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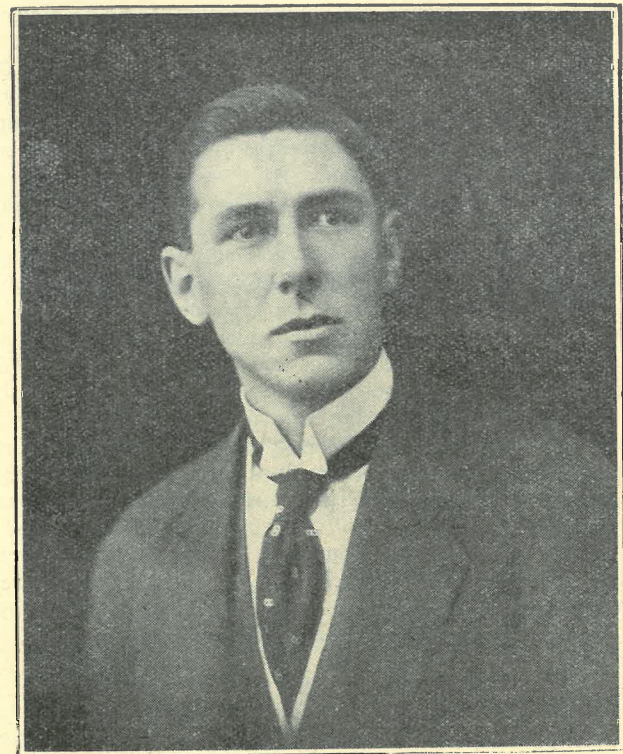
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With affectionate regard and good will to all.

Very sincerely, your President,

E. R. PEACOCK.

Dear Friends,

Christmas, the season of good cheer, is at hand. How wonderful the spirit of Christmas is! Think of those words, "Peace on earth, good will towards men," which have such a wealth of meaning and help us to forget the trials and troubles of a difficult year. I trust that the coming year has many good things in store both for you and our society. May the clouds of depression roll away, and enable the Board to make further progress in its efforts to help the Deaf of this fair State. In closing, may I wish you and yours that old wish, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year," and leave the following thought with you for 1932:—

"Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
To all the people you can
At all the times you can
And as long as ever you can."

Very sincerely,

N. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity placed at my disposal by the Honorary Editor to convey to all members of the society my very cordial Christmas greetings and my best wishes that the coming new year may usher in an early return to more prosperous times.

Our society, in common with other similar bodies, has felt the pinch of the depression, with the result that our finances have not permitted us to do as much as we would have wished in the interests of the little community to which it is the society's aim to minister, but I think we have reached bedrock, and I hope and believe that we are on the verge of an early recovery.

With all good wishes for the festive season,

L. A. CLEVELAND,

Hon. Treasurer.

For children Christmas is surely a happy time in the year, and it ought so to be for adults, as it is the anniversary of the birth of Him who brought happiness into the world. If His precepts were followed as He wished them to be, the world would indeed be a heaven

upon earth. My wish to you all is the consummations of this, with happiest recollections, kindest regards, and a new year full of enriching experience.

R. J. OEHR,

Hon. Secretary.

My Dear People,

Your Editor has asked me to broadcast my Christmas greeting to you through the "Victorian Deaf," and there is no better way for you are the Victorian Deaf. And what better message can I give than that of the Heavenly Choir who heralded the coming of the Master, the Spirit of Love made flesh, which was indeed glad tidings of great joy to all people, and their message was "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." What more can we want, what more desire, but peace and good will?

If we were all moved by the spirit of good will almost in the twinkling of an eye life would be changed and we would see ourselves and others and everything in an entirely different light. Let us all move in our own particular circles with the spirit of good will toward every man and every woman. Never mind what their attitude may be toward us, let ours be always one of good will.

Remember, too, the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. There is no need for a voyage of discovery or rites and ceremonies to find it, but an attitude, the realisation that love is everything; therefore love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.

ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM.

THE LATE MRS. F. E. FREWIN'S PHOTO UNVEILED.

On the 10th of last November a most affecting ceremony took place in our hall, when there was a large attendance of members of the Women's and Men's Guilds to witness the unveiling of a photograph of the late Mrs. Frewin, one of our greatest benefactors.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who was chairman of the ceremony, expressed the gratitude he felt for the noble work that Mrs. Frewin had done for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb Society, and how hard she had worked to make things better for her fellow Deaf. He spoke of her influence for good, for loyalty, for general upliftment, and that Mrs. Frewin would always be remembered.

Mr. Lambert, the last Secretary of the ex-Workers' Club, gave a short outline of our late President's association with the Deaf Workers' Club. Mrs. D. Ashby, who was a member of the Workers' Club Committee, also spoke a few words of very high praise.

Mrs. T. Peters, President of the Women's Guild, added a splendid tribute of appreciation of Mrs. Frewin's work for the good of all, and the affection that was bestowed on her by the members of the Guild. Then the above-named ladies impressively unveiled the photograph, which was considered, by all present, to be a good likeness of our never-to-be-forgotten helper of the Deaf.

Mr. Frewin, who was present, briefly replied to the honor that had been done to his late wife, and feelingly thanked all present. He also spoke of Mrs. Frewin's great work and love of helping others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the members attended the Men's and Women's Guild meetings respectively.

The photo now hangs in the women's room at our Centre, Jolimont Square.

—E. C. P.

OUR WORLD.

W. O'Bryan is still an enthusiastic cricketer playing for his local club at Yarrowonga. We noted that at the opening of the season he caused quite a sensation amongst our Melbourne cricket lovers by scoring 47 runs not out. He is posted behind the sticks, at which he is fairly proficient. Our interstate selectors have their eyes on him. So, Bill, keep up your form and be the lucky one to be included in the interstate team this coming Xmas.

Mr. Percy Smith, of Adelaide, paid us a call during the middle part of October, whilst travelling to Sydney per S.S. "Barrabool." He was besieged by many enquirers as to how he enjoyed his trip to the "Old Country," and the reply was, of course, never in the negative. He mentioned that he spent a couple of days and a night at Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edwards's home in England, and brought their greetings to us.

Mr. Hamson, of Conarge, N.S.W., is at present in Melbourne, because he is out of work. He is residing with a relative in Ringwood, and hopes that he will not be idle long. He is a gardener and general laborer.

We are in receipt of news from Jim Walters, of Leitchville, who is anxious to hear the fixtures for the coming carnival. He hopes to take part in tennis and other sports.

The Hatley brothers, of Camperdown, unfortunately, are out of work too. Their father recently lost the contract with the local Council, with the above result. At present Willie is out at Colin Johns's home in Horsham helping with the harvest. They hope to have the work done before Christmas so that they may join in our Carnival festivities.

Fred Kendall, who has been on the land at Boort, in the north-west of Victoria, for some time, was down in Melbourne for a while, and has returned for the harvest.

In the last issue of the "Victorian Deaf," in a report of the annual meeting of the Deaf Workers' Club, Mrs. Frewin's term of office as President was given as three years. It should have been eleven years.

Believe nothing against another but on good authority; nor report what may hurt another, unless it be a greater hurt to some other to conceal it.—William Penn.

The penny "King of Sports" Competition, organised by Mr. W. H. Crush, under the auspices of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club of Victoria, has reached an interesting stage, and about £20 has so far been raised. This, considering the hard times and low price of votes, is a wonderful achievement and shows what a penny can do.

Of the five Kings, Hockey is well ahead, with over 1,500 votes, and is closely rivalled by Lacrosse. These two, with Cricket, are expected to win the three prizes. All the Kings and their helpers, and the hon. organisers, have worked hard to raise the funds, and are to be congratulated. The competition will close on December 19, followed by a wind-up social on Tuesday, December 22, when the winner will be crowned "King of Sports," and the three prizes presented to him and next two leaders. Thanks are accorded to all those who sold tickets and to the buyers whose supply of pennies seemed endless.

