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ADULT DEAF MUTE CENTRE, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELB. HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOCIETY.

47TH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1931

OF THE

Adult Deaf & 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.

PHONES—ADULT CENTRE: J 1270.

THE HOME: WX 2216



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

This Society is NOT CONNECTED with the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, which is a RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL for Deaf and Dumb Children

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(INCORPORATED)

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Sundays, 7 p.m.—Divine Service in the Finger and Sign Language.

Thursdays, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Lesson.

Holy Communion—January, April, July, October.

Geelong.—Divine Worship and Social, First Tuesday of Month, 7.45 p.m.

Blackburn.—Prayer and Lesson, Sundays, 3 p.m.

For Special Services for the Hearing, interpreted to the Deaf and Dumb, see morning papers.

Congregational Rally—Quarterly.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB CLUB HOUSE JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST

Tuesdays (alternate), 8 p.m.—Men and Women's Guild Meetings.

Thursdays, 8.15 p.m.—Educational, Social.

Fridays, 8 p.m.—Club Committee's night.

Saturdays, 7 p.m.—Saturday Night Socials.

Library, Reading Room, Billiards, Badminton and Club Games, Bank, etc., open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

OFFICE, open daily for advice and assistance, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EMERGENCY CASES, ring W.5440 after 5 p.m.

UNEMPLOYED should register name and address at the office.

MEALS FOR UNEMPLOYED—

Sugar, Tea, Milk and Hot Water provided daily, 12 o'clock to 1 p.m.

CLUBS.—Adult Deaf Cricket Club, Adult Deaf Men's Guild, Adult Deaf Women's Guild, Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club, Adult Deaf Tennis Club, Adult Deaf Workers' Club, Adult Deaf Girls' Hockey Club.

Publications.—“The Victorian Deaf” and “The Deaf Citizen.”

HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE
AND BLIND DEAF MUTES
CENTRAL ROAD, BLACKBURN

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(Incorporated)

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Hon. Secretary: MRS. A. PIPER.

Meeting Place: Rotary Club, Moorabool Street, Geelong,

First Tuesday in Month, 7.45 p.m.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

OF VICTORIA (Incorporated)

MARCH 31st, 1931

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society is not an asylum nor workshop or school for the deaf and dumb. Its objective is to be everything else that makes for the advancement of this severely handicapped section of the community. There are no "asylums" for the deaf and dumb. There are residential schools for children, and organisations, under various names, for service to the adult deaf and dumb.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria is the **only** organisation making provision for the **after school care of the deaf of this State.**

Its great aim is to encourage and assist the adult deaf and dumb people to become independent, self-supporting citizens; working side by side with normal citizens, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs, and discharge all the responsibilities of citizenship.

To accomplish this, the Society endeavours to provide substitutes for the ordinary institutions and agencies at present existing for the spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and social uplift of the normal population of our country, such as the Church, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Charity Organisation Society, Employment Bureau, Homes for Aged and Infirm, and Social Clubs.

In the development of these aims, at Jolimont Square the Society has erected a Church, specially designed for its afflicted charge, who gather all knowledge through the eye, and not as normal people, through the ear. It provides at the same place a Club House for all descriptions of social gatherings. Lectures, lip-reading and improvement classes, Guild meetings, etc., in their own language, library, reading room, billiards, etc. The administrative offices are open daily for advice and assistance, with a residential

officer, acquainted with the varied needs of the deaf, approachable at all times when the office is closed. He also supervises the physical side of the Society's work, helping and advising the Lacrosse, Cricket, Tennis and other Clubs.

The lady Assistant Secretary, who has charge of the office during the day, has spent twenty years with the Society, and attends to the requirements of the women members, taking a personal interest in their every-day life, their Guild, Hockey and other Clubs.

The Principal of the Society is fully qualified to deal with all cases which the Society aims to assist. He is proficient in their language and experienced in methods of treatment and care. His pastoral and personal service is a very important part of the Society's work, embracing cases that, because of their very intimate nature, cannot be recorded here.

There is a tennis court at Jolimont Square, and a recreation ground for Cricket, Lacrosse and Sports at the Society's Home estate at Blackburn.

The deaf have their own bank and little newspaper; these and the various clubs being managed by Deaf Committees, with the Principal as Chairman of the Supervising Committee, which is also composed of deaf members.

