

We
Work
in
Silence

*With
Mr. R. F. Sanderson's
Compliments*

*9-13 Leichardt St.
Melbourne*

Have you ever been absorbed in watching and listening to an exciting "Talkie" when suddenly something has gone wrong with the sound track, and the film has gone on in silence? How dull and strange it becomes, unreal and meaningless! That is the atmosphere in which our work is carried on, a world in which the folk, on whose behalf we serve, have to live their lives continually in such an exasperating silence.

These Deaf and Dumb folk appear to lead normal lives, they have the use of their limbs and sight, but they lack two of the most precious things in life, hearing and speech. These tragic losses are not at first noticeable to an outsider, but quickly become very evident to an interested onlooker. Being doubly handicapped they CANNOT HEAR OR SPEAK—the spoken word, music, songs, radio, telephone, "talkies," church services, etc., as we understand them—mean nothing to the Deaf and Dumb until converted into "their" own language and methods.

What is required? What does the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria do?

Shortly stated, the Deaf and Dumb Community needs a place to worship, a place to meet, healthy sport and entertainment facilities, a Home for aged, blind, and infirm, and the means of communication between their group and the hearing and speaking world.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria endeavours to provide these facilities, and to constantly improve them. If you will kindly read the 64th Annual Report, which follows, we believe you will find much to interest you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

17th September, 1948.

In my first year of office as President, I have been enabled to see by closer contact the excellent service given by all those good folk, both hearing and deaf, in the work of the Society. Their efforts must be of intense satisfaction to themselves, and of course, of the greatest benefit to the Deaf and Dumb whom we serve.

During this past year, the result of many years of work has brought about a commencement of alterations and additions at our Blackburn Home, which when finished will add much to the needs and comfort of the afflicted. I trust we will all continue to give service towards these ends.

May I especially thank all our many friends who have assisted the Society, for without them our work would stagnate.

R. F. Sanderson.

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (INCORPORATED)

OFFICE BEARERS, 1947-48

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GEELONG BRANCH

Hon. Secretary: Miss C. MONAHAN

Meeting Place: Free Lending Library, Geelong.

BALLARAT BRANCH

Honorary Superintendent: Mr. H. LUDBROOK

Meeting Place: The Orphanage, Victoria Street, Ballarat

*Deaf and Dumb

Form of Bequest

The following form of bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Society by way of a specific legacy:—

I give to THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, JOLIMONT, the sum of:

.....pounds,.....
 (free of duty) for the general purpose of the Society, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

When a will has been made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit the Society, it will be sufficient if the form below is filled in, duly signed and witnessed as below, and carefully attached to the existing Will.

THIS IS A CODICIL to the last will of me.....
dated.....
 (Name in full) (date of Will)

I give to THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, JOLIMONT, for the general purposes of the Society the sum of:

..... (£.....)
 (words) (figures)

free of Duty, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this.....
 (words)

day of.....19.....

Signed by the Testator as and for a
 Testatrix
 Codicil to his last Will dated.....
 her

(insert date of will)
 in the presence of us, both present at
 the same time, who at his request, and
 her
 in his presence, and in the presence of
 her
 each other, have hereunto set our names
 as witnesses.

(Signature of Testator or
 Testatrix.)

Two witnesses should sign here.

(1).....of.....
(Occupation).....

(2).....of.....
(Occupation).....

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society OF VICTORIA (Incorporated)

It is with pleasure that the Board of Management presents its report on the past year's activities, which has been one of progress in spite of difficulties, increased costs, and Staff shortages.

It is desired to place on record the deep appreciation of the Board of Management of the splendid assistance, both financial and advisory, rendered to the Society by the Charities Board of Victoria through their Inspector, Mr. McVilly, thus making it possible for long-overdue alterations and additions to be carried out at our Homes for Aged and Infirm Adult Deaf and Dumb at Blackburn. Under the heading of "Our Home at Blackburn," these changes are fully referred to at a later stage in this Report.

VISIT OF MISS HELEN KELLER

The outstanding event for the past year was the visit to Australia by the world-famed deaf, dumb, and blind authoress, Miss Helen Keller, accompanied by her gifted companion, Miss Polly Thomson. This visit was sponsored by the Royal Sydney Industrial Blind Institution, and in each State of the Commonwealth committees were formed, representing the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Organisations, to co-ordinate Miss Keller's visit and plan her itinerary.

Under the Chairmanship of this Society's Honorary Director, Mr. C. R. B. James, the Committee for Victoria functioned very smoothly, and the visit by Miss Keller and Miss Thomson to all Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Organisations of this State was a very great pleasure to all who participated in it. A feature of the visit was the splendid Public Meeting in the Melbourne Town Hall, of which our President was Chairman.

Encouragement and hope was given to those of our Citizens who are handicapped, and fresh inspiration and incentive was given to those concerned in endeavouring to ameliorate these handicaps.

In appreciation of the wonderful work which these two ladies have done, your Board recommends that they be elected Life Governors of this Society.

We are pleased to add that the co-ordination for all purposes between this Society and the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution for children is most heartening, and augers well for this section of the community in the future.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

At the Annual Meeting held on 28th October, 1947, Mr. R. F. Sanderson, C.B.E., was elected President of the Society in place of Sir Julius Bruche, K.C.B., C.M.G., who resigned owing to the state of his health. Sir Julius Bruche rendered sterling service to the Society during his term of President since 1939, and will be greatly missed. In recognition of his services presentations were made to him by the Deaf Community and his colleagues on the Board, and he was elected a Life Governor of the Society.