DANCE AND CARD PARTY.

To raise funds for the entertainment of interstate visitors during the Christmas holidays, Miss E. O'Gorman, assisted by her committee, organised a dance and card party which was held in our Assembly



MISS E. O'GORMAN

Hall on 21st October, when about 170 people were present. The hall was effectively decorated in blue and gold with Japanese lanterns hanging here and there. The scene was very gay, and the paper hat or cap each guest received on entering, with the lovely frocks worn of varying colors, gave quite a kaleidoscopic effect. Excellent music was provided by "Bert Walter's Orchestra."

The Card Tournay was conducted in the library, which was also transformed for the occasion. Mrs. J. Sutherland and Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer were the winners.

During the evening the guests were provided with a dainty supper. Tea, coffee or soft drinks at choice. All agreed it was a most wonderful time, and are looking forward to another one. Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Miss G. Hawkins are heartily thanked for their able assistance to Miss Eileen O'Gorman in making various decorations.

So successful was the dance given on 21st October in the interest of the Reception Fund that the organiser, Miss Eileen O'Gorman, was asked to arrange a second one. As a result a social dance was held on the 18th November, when the hall was again tastefully decorated.

Even with the increased price for admission close on 100 persons were present. During the evening novelty dances were introduced, including Tap, Monte Carlo and Musical Rings, which brought forth much merriment.

The Card Tournay was won this time by Miss E. Leber and Mr. E. Johnson. Supper again was much enjoyed. She also had under her management two Euchre Parties held on November 17 and 21. Congratulations to Miss E. O'Gorman on her two splendid successes.

FANCY FAIR.

America is notorious for its lightning lunches and many other quick-step stunts, but for a quick-step movement with a solid foundation and effective and substantial results, our pioneer, F. E. Frewin, with his pioneer lieutenants, Mesdames Swain, Boortz and E. Johnson, must have the banner, cup, laurel wreath, or whatever is a worthy trophy for organising a successful Fancy Fair in a couple of months. The Club House Assembly Hall was splendidly decorated by a band of willing workers led by Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Johnson.

Many afternoons and evenings were spent in preparing for the Fair, but, although each evening saw the workers going home tired and weary, the next day brought them back refreshed and smiling again. The amount of work accomplished by the ladies, especially Mrs. Swain, was truly marvellous.

The President of the Society, Mr. E. R. Peacock, acted as chairman, and introduced Miss Bessie Graham, the much-liked sister of our fairy godmother (Miss Alice Graham) who, in a few well chosen words, opened the Fair on the 27th November at 3 p.m. The pretty bouquet carried was presented to Miss Graham by little Dorothy Johnston on behalf of the Fair Committee. Mrs. Hope Campbell, another sister, accompanied Miss Bessie Graham, and we were very pleased to see her present.

Every stall was well stocked and temptingly displayed. The Fancy Goods Stall was particularly good. It was a sight worth seeing and, from the quick way things were snapped up, the buyers evidently liked it too.

The stall-holders were Mesdames P. Swain, E. Johnson, Misses G. Hawkins and A. Foster.

The Jumble Stall had some really good things on and was looked after by Mrs. Fred Johnson.

The Sweets Stall, as usual, was most popular, and good business was done there by Mrs. T. Peters, Rose Dow, Doris Hickey and Burnie Higgle.

The Flower Stall came in for its full share of admiration, with Alice Smith and Rub yPeters in charge.

The Cake Stall, presided over by Mrs. Boortz, was a sight worth seeing. It had jams, pickles, etc., and many home-made goods to tempt the palate. Miss L. Sanders helped her.

The Toy Stall was great. Splendid sets of "Bobs," wooden magpies painted to look the real thing, barrows, match-holders, etc., etc., mostly all made by Mr. P. Swain, were objects of much interest and speculation. The articles were splendid specimens of workmanship.

