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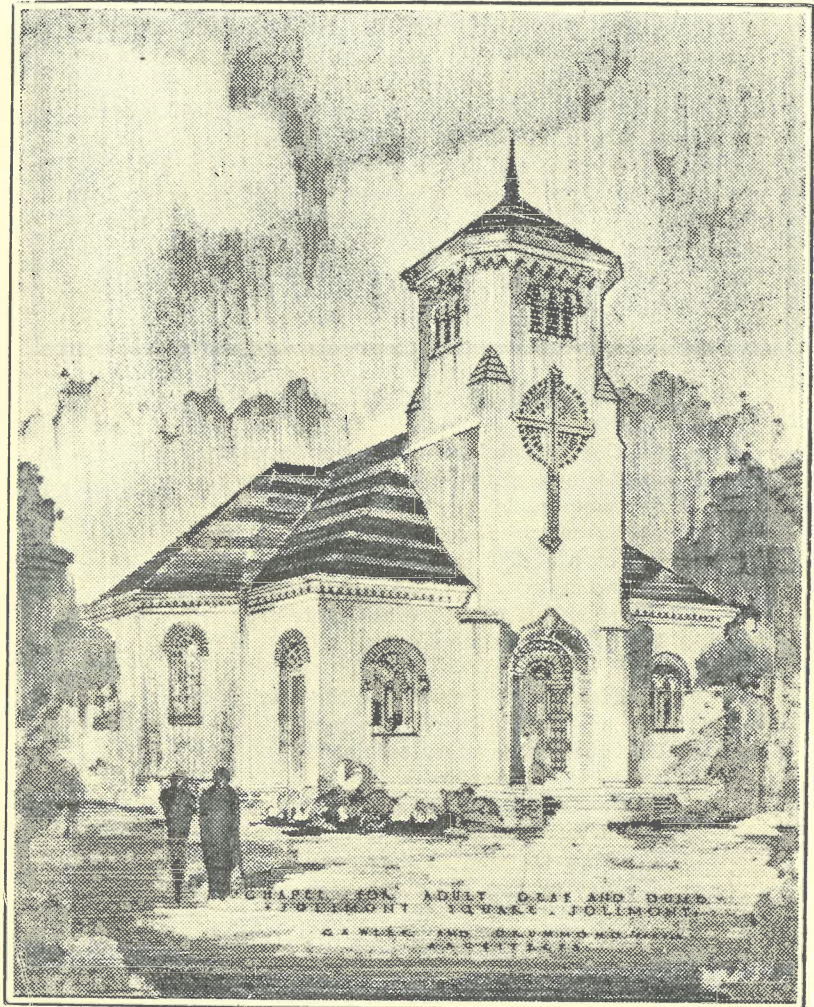
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is the operation of ordinary human nature, which so often out in the world uses the helplessness of others to advance its own interests or else ruthlessly passes by the human right of those less favored as to opportunity.

But the education of the deaf at least in Australia is not committed to those who have low ideals of character and conduct.

There may be occasional exceptions, but we feel sure they are exceptions.

Now as the educators and warm friends of the deaf are, as a rule, very high-minded people, it is evident that the deaf must themselves be exceptionally high-minded to be always able to see and understand these friends aright.

DISCRIMINATION.

An official of our society said recently: "I have always said that the deaf are like hearing people." BUT IT IS NOT TRUE. The deaf rightly aspire to be like and thought like hearing people. But what kind of hearing people? This is a large world and there are many kinds of people in it. There are many worlds within this world of ours.

The deaf mostly form their ideas of hearing people from the kind whom they come most in contact.

Deaf people must never get away from the fact that they are surely handicapped to this extent, that to attain unto the same degree of excellence as does a hearing person in the same environment they must necessarily put forth more effort provided, of course, that natural talent and hereditary influences are equal to start with. The sum total of the repeated opportunities to learn presented to the hearing on every hand, based on the simple fact that they can hear, must be made up by the deaf in aggressive efforts to learn now while it is true that the intelligent deaf person shut up in his study will forge far ahead of the mentally idle or indolent among the hearing who live on a lower thought plane, it is not that phase of the subject that we are considering, but the inevitable handicap imposed by deafness where all opportunities are equal except the ability to hear. So is it not an evidence of modesty and sense on the part of the deaf to be ever on the alert to learn more, if not from their hearing colleagues, at least from the same fount at which they drink, or better ones. What! Better ones? Yes, better ones, if possible. Have we not learned, too, this other tendency in human nature, to underrate where one belongs to a less favored class, as that excellence cannot be seen and acknowledged unless it is very superior excellence indeed.

