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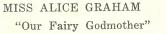
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HELEN KELLER, ONE OF AMERICA'S FOREMOST WOMEN.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, distinguished authoress, recently prepared for the Northern Newspaper Alliance a list of the fifty living women who, in her opinion, have been the most outstanding in promoting the welfare of America. Among her selection is the name of Helen Keller, of whom she says:—

"The master of her fate. Deaf and blind from nineteen months, she so co-operated with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, that she developed means of communication which opened world's treasures to her. A graduate of Radcliffe College, writer, lecturer: has appeared in the movies and in vaudeville. Active in all undertakings for the blind. An inspiring life."

NUMBER OF DEAF IN VICTORIA.

In European countries and the United States of America, it is usually considered that there is one deaf and dumb person to every 2,000 of the population. The latest figures, according to the figures of the State Statistical Department, the population of Victoria on 30th September, 1930, was 1,786,944. This would mean that there are 893 deaf and dumb in this State. These figures do not include the "deaf," or hard of hearing, of whom there are many thousands. In 1901 there were 67 children in the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. According to the latest report of the school there are now 142.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Deaf Women's Guild held its annual picnic on Saturday, 14th February, at West St. Kilda, when there was a fair attendance of members, together with a sprinkling of male friends. The chief attraction was the open sea mixed bathing. After the al-fresco tea on the garden lawn, the party broke up for ramble amongst the local amusement shows, then home.

Honolulu.

The new administration building of the School for the Deaf and Blind at Honolulu has been completed at a cost of £3,000. Mrs. Mabel V. Lacy is the Principal of the school, and there are about eighty deaf and blind pupils.

DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

Our new year of activities opened with an encouraging attendance. The year just closed was a good one, both in attendance and lectures. The lectures were of much interest and instructive, and the members were very pleased with the whole syllabus. This year still better lectures of all kinds are in view. The members are making a habit now of attending the Guild meetings and the Committee insists.

The newly-elected President, Mr. F. E. Frewin, began this year with a paper on "Old Times" on 10th March. He was alternately serious and amusing. After his address Mrs. Frewin and some other deaf ladies appeared from the kitchen with supper, and we

did justice to his hospitality. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening.

Yet another successful lecture was given on 24th March by Mr. H. Puddy, on "Furniture Periods." He said there were ancient kings who sat on stone stools, and before that, kings sat on the ground.

On 18th March the Shell Company lent us a film depicting scenes in Central Australia and other subjects. On this occasion the Men's Guild invited the ladies and non-members.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, who operates the film projector, has become quite an expert. The Secretary, Mr. W. Wood, is to be acclaimed for his energetic determination to further the Guild's good work.

The officers for the ensuing year are:—President, Mr. F. E. Frewin; Vice-President, W. Ashby; Hon. Treasurer, J. Phillips; Hon. Secretary, W. Wood; Committee, Messrs. J. M. Johnston, H. Puddy, R. H. Lambert and M. G. B. Mortimer.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The lacrosse season is almost with us once more, and the Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club has applied for entry into the same Section "B" as last year in the Victorian Lacrosse Association Competitions.

The season begins on 18th April, and already the intending players are showing keen interest, and have started training and practising.

Mr. Vosper Wilson is at present a very busy man, supervising the season's arrangements. He occupies the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Captain of the team, and he is already making himself popular amongst the players. He will be assisted by Mr. Don Johnson in his secretarial duties.

The annual meeting of the club was held on the 27th February, when the usual business was gone through. The office-bearers for this season are:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. J. Wilson, J. Retallick and G. B. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Vosper Wilson; Committee, Messrs. Don Johnson, W. Ashby, Herb. Wilson and G. Turnley; Captain, Mr. Vosper Wilson; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. Turnley.

EASTER RALLY.

Beautiful weather welcomed our contesting teams at Lake Park, Blackburn, on Easter Saturday. Warrie Ashby had led off and carried the main end of the job in the arrangements of a cricket match between Melbourne and Country Deaf teams. The game was watched with interest by city and country Deaf alike, with a fair sprinkling of hearing friends. The teams were:—

Country: Cliff Robertson (Capt.), Tom Collins (Vice-Capt.), Alex Collins, Maurice Mark, Jack Stewart, Willie Hately, Arthur Hately, Ambrose Maloney, Leslie Sutton, Joseph Retallick, Ivan Guthrie, Edwards Raines, Robert Storey.

City: David Ashby (Capt.), Robert Beattie (Vice-Capt.), Warrie Ashby, Rupert Lygon, Walter Webb, James O'Gorman, Willie Anderson, Willie McMillen, Jack McLean, Joseph Phillips, Gerald Turnley, Edward Roxburgh, Harold Lambert.

City made 84 runs in the first innings and five wickets for 165 runs in the second innings, declared. Country made 61 and 69 runs respectively. The City Deaf won outright by 119 runs.