The Refreshments, always the hardest worked stall, in the charge of Mrs. J. Johnston, had a very busy time, but many were the comments heard on the excellent afternoon tea, ice cream, etc., provided. The tables set out on our lovely verandah looked particularly attractive with cream cloths banded with orange, and Iceland poppies and gum in vases. Her helpers were Mesdames Howe, Holmes and J. Pierce, Misses G. Hunter, M. Dow, E. Reade, A. Holcroft and E. Leber.

The Lucky Dip, the Shooting Gallery and Spinning Spool were conducted by M. G. B. Mortimer, E. Noble and J. O'Gorman. The competitions were managed by Messrs. Aird, Crush, Mesdames J. O'Gorman, J. Pierce and others. Mr. A. Aird donated a beautiful little rose bowl, Mr. J. Hunt a side of mutton, also a pair of fowls. (Both these articles were handed in and auctioned on the Saturday night.) Mrs. Smith gave a lovely Xmas cake, Mrs. Pierce a white rabbit. Several other cakes, a large loaf of bread, etc., etc., were donated, while a large number of friends sent in cash donations.

At the close of the Fair those articles which could not be held over were auctioned and much fun and merriment was enjoyed with Mr. J. M. Johnston as auctioneer.

The promoters and workers are immensely pleased with the financial result of the Fair, and it is expected that a good sum will be divided between the Reception Fund and the Unemployment Fund.

MEN'S GUILD.

Mr. J. M. Johnston read a paper on "Problems of Liberty" to the members of the Men's Guild on 13th October, giving reminiscences of the bad "good old days."

On 27th October a film evening was held. The films loaned by the Junker Co., of "Junker" 'planes all over the world," proved most interesting.

On 10th November, the "Question Night" was held, when each member drew a paper on which a question was asked and had to be answered to the best of his ability.

On 24th November, Harry Puddy read a paper on "Alexander the Great," which was followed by a short, dramatic story, based on facts. "Lighthouse Keeper," by Mr. F. E. Frewin.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

"Soviet Russia" was the title of a paper read by Miss Margaret Gibson at a meeting of the Women's Guild on the 10th of November. It was a big subject, but many interesting things were told to a large muster of members. Miss Gibson was thanked for her paper.

CRICKET NOTES.

On the 3rd and 10th October we opened the season with a match against "The Wattles" on our Blackburn ground, which ended in a draw. "The Wattles" made seven wickets for 189 runs, and we replied with four wickets for 92 runs. W. Anderson 29 runs, R. Lygon 23 not out, and R. Beattie 27 not out.

On 17th and 24th October we met "Waratahs" and got badly beaten. They made six wickets for 207, and we made 64 and 28 in two innings.

On 31st October and 7th November Garden City made 161 and 64 runs, and the Adult Deaf 134 and 88 runs. Lost by four runs, a very exciting game. R. Lygon was the best batsman, making 43 and 23 runs, and R. Beattie made 25 and 32. In the bowling, R. Beattie took 5 for 16 and 3 for 29, W. Anderson 3 for 26, and R. Storey 4 for 32.

On 14th and 21st November, we received another beating in the hands of South Park, who made nine wickets for 185 runs, whilst we made 46 and 28. J. McLean took six wickets for 75 runs.

A well-wisher has presented three medals to the Cricket Club, to be won by players for the best batting and bowling averages and the best all-round player during the season, and already much keen rivalry exists in the team, which augurs well for the club.

Through an oversight R. Storey's name was not mentioned in the list of officials of the Cricket Club in the last issue of our magazine. He was elected one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries, and represents our club in the V.J.C. Association. He was most successful in securing influential patrons for the club.

CUP DAY PICNIC.