He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with the other; but he that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.—Bacon.

HAVE YOU READ?

Two books, "The King's Legacy" and "For Prince Charlie," which should be widely read, have just been published in England by the Sheldon Press (price 3/6 net). The authoress of these two books respectively is Miss Katie Whitehead (now Mrs. Selwyn Oxley), the wife of a well known friend of the deaf. We shall endeavor to secure the two of these novels, which contain references to some deaf, for the benefit of our Australian deaf.

Mr. A. J. Wilson, well known to the English deaf, and a recent popular visitor to Australia, has just published a neat little booklet entitled "Australia To-day" from a visitor's point of view. It is largely a diary of the writer's experiences during a visit to Australia. It is well written, beautifully printed, and instructive reading for the ordinary book-lover. We have already written for a few more of these booklets, one of which will be shortly laid on the library table.

The 15th April issue of the "Woman's Journal" contained a most helpful article entitled "Living With the Deaf," which afforded the hearing reader some insight into the life of the deaf.

THE CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION.

Principal L. P. Jacks, a leading educationalist in England, pleads for continuity in education. "We are pleading," he writes in an English periodical, "for lastingness, for continuity. We are pleading that education shall no longer be treated as an episode, limited to the few years while the pupil is at school or college, but as a life-long progress that goes on, that continues, to the farthest limits of adult activity."

Are we excluded from improvement? This most interesting point of thought will be left to you and will be found in the Silent Messenger of April issue.

PERSONAL.

We thank the Archbishop of Melbourne, who is on his way to the Lambeth Conference by the "Jervis Bay," for his very touching message of remembrance, sent to our Centre from the sea. He evidently remembered the existence of the deaf by referring to his "friends" at the Jolimont Centre. For the use of this kind expression from a very human heart we sincerely thank His Grace, and wish him a good voyage and hope that with the blessing of God, that the Conference will be a successful one. We look very much forward to his promise of an occasional sermon in our new church.

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The younger set of deaf ladies organised a party to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Emma Reade, at the Deaf Centre on Saturday evening, 5th April. The guests did full justice to the occasion. Many novel games helped greatly to the success of a very pleasant evening, which was terminated by a very dainty supper. Miss Reade was the recipient of many lovely presents.

PERSONAL (continued).

Special towels for the Women's Hospital being sorely needed, Mrs. G. H. Hawkins had the happy idea of a towel shower nicely camouflaged as a musical "at home" at her residence, Danara, Beaver Street, East Malvern, in connection with the East Malvern Branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Hawkins is a member. Over one hundred guests gathered in the reception rooms, charmingly decorated in tones of mauve and rose color, Easter daisies, roses, phlox and dahlias. The excellent musical programme was contributed by Mesdames Victor Trotman, Colin McNutt, Bert Sauvage, and Misses Myrtle Walscott, E. Walker, Lina Virgona and Marjorie Cardwell. The hostess, who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Gwen Hawkins, had the satisfaction of handing in about 150 towels, and in addition a sum of money realised by selling the cakes left over from the dainty tea provided by her.—"Table Talk," April 24, 1930.

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A well-known social service worker, out East Malvern way is Mrs. G. Hawkins, who is ever ready to lend her pretty home in Beaver Street in the cause of charity. She has done much good for the Children's Hospital and in recognition of this, last year she was elected a life governor. She does not confine all her energy to the children, but also finds time to do splendid work in the interests of the women, and is a prominent member of the East Malvern branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary.—"Table Talk," May 8, 1930.

A HOUSE PARTY.

Miss Gwen Hawkins held a very enjoyable evening at her home on Saturday evening, May 17, the proceeds of which went towards the funds of the Sports Carnival. Various games were indulged in by about fifty people who were present.

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Miss M. Gibson was one of the exhibitors at the Victorian Small Dog Club Open Parade, held at the Amateur Sports Grounds on 5th April. Miss Gibson's Orange Sable Pomeranian was awarded a first prize in the Novice Class. It was the first time Miss Gibson had her dog exhibited. Miss Gibson again exhibited her dog at the Pomeranian and Pekingese Club Open Parade at Wirths' Park on 26th April. Her dog was awarded a second prize in the Junior Class, but after a protest from an exhibitor in the same class the second prize was forfeited and a third award was given.