We were also sorry to lose the good services of Mr. G. W. Sweetland, a member of the Board since 1932, who resigned on retiring from active business life.

WHAT ARE THE SOCIETY'S AIMS?

The work of the Society is intended, above everything, to be CONSTRUCTIVE, and to ensure permanent beneficial conditions for the whole of the Deaf and Dumb community. The Board of Management, knowing that there can be no greater achievement on the part of any public organisation than that of bringing about a citizen's realisation of his duty to shoulder his share of the responsibilities of citizenship, is ever alert to provide new facilities for the advancement of the objective.

First, the protection and care of the Deaf and Dumb child when leaving the special State School at the age of sixteen, using every means available to interest it in those aspects of life that really matter, by advice, leadership, and varied educational and social gatherings.

A perusal of this and former reports will reveal the fact that success has been achieved in a great measure. But such distinctively constructive, educational, and social work can only be perfectly accomplished in a perfectly equipped building (specially constructed to meet the peculiar conditions) and an adequate expert staff, the former of which has yet to be acquired.

The remarkable success hitherto obtained in a cramped and unsuitable building fully reveals the great possibilities in a fully equipped Centre.

The handicap of deafness is far greater than is realised by the average citizen. When one is brought to think of hearing as the avenue of knowledge and the only practical avenue of every-day intercourse, and the means by which humanity mainly transacts its business, makes progress and enjoys the social side of life, and that the eye is the only avenue by which the deaf mute can gain a knowledge of the world and his duty in it, then, and then alone, can one visualise the serious nature of the obstacles preventing the Deaf and Dumb from participation in the wonderful possibilities open to the normal man of to-day.

Our Society is faced with the problem of finding substitutes for

the good things that the sense of hearing presents to normal life, and so bring into the lives of the Deaf and Dumb some kind of equivalent for Church, Town Hall, High School, Theatre, Lecture, Concert, and Public Functions, and numerous other attractive features of every-day life that are closed to them.

But, even when we provide the Deaf and Dumb with one all-inclusive Welfare Centre, covering as many of the above factors as can be substituted (which all will admit should be a national responsibility), what can we substitute—

For the voice of loved ones,
For music and song,
For the emotion of national functions,
For wireless, and the telephone,
For talkies?

Take an ordinary every-day life. What incentive have the Deaf and Dumb to rise above their fellows?

There is no star to which they may hitch their waggon. No incentive. Nothing to give them impetus. No glorious objective.

What is life without ambition, the possibilities of attainment, of striving and struggling to reach some ideal, to accomplish, to win through, to achieve something that is magnificent in the eyes of one's fellow men?

Be the Deaf and Dumb man ever so learned, ever so well equipped in knowledge and capabilities, would not his deafness be a positive bar to his appointment as Governor-General, or Chief Justice, or Chief Citizen? No knighthood for him, or coming down to every-day life in office, workshop, and factory, what inducement, what opportunity is there for the deaf mute to rise above the routine of earning sufficient to maintain himself?

He may be the most skilled mechanic in the shop where he is employed, know the work of the various departments better than others, yet what likelihood is there of his being appointed overseer, manager, or one of the directors? His deafness is an insurmountable bar confronting every progressive outlook.

Is it possible to do too much for fellow-men so heavily yoked?

Yet the plea we put forward is simply to give them just those opportunities that may conceivably bring them, in some measure, into line with the rest of humanity. Should this not be an act of national obligation, and not the uncertain possibilities of charity?

The average deaf mute is just an ordinary citizen, terribly handicapped by the loss of hearing, which makes necessary certain substitutes, both in childhood and adult life, for their lost precious sense.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, is an organisation aiming to find substitutes for all the ordinary adult life public facilities, the benefits of which the Deaf and Dumb are prevented from sharing because hearing

is essential to their so doing. Even when all that human effort can do has been done for them—and we are still a very long way from this desired consummation—we are powerless to make up for music, song, the voice of dear ones, social intercourse, telephone, wireless, and public life.

Up to the time of leaving the special State School for the Deaf at the age of sixteen years, Deaf and Dumb youth of both sexes are in every way well cared for by the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, which, in addition to boarding the country pupils, provides training.

It is at this period of their lives, when school routine is finished, the girl and boy, standing alone with the immensity of the future before them, need protection, care, guidance, and loving supervision. For, if left alone, through lack of experience they are liable to spoil the whole of their future.

Unlike the deaf child, the hearing child, upon leaving school, has the option of attending numerous adult classes which, although needed far more, are not available to the deaf child, because the avenue through which that knowledge is gained—the ear—is closed to instruction.

The deaf child, on leaving school, is never on the same grade as the hearing through the loss of those precious early years that, in itself, makes the need of extended education compulsory to enable him or her to participate in the varied forms of business and social life. In adolescence continued training is also a necessary adjunct to help in maintaining physical and mental health.

All sections of thinking people have acknowledged the national importance of the training of our normal youth, and all kinds of plans are being considered, advanced, or are in active operation. Yet nothing is being done for the Deaf and Dumb youths other than the struggling efforts of our Society with its limited resources.

Our youths, as a whole, are capable and anxious to become skilled artisans when given the opportunity, and it is eminently desirable in the interests of the whole community, as well as the Deaf and Dumb themselves, that they should be given the opportunity to become skilled tradesmen and equally good citizens with the normal. It is merely a matter of training.