Jolimont Square is the Community Centre of the deaf—a little world in itself to these people—for in their Church all the usual functions and festivities of Church life take place. Holy Communion, Divine Service on Sundays, and week-night Prayer Meetings, weddings, baptisms, etc. In the Club House you will find wedding, birthday and other parties and anniversaries being celebrated, besides socials of the various clubs, dances and other parties. Imagine half the normal population of Melbourne being assembled at one gathering, but this is a common occurrence with the deaf and dumb at their periodical rallies.

At Blackburn the Society provides a Home for the Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf, training for the mentally retarded, and shelter for those who, through some other additional affliction to deafness, are unable to earn their own livelihood, as well as temporary board for unemployed who have no homes.

It is not possible to give in a few paragraphs the intricacies of the every-day human problems that the Board of Management and its staff are continually

called upon to unravel. In Victoria is a little community of about 1,000 whose normal difficulties are accentuated by the absence of hearing and speech, and consequently a less developed mentality generally. They are our fellow citizens, and yet, speaking a language we do not understand, are as foreigners, to communicate with whom means patience and time. The deaf community, mainly of the artisan class, includes all sorts and conditions, and embraces all religious beliefs, all degrees of mentality and morality—the good, indifferent and viciously bad. A counterpart in every respect to the general community, with this difference, that where there is evil it is so much more difficult to assess responsibility. With few exceptions, they are of the artisan class, and the main avenue to mental development—hearing—being closed, it is not surprising that they are not as developed intellectually as normal people.

We are in touch with close upon 500 of these people, the majority of whom, in their times of difficulty and trouble, turn to our Society with confidence, one might say with implicit faith, that we can, and will, relieve them of their anxieties.

Many of the problems are vital to the life-long future of the applicants for guidance and help. Here, individual service is rendered and the problem wrestled with until the resources of the Society, and the powers of its staff can do no more. This most important work is supplementary to the ordinary routine and permanent general activities of the Society. Details are inadvisable—to give them would be to betray a confidence, the retaining of which is part of our power to successfully help.

Nothing, however, can better demonstrate what this organisation means to the people for whom it exists than to cite instances where members, having benefited by the Society's operations, have in return given of their best to further its aims and the welfare of their fellow afflicted. Here are three outstanding instances:—

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. He was highly respected and affectionately regarded by deaf and hearing 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. 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 honour that the deaf themselves were able to confer upon him, from Hon. Secretary of various clubs to their President.

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.

We are grateful that he lived to see the consummation of his early labours 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 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, conducted a beautiful Memorial Service, and most feelingly eulogised Mr. Muir's work and love of his fellow men.

MISS ALICE GRAHAM.

Miss Alice Graham, one of our members, is still to the fore with kindly thought for her fellow deaf. For years past Miss Graham has in a quiet, unostentatious 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 by the same lady 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. 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.

The Board of Management feel they cannot sufficiently thank Miss Graham for the splendid help she has rendered. Her thoughtful kindness and timely generosity has brought relief and comfort to many.

MR. S. MOSS.

Mr. Solomon Moss, who passed to a higher life on the 5th March, was the City Collector for our Society for upwards of 25 years, and, during that time, made many friends for us. His smiling face was welcome in many an office, even though it signified a subscription due. He lived a quiet life, spending little on himself. To show how he valued the advantages available to the deaf and dumb through this Society, he bequeathed the whole of his estate to the Society, subject to a few bequests to his friends, and a substantial sum to be spent for immediate relief among those of his fellow deaf who are in need.

His wife pre-deceased him by a few months. Mrs. Moss was the first pupil of the School for the Deaf (Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution), St. Kilda Road, Prahran, and Mr. Moss the fifth. They witnessed many changes for the upliftment of the social status, etc., of the deaf in their long lives, for both were in their eightieth year at the time of their death.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

The financial difficulties of the year just closed gave the Board continuous anxiety. There is a debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont property, which must be met within twelve months, and an overdraft on maintenance of £1373/1/0. With these removed, the Board could, with continued economy, carry on its work and pay its way in existing conditions.

The Board of Management, with the aid of its staff, has cut down expenditure to the point where it would be disastrous to the future of the Society and welfare of the deaf and dumb to further economise.

The Principal and Assistant Secretary volunteered substantial reductions in their salaries and have undertaken additional responsibilities and work. The Missioner has taken over the duties of Hallkeeper and is now acting residential officer at Headquarters. These changes mean, to the officers named, continuous service seven days a week.

INTERPRETING.

Our Principal is greatly aided by the sympathetic consideration of Police Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and officers of the police force upon all occasions. Knowing that he is the best able to advise in the cases of the deaf and dumb that come before

Courts, his advice is always sought, and, where practicable, followed. During the year there have been cases.

SELF-HELP.

