson; Vice-President: Mrs. A. Wilson; Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Gibson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Lydia Sanders; Committee: Mrs. E. Johnson; Mrs. Pierce; Misses R. Dow; M. Dow; and D. Hickey.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

OF VICTORIA (INCORPORATED.)

In submitting their 38th Annual Report, the first thought of the General Board is one of thankfulness for the Divine guidance that has enabled the Society to accomplish so much good work during the long years of its existence and grateful acknowledgement of the generous support of the subscribers.

THE ADULT DEAF CENTRE.

Although the Committee have long been aware that the accommodation for the Adult Deaf and Dumb, (the Centre was erected some 18 years ago) had become inadequate, they are unable to take immediate steps to increase it. The present site does not, unfortunately, lend itself to additions best serving the purpose of an institute for the Adult Deaf, and it is hoped that a more suitable position will be found in the near future, when the Committee will feel encouraged to issue an appeal for funds for the purpose of erecting a building to meet at least the need of the present day with some provision for the future.

A COMMON MISTAKE.

The busy citizen may not have time, if the inclination, to make himself familiar with the condition and necessity of all his less fortunate fellow citizens, for whom appeals are made from time to time, 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 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.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, with its Centre at Flinders Street, Melbourne, is a Religious, Benevolent, Educational and Social Institution for Adults.

The Home for Aged, Infirm, Mentally Defective and Blind Deaf Mutes, at Blackburn, is a branch work of our Adult Society.

It is difficult for the normal individual to have a full realisation of the actual state of affairs of those less fortunate, living in the Adult "deaf-mute world." The majority of the deaf are inclined to law and order with varying degrees of good, indifferent and bad, but, unlike the normal (and here the conditions are so very different), ONE Society enrols them all. The whole deaf mute "Nation" 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 influence has naturally a wonderful refining, moral and uplifting effect.

Our Collectors, who are themselves deaf-mutes, with a conscious sympathy and knowledge in the incalculable value of education to the deaf, are ever alert in the search for uneducated or mentally deficient deaf mute children, and bring argument and influence (that only the educated deaf mute, who understands what education means to him or her, can do) upon the parents, inducing them to send their offspring to the special school. Indeed every educated deaf mute is a "Missioner" where uneducated deaf adults or children are concerned.

THE WORK AT THE CENTRE.

In a recent report to the General Board, the Principal summarised the result of the Society's work thus; Practically no unemployed deaf, no cases of distress and no beggars. It was the exception, not the rule,

to be asked for monetary assistance. As a whole, the deaf of Melbourne are a healthy, happy, morally sound people, who take an intelligent interest in all matters pertaining to citizenship.

The work of our Society, as described by the Superintendent of an Adult Society in a sister State may be of interest. The extract is from "The South Australian Deaf News"—"During July, at the request of the General Committee, our Superintendent visited Melbourne to gain an insight into the work of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. He was very kindly received by the deaf mute members and the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who is one of the few hearing men in Australia devoting his energy and talents to the advancement of the Adult Deaf. Coming from England some 20 years ago, Mr. Abraham threw his whole soul and strength into the work of the Society and was mainly instrumental in raising the fine block of buildings in Flinders Street East, known as the Deaf Mute Centre, and also in establishing the Farm for the Aged and Infirm, at Blackburn, a very creditable achievement indeed. Mr. Cox spent all his evenings, with one exception, at the Society's Centre and came away deeply impressed with the fine body of "silent" men and women who meet there for worship, social intercourse and mutual improvement. The Sunday morning services are conducted by laymen. Both the services attended were well conducted by Messrs. Frewin and Sutherland, who gave helpful and thoughtful addresses. The evening service was taken by Mr. Abraham, and one might almost be forgiven for envying him the grace and freedom with which he delivers his message and reads the hymns and Bible lesson by means of the sign language and finger alphabet. Mr. Cox spent a day at the Farm and was struck with the beautiful situation of the Home buildings. Standing on rising ground, they command a splendid view of the surrounding country. The amount of work already accomplished is evidence of the energy and organising power of the Principal, who has had charge of the Home since its establishment. The inmates, some of whom are mentally deficient, all give assistance in the work of the garden and Home. The interchange of ideas with a man of Mr. Abraham's experience was well worth the visit."

THE DEAF COMMITTEE AND STAFF.