"DEAF AND DUMB" OR "DEAF"

In referring to the Deaf and Dumb Community we speak collectively of them as "Deaf" and they are thus referred to in this Report.

EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL WELFARE

It is pleasing to once again report that all employable Deaf are in full-time employment. The placement of doubly-handicapped folk such as ours in congenial and suitable occupations is one of

the most important, if not the most important, section of our work. The vocational guidance officer must often act as "go between" as regards employer and would-be employee, and in many cases has to overcome the prejudice of many employers against employing handicapped persons. The majority of employers speak highly of their deaf employees—they are not distracted by noise, they concentrate, and do not waste time in idle chatter. Subject to their disability they are normal people with varying personalities, degrees of skill, ambitions, and aptitudes.

FACILITIES OF THE SOCIETY

The Club House at Jolimont is open daily and is available to the whole of the Deaf and Dumb Community. The services of its experts in social, industrial assistance, interpretation on all things pertaining to the welfare of the deaf, are at its disposal.

Having regard to the isolation and limitations of deafness, the importance of that service individually and collectively to the Community is manifest. The Welfare Superintendent, Women's Welfare Officer and Men's Welfare Officer reside in Jolimont Square, and one or other is always ready to assist in any emergency at any time.

HOSTEL

The Hostel has proved its value by providing a "home" for those of our community who, by distance and in search of companionship with those of their own world, are separated from their families. We now have fourteen residents, and it is hoped that when finance, labour and materials are available, the much larger and all-embracing Hostel can be undertaken. Staff difficulties have been encountered throughout the year, and this has placed a great strain on those concerned with the management of the Hostel.

TALKABOUT

A magazine, "The Deaf Talkabout," is published regularly, and sent to every known deaf person in Victoria, so that even those in remote districts may be kept in touch with their friends, and all matters affecting the deaf.

INTERPRETATION

This branch of the Society's work is most important. In Courts of Law, harm or injustice may occur through the inability of the deaf person to clearly comprehend what is said, unless someone able to communicate fluently with the deaf is present. The services of a competent interpreter is also needed on visits to hospitals, doctors, when seeking employment, at government departments, and at weddings, and funerals. The efficient Welfare Worker to the Deaf and Dumb is the "friend, guide and counsellor" of that community in every emergency.

DEAF COMMITTEE

Representatives from the Deaf community are elected annually, and, under the chairmanship of the Welfare Superintendent, have charge of the social side of the Society's work, which includes lectures, debates, socials, picture nights, dances, and other entertainments. They are also responsible for their own Community Bank, Sports Clubs and the publication of "Talkabout."

SOCIAL WELFARE

Another important section of our work is that of attending to the personal problems of our Deaf members, providing for a liaison with doctors, lawyers, hospitals, government departments, police courts, business firms, and the general public. Many happy functions are held at the Club rooms providing a great avenue of social intercourse so essential to those of the Deaf community. Picture nights, lectures, socials, picnics, are held, being supervised by the Welfare Superintendent assisted by members of the Deaf Committee or various sports clubs.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Divine Service has been held each Sunday and Thursday evening throughout the year. These services have been conducted by the Missioner, assisted on occasions by deaf laymen. On occasions visiting Clergy have given their services, the message being interpreted to the Deaf in the language of Gesture. Special services were held for Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, Harvest Thanksgiving, Anzac Day, all conducted in the language of the deaf—finger-spelling and gesture.

ADELAIDE CONFERENCE

In December, 1947, January, 1948, history was made in deaf work in Australia. Superintendents of the Adult Societies of Australia were present, by invitation, at the Conference convened by the Australian Federation of Teachers of the Deaf. This invitation was warmly appreciated by those in the Adult Deaf world, the discussion being most interesting and informative. This greater co-operation between School and Adult Societies must act in a very beneficial way to the Deaf of Australia. Whilst in Adelaide, the Superintendents of the Adult Societies met, and matters relating to uniform signs, trainees, interstate carnivals, and other items, were discussed. Here again the benefit gained by the Deaf must prove to be considerable.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GUILDS

We have within our organization two Guilds—the Men's Guild and Women's Guild—composed entirely of Deaf persons. These Guilds meet regularly throughout the year, their purpose being to

encourage a desire for learning, and the promoting of good citizenship. It is from the Guilds that we gain our future Deaf Committees, the training in procedure and the confidence gained being of great value. Lectures on a variety of topics; debates; visits to places of interest; all promote good-fellowship and self-expression.

GEELONG BRANCH

Our Geelong Branch has had a very happy year, and meetings conducted by the Welfare Superintendent are held regularly each fourth Tuesday of each month. The outstanding event of the year was the Xmas Rally held at the West Geelong Town Hall, when about 140 members and friends were in attendance. The Branch is fortunate in having the Misses Monahan to assist them in personal problems; their ever-ready willingness to do a kindly service to our deaf folk is much appreciated.

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITATION

This important field of our work has been fully covered during the year. Many visits, with, and on behalf of the Deaf, have been made of a daytime and evening. It can well be imagined the cheer and happiness given to a patient in hospital, when one able to communicate in their own language spends part of the day or evening with them. Guidance and assistance in home matters is given, and appreciated by the deaf persons concerned.