The teams were entertained at lunch by the Chairman (Mr. N. Armstrong) and Committee of our Home for the Deaf at Blackburn, and the Matron added her share to the success of this part of the day's good things.

Both teams attended the Easter Rally at our Club House, Jolimont Square, and most vigorously participated in most of the games. Every fresh function at our centre demonstrates the need of a large assembly hall as a chief feature to our headquarters. This fact was again emphasised by the overcrowded state of the whole building on the occasion of the Easter Rally. It was a very happy crowd that took part in the laughter-provoking games provided for us by our active and enthusiastic M.C., Mr. George Newnham, who was ably assisted by Mr. J. M. Johnston. Our Chairman (the Principal) remained on the platform just long enough to tell us to "On with the games," and our President (Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P.), who was also present and distributed the prizes, showed by his ever-smiling face that he was enjoying the fun with the rest of us. The Workers' Club did their share toward the success of the evening by preparing and serving the supper.

GEELONG BRANCH.

Geelong's first social evening was held on Tuesday, 3rd March, in the Rotary Club Hall, and was most successful. After a few short speeches acknowledging the thoughtfulness of the General Board and the Principal, Mrs. J. M. Johnston took charge of the entertainment.

Despite the wet and boisterous weather, seven ladies and five deaf gentlemen left Jolimont Square in the Society's motor van, driven by Mr. McCaffrey, to join the social. Their presence added greatly to the pleasure of the Geelong members. Fancy our Principal sweeping the floor, dusting tables and chairs and laying down the eatables on the tables! But that is what he did at Geelong.

The Jolimont members returned home in bright moonlight, and arrived in Melbourne just in time to catch their trains home. (Geelong is forty-five miles from Melbourne.)

It will never rain roses. If we want more roses we must plant more trees.

There is no insuperable obstacle in the way of anything worth possessing.

What is religion? The setting out to find one's self and one's relationship to God. It can only be found by investigating within and service without.

THE LATE MR. SOLOMON MOSS.

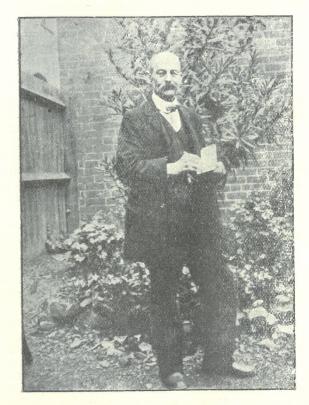
With the passing of Mr. Solomon Moss on the 5th of March another link in the chain of early pioneers of the Deaf and Dumb Society has been severed, for Mr. Moss had been a member almost since its inception.

To many of his friends he was affectionately known as "Mossie," but he had a large circle in the city, where his smiling face was generally welcome, even though his presence signified a subscription due, for he was the city collector for our society for nearly thirty years, and much valued and esteemed by the General Board.

Although he retired from that position some two years ago, two or three of his subscribers insisted upon him calling on them, and till quite recently kindly enquiries for him were made.

His wife, Mrs. Lucy Moss, pre-deceased him by three months. They had had a long life together, for both were just on eighty years of age.

Few knew of the many kindly deeds so quickly and willingly done by Mr. Moss, and great was the surprise when his benefactions were made known after his death.



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Many of his fellow Deaf have been remembered in a monetary way, and a large amount has been left to this society, which, apart from Mr. Moss's long association and life among us, cannot but help to keep his memory evergreen.

WORKERS' CLUB.

The annual picnic was held on Eight Hours' Day, when a fair company of members and friends of the Workers' Club set off for Reckitt's Point, Beaumaris. Favored with ideal weather, most of our day was spent in diverse pursuits. Cameras were in much evidence. We were glad to see Mrs. Cove, a very old lady, and Miss Mortimer, a Gippsland visitor, with us on this day, and both enjoyed themselves very much. After the bountiful repast, a jolly time in strolling by the shore followed, and later the homeward journey was begun. Thanks are due to the Committee of the Workers' Club for arranging this successful outing.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. Allsop, of Echuca, who is an ex-pupil of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, has been an inmate of the Eye and Ear Hospital for some weeks because of ear trouble. He gained much benefit from the treatment.

In February, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland spent a quiet, pleasant week at Queenscliff.

On receiving news of the death of her brother, Mr. James Gibson, Mrs. Lawson, of Adelaide, who was visiting Mrs. Muir at Warburton, had to return home immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby returned home after a long sojourn at Warburton, where they enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. G. Damman, whose ability in driving her motor car made possible many enjoyable trips. They had a wonderful time.

Mr. A. Maloney, of Culgoa, is at present with us for a while. He reports a fair harvest, but complains of the low price offered

Miss E. Rose, meeting one of our Deaf in town, sent her kind remembrances to all Deaf friends.