The Committee have never had reason to regret the large measure of control allowed to the deaf Committee in the inner work of the Society at the Centre. Indeed it is a matter of satisfaction and pleasure, not to say astonishment at their success in carrying on in complete harmony, under conditions that normal people would find unworkable. In this connection, it need only be mentioned that the members of the Church for the Deaf are composed of representatives of practically almost every denomination—the Deaf Committee have sympathy for and extend open arms to every section of the deaf community, the Centre's doors are open to all. No reference is ever made to a lapse but attractions and inducements for reform are held out in such a way that actual failure has never yet been admitted. The Committee and the Principal are exceptionally fortunate in their staff. With two or three exceptions, the Deaf Committee have been members of the Society for periods of from 20 to 30 years and the younger generation has its proportion of enthusiasts who can be depended upon with confidence to shoulder responsibilities as required.

The deaf women are under the tactful and constant care of Mrs. W. A. Paterson (a deaf lady and President of the Women's Guild). Her enthusiasm never wanes and she has a deep sense of responsibility of her office and is ever alert. Her services, which are honorary, are greatly appreciated.

Mr. M. L. Miller (Deaf), one of the original members of the Society and who has for many years been Honorary Assistant Treasurer, still continues in that office notwithstanding exceptional physical disadvantages under which he has laboured during the past few years. His services are invaluable to the Society. His love for his fellows in affliction has an abiding influence and he is beloved by all.

Our Principal has as his permanent assistant at the Centre, Miss Empson, a lady who has now been in the service of the Society for 13 years and was specially trained for the work by Mr. Abraham. Acting as his secretary in matters appertaining to the welfare of the deaf and assistant secretary for the general work of the Society. Miss Empson is in attendance at the Centre daily, is thoroughly acquainted with the language of the deaf and fully qualified to deal with urgent cases in the Principal's absence.

Miss Rose Dow (Deaf), the Society's lady visitor, has rendered very useful service during the year. Working amongst her old school chums, with whom she has ever been popular, she is able to wield a most beneficial influence and to place our Principal in a position to be of service where it would be impossible without such intermediate help.

The Committee recognise the Deaf Mutes' Bank as a very important branch of the Society's undertaking and acknowledge the good work of the Society's "exponent of thrift," Mr. R. H. Luff (deaf), the Hon. Manager of the Bank. Mr. G. B. Mortimer (deaf), who has been the Society's Hon. Librarian for 18 years, is still, with his assistants, devoting his evenings to the encouragement of reading amongst our members.

Mr. Arthur Sutherland (deaf) has a magnetic influence with our boys and is an enthusiast in all matters pertaining to sport amongst the deaf. He devotes the whole of his evenings and spare afternoons to the Lacrosse and Cricket Clubs, etc. Of our two lacrosse teams, one gained the premiership and the other "runners up."

The Principal's right hand man is the Hon. Sec. to the Deaf Committee, Mr. J. M. Johnston (deaf). A young man of great promise and deeply concerned in the well being and betterment of his fellows, giving all his spare hours to the secretarial duties of the inner work of the Centre, which is considerable, including its Church, classes, socials, picnics. etc.

THE FARM AND HOME.

To the advantage of direct personal supervision of the deaf child upon leaving school exercised by the staff at the Centre, with its Farm and Home, the Committee have the additional advantage of being in a position to provide for every contingency, every difficulty, mental, moral or physical. Here are housed the aged, infirm, mentally defective and blind deaf mutes. Training given to the mental cases and employment to the temporary out-of-work. Here again the Committee have the advantage of a skilled staff. The Matron is the wife of our Principal and has had almost 30 years experience. The Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Douglas Abraham, was born into the work. Mr. McLellan (deaf), the Overseer, was trained at our Farm.

INMATES

During the year 4 persons have been admitted to the Home and 4 have left, and a total of 84 have benefited by the provisions of the Blackburn Home. Of those who left, one was a mental case from the Royal Park Hospital for the Insane, and, after a stay of six months at our Home, he returned to his mother completely restored; two left to take up employment at good wages; one was a convalescent who had undergone a serious operation and needed rest and is now back at work; and an "irresponsible" who is now back at the Home.

NEW BUILDINGS.