OUR HOME AT BLACKBURN

Modern civilization has brought about wonderful provisions for the dependent hearing population of the State, hospitals, asylums and homes for all sufferers, insane, mentally defective, etc. In the Deaf and Dumb Community, as with the Hearing, there is a relative section similarly afflicted. We have our troubled and grief-stricken little world also—our aged, infirm, and mentally defective and otherwise dependent people—for whom the Society endeavours to make the best provision. We are grateful to the Victorian Government which now contributes the sum of £1,000 per annum as a subsidy to our Homes, but this is the only direct contribution received, the Society relying on voluntary donations and bequests for its work.

It is at Blackburn that we have our Homes for these unfortunate people of all ages and sexes, and we believe that the Society is doing all it can to bring a large measure of brightness and contentment to them. Under the care of the efficient and sympathetic Home Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham, and their Staff, we are endeavouring to make them as happy as is possible, and we extend a cordial invitation to subscribers to visit the Home, and see these people in their happy surroundings.

Our Home at Blackburn has a most comprehensive purpose to fulfil. The Deaf and Dumb Community, unlike their hearing brothers, have not the numbers to justify individual branches for classified afflictions, or states of dependence, therefore our Home is called upon to cater for all Deaf and Dumb who are temporarily or permanently dependent. In the main our patients are multi-afflicted; some are deaf, dumb, and blind; deaf, dumb, and crippled; deaf dumb, and permanently mentally ill; deaf, dumb, and aged; and deaf, dumb, and uneducated. In short, our Home caters for all Deaf and Dumb of both sexes, exempting only permanently bed-ridden and dangerous mental cases.

To clearly conceive the true value of the Home, it is also necessary to bear in mind, that when we use the word Deaf, we mean totally deaf, not just hard-of-hearing. This handicap is overcome to a degree by our normal Deaf, in the use of the Manual language, which is a full and complete method of communication; but, unfortunately, this method is more or less exclusive to the Deaf and Dumb, and is of little use other than in deaf company.

As has already been mentioned, we have at our Home, uneducated, blind, and mentally-ill Deaf and Dumb, who through their additional handicaps are deprived of the standard Manual language, and have had to be taught, in their adult state, on entering our Home, a simple method of Signs, to enable them to express themselves. So elementary has this mode of expression to be, and so many unorthodox, yet self-expressive signs, are invented by our patients, that this particular Sign method, has become understandable only to those resident at the Home. Although this is the case, these patients are in the position to understand, and be understood. Through this mode of expression, our Home becomes not only their Home, but their country, in fact their world.

The Board of Management fully realize this fact and do all in their power to make their little world as happy and congenial as possible, restricting rules and regulations to a minimum; each individual case is carefully studied and specially catered for, and is made to feel an important member amongst their similarly handicapped fellows, for here competition is more even and handicaps are consequently greatly lessened by comparison.

Enjoyable picnics at the seaside and at the zoo, picture nights and other entertainments made possible by our Auxiliary and others have brightened the lot of the Home folk during the year.

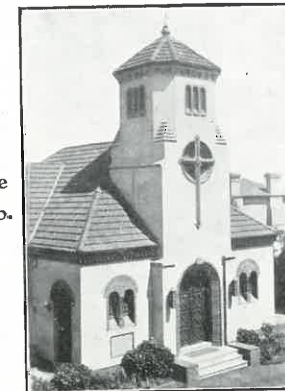
EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO BUILDINGS

Experience over the years has intensified our belief that the feeling of freedom, individuality, privacy, agreeable occupation and recreation play a very important part in the well-being of all residing at the Home, and it is mainly to complete this state that the

SOME OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES :



Adult Deaf and Dumb Social Welfare Centre and Headquarters of the Society, Jolimont, Melbourne East.