Notwithstanding the large number of unemployed, the deaf and dumb people have given the sum of £140 toward 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.

SUBSCRIBERS.

The Board is encouraged by the very generous financial support given to the Society by the public throughout the past distressing year.

Never before, perhaps, have there been so many calls upon the purses of those in a position to give, and never before have people been so willing to give, and to sacrifice self to service. To find that the Society holds a high place in the minds of the benevolent of the State is very gratifying to those carrying on the actual work.

TRADES FOR THE DEAF.

One objective of the near future will be to find some means of securing instruction in a variety of skilled occupations for the deaf, instead of, as at present, mainly two or three.

A scheme is under consideration to further this object. The regular employment of the deaf in skilled trades with a living wage, side by side with normal people and not in special workshops, is fundamentally essential to their welfare in every way.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

In the city and suburbs alone we have over 40 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.

The relief of cases in urgent need and the occupation and assistance of the unemployed has been the first thought of the staff throughout the year. With an overdraft of £1,200 at the bank and expense cut

down to the very plimsol mark, the Committee has not felt justified in adding to the responsibilities of future officers of the Society by the distribution of large sums in charitable relief, and thereby adding to the overdraft.

It has, however, spared no effort in helping its unemployed through other channels, mainly by providing relief-employment on the Society's properties; paying the wages by money generously donated by a deaf lady member, the supplying of a publication and goods for trading. In this way relief to the extent of several hundred pounds has been afforded.

THE BLACKBURN HOME.

THE HOME.

It is very pleasing to be able to report a spirit of mutual understanding and helpfulness on the part of the more intelligent section of our people. The aged and infirm, and even the blind deaf, show sympathetic consideration for the section who are mentally children, on all occasions helping the staff to make them as comfortable and happy as conditions allow.

During the year past there has been little change in the personnel of our afflicted little family at the Home. The continuance of the distressing times and consequent reduction of income has made necessary the exclusion of all cases capable of earning a livelihood or having friends in a position to assist them.

Our new Matron, Miss Russell, who entered upon her duties in February last, is quickly acquiring a knowledge of the unique work she has undertaken, and has already become at home with the inmates, taking a personal interest in each of them.

The Home Committee desires to record its appreciation of the sum of £53, being a grant from the Council of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham to the funds of our Blackburn Farm and Home.

One of the residents of the Home, Mr. G. Akester, has occupied his time throughout the year in renovation work and repairs at the Home, resulting in considerable saving to the funds. This service has been acknowledged by a resolution of the Committee.

There has been no serious case of illness at the Home, though minor ailments have called for frequent attention; the general health of the inmates is good.

The Committee has not been unmindful of the need of attractive little changes for its family; something away from the ordinary routine, and so arranged for Cinema Shows to be held at frequent intervals at the Home, a picnic to Mentone by motor car in November, a trip by car to the Cheltenham Home to see an aged deaf and dumb school mate, and the annual trip down the Bay, all of which were greatly enjoyed. In connection with these special outings, which mean so very much to our folk, the Committee desires to tender grateful thanks to the thoughtful friends who made these treats possible, especially Mrs. A. Vaughan, also Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., who, for many years past, has made possible the happiest day of the year to our inmates. Cars were lent by Cr. A. T. Rose, Messrs. F. R. Crawford, A. Gall and C. Horne-man, for the trip to Cheltenham, and a present of six saddlebag chairs, made by Mrs. Neilson, to all of whom thanks are also tendered.

The Society's open invitation to "Come and See" has been availed of during the year by a number of distinguished visitors, which included the Rev. Absalom Deans, B.A., President of the Council of Churches, and Mrs. Deans, Richard Linton, Esq., M.L.A., Eugene Gorman, Esq., K.C., Mr. W. J. McCaskill, Secretary and Superintendent of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institute (School). Each was a "surprise visit" to see the Home under normal every-day working conditions, and the visitors expressed themselves in very complimentary terms of what they saw.

The Committee deeply regrets to record the death of one of the male inmates, George Vicary, a good swimmer and of inventive mind, who was accidentally drowned in the Lake whilst playing with an empty oil drum. Also the death of Alexander Hull in a motor cycle accident whilst on his way to the Home. He was not an inmate, but had been given temporary employment.

On the 3rd December, Mr. Reuben Myers, of the Life Saving Society, gave a demonstration of life saving at the Home, which was interpreted to the staff and the more intelligent deaf residents.

The Home Committee continues to meet monthly at the Home, and informal visits are also made from time to time by individual members.