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Mrs. G. Damman, a "Dodge" car owner of Warburton, has been successful in obtaining her driver's licence, being the second woman of our circle to qualify. Mrs. J. Muir, also of Warburton, being the first to gain this distinction.

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Miss D. Hickey is back again after her two months' holiday in Western Australia.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. W. Chapman, our blind and deaf friend and subscriber, writes through Mrs. Gladman, appreciating the general tone of "The Victorian Deaf." Some parts he liked so well that he asked Mrs. Gladman to translate it into braille.

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Mr. J. Boortz decided to spend his annual leave in Sydney. Accompanied by Mrs. Boortz, a very pleasant holiday was spent.

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Word came to hand that Mr. R. White met with a very nasty accident whilst riding his motor-cycle to work one very foggy morning recently. Failing to notice a barrier across a roadway in course of construction he collided with the barrier, injuring himself severely. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Bert Hague is ever ready to send news and keeps in touch with the Hon. Editor. He is now on the Perth Road construction and sends his kind regards to all, and would like someone to correspond with.

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Mr. W. Grant, of Myrtleford, was in Melbourne during the last week of April. He came down on his motor cycle, which, he said, was very economical. He was having a spell after a strenuous time at hop picking at the far-famed hop fields of Panlook's, Bright.

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Mr. R. Jose has returned to Melbourne after working for some months in Bendigo.

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Mr. W. O'Bryan has gone north looking for employment, registered himself for pine plantation work, being hopeful of securing an early start. He sends his best wishes to all the Melbourne folks. He was sorry to learn that our lacrosse team was graded in "B" section, and trusts the young players will acquit themselves well.

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Since our last issue we have had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with Mr. T. Tonkins, of Bendigo; Mr. A. Collins, of Neerim Junction; Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton; Miss G. Caldwell, of Ballarat; and Mr. W. Rees, who regrets that time did not permit him to see all his old friends.

LECTURE.

Czecho-Slovakia was the subject of a most interesting lecture given at a weekly lecturette evening on Thursday, 10th April. During the course of the lecture it was explained how our president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., whose photograph was published in the last issue, was appointed Consul for Victoria for this new nation declared as an independent nation on the termination of the Great War. It was mentioned, that through Mr. Peacock's eloquent lecture on "Business Methods" at the Prague University, the Government of Czecho-Slovakia invited him to act as their Consul in Victoria. He accepted, and still holds that position.

OUR SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

According to the report submitted at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria on Wednesday, 21st May, the past year has been one of exceptional anxiety for the Board of Management, both in finding work for the unemployed deaf and in the falling off of subscriptions and the heavy cost of maintaining the Jolimont property.

Mr. E. R. Peacock, president, invited the Lord Mayor, who is patron of the society, to preside. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chairman said that there was still a debt of £11,000 on the Jolimont property, and the vendors were pressing for immediate payment. The society had met the Premier and asked for a Government guarantee to tide it over the present difficult period, and they anticipated a satisfactory reply.

Rev. A. Penry Evans gave a short address, which was interpreted for the deaf by Mr. E. D. J. Abraham. Mr. Evans said any community which refused to help those of its members who were physically afflicted would be denying its human heritage and would become sub-civilised. The society made no apology for pressing the claims of its work upon the public, and no member could better serve the society than by begging in its cause. He commended the extension from Flinders Street to Jolimont and the society's excellent work in attending to the immediate needs of its afflicted charges to the fullest possible extent.—"The Age," 22/5/30.

According to the above report of the board of management, held on Wednesday, 21st May, we view with alarm the results of the financial year. We earnestly hope that they will be able to find means for further economy during the next year. In the event of their doing so, we hope that all our members will give them every support to the best of their ability.

THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a small attendance of members of the congregation on 24th April, when the forty-second annual general meeting of the congregation was held. Mr. Abraham presided, and, in the course of his address, referred to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, brought out by the general trade depression, the Deaf community were experiencing. He also spoke concerning the building of the new church. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follow:—Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Newnham; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. McLean; committee, Messrs. F. Frewin, G. Mortimer, R. Lambert, H. Puddy, A. Hull, E. Johnson, W. Ashby and L. Sutton. Messrs. F. Frewin, G. Newnham and J. McLean were elected representatives to attend the general board meetings during the new year.

YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

Items re the Young Men's Guild have not come to hand yet, and will, therefore, be out of date for the next issue. Any matter for insertion should be sent to the Hon. Editor by the 15th of each preceding month of each issue.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 8, Miss Mabel Dow entertained the meeting of the Young Women's Guild to an instructive address entitled "Doing the Right Thing."