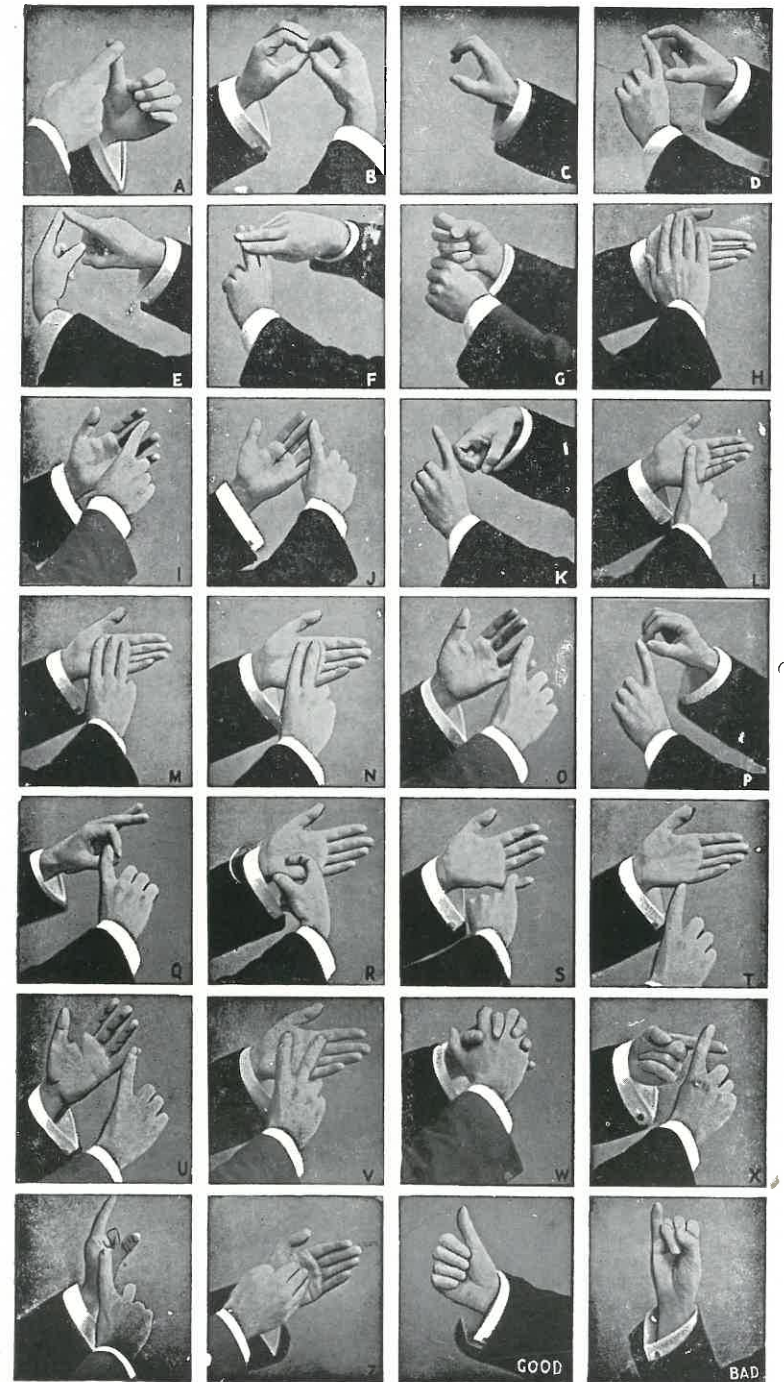
Church for the Deaf and Dumb.

Jolimont, Melbourne East.



Homes for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf Mutes, Blackburn.

Manual Alphabet as used by the Deaf and Dumb



Board of Management is carrying out the extensions and alterations to the buildings.

Single bedrooms will replace dormitories; the recreation and occupational therapy room will be enlarged, brightened and designed as a hall; a cottage converted into a small hospital; a large sun-room provided; private rest and reading-rooms for the aged; new and better heating equipment; covered ways to all buildings; more conveniences, such as bathrooms, ramps to replace steps, and a modern laundry.

As the Home is nearly forty years old, modification was well overdue and when completed will do much to help reach the standard we have for so long wished to attain.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Board of Management desires to record its thanks to the Australian Red Cross Society and to Miss Osborn, the Director of the School of Occupational Therapy, and her helpers, for the setting-up of this work amongst our inmates, and the great interest taken in its progress. This step has given a tremendous uplift to those of our folk able to take part in it, and will increasingly work for their betterment as time goes on.

WARNING

The Public are warned against giving relief, in money or kind, to any beggar, who is, or pretends to be, Deaf and Dumb, but to refer such to the Missioner, by whom the case will be enquired into, and assistance accorded when found deserving.

OBITUARY

Since the close of our financial year we have suffered a great loss by the death of one of our benefactors, Miss Alice Graham, who, for many years past has been a staunch supporter of the Society. Being similarly afflicted, Miss Graham realised the necessity for a Society such as this, and has assisted it financially, especially during the depression years when so many of our folk were unemployed. To her relatives we tender our deepest sympathy.

THANKS

In conclusion we would like to record individually our sincere thanks, and appreciation, to all the good friends of the Society, who, by personal or monetary help, have assisted us during the year, but space precludes us doing so. We ask you, each and all, to accept this expression of our appreciation, and we would like you to know that your great interest in our work has proved a great incentive and encouragement to all connected with the Society.

For and on behalf of the Board of Management,

H. BEDGGOOD, Chairman.

C. R. B. JAMES, Hon. Director.

**SIXTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DEAF COMMITTEE**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your Committee presents the Annual Report of our activities for the year ending June, 1948.

The year just passed has been one of remarkable growth and achievement. At times the work of the Committee has been by no means easy, but the active co-operation of the Deaf Community as a whole has done much to lighten the Committee's labours.

Perhaps the most important event of the year was the visit in April, 1948, of Miss Helen Keller, the famous blind and deaf authoress from America. This was arranged by the various Blind and Deaf and Dumb Organizations of Australia, and was a happening that will long be remembered.

The Divine Services were held each Sunday throughout the year by our Welfare Superintendent and Missioner, Mr. E. A. Reynolds, assisted at times by Mr. J. M. Johnston, and occasionally by Messrs. Blackmore and A. W. Sutherland.

At all our Meetings, Rallies, Socials, etc., we have had steadily increased attendances, the largest of all being on the occasion of the visit of Miss Helen Keller when an estimated crowd of 300 jammed our Hall to suffocation. The four rallies of the year, Christmas, Easter, Show Day and King's Birthday, likewise produced "capacity houses." Indeed, large attendances are rapidly becoming the rule rather than the exception. The Annual Basket Picnic at Blackburn was once again a great success and is now firmly established as a yearly event much looked forward to.

The Men's Guild and Women's Guild continue to flourish, though attendances are not large. The Cricket and Tennis Clubs likewise flourish, though without any spectacular successes. We regret to report that the Lacrosse Club ceased to function owing to lack of recruits, most of the players being eagerly snapped up by hearing clubs, where they have done very well.