THE CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

In the last report the Board reported the Consecration of the site upon which the Society's Church for the Deaf was in course of erection. The Church was duly opened on the 5th June, the Consecration Service being performed by Ven. Archdeacon Hancock. The Rev. Dr. Borland (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church) preached the sermon, and the Rev. W. D. Jackson, of Collins Street Baptist Church, and Rev. H. Crawford, of Collins Street Congregational Church, also took part in the Service. The sanctuary has been most appropriately furnished at a cost of approximately £100, the gift of Miss Alice Graham, a member of the congregation, and other deaf members have already subscribed £140 toward the cost of pews.

Since the opening date the pulpit has been occupied by ministers of most of the denominations in Melbourne. The Services are entirely unsectarian, and the Church is a building in which all worship in unity of spirit, and may be ministered to by representatives of all organised religious bodies.

The Board desires here to give recognition to the Deaf Committee for their valuable service during the past twelve months. Their co-operation in matters pertaining to the deaf has been of great assistance and help in forming decisions. 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.

THANKS.

To Miss Alice Graham, for sanctuary furnishings, for a motor wagon for the use of unemployed deaf and the Society's work generally, for a monthly grant of £25 for relief and relief-employment of deaf and dumb members, for care of Church gardens.

HON. TREASURER.

The Board of Management desire to place on record their appreciation of the splendid help of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, in the interests of this Society. Not only has Mr. Cleveland been untiring in his personal efforts, but has undertaken to have done a large portion of the work connected with the finances, thereby saving a cost of £50 per annum.

To the following firms, who so kindly lent films to be shown at the Centre and our Blackburn Home, for the many enjoyable evenings given: Australian Film Co., Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Co., Universal Film Co., and Commonwealth Film Department.

To the Committee's officers and Society's official, both at Jolimont Square and Blackburn Farm and Home. Dr. Craig and Dr. F. May, for the care and attention they have given to the Home inmates.

To Mr. W. Smith, Curator of Parks and Gardens, for advice and assistance in laying our Church garden.

N. ARMSTRONG,

Chairman.

EXTRACTS FROM
The 43rd Annual Report of the
Deaf Committee

1930 - 1931

To the Members of the Adult Deaf Congregation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee, in submitting for your approval the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March, 1931, hope that you, the Congregation, will express the same satisfaction as has been the case in the previous year, despite the year having been a very trying one, owing to the general business depression.

In an organisation such as this Society, the operations, though varying in extent, are very much the same in character year after year. The needs are the same, so are the methods.

Your Committee feel they cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their hearty appreciation of the services rendered by the hearing members of the General Board, whose aim has been, and is, to further our interests in every possible way.

Religious services have been regularly conducted on Sunday evenings throughout the year. And the Committee express their high appreciation of the services of the following, who kindly conducted special services: June 9th, 1930, The Very Rev. G. E. Aicken; June 22nd, 1930, Rev. A. Deans; June 29th, 1930, Rev. F. Hagenauer; July 6th, 1930, Hon. S. Manger; July 20th, 1930, Rev. W. Albiston; July 27th, 1930, Rev. A. Gifford; October 19th, 1930, Rev. Dr. Strong; December 21st and 28th, Lieut. Col. Olden; January 25th, 1931, Archdeacon Herring. Communion Services were conducted by our Principal in April, The Very Rev. G. E. Aicken in June, Rev. F. Hagenauer in October, and the Principal in January.

An event of great importance to the Congregation took place on the 5th June, 1930, when the new Church was consecrated by Ven. Archdeacon Hancock, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. Borland (Scots' Church), Rev. W. D.

Jackson (Collins Street Baptist Church), and Rev. H. Crawford (Collins Street Congregational Church).

Your Committee record with gratitude their appreciation of the great generosity of Miss A. Graham in defraying the cost of furnishing the Church Rostrium. Individual members have contributed about £144 towards the cost of pews.

At the Hospital Sunday Service the contribution amounted to £12/14/0.

The Church offertory for the year was £68/11/6.

A most impressive and beautiful Memorial Service was conducted by the Principal for the late Mr. John E. Muir, one of the most enthusiastic pioneers of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, on the 19th January, when his unselfish devotion to his work among the Deaf was highly eulogised.

Short Prayer Services of fifteen minutes' duration were held on Thursday evenings in the new Church, followed by social, etc., gatherings in the Club Hall. It is with great pleasure we report that the Men's and Women's Guild meetings have been well attended throughout the year, and many excellent papers and lectures given; and the Workers' Club is still doing good and helpful service.

The various athletic clubs, according to their reports, are still doing satisfactorily, though financially embarrassed.