On the following Tuesday, May 13, the Women's Guild held its twenty-ninth annual meeting. Thirty-two new members were enrolled during the year, an increase of eight from last year's roll. Their enthusiasm is as keen as ever. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters (re-election); vice-president, Miss Empson (re-elected); hon. secretary, Miss M. Dow; hon. treasurer, Miss A. Smith. The following ladies were elected to the Committee:—Mesdames Frewin, Misses R. Dow, D. Hickey, E. O'Gorman, and B. Heggie. The next Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th June, at 8 p.m.

CINEMA SHOWS.

On Wednesday evening, 2nd April, the staff and inmates of the Blackburn Farm and Home were treated to a cinema picture show depicting scenes of the laying of the foundation stone of our new church at Jolimont Square, and also the garden party celebration held recently. Both of the scenes were very clear and distinct. The above show was augmented with a film kindly loaned by the Universal Film Co., entitled "The Body Punch," which was both humorous and exciting. The inmates appreciated this show and hoped that a regular xture could be arranged in future.

On Wednesday, 30th April, another cinema picture show was held at the Blackburn Home, which was much enjoyed. The titles of pictures shown were:—"Wild Cat Hetty," a comedy, loaned by the Australasian Film Co., and the Commonwealth Government "Know Your Own Country" series—"An Up-to-date Australian Poultry Farm," "The Romance of Cattle Raising," "Australia's Winter Playground," and "Jenolan Caves."

The above films were shown at our Centre on the following night after the usual Scripture lesson and lecturette.

A further screening of "Know Your Own Country" films was made at the Centre on 8th May, which were as follow:—"The Timber Industry," "His Majesty the Merino," "Cotton Growing," "Hawkesbury Collège," "Launceston," "Hobart" and "River Derwent and New Norfolk." These same pictures will be shown at the Blackburn Home at a later date.

TENNIS CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Adult Deaf Tennis Club was held on the evening of 10th April, when the annual report, which showed steady progress, and the balance-sheet, showing a surplus of £6, to carry forward after handing over £30 to the society as part payment on cost of court, were read and confirmed. The election of office-bearers were as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; vice-president, Miss E. Stephens, Messrs. G. Mortimer and G. Newnham; hon. treasurer, Miss M. Dow; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Puddy; committee, Misses L. Sanders and B. Higgie, and Messrs. J. Leber and J. Dickenson.

SPORTS CARNIVAL SOCIAL.

On April Fools' Day, under the auspices of the Carnival Council, we held a successful social evening. Paper competitions were the chief features. Results, Mr. D. Ashby, most original paper hat; Miss Phyllis Johnston, prettiest paper apron; and Mr. H. Puddy (chef), white hat and apron, carrying frying pan with imitation of an egg in it, all made of paper. He won the first prize for the funniest make-up.

Another carnival social was held on 6th May. Games and prizes were the features of the evening.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The opening of the present season found our club graded in the "B" section with a very fine bunch of new players, and judging by the form displayed at each match it seems likely that our opponents are going to have a hard struggle to lower our colors.

Mr. L. Sutton was elected as captain of the team, and Mr. V. Wilson as vice-captain. These two players have a great understanding among the new boys, which is the outcome of a splendid team-work.

On May 3 we met our Malvern rivals and played a draw, each side netting 7 goals each. May 17 saw us matched against Camberwell, and playing together much better than the previous match, we managed to run up a big score of 19 goals to 10.

On May 24 we played another drawn game against the improved High School Old Boys' team, each side ending the net 14 times.

Teachers' College team were our opponents on May 31, and after an eventful first quarter, we ran all over them, turning out winners by 15 goals to 4.

It is pleasant to see Mr. W. Anderson stationed at first home after having been our goalkeeper for more than ten years. He is at present our leading goal-thrower, with 23 goals to his credit.

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Early in April, Mr. A. Hatley, of Terang, was with us, accompanied by his father, who was on business bent. On the Saturday, he took the opportunity to take a practice run with our lacrosse boys and he showed no loss of his old-time form. He regretted very much that he is not staying in Melbourne to have the chance of being one of the players in the forthcoming competitions.

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WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

There are four things that never come back. 1, The spoken word. 2, The sped arrow. 3, The past life. 4, The lost opportunity.