The Chess Club has had a poor year, but still carries on. In contrast, the Table Tennis Club has boomed and now has three tables and four teams, to say nothing of casual players. One result of the increased attendance is that we now have something on almost every night in the week. Our Billiard Table has been thoroughly renovated at considerable expense and tournaments are again the order of the day.

Christmas Treat organised by the Women's Guild: A very successful Treat for the children of deaf parents was held on Saturday afternoon, December 13th, 1947, in our Assembly Hall. Members of the Board of Management were in attendance. A Punch and Judy show and magician kept the children entertained.

Largely owing to our shortage of Staff, "Talkabout" has been somewhat irregular in its appearance, but is much enjoyed, notwithstanding, particularly by the country Deaf. Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, March 14th, 1948, when the Church was decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables from the highly successful Flower Show held the previous evening.

The monthly dances continue to draw large crowds, and your Committee feels that mention must be made of the good work done as "M.C." by Mr. F. Bell.

A presentation of a Leather Case from the Deaf of Victoria was made to Mr. H. Bedggood on the occasion of his trip to England. Our Hall was packed to overflowing and many messages of good will were extended to Mr. Bedggood.

During the year, your Committee suffered a severe loss in losing the services of Mr. E. J. L. Bremner who, with Mr. S. Hobson, was Representative on the Deaf Committee. Mr. Bremner, whose advice and assistance on the Committee was highly valued, left on a visit to England. We wish him a speedy return.

In conclusion, your Committee wishes to thank all those who have so generously helped and co-operated in making our Society the happy community it now is.

The Geelong Rally took place on Saturday, December 6th, 1947, and was the most successful on record. Three buses were hired and, including several members of our Board of Management, the number of Melbourne visitors was 90 persons. The usual round of games was arranged after the official opening speeches, but the most popular entertainment was the talking when stored up news of past events gushed forth. The evening passed off all too quickly and soon regretful farewells were said at the close of a most enjoyable evening. Credit must be given to the hosts, the Geelong Deaf, for the skilful way they handled such an influx of visitors.

For and on behalf of the Deaf Committee,

E. R. NOBLE, Hon. Secretary.

ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (Incorporated)

General Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1948.

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| To Staff Salaries | £2,299 4 2 | | |
| " Office Expenses, Postages, Travelling and Car Expenses | | | £8,222 17 10 |
| " Earnings and Travelling Expenses of Deaf and Dumb Employees | 179 5 6 | | 869 10 11 |
| " Printing and Stationery | 2,515 15 8 | | 38 5 5 |
| " Lighting and Fuel | 152 11 5 | | 36 3 0 |
| " Insurance | 86 16 6 | | 548 8 3 |
| " Alterations and Repairs | 69 9 1 | | 8 14 3 |
| " Audit and Accounting Fees | 42 0 0 | | |
| " Rent of Administrative Headquarters | 300 0 0 | | |
| " Employment and Relief of Indigent Cases and Deaf Committee | 251 6 4 | | |
| " Sundries, Petty Cash, etc. | 197 10 6 | | |
| " Depreciation, Furnishings & Plant, Centre - Chapel | 38 18 7 | | |
| " Transfer to Investments Fluctuation Reserve | 500 0 0 | | |
| " Surplus | 3,091 1 11 | | |
| | £9,723 19 8 | | £9,723 19 8 |

Hostel Maintenance Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1948.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| To Wages of Staff | £380 9 6 | | |
| " Maintenance | 637 11 9 | | £1,158 15 0 |
| " Lighting and Fuel | 69 18 2 | | 183 3 3 |
| " Sundries | 71 19 2 | | |
| " Repairs and Replacements | 7 19 9 | | |
| " Rent | 104 0 0 | | |
| " Insurance | 1 14 6 | | |
| " Depreciation | 68 5 5 | | |
| | £1,341 18 3 | | £1,341 18 3 |

Home Maintenance Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1948.

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| To Rates and Insurance | £2,039 6 9 | | |
| " Repairs and Replacements | 212 16 7 | | £2,652 4 8 |
| " Maintenance (Food and Clothing) | 1,162 15 7 | | 126 18 11 |
| " Horse and Poultry Feed | 46 4 4 | | 1,000 0 0 |
| " Seeds, Plants and Manures | 4 11 0 | | 3 16 6 |
| " Sundries, Petty Cash, etc. | 70 0 7 | | 143 1 0 |
| " Insurance | 57 2 9 | | |
| " Travelling Expenses and Freight | 68 5 2 | | |
| " Lighting and Fuel | 162 10 4 | | |
| " Depreciation | 102 8 0 | | |
| | £3,926 1 1 | | £3,926 1 1 |

Jolimont Square Property Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1948.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| To Rates and Insurance | £139 2 4 | | |
| " Repairs and Upkeep | 374 4 9 | | £653 15 2 |
| " Interest on Mortgage | 129 3 9 | | 300 0 0 |
| " Collection Expenses | 6 4 6 | | 104 0 0 |
| " Surplus | 398 19 10 | | |
| | £1,057 15 2 | | £1,057 15 2 |

Summary of Revenue Accounts.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| | | Surplus. | |
| Centre Revenue | £3,091 1 11 | | £183 3 3 |
| Hostel Revenue | — | | 143 1 0 |
| Home Revenue | 398 19 10 | | — |
| Jolimont Square Property | £3,490 1 9 | | £326 4 3 |
| Less Deficiency | 326 4 3 | | — |
| | £3,163 17 6 | | £326 4 3 |

(Sgd.) E. H. PEACOCK,
Hon. Treasurer.