Last Christmas the Tennis Club held its first Interstate Championship Tournament, which proved very successful and enjoyable. The 1930 Interstate Sports Carnival was postponed until further notice, owing to the acute financial depression amongst the Deaf Clubs of Australia.

There were numerous socials and several picnics held during the year.

The "Victorian Deaf" Magazine has entered upon its second year, and the Committee wish to thank the subscribers for their financial support toward the magazine, and also acknowledge their indebtedness to the late Mr. A. Hull and Mr. R. H. Lambert for editing the magazine.

The Hon. Manager of the Deaf Savings Bank (Mr. J. M. Johnston) reports that during the past year the sum of £701/5/6 was deposited, and the withdrawals

amounted to £765/5/11, together with the balance in hand, 31/3/30, leaves a credit balance of £442/19/2. Our thanks are tendered to Mr. Edgar H. Peacock for auditing, Mr. J. M. Johnston and Mr. J. McLean (Assistant Hon. Manager) for their services during the past year.

BIRTHS.—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Quantock, 22nd April, 1930; a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bladier, 10th September, 1930; a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, 13th September, 1930; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, 3rd October, 1930; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. Walsh, 10th December, 1930.

MARRIAGES.—Miss F. Tyzzer, of Creswick, to Mr. H. Marks (hearing), 21st August, 1930; and Mr. V. Wilson to Miss D. Fairman (hearing), February, 1931.

OBITUARY.—Mrs. Taylor, June, 1930; Mr. A. Hull, accidentally killed in a motor cycle smash at Tunstall, 13th June, 1930; Mr. G. Vicary, 4th October, 1930; Mrs. S. Moss, 17th December, 1930; Mr. J. E. Muir, 17th January, 1931; Mr. A. Halliday, 5th February, 1931; Mrs. Nolan, 17th February, 1931; Mr. S. Moss, 5th March, 1931; Mr. Lindsay, 13th March, 1931.

It is with regret we record the passing of so many of our members. There has been a big toll, especially on the older members.

Your Committee desire to express their appreciation of your confidence in them, and trust that the happy harmony now existing will long continue, and, finally, hope and pray that the Almighty Benefactor will continue to bless our work and those who assist us.

GEO. NEWNHAM,
Hon. Secretary.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (INCORPORATED)

General Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st March, 1931

To Earnings of Deaf Mute Employees and Travelling Expenses	£961	10	11	
" Salaries of Principal and Staff	1433	13	11	
" Office Travelling, Postages, etc.	114	14	11	
" Printing and Stationery	128	8	0	
" Lighting and Fuel	67	11	1	
" Rates, Insurance and Telephone	49	0	3	
" Rent of Administrative Headquarters	250	0	0	
" Relief to Indigent Cases	237	19	3	
" Grants to Deaf Committee	40	0	0	
" Interest on Overdraft, E., S. & A. Bank	74	14	9	
" Repairs	18	5	7	
" Clerical Assistance, Audit Fee and Honorarium	66	5	0	
" Sundries	94	18	8	
" Depreciation on Plant, Furniture, etc.	60	19	9	
	£3,598	2	1	
By Subscriptions	£2721	13	7	
" Deaf Mute Church Collections	68	11	6	
" Special Grants, Bequests, etc.	462	7	10	
	£3252	12	11	
" Balance, Expenditure over Receipts	345	9	2	
	£3,598	2	1	

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
May 22nd, 1931.
Auditor.

Farm and Home Maintenance Account for Year Ended 31st March, 1931

To Wages of Staff and Inmates	£704 17 2		
" Allowances to Inmates	263 16 0		£242 15 11
" Maintenance and Replacements	649 14 1		1262 9 7
" Repairs	11 16 7		60 0 0
" Horse and Poultry Feed, and other Stable Expenses	73 2 2		
" Seeds, Manure, etc.	36 18 2		£1565 5 6
" Sundries	81 9 10		
" Insurance, Rates and Telephone	270 18 4		807 6 10
" Freight and Cases	25 0 4		
" Light and Heating	84 12 5		
" Commission on Sale of Produce	28 11 5		
" Motor Van Expenses	13 8 2		
" Depreciation on Furniture, etc.	128 7 8		
	<u>£2372 12 4</u>		<u>£2372 12 4</u>

By Sale of Produce £242 15 11
 " Maintenance Receipts for Inmates 1262 9 7
 " Donations 60 0 0
 " Balance Expenditure over Income £1565 5 6

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
 L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
 O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
 May 22nd, 1931. Auditor.