In 1914, the appeal for the completion of the Women's Wing of the Home, issued by Lady Stanley, at the outbreak of the Great War was withdrawn. Since then, so very many appeals have been before the people that the Committee decided to wait; the additions such as lavatory and bath conveniences, a separate diningroom, and covered ways from one building to another, with a small cottage to be used as a hospital became so urgent that the Committee decided to complete the buildings and for this purpose are compelled to absorb the General Building Fund, amounting to £2,465, which, added to a bank overdraft of £1,000, makes a total amount of £3,465. Plans were drawn up by Messrs. Carleton & Carleton, and tenders advertised for. The tender of Mr. F. J. Bellamy (£2,897) was accepted in November last and the Architects were instructed to proceed with the work, which includes (beside those already mentioned) additional bedroom accommodation for both women and men, a hot water service, septic tank system, and other minor alterations, the balance being spent on equipment for these additions. The laying out of the ground has also been entered upon. This work has been kindly undertaken by Mr. G. Brown, late Curator of Melbourne Public Parks and Gardens. The Committee entered upon these necessitous additions in full confidence that when the appeal is issued the funds required to meet the cost entailed will be forthcoming.

A very serious call was made during the year upon the Society's income caused by the demand of the Shire of Nunawading Council for payment of back

rates and interest to the amount of £382, added to this is our law costs of £100, making a total of £482. Fortunately the exceptionally generous subscriptions of the public to the Funds has enabled the Committee to meet this extraordinary item out of the ordinary income for the year.

The Committee would draw attention to the innovation of omitting the printed list of subscriptions. These will now be typed on lists by our office staff, and each collector will carry a copy for inspection of subscribers. This means an annual saving of about £50 in the cost of printing, and we feel sure the economy will meet with the approval of subscribers.

Again we heartily thank Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., for free passes for the whole of the inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with staff and entertainers, for a trip down the Bay, and the following ladies and gentlemen who thoughtfully provided dinner on board, etc., etc.—Messrs. H. V. McKay, A. Whybrow, Jas. Dyer, Geo. Doery, W. M. McPherson, McPherson MacRobertson, Dr. G. A. Syme, Mesdames F. J. Payne, V. M. Christian, Theo. Kitchen, Misses K. Warland, A. Grimwade and E. J. Hearn.

It is with deep regret the Committee record the loss of one of the Society's helpful friends, the Hon. F. Tudor. The late Mr. Tudor was for many years a member of the General Committee and on special occasions rendered signal service to the Society.

It is with pleasure the Board of Management direct the attention of subscribers to the report of the Deaf Committee. Nothing could better illustrate the inner work of the Society and the appreciation of the adult deaf for the advantages and benefits which are made possible by the generosity of the public.

The Committee cannot conclude without again expressing thanks to the public for the very generous support given to the Society, both in gifts of money and kind, also favours accorded to the Collectors.

EXTRACTS FROM THE THIRTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT of the Deaf Committee

*Adopted at Meeting of Deaf Congregation held
Thursday, April 27th, 1922.*

Your Committee, in presenting the 34th Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March, 1922, are pleased in being able to record that progress has been a marked characteristic in every department of the Centre activities.

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee feel that they cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their appreciation of the services rendered, not only in the successful management of the affairs of our Society; but their kindly personal interest and for their presence at our social functions to the deaf, by the gentlemen of the General Board.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Divine services have been conducted every Sunday morning and evening by our Chaplain and his Co-helpers, Messrs. R. H. Luff, F. E. Frewin, A. W. Sutherland, F. Rees, J. M. Johnston and Edwin Johnson. Mr. Cox, Chaplain to the Adelaide Mission, took one night service. There is still room for improvement at the morning service; the attendance at the evening service shows a very good average. The Hospital Sunday services were held on 25th October, 1922, when the sum of £10 was collected. The Church was tastefully and appropriately decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving service (March 19th, 1922). The greater part of the products exhibited coming from our Blackburn Farm, the members of the congregation also contributing liberally, to these our best thanks are offered. All the above services were conducted by our Chaplain. The Gifts were sent to the Homes of Hope for Destitute Children and were gratefully acknowledged by the Matron. Special appeals have also been made in our Church on behalf of the widows and orphans of Mt. Mulligan disaster, (25th Sept., 1921 and 1st October, 1921) when £5 was collected. The Lord's Supper was administered by our Chaplain on four occasions.

BIBLE CLASS.