(Sgd.) HENRY F. McCREA,
Secretary.

General Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1948.

| LIABILITIES. | | ASSETS. | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Sundry Creditors | £699 15 7 | Administrative Headquarters— Furniture—Less Depreciation | £50 0 0 |
| E.S. & A. Bank | 1,203 12 1 | Plant—Less Depreciation | 50 0 0 |
| Investment Fluctuation Reserve | 2,000 0 0 | Car—Less Depreciation | 75 0 0 |
| General Fund | £50,729 2 6 | | |
| Add Surplus for Year | 3,163 17 6 | Hostel— | £175 0 0 |
| | 53,893 0 0 | Furnishings—Less Depreciation | 550 0 0 |
| | | Blackburn Home— | |
| | | Property—At cost, less Depreciation | £11,109 6 11 |
| | | Plant & Furniture, less Depreciation | £800 0 0 |
| | | Livestock | 95 6 0 |
| | | Jolimont Square Property— | 12,004 12 11 |
| | | Property—At Cost | |
| | | Chapel Building—At Cost | 26,332 10 0 |
| | | Chapel Furniture, less Depreciation | 130 0 0 |
| | | Investments—At Cost | 2,866 18 0 |
| | | Accrued Interest | £15,693 6 4 |
| | | | 162 0 5 |
| | | Bank— | 15,855 6 9 |
| | | Balance at State Savings Bank | 12 0 0 |
| | | Petty Cash—On Hand | £57,796 7 8 |
| Trust Funds | £12,889 2 2 | | £12,889 2 2 |
| E. H. PEACOCK, Hon. Treasurer. | | (Sgd.) HENRY F. MCCREA, Secretary. | |

I have examined the books and accounts of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Incorporated) for the year ended 30th June, 1948. In my opinion, the above statements, which are correctly made up from the books of the Society, truly set forth its financial condition, its income from all sources, and its expenditure on all accounts. I have verified the securities and obtained Bankers' Certificates with respect to the balances represented by assets in the various statements of accounts and found them to be in order.

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

Subscriptions 1947-48

SPECIAL GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

| | | | |
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| Government Grant to Blackburn Home | £1,000 0 0 | Carlton & United Breweries Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| E. E. Truby Williams Estate | 150 0 0 | R. Collie & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| Miss A. Graham | 97 0 0 | G. S. Colman, Esq. | 5 5 0 |
| F. Pinkerton Estate | 79 11 10 | Cyclone Co. of Aust. Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| Estate James Anderson | 55 0 0 | Wm. Haughton & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| R. F. and Mrs. Sanderson | 52 2 0 | Headwear Pty. Limited | 5 5 0 |
| Henry and Georgina Berry Benevolent Fund | 50 0 0 | Holeproof Limited | 5 5 0 |
| Alfred Felton Bequest | 50 0 0 | Kraft Walker Cheese Co. Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| Estate of late Ada Lomas | 50 0 0 | T. S. Nettlefold & Sons Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 |
| Arthur A. Thomas Trust | 50 0 0 | Swallow & Ariell Limited | 5 5 0 |
| Estate late Miss J. A. Stewart | 40 0 0 | Estate E. M. Traill | 5 0 0 |
| H. L. Bedggood, Esq. | 25 0 0 | Mrs. M. Player | 3 3 0 |
| Melbourne Shook Mills | 25 0 0 | Bedggood & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 2 2 0 |
| E. H. Peacock, Esq. | 25 0 0 | Boy Scouts Assn.—Camberwell District | 2 2 0 |
| A. L. Smith, Esq. | 25 0 0 | Lady Bruche | 2 2 0 |
| I. Trescowthick, Esq. | 25 0 0 | Dawn of Hope Tent, No. 12 | 2 2 0 |
| Estate late Isaac Maynard | 21 6 11 | Latoof & Callil Pty. Ltd. | 2 2 0 |
| Estate late H. E. Dangerfield | 20 0 0 | Mrs. D. Hunter (per Trustees Executors & Agency Co. Ltd.) | 2 2 0 |
| Alfred Edments Estate | 20 0 0 | Millewa Lodge No. 47 | 2 2 0 |
| N. Robertson, Esq. | 20 0 0 | Mrs. D. Muir | 2 2 0 |
| T. J. Sumner Estate | 20 0 0 | Mrs. A. W. Sutherland | 2 2 0 |
| Employees Aust. Cement Ltd., Geelong | 19 11 3 | Mrs. W. J. Trescowthick | 2 2 0 |
| C. McKirdy, Esq., Concert | 15 0 0 | Mrs. R. Williams | 2 2 0 |
| Estate C. L. M. Koenig (per Equity Trustees) | 11 15 0 | Wiltshire File Co. Pty. Ltd. | 2 2 0 |
| City Bowling Club, North Melbourne | 10 10 0 | E. Mealy, Esq. | 2 0 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. G. Fleming | 10 10 0 | N. C. Stephenson, Esq. | 2 0 0 |
| John Langley Pty. Ltd. | 10 10 0 | Acanthus Lodge | 1 1 0 |
| Stokes & Sons Pty. Ltd. | 10 10 0 | Miss H. Bowie | 1 1 0 |
| J. Baxter, Esq. | 10 0 0 | Boy Scouts Assn.—Merlynston | 1 1 0 |
| Mrs. E. Bird | 10 0 0 | Erskine House Social Committee | 1 1 0 |
| Cottman & Company | 10 0 0 | S. F. Hedgeland, Esq. | 1 1 0 |
| C. L. Forest Trust | 10 0 0 | W. E. Hooper, Esq. | 1 1 0 |
| Estate late J. Guthrie | 10 0 0 | J. T. Picken Welfare Club | 1 1 0 |
| Mrs. F. Wilson | 10 0 0 | T. J. Riley, Esq. | 1 1 0 |
| J. J. McGrath (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. | 10 0 0 | Robert Reid & Co. Ltd. | 1 1 0 |
| J. R. McKenzie, Esq. | 10 0 0 | Woolamai Lodge | 1 1 0 |
| Nicholas Pty. Ltd. | 10 0 0 | Anonymous | 1 0 0 |
| H. G. Turner Trust | 10 0 0 | M. Haughn, Esq. | 1 0 0 |
| Estate late Mrs. W. Linke | 10 0 0 | Mrs. E. J. Mead | 1 0 0 |
| Yoffa Hosiery Mills Ltd. | 10 0 0 | Mrs. A. Miller | 0 15 0 |
| Younger Set, Kilmore Country Women's Association | 10 0 0 | "A.D.H." | 0 10 0 |
| Argus & Australasian Ltd. | 5 5 0 | "God is Love" | 0 10 0 |
| British U.S.M. Co. of Aust. Pty. Ltd. | 5 5 0 | | |
| Buckley & Nunn Limited | 5 5 0 | | |