**JOLIMONT SQUARE PROPERTY
 Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st March, 1931**

To Rates and Taxes	£119 1 3		
" Repairs	54 10 5		£1007 18 0
" Legal Fees	29 1 6		250 0 0
" Interest on Mortgage	907 10 0		
" Collection Expenses, Cleaning, etc.	83 5 6		
" Insurance	21 5 9		
	<u>£1214 14 5</u>		
" Balance Income over Expenditure	43 3 7		£1257 18 0
	<u>£1257 18 0</u>		<u>£1257 18 0</u>

By Rents from Tenants £1007 18 0
 " Rent of Administrative Quarters 250 0 0

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
 L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
 O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
 May 22nd, 1931. Auditor.

JOLIMONT SQUARE PROPERTY.

Schedule of Assets as at 31st March, 1931

Property, at cost	£25,000	0 0
Improvements	1,332	10 0
Tennis Court	324	17 0
Rents outstanding	42	6 0
	£26,699	13 0
Less Mortgage	£11,000	0 0
„ Interest accrued	192	10 0
	11,192	10 0
	£15,507	3 0

BLACKBURN FARM AND HOME.

Schedule of Assets as at 31st March, 1931

Property, at cost	£10,479	12 11
Stock, Furniture and Improvements (less depreciation)	938	18 10
Amount due for Produce	61	3 11
	£11,479	15 8

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS.

Schedule of Assets as at 31st March, 1931

Furniture (less depreciation)	£222	4 0
Plant (less depreciation)	53	10 0
Cinema, Machines (less depreciation)	22	2 3
	£297	16 3

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

May 22nd, 1931.

Auditor.

General Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1931

LIABILITIES.

Flora Timms' Legacy	£475	16 0
Margaret Flynn's Legacy	400	0 8
"Deaf Citizen" Fund	12	11 8
Miss Graham's Fund for Unemployed Deaf	33	1 0
Chapel Fund	649	19 7
Sundry Creditors	180	11 2
E., S. & A. Bank Overdraft	1373	1 0
General Fund at 31st March, 1930	£25,397	5 0
Add Net Revenue, Jolimont Estate	43	3 7
	£25,440	8 7
Less General Revenue	£345	9 2
Less Farm and Home	807	6 10
	1,152	16 0
	£27,412	13 0

Loan Redemption Fund £105 0 0

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

ASSETS.

Jolimont Square Property, as per Schedule	£15,507	3 0
Blackburn Farm and Home, as per Schedule	11,479	15 8
Administrative Headquarters, as per Schedule	297	16 3
Motor Vehicles for Collector and Deaf Salesmen (less depreciation)	117	2 6
Petty Cash	10	15 7
	£27,412	13 0

E., S. & A. Bank No. 2 Account £105 0 0

Examined and found correct,

O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
May 22nd, 1931.

Auditor.

Chapel Fund as at 31st March, 1931

Fund as at 31st March, 1930	£3744 9 4
Donations	118 4 6
Interest on Investment	20 4 10
	£3882 18 8
Less Loss on Realisation of Investments	22 8 9
Donations towards Cost of Furnishing	£3860 9 11
	213 16 6
	£4074 6 5

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
L. A. CLEVELAND, Hon. Treasurer.

Chapel Building, at cost	£2736 18 0
Chapel Furnishings, at cost	289 9 6
Fixed Deposit, E., S. & A. Bank	390 0 0
Interest accrued	7 19 4
	397 19 4
Balance	£3424 6 10
	649 19 7
	£4074 6 5

Examined and found correct,

O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
May 22nd, 1931. Auditor.

Subscriptions, 1930-1931

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR ANNUAL PICNIC DOWN BAY .. £10 17 6

Municipalities.

Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham (Farm and Home)	£53 0 0	Shire of Tungamah	£1 1 0
City of Melbourne	15 0 0	Shire of Gordon	1 1 0
City of Hawthorn	10 0 0	Shire of Melton	1 1 0
City of Camberwell (Farm and Home)	7 0 0	Shire of Deakin	1 1 0
City of Collingwood	5 0 0	City of Northcote	1 0 0
City of Brunswick	5 0 0	Shire of Bellarine	1 0 0
City of St. Kilda	2 2 0	Shire of Bulla	1 0 0
City of Footscray	2 2 0	Shire of Broadmeadows	1 0 0
City of Ballarat	2 2 0	Shire of Werribee	1 0 0
		Shire of Wimmera	1 0 0
		Borough of Portland	10 6
		Shire of Whittlesea	10 6

Special Grants and Bequests.