There have been exceptionally large attendances at our Principal's Thursday evening Bible Classes; they are followed by lecturettes upon topical, historical, educational subjects, and have become a much appreciated feature. For a month, during the summer, Mr. R. H. Luff relieved Mr. Abraham.

COLLECTIONS.

The total amount of the Church offertories for the year reached £58/16/4. In addition to amount already mentioned, the congregation have contributed £4 to the Blind Appeal, Mr. W. P. Muir, acting as collector, and £11/5/9 to Lady Forster's appeal for Stricken Europe, Miss R. Dow taking up the collection on behalf of the Worker's Club.

EDUCATIONAL.

A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent on 23rd August, 1921, when Mr. E. R. Peacock, Vice-President of our Society, gave an illustrated lecture on his travels to Gallipoli and around the Aegean Sea. His lecture was interpreted by our Principal, and there was a good attendance.

RALLIES.

The Quarterly Rallies were as popular as ever. Easter Rally (April 5th, 1921), Masked Fancy Dress Parade (Attendance 125), King's Birthday Rally (June 6th, 1921), Young Folks Carnival (Attendance 195), Principal's Anniversary Rally (Sept. 22nd, 1921), Competitions (Attendance 185), General Board Xmas Rally (Dec. 15th, 1921), Xmas Tree and Festivity (Attendance over 200). As will be seen, the attendance at last year's rallies has broken that of all previous socials, the highest of former years being 176. Our Upper Hall is now quite inadequate to accommodate the crowds and it is hoped that we will not have long to wait for a more commodious hall. Our hearty thanks are tendered to the many members who worked so enthusiastically in bringing success to these popular and homely functions.

SOCIALS.

A Smoke Night and Supper was tendered to the members of the Athletic Club and Men's Guild by our Principal, on 12th August, 1921, when he addressed the members on Sportsmanship and Manners.

GARDEN PARTY.

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. D. Abraham also entertained the deaf and their friends at a Garden Party at Lake Park, Blackburn, on the 11th March, 1922. A most enjoyable time was spent, being largely added to by the attendance of members of the Automobile Club, who brought their cars and gave trips into the neighbouring country. It was estimated that close on 200 were present.

PICNIC.

The Annual Picnic was held at Mordialloc, a popular place with the deaf, on 1st November. 78 persons attended. The weather was not to our liking, being dull and threatening, with occasional showers. After tea, heavy rain set in, which sent us home earlier than we wished.

SATURDAY NIGHTS.

The Social gatherings on Saturday nights are now quite a feature of the Centre, being the most attractive of all the week-night gatherings. The indoor games, chess, draughts, cards, and billiards, especially the latter, are enjoyed to the full, the younger members striving for skill in the various games.

RAMBLERS.

The Rambling Club has lost none of its attractiveness. There is almost always a good muster on ramble days. Some splendid outings were arranged, including a visit to the Botanical Gardens at the invitation of the Director (Mr. Cronin), to the Art Gallery Museum, to the Violet Farm, Rimmington Fern Nurseries, Our Flower Farm, and seaside and country places.

OUR MONTHLY LETTER.

Our Monthly Letter has now been in uninterrupted circulation for 18 years. It is a welcome visitor in every deaf mute home, and not a few homes of the hearing. Donations from 1/- upward amounting to £9/10/7 towards the cost of production have been received and acknowledged with grateful thanks.

LIBRARY.

The Library has been well patronised. Many new gifts of books, magazines, etc., have been received. Thanks were extended to the donors. Mr. G. B. Mortimer has filled the position of librarian for 18 years in succession. His services are appreciated by the Committee and members. He was, during the past year, ably assisted by Messrs. J. Cariss and F. Rees.

MEN'S GUILD.

The report of the Men's Guild shows steady progress in useful work. Sixteen meetings were held. Many splendid lectures were given during the year. A round of socials and picnics were indulged in with much success.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

Your Committee have every reason to be proud of the Athletic Club. Their report shows it to be still in flourishing condition. A second cricket team has been formed, the purpose is to give our numerous young players a chance to make good. Unfortunately neither team made any kind of a show worth recording during the season. The lacrosse teams, however, put up a very good record. The No. 1 team in the Junior A Section put up a determined fight for the premiership honors but failed in the last match by a goal. No. 2 team did better, gaining the honors, the first time since its formation in 1918. The Club is now the proud possessor of a Premiership Pennant, presented by the V.L.A. to the No. 1 team, who won it the previous year. It being the first and only trophy it has, the Club value it highly.