Our annual picnic was, as usual, arranged for Cup Day, but because of the lack of employment among our members making it impossible for railway fares to be paid, it was decided to have the picnic in Yarra Park. And a very happy choice it was. For Yarra Park is quite close to our beautiful Jolimont Square, so all were able to leave eatables, etc., at the club and enjoy themselves without the trouble of looking after things.

Games were played on a fine stretch of lawn till time for a move to the club, where lunch was partaken of on verandahs, lawns and indoors.

In the afternoon sports were held in the park, and later a trek back for tea. The evening was spent in games and all sorts of amusement to the liking of the picnickers, when sweets were again handed round.

There was a large gathering, with a maximum of fun and merriment, at a minimum of cost. All voted it one of the nicest picnics we have had for many a day.

MELBOURNE ADULT DEAF CRICKET CLUB.

With the approach of the Christmas Cricket Carnival amongst the Deaf cricket teams of various States of Australia in Melbourne, it is thought that the sport-loving readers of the "Victorian Deaf" will be pleased to have a brief resume of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Cricket Club's history, especially as it has had a practically unbroken run of almost fifty years. It is impossible to give a full synopsis of each year, but the subjoined table will, in some measure, give an account of the club's successes and failures. It may here be mentioned that the club was brought into existence before the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and the latter owes its existence partly to the desire for mutual companionship fostered at the pleasant gatherings of the members of the club. During the school vacation in the summer of 1881, Mr. A. C. Muir got up a scratch Deaf cricket team and played against a team of Richmond lads on a vacant plot of land opposite the Richmond Town Hall. In the team were the three Muir brothers, Bond, Bob Mills, Lawson, Phillips, Bessemeres, and others. It was on the 2nd November, 1882, that the Melbourne Adult Deaf Cricket Club came into existence. Mr. A. C. Muir was the founder, and the inaugural meeting, which was held on the above-mentioned date, was well attended, and the idea of the Deaf entering the cricket ranks of the city enthusiastically received. Mr. A. C. Muir was the first Secretary, and held the position for three years. He was the driving force, and right from the commencement the members mustered in good numbers, and the enthusiasm shown soon gave the club a very strong position in junior circles. Their first ground was at the Military Reserve, South Melbourne (now covered with factories and timber yards), where they remained for two years. From there the club went to Jolimont Park and remained until 19—, with the exception of two seasons at Royal Park. Then to Blackburn, where

it is at the present time. The club, like other similar sporting ventures, has had its ups and downs, but at the present time it is going steady, despite the depression.

The first interstate Deaf cricket match in Australia was played at Adelaide in 1894, between Victoria and South Australia, and won by Victoria. Victoria, 174 runs; South Australia, 53 and six wickets for 40.

The second interstate match, in Melbourne, in 1895, between Victoria and New South Wales, was won by Victoria, 74 and 103; New South Wales, 30 and 88.

The third, in Melbourne, against South Australia, in 1898, won by Victoria by an innings and 34 runs, scoring 212 runs to their opponents' 87 and 91.

The fourth in Sydney, against New South Wales in 1900, won by Victoria. New South Wales, 107 and 64; Victoria, 115 and nine for 57.

The fifth in Adelaide against South Australia in 1902, won by South Australia outright, by 59 runs. South Australia, 107 and 117; Victoria, 68 and 97.

The sixth in Melbourne against New South Wales in 1903, won by Victoria on first innings by 96 runs—208 to New South Wales' 112.

The seventh in Melbourne against South Australia in 1911. Victoria won by an innings and 24 runs. Victoria 183, to South Australia 85 and 74.

The first triangular matches were played in Melbourne in 1917, between New South Wales and Victoria. Victoria came out the victor, winning two matches and New South Wales one.

Then followed three matches between New South Wales and South Australia—in 1919 in Adelaide, in 1921 in Sydney, in 1922 in Adelaide. New South Wales won them all.