Estate of late Jas. Maginnis	£50 0 0	Trustees of late T. J. Sumner	£25 0 0
Trustee of late Alfred Edments	50 0 0	Chas. Bendall, Esq.	10 0 0
Felton Bequests Committee	50 0 0	Helen Gyles Turner Samaritan Fund	10 0 0
Trustees of "Henry Berry" Fund	25 0 0	Joseph Kronheimer Trust	10 0 0
		Estate of late Martha Hannah Lockwood	5 0 0

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEAF TENNIS CLUB	£5 3 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM DEAF AND DUMB MEMBERS	£68 11 6
SPECIAL DONATIONS	£79 16 6
PER LORD MAYOR'S FUND	£39 0 6

Unemployed Relief Fund.

Miss Alice C. Graham	£88 3 0	Employees Andrew Jack	
Miss B. Graham	30 5 0	Dyson Pty. Ltd.	£0 16 0
A. G. Hickling Ltd	3 6 0	Mr. Jas. Ferguson	9 0

LADIES' AUXILIARY (per MRS. A. M. TURNER SHAW) .. £82 4 4

CHURCH FURNISHING FUND £202 16 6

Additional Donations: Miss Alice C. Graham—Rostrum Carpet, Curtains, Brass Vases, also cost of upkeep of Church garden.

The Board of Management much appreciate the kindness of many hotel-keepers, boarding-house proprietors and friends in providing free or at reduced rates accommodation to the Collectors, and herewith extend their thanks for same. For the sake of economy, amounts from each district are acknowledged here. Individual subscribers receive personal receipts.

Country Subscriptions.

COLLECTED BY A. E. STEPHENS.

Alberton	£0 16 6	Nayook	£0 12 6
Boolarra	1 17 3	Neerim and Neerim South	1 2 9
Berwick	15 4	Nilma	7 3
Beaconsfield	7 3	Noojee	9 0
Bunyip	13 6	Pakenham	1 11 6
Dandenong	1 18 9	Port Albert	14 6
Darnum	12 0	Port Franklin	1 0 6
Drouin	1 3 0	Stony Creek	18 6
Foster and District	3 13 5	Trafalgar	3 2 8
Hallam	2 0	Traralgon	7 3 4
Korumburra	9 13 11	Toora and District	4 9 9
Leongatha	12 11 5	Tynong	10 9
Longwarry	1 9 0	Warragul	12 6
Meeniyah	1 14 9	Welshpool	1 11 8
Mirboo North	2 14 0	Welshpool, Port	1 3 7
Moe	1 18 4	Yallourn	6 3 10
Morwell	4 4 7	Yarragon	1 8 7
Nar-Nar-Goon	1 6	Yarram	5 18 6
Narre Warren	7 3	Yinnar	1 1 0

COLLECTED BY R. H. LUFF.

Alberton	£0 19 0	Jerilderie	5 14 3
Albury	14 18 0	Kerrisdale	2 6
Alexandra	2 0 0	Koriella	4 0
Avenel	10 0	Korumburra	11 7 6
Bairnsdale	3 17 10	Kyabram	3 19 6
Baroga	1 4 6	Kyneton	7 4 0
Bayswater	2 13 3	Lang Lang	2 15 0
Beechworth	8 12 6	Leongatha	8 13 9
Belgrave	19 3	Lilydale	2 10 6
Bendigo	47 18 6	Lindenow	14 6
Bentleigh	12 6	Loch	1 0 6
Benalla	12 2 3	Longwood	1 6 0
Boronia	2 6	Maffra	2 3 6
Berrigan and District	10 1 9	Mansfield	5 7 0
Bowman's Forest	1 17 0	McKinnon	2 3
Bright	3 13 6	Meeniyah	2 7 6
Broadford	2 0 0	Mentone	3 8 9
Bruthen	1 18 6	Merrigum	2 0 6
Castlemaine	7 16 3	Mileva	1 12 0
Cheltenham	2 6 4	Mitcham	£2 16 3
Cobram	3 15 6	Moama	1 7 0
Corowa	4 2 6	Moorooduc	1 8 6
Cowes	6 0 9	Mornington	5 5 6
"	5 2 0	Mount Martha	15 0
Croydon	2 19 7	Murchison	2 15 0
Dandenong	7 3 6	Myrtleford	1 15 6
Doncaster	7 4 0	Nagambie	1 12 3
Dookie	18 0	Narrandera	2 11 0
Drouin	10 6	Natimuk	5 9 0
Dromana	1 2 6	Numurkah	5 4 0
Echuca	7 16 3	Nyora	7 0
Ensay	12 6	Nepean	2 18 8
Euroa	4 9 6	Orbost	7 4 10
Eurobin	5 0	"	3 9 8
Fern Tree Gully	19 0	Ovens	5 0
Finley	2 13 6	Paynesville	2 9 6
Flinders	4 14 1	Portsea	2 4 0
Foster	2 2 9	Ringwood	2 9 9
Frankston	4 5 9	Robinwarrah	10 0
Gisborne	13 6	Rosedale	2 3 3
Healesville	4 14 0	Rushworth	2 15 6
Howlong	14 0	Rutherglen	3 2 3