GYMNASIUM.

The General Board has provided some gymnastic apparatus for the use of the members of the Society and it is hoped that they will avail themselves of same.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

It is pleasing to record that the work of the Women's Guild is still going on satisfactorily. Bible Classes, Educational Classes, Lectures, are given in rotation, and are always instructive and enjoyable. Mrs. W. A. Paterson, the President, and Miss D. Hickey, Hon. Sec., take a lively interest in every detail of its work and through their personal interest the meetings have been well attended.

BANK.

Mr. R. H. Luff, the Hon. Manager of the Outing Fund Bank, reports that the Bank has made steady progress during the past 12 months. The amount of deposits for the year amounted to £274/11/5 and the withdrawals totalled £120/19/8, thus leaving a balance of £153/11/9 to the credit of the depositors, which showed an increase of £40 on the previous year.

Thanks are heartily tendered to Mr. H. Luff, the Hon. Manager, for his 14 years continuous care of the affairs of the Bank, also to Mr. G. Mortimer for help rendered to Mr. G. Newnham for auditing. It is hoped that the Bank will increase in prosperity.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.

Miss R. Dow, the Hon. Secretary to the Deaf Workers' Club, reports that the work of the Club is progressing favorably. It has supervised the catering for many of the socials and suppers at the Centre. In December last, the Club, on behalf of the congregation, donated sweets and little luxuries to the inmates of the Blackburn Farm, also to a few deaf invalids. A magnificent response is being made on all sides to the subscription in aid of Lady Forster's Appeal, "Stricken Europe." A sum of £11/5/9 has already been collected.

BIRTHS.

Four children, 1 son and 3 daughters, were born to the members of the congregation during the year. Mr. & Mrs. Sellen, of Moorabbin, a daughter, June 9th, 1921; Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Johnston, of Auburn, a daughter, August 5th, 1921; Mr. & Mrs. H. McKenzie, of Northcote, a daughter, August 30th, 1921; Mr. & Mrs. V. Tyzzer, of Carlton, a son, February 4th, 1921.

MARRIAGES.

Five weddings were celebrated amongst the deaf. These were Mr. N. Webb to Mrs. J. Williams, on May 13th, 1921; Mr. O. Tyzzer to Miss D. M. Kirkpatrick, on July 22nd, 1921, celebrated at our Church; Mr. N. Amos to Miss A. Williams, on August 10th, 1921; Mr. G. Newnham to Miss I. Kennedy, on October 1st, 1921; Mr. A. Tyzzer to Miss A. Stewart, on February 11th, 1922, celebrated at our Church. Best wishes are extended to them for a happy and prosperous future.

OBITUARY.

The Committee record with deep regret the demise of the following persons:—Mrs. J. McLean, on 19th May, 1921; Mr. R. Durham (Ballarat), on 11th July, 1921; Miss N. Ormsby (Sth. Yarra), on 22nd July, 1921; Mrs. Goddard, (Coburg), on Nov. 11th, 1921; Mr. C. Smith (Carlton), on 29th Nov., 1921; Mr. H. Taggart (Maryborough), on 4th Feb., 1922; Mr. Brett, (Wedderburn), on February 1st, 1922. Your Committee tendered the relations in all cases the sincere sympathy of the congregation in their sad bereavement.

IN CONCLUSION.

The Committee desire to tender their grateful thanks to the members for the able assistance rendered by them during the year and trust the same loyalty and cheerful co-operation which exists at present will long continue. It is the earnest hope and prayer of all concerned that the Almighty Benefactor will continue to bless our work and those who assist us.

J. M. Johnston,
Hon. Secretary to
Deaf Committee.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath the sum of £.....
to the Treasurer for the time being of 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.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Dr.	Statement of Assets and Liabilities.	Cr.
	ASSETS	
April 1, 1921, to March 31, 1922.		
To Land and Buildings, Furnishings, Fittings, etc., Flinders Street, Melb.	£5088 11 3	
" Farm and Home Estate Furni- ture, Stock, Improvements, etc., Blackburn, Victoria	14439 9 10	
" Debentures, Bonds, Bank Depo- sits, and cash in hand, etc . . .	2573 12 10	
" Cash owing on Farm Produce at 31st March, 1922	129 12 9	
	2703 5 7	
	£17,142 15 5	
	LIABILITIES	
By Overdraft E. S. & A. Bank		£1246 12 9
" Balance of Assets over Liabilities		15896 2 8
		£17,142 15 5