1. The spoken word.—We have all at some time spoken a word which we wish we had left unsaid. Perhaps we were vexed and spoke thoughtlessly. Then next moment, we see the hurt expression on the face of the person spoken to. How we wish we had not said that word. Yet no power on earth can take it back. We can apologise and so soften the hurt. But still the memory lingers. The spoken word never comes back. Then let us try and guard our thoughts and words, so that we will have as little as possible to regret when we look back and think of all the words we have said.

2. The sped arrow.—This means an arrow shot from a bow. It also means unkind words and uncharitable deeds and thoughts. An arrow once sped may wound fatally. So may an unkind and uncharitable word or deed wound our friends so much that it kills their faith and trust in us. Let us then try to speed arrows of love, kindness and charity to all around us. How much nicer, when we are old, sitting by our firesides, and thinking of old times, would it be to know we had tried and done all we could to make the world better and brighter by sending out arrows full of love and kindness.

3. The past life.—We would all like to live our lives over again. Some will say, how differently I would live? I would not do this or that. I am sure I would do better and live a better life. But that can never be. No one can live his or her life over again. No matter how many mistakes we make, no matter how much wrong we may have done in our past, cannot be altered. But we can begin now and profit by all the mistakes we have made in the past, and when we see ourselves slipping into the old bad habits, stop and think. That same mistakes led me into trouble and sorrow. So I won't do it again. Thus we can strengthen our character. You know, if a child once burns his finger, he is very careful not to go near the fire again, and he profits by his mistake.

4. The lost opportunity. We have all had lost opportunities. The opportunity for doing something comes but once. We are seldom given a second opportunity. So many things that if done in the right time and right place would lead to much happiness. Yet for the want of a little forethought have been lost for ever. Whenever you see the opportunity to do good, grasp it. Don't let it slip by and say I'll do it to-morrow or the next day. Do it now, before the opportunity slips by, and don't wait for something to turn up, but make opportunities for yourselves, look around and see what you can do to help and to make others happy; for in making others happy, you will find happiness for yourself.

The moving finger writes, and having writ
Moves on, nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Victorian Deaf."

Dear Sir,—Permit me to point out that the statements made in your issue of March-April by Mrs. F. E. Frewin in reference to the first services for the Deaf of Melbourne are inaccurate. On my return to Melbourne in 1878, after receiving my education at the school for the Deaf in Glasgow, Scotland, I joined the Y.M.C.A., its headquarters then being in Russell Street, and finding that no provision was made for religious services for the Deaf, I approached Mr. W. G. Marsh, the general secretary, and Mr. Hesketh, the head teacher of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, asking the former for the use of a room, which was granted, and the latter to assist me in conducting services. The first Sunday morning service was held on the 20th July, 1879, in the Y.M.C.A., conducted by myself, and the following Sunday Mr. Hesketh officiated, and afterwards, for some eighteen months, by Mr. Hesketh and myself, alternately.

About six months later I also started Sunday evening services at St. Matthew's (Church of England) School Hall, at Prahran, by kind permission of Rev. Mr. H. A. Langley. We had Mr. Andrew Clark, a Scotch semi-deaf from America, assisting with these evening services for about nine months. During this time, the Melbourne Deaf Association was founded, just a few months before Mr. Hesketh left for America. At this time, too, I was the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with Mr. Clark as chairman. The members of the Committee were Messrs. W. P. Muir, George Moore, A. Wilson, C. Turnbull, J. E. Muir, John Briner and two or three other deaf whose names I cannot remember. The Association was only in existence for about nine months. Messrs. Hesketh, Pipe and Bond were never members of the Committee as stated by Mrs. Frewin who, never to my knowledge, attended these services. Mr. Bond left Melbourne before the Association was formed. These Sunday services had been suspended for about twelve months, when I managed to influence Rev. Mr. Moss, then superintendent of the Royal Blind Institution, and also a director of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, to get the Sunday morning services resumed at the Y.M.C.A. We took service in turns. Mr. F. Rose, the founder of the Deaf and Dumb School, also preached occasionally. These were kept on until the mission, now the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, was established. Rev. Mr. Moss, Mr. Rose, Mr. S. Johnson and I were the provisional Committee with Mr. Newbigin, who also managed to get several well-known business men and clergymen and prominent ladies to assist in the foundation of the Mission. With reference to the British "Times," I still claim to have been a correspondent for some time to "The Times," and handed the agency to Mr. Piper, as I could not find time to continue, as I was fully occupied with office work and private affairs at that time.—Yours, etc.,

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