In 1917, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, presented a trophy in the form of a shield, to be competed for periodically, and at the same time the Australian Deaf Cricket Association was formed to receive the shield, and conditions, rules and fixtures were drawn up. The first series of matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield" was competed for in 1923, and played in Melbourne. South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria were the contestants. The results were as follow:—

(1) Victoria, 178 runs, defeated South Australia, 68, by 110 runs on the first innings. (2) Victoria, 203, defeated New South Wales, 85 and 90, by an innings and 28 runs. (3) New South Wales, 174, defeated South Australia, 84, by 89 runs on the first innings. Then followed the second series, held in Sydney in 1925, the three States again represented:—(1) South Australia, 158 and 183, defeated New South Wales, 126 and 114, by 101 runs. (2) Victoria, 52 and 88, defeated South Australia, 35 and 55, by 50 runs. (3) Victoria, 8 for 313, defeated New South Wales, 124 and 167, by an innings and 22 runs.

The third series was held in Adelaide in 1928, and Tasmania was included. New South Wales came out the victor, winning all three matches, and the "Shield." Because of limited space in this paper the scoring results had to be left out.

The fourth series was held in Hobart in 1928, when all four States were represented, and New South Wales again came out the winners, winning three matches, Victoria two, Tasmania one, South Australia none.

This coming Xmas Carnival will be the fifth, and much discussion has arisen as to the advisability of holding it owing to the present financial depression. But as the Carnival was arranged for 1930 and postponed, it is thought wiser to carry out the arrangements made and so keep faith with those teams who are able to compete. The latest news to hand is that South Australia, not being able to come, will have to forfeit their chance, and we are very sorry.

Since the institution of interstate matches in 1894 amongst the Deaf of Australia, Victoria played 19 matches, won 14, lost 5. New South Wales played 18 matches, won 11, lost 7. South Australia played 19 matches, won 4, lost 15. Tasmania played 6 matches, won 1, lost 5. Of the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield," New South Wales and Victoria have each won twice. New South Wales is the present holder.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The second series of the Victorian Tennis Championship Tournament is to be held in Melbourne beginning on 26th December, 1931, when the Deaf of various States are invited to compete.

The following is the list and conditions of matches:—(1) Men's Singles Championship. (2) Ladies' Singles Championship. (3) Men's Doubles Championship. (4) Ladies' Doubles Championship. (5) Mixed Doubles Championship. Entrants to have own choice of partners in doubles, and must represent the State they come from. Entry fee in each championship, payable in advance, Gents, 2/6 each; Ladies, 2/- each. Mixed doubles free, conditionally entrants enter preceding matches (singles or doubles). If not, same rate as above. Entries to close on 21st December, 1931. Miss E. O'Gorman, Hon. Secretary, Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2, Victoria.

MODESTY.

"Out of the way, common fellow, out of the way, you low-class person!"

As thus he shouted the War Horse came thundering down the hillside. His tail and mane flew in the wind. Richly adorned was his saddle. All his harness glittered. He champed the bit of his bridle and tossed his handsome head. The low-class person was an Ass, who carried a heavy burden along the mountain path. Quietly he stepped out of the way, making no reply. The War Horse galloped proudly on.

Not long afterwards a battle took place. The War Horse was shot in the eye. He was no longer fit to act as a charger. The glittering harness was taken off. He was sold to a carrier and all the week he bore loads along the countryside. One day the Ass met him. "Ah, my friend," said the Ass, "is it you? I always thought your pride would have a fall." The Horse passed on without a word.