Rye	1 6 0	Trawool	9 0
Sale	12 18 7	Trafalgar	8 6
"	8 8 9	Upwey	13 0
San Remo	11 0	Vermont	16 9
"	2 12 0	Wahgunyah	1 8 6
Sassafras	4 9	Wangaratta	18 15 0
Seymour	11 6 0	Warburton	7 5 6
Shepparton	4 18 3	Warragul	1 11 6
Somerville	1 2 3	Warrandyte	1 15 6
Sorrento	4 6 9	Welshpool	1 13 9
Stratford	2 7 0	Wodonga	3 2 6
"	10 0	Wonthaggi	11 9 1
Tallygaroopna	8 0	Woodend	3 5 6
Tatura	3 7 0	Yarra Junction	1 12 3
Tecoma	14 3	Yarram	5 10 6
Templestowe	2 3 9	Yareck	1 15 7
Tocumwal	2 17 0	Yarrowonga	6 5 0
Tongala	1 13 0	Yea	6 8 9
Toora	1 14 6	Yinnar	2 2 0

COLLECTED BY N. S. WEBB.

Ararat	£8 18 3	Linton	£4 0 6
Avoca	3 4 6	Marnoo	2 2 6
Bacchus Marsh	3 8 3	Maryborough	21 16 9
Ballan	3 7 0	Merino	5 11 9
Ballarat	83 11 0	Mildura	40 0 8
Barham	3 13 6	"	10 12 0
Beaufort	3 7 0	Minyip	12 7 0
Birchip	3 3 6	Mitiamo	1 18 6
Boort	3 13 6	Mortlake	6 10 6
Branxholme	4 17 3	Nhill	5 2 6
Camperdown	14 7 0	Ouyen	5 9 0
Casterton	12 1 3	"	4 13 6
Clunes	3 4 6	Penshurst	5 12 6
Colac	14 7 0	Port Fairy	10 6 6
Coleraine	6 3 6	Portland	15 11 3
Creswick	2 8 0	Pyramid Hill	3 10 3
Daylesford	6 0 6	Quambatook	3 9 0
Dimboola	5 3 6	Queenscliff	6 17 0
Donald	5 1 6	Rainbow	5 6 7
Drysdale and Portarlington	3 0 6	Rupanyup	5 16 6
Geelong	83 1 0	Skipton	3 7 6
Hamilton	25 8 6	Smeaton	19 6
Hopetoun	3 10 6	Stawell	8 19 0
Horsham	11 10 3	Swan Hill	14 11 9
Inglewood	5 17 6	Terang	13 5 6
Jeparit	4 8 10	Ultima	4 0 6
Kaniva	2 9 6	Warracknabeal	8 17 0
Kerang	13 6 6	Warrnambool	28 7 3
Kingston	1 18 6	Werribee	5 5 3
Koondrook	3 16 9	Winchelsea	3 11 6
Koroit	6 3 6		

COLLECTED BY W. TAYLOR.

Alexandra	£3 18 9	St. James	£1 12 6
Avenel	1 11 6	Tallarook	17 0
Benalla	8 3 6	Tungamah	2 17 9
Broadford	4 9 6	Violet Town	3 18 4
Devenish	1 12 0	Wangaratta	2 19 6
Euroa	9 3 0	Yareck	1 0 6
Mansfield	6 1 2	Yarrowonga	7 11 7
Seymour	7 12 10	Yea	5 19 7

Melbourne and Suburbs.

COLLECTED BY A. C. MUIR.
Total amount collected, £443/18/0.

COLLECTED BY W. TAYLOR.
Total amount collected, £238/19/9.

Suburbs of Melbourne.

COLLECTED BY M. G. B. MORTIMER.
Total amount collected, £675/15/1.

COLLECTED BY E. R. NOBLE.
Total amount collected, £41/0/9.

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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.

The Society has a debt of £11,000 on its Jolimont Square property and needs funds for buildings to adequately house its many activities.

Form of Bequest



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

Manual Alphabet as used by the Deaf and Dumb