M. L. MILLER, Assistant Treasurer
19th April, 1922

Examined and found correct.
3-5-1922

JOHN HIGGINS, F.I.C.A., Auditor

Dr.	Receipts and Expenditure—Maintenance Fund for Year ending March 31st, 1922.	Cr.
	RECEIPTS	
April 1, 1921, to March 31, 1922.		
To Balance in Bank of Victoria	£40 0 0	
(Manager's Emergency Account)		
" Balance in E. S. & A. Bank	204 2 4	
" (Society's Maintenance Account)		
	1701 4 6	
	£5956 7 0	
	EXPENDITURE	
By Earnings of Deaf Mute Employees and Travelling. etc., Expenses £1175 6 6		£1175 6 6
" Salaries of Principal and Staff		689 5 0
" Furnishings and Sundries		227 7 2½
		£1864 11 6

" Subscriptions, Donations, Grants, etc.	3813 19 0	
" Special Grants	80 0 0	
" Interest	99 10 3	
" Refunds and Sundries	17 10 11	
" Farm and Home Receipts from all Sources, including Donations as shown under Farm and Home Account	1701 4 6	
" Overdraft E. S. & A. Bank	£5956 7 0	
	1246 12 9	

April 1, 1921, to March 31, 1922

£7,202 19 9

ASSETS.

Advance to Building Fund	£1630 0 0
	£1630 0 0

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Examined and found correct,

" Printing	102 10 0
" Office, Travelling, Stationery and Postage Expenses	81 1 0
" Lighting and Fuel	41 7 7½
" Rates, Insurance, and Telephone Charges	24 0 11
" Relief to Indigent Cases and Ad- vancements	9 7 6
" Grant to Deaf Committee	485 14 3
" Transfer of Interest to other Funds	40 0 0
" Law Case Expenses	32 4 2
" Farm and Home Expenses as shown under Farm and Home Account	100 7 8
" Balance in Bank of Victoria	3000 2 2
(Manager's Emergency Account)	50 0 0
	5572 19 9
" Contract Expenses, Blackburn Additions	1630 0 0
	£7,202 19 9

LIABILITIES.

Bank Overdraft	£1228 16 3
Unpresented Cheques at 31/3/22	17 16 6
Cr. Balance	383 7 8
	£1630 0 0

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3-5-1922

Dr.

Farm and Home Maintenance Account

Cr.

To Sale of Flowers	£1017 1 2	
" Sale of other Produce, etc.	65 7 7	
" Pensions and other Maintenance for Inmates	596 8 9	
" Donations to Farm and Home Maintenance, etc.	22 7 0	
	<u>£1701 4 6</u>	
" Balance from Maintenance Account	1298 17 8	
	<u>£3,000 2 2</u>	

By Wages of Staff and Inmates	£890 13 6
" Pension Allowances to Inmates	123 13 9
" Maintenance and Replacements	833 18 9
" Horse Feed, Stable, etc., Expenses	164 18 1
" Furnishing, Carriage and Sundries	281 7 8
" Seeds, Tools, Plants, Manure, etc.	161 6 9
" Insurance, Telephone Charges and Rates	421 11 3
" Electric Power Charges	27 17 0
" Road Improvement Charge	32 10 5
" Flowers for Contracts	62 5 0
	<u>£3,000 2 2</u>

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Examined and found correct,

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Dr.

Buildings and General Account.

Cr.

To Balance of Funds on 31/3/1921	£1821 1 6	
" Interest	8 12 8	
	<u>£1,829 14 2</u>	

By Balance in Commonwealth Savings Bank, Including Interest	£369 7 5
" Deposit Receipts in E. S. & A. Bank—	
Due March 23, 1923, @ 5 per cent.	£300 0 0
" March 25, 1922, @ 4½ per cent.	100 0 0
" April 11, 1922, @ 4½ per cent.	350 0 0
" Jan. 25, 1924, @ 5 per cent.	200 0 0
" May 23, 1923, @ 5 per cent.	200 0 0
" Dec. 16, 1922, @ 5 per cent.	150 0 0
	<u>£1300 0 0</u>
" Flinders Street Building Account in Commonwealth Savings Bank	160 6 9
	<u>£1,829 14 2</u>