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

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|---|----------|--|-------|
| General Fund Distribution (Blackburn Home) | £47 4 10 | Metropolitan Gas Company | 2 2 0 |
| Box Collection | 7 0 11 | National Bank of Aust. Ltd. | 2 2 0 |
| J. R. Shutt, Esq. | 10 0 0 | McPhersons Ltd. | 2 0 0 |
| Imperial Chemical Industries of Aust. & New Zealand | 5 0 0 | Australian Estates Co. Ltd. | 1 5 0 |
| Keep Bros. & Wood Pty. Ltd. | 3 3 0 | Aust. Mercantile Land and Finance Co. Ltd. | 1 1 0 |
| Sidney Cooke Ltd. | 3 3 0 | Andrew Jack Dyson & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 1 1 0 |
| Flower Day Appeal Allocation | 2 5 10 | Gippsland & Northern Co-op. Co. Ltd. | 1 1 0 |
| Commercial Travellers' Assn. | 2 2 0 | | |

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| Gordon & Gotch (A/sia) Ltd. | 1 1 0 | G. N. Raymond Pty. Ltd. . . | 1 1 0 |
| Haigh Bros. | 1 1 0 | A. J. Shepherd, Esq. | 1 1 0 |
| London Stores Ltd. | 1 1 0 | Swallow & Ariell Ltd. | 1 1 0 |
| Michaelis, Hallenstein & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 1 1 0 | Nycander & Co. Pty. Ltd. . . | 1 1 0 |
| H. V. McKay Massey Harris Pty. Ltd. | 1 1 0 | Bell & Valentine Pty. Ltd. . . | 1 0 0 |
| New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd. | 1 1 0 | J. Kitchen & Sons Pty. Ltd. | 1 0 0 |
| | | Melbourne Textile & Knitting Co. Pty. Ltd. | 1 0 0 |
| | | Currie & Richards Pty. Ltd. | 0 10 6 |
| | | Moran & Cato Pty. Ltd. . . | 0 10 6 |

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|---|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
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| City of Camberwell | 10 0 0 | Shire of Kerang | 1 1 0 |
| City of Hawthorn (per Lord Mayor's Fund) | 10 0 0 | Shire of Kyneton | 1 1 0 |
| City of Box Hill (per Lord Mayor's Fund) | 6 6 0 | Shire of Lexton | 1 1 0 |
| City of Brighton | 5 0 0 | Shire of Melton | 1 1 0 |
| City of Brunswick | 5 0 0 | Shire of Mornington | 1 1 0 |
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| City of Sandringham | 2 2 0 | Shire of Stawell | 1 1 0 |
| City of St. Kilda | 2 2 0 | Shire of Tullaroop | 1 1 0 |
| City of Mildura | 2 0 0 | Shire of Tungamah | 1 1 0 |
| City of Ballarat | 1 0 0 | Shire of Wodonga | 1 1 0 |
| City of Northcote (per Lord Mayor's Fund) | 1 0 0 | Shire of Yackandandah | 1 1 0 |
| City of Williamstown | 1 0 0 | Shire of Bellarine | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Korumburra | 3 0 0 | Shire of Broadmeadows | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Ararat | 1 1 0 | Shire of Colac | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Barrabool | 1 1 0 | Shire of Rochester | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Benalla | 1 1 0 | Shire of Werribee | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Bet Bet | 1 1 0 | Shire of Wimmera | 1 0 0 |
| Shire of Cohuna | 1 1 0 | Shire of Whittlesea | 10 6 |
| Shire of Donald | 1 1 0 | Shire of Bulla | 10 0 |
| | | Borough of Shepparton | 2 0 0 |
| | | Borough of Wangaratta | 1 1 0 |
| | | Borough of Wonthaggi | 1 0 0 |
| | | Borough of Portland | 0 10 6 |

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