Now, which do you think has the finer look, an Ass or a War Horse? (I am not asking you which is the more useful.) The horse, certainly. And if the Horse said to the Ass, "I am handsomer than you," would it be true? Yes, it would be true. But ought the Horse to say so? No, he ought not. Ought the Ass to say the Horse is handsome? Well, he may say it or not as he pleases. Very well, but why ought not the Horse to call himself handsome? Because you say that would be vain, proud, conceited, boastful. Yes, so it would; but why does this boasting seem hateful to you and me? Let us thin ka moment. How does the Horse know he is handsome? Because he thinks so. Well a toad might think itself beautiful. No, the Horse knows he is handsome because other horses or people tell him how fine he appears. They gaze at him, they admire him, they turn to one another and exclaim, "How noble a creature!" And who, then, ought to say whether we are fine and glorious—ourselves or our neighbor? Our neighbor. And if we call ourselves fine, handsome and glorious, we are doing what ought only to be done by other people. We are doing what it is not our business to do. We are proud, vain, conceited; we are really low-class persons and common fellows. People who make no boast of what they are or what they can do are said to be modest. Do you see the lovely rose? It is fresh and red because the dew-drops fell on it last night; and so we praise the work of the dew-drop, and yet the dew never made a sound itself. Do you see the sweet green of the meadow? It is green because, behind those bushes runs a quiet stream whose moisture rises all round.

"Dews that nourish fairest bowers
Fall unheard in silent hours;
Streams which keep the meadows green
Often flow themselves unseen."

Do you smell the violet? Yet you cannot see the flower which has so sweet an odor; it modestly hides among the grass and moss. Do you hear the trill of the lark? But look upwards, and though you know it hovers in the air, you cannot catch sight of its little form.

"Violets hidden on the ground
Throw their balmy odors round;
Viewless in the vaulted sky
Larks pour forth their melody."

The rose is charming, but you and I will say that—not the rose. The stream sparkles brightly; but you and I will say that—not the

stream. The violets have a delicious fragrance, but you and I will say that—not the violets. The lark carols delightfully, but you and I will say that—not the lark. And so the rose, the stream, the violets and the larks are modest.

INTERSTATE VISIT.

Melbourne Deaf are looking forward to the visit of the Deaf Cricketers from sister States with anticipation of happy times, the renewal of old friendships and associations. The Interstate Reception Committee has been busy for some time with the merrymaking arrangements and "fund hunting." So far it is known that the New South Wales team will arrive Christmas Eve, and the Tasmanians Christmas Day. Tennis teams also are coming from other States and country towns.

Following morning practice; afternoon conference. The players will be welcomed to Melbourne in the evening at a social to be held in the Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont. The cricket and tennis matches commence on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and continue Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch on the ground for teams and visitors each day.

On Saturday evening, the 26th, at the Adult Deaf Club House, there will be a competitive games social. On Sunday, 27th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. divine worship in the Church for the Deaf, and at 3 p.m. a visit to the War Shrine. Monday, 28th, after the matches, will be spent at St. Kilda Beach—"A Fun Night." Also, 9.30 a.m., visit to the suburbs in tourist tram, as guests of the Melbourne Tramways Board. Tuesday, 29th, theatrical evening at the Club House. Wednesday, 30th, a trip down the bay, with dinner at Queenscliff and high tea on board the steamer. Thursday, December 31, ball, fancy dress optional. Friday, 1st January, evening, banquet. Saturday, 2nd, all-day motor car trip to the Ranges, with dinner and tea on the mountains. Evening, individual home invitations. Sunday, January 3rd, divine service morning and evening.

Interstate Reception Committee.—Chairman, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Jack McLean; Messrs. H. Puddy, J. Phillips and E. Noble, Misses M. Dow, A. Smith and E. Stephens. Address all enquiries to the Hon. Secretary, Interstate Committee, Adult Deaf Club House, Jolimont, Victoria.

1931 CONFERENCES.

These most useful and profitable gatherings were brought to a close on Sunday, 22nd November, when there was a large attendance both at "business" and at tea, also a pleasing congregation at church in the evening.

The conferences have proved to be a brain wave for effective achievements, and many of us are looking forward to the re-opening in the new year of these happy social and business functions.

OBITUARY.

MILLS.—On the 27th October, at Colac, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Adam Mills. Aged 75 years. Late of Waaia.

MONAHAN.—On 6th December, at Geelong, William Patrick, husband of Mary Ann Monahan. Aged 67 years.

Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

E. Johnson, Editor.