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Women's Wing Account.	
Dr.	Cr.
To Balance in Commonwealth Savings Bank . . . \$49 9 8	By Balance \$51 5 10
" Donations 0 5 0	
" Interest 1 11 2	
	\$51 5 10

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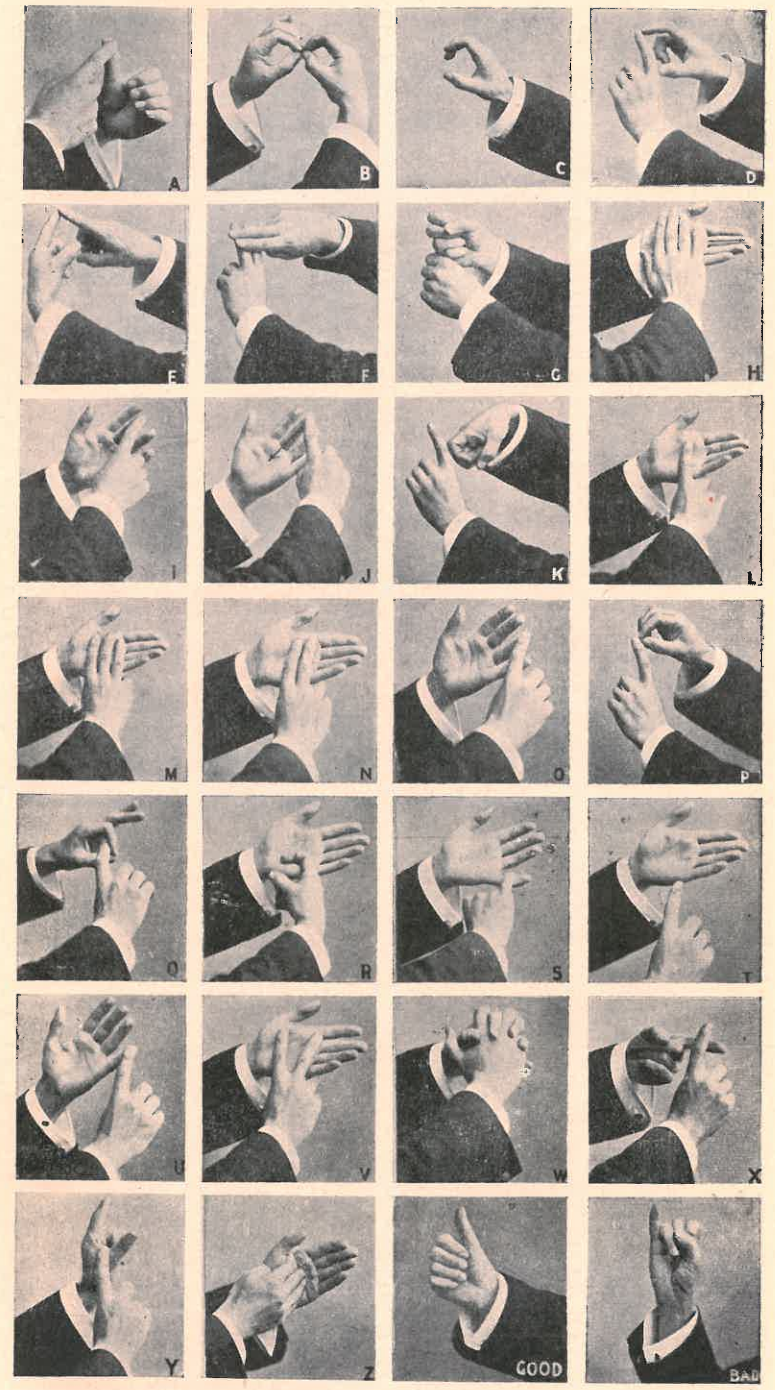
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Trust Account.	
Dr.	Cr.
To Balance of Funds on 31/3/1921	By Balance £606 16 10
Peace Loan Stock, Face Value £390 and Deposit in State Savings Bank £584 16 6	
" Interest 22 0 4	
	£606 16 10

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THE MANUAL ALPHABET



AS USED BY THE DEAF AND DUMB



Blind Deaf and Dumb Inmates of the Blackburn (Vic.) Home conversing on each other's hands.