During her visit to Melbourne, Miss G. Mortimer was seen at the Club House many times. She also attended the Workers' Club Picnic at Rickett's Point.

Mr. C. Hunt, of Ouyen, stated in a letter received the other day that 3,000 bags of wheat had been harvested on his father's farm, but like Mr. Maloney, he complained of the low price offered for wheat.

Mr. J. Moran, of Cairns, North Queensland, who is an old Victorian, asked for news of our doings, as he has not heard from us for some time. Mr. Puddy, therefore, lost no time in sending him copies of "The Victorian Deaf." He is quite hale and hearty.

Messrs. R. White and E. Raines, whilst returning home from Seymour on a motor cycle, met with an accident when turning a bend near Wallan Wallan. The cycle skidded, throwing them on the roadway. Mr. Raines, who was riding pillion, received a fractured collar-bone and Mr. White abrasions on face and legs. They managed to reach the Wallan Wallan police, who brought them to the Melbourne Hospital. They were treated and allowed to go home.

Mr. W. H. Crush has met many of the Deaf of Tasmania, visited the Deaf School and Workshops, and witnessed Deaf cricket matches against T.O.O.E. teams. The Tasamnian Deaf team, who won the premiership of their section this season, have an excellent chance of winning the "Abraham Shield" next interstate carnival.

Mr. Crush made a flight in the air-liner, "Southern Sky," with Mr. Thomas and friends, near Launceston, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. One Sunday, when returning from a visit to Mr. O'Toole, of Beaconsfield, Tasmania, Mr. Crush and Mr. K. Best were thrown off the latter's motor cycle when the machine skidded. Mr. Best escaped with light injuries, but Mr. Crush, who was riding pillion, was more seriously hurt.

The Tasmanian Deaf send greetings to the Victorian Deaf. They are eagerly anticipating their trip to Melbourne for the Cricket Carnival next Christmas, when they hope to win cricket honors.

Mr. A. Aird was presented with a special gold medal for his forty-five years' service with the Merri Merri Branch of the Manchester United Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. V. Wilson, of West Melbourne, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss D. Fairman, a hearing lady of Albert Park.

Mr. H. S. Nathan, of Sydney, was in Melbourne for a month seeking employment, but returned home disappointed.

A SAD FATALITY.

Whilst bathing in a dam in Ranter's Gully, Campbell's Creek, near Castlemaine, on Wednesday evening, 4th February, Mr. Alfred Halliday was drowned. Mr. Halliday, who has been running a small dairy farm about half a mile from the dam, having finished his day's work, suggested a swim before tea time. His wife, nee Ivy Cole, accompanied him, and whilst sitting on the bank she noticed him in difficulties, and seeing him disappear, ran for assistance. It was over an hour before his body was recovered from ten feet of He was buried at Spring Vale Cemetery, our Principal officiating at the graveside. Mrs. Halliday has our deepest sympathy.

England.

Mr. James F. Schofield, who was appointed to the Gloucester Adult Deaf Society in 1924, has been appointed Superintendent of the Oldham Society, Mrs. W. J. McCormick retiring after thirty years of service. Mr. Schofield is a brother of Mr. S. A. Schofield, Superintendent of the Manchester Society.

America.

The new preparatory class entering Gallandet College for the Deaf, Washington, D.C., consists of thirty-three students from fifteen States.

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF FURNISHING FUND.

A very generous response was made to the appeal of our Principtal and Mr. F. E. Frewin, on behalf of the Church Furnishing Fund, yet not quite sufficient to cover the total cost, but because of the widespread unemployment amongst the Deaf, it was decided to postpone any further appeal for the present. Nevertheless, if any of our Deaf or hearing friends are in a position to subscribe, we shall be glad of their help. Perhaps there is a friend amongst our readers who would be willing to donate the vestry furnishings—it is without furniture at present—and another friend for floor coverings for the aisles of the church. These would be very welcome gifts and greatly appreciated. We acknowledge with grateful thanks:—

Miss Alice Graham (S	Furnishings) £1	0	0			
Pews.			Mr. A. Hart	1	5	0
Miss B. Graham	E10 0	0	Mr. G. Henry	1	0	0
Mrs. E. Hope Campbell	150	0	Mr. H. Wilson	0	11	0
Mrs. J. Lindsay	5 14	0	Mr. N. Park	1	5	0
Miss A. Graham	1 5	0	Miss M. Aram	2	0	0
Miss E. Empson	1 5	0	Mr. J. Cariss	1	1	0
Mr. E. J. D. Abraham	1 5	0	Mr. W. O'Keeffe	9	6	0
Mr. T. A. Nelson	1 5	0	Mr. W. F. Crush	1	5	0
Mr. G. B. Mortimer	1 5	0	Miss R. Cram	1	5	0
Miss E. Leber	1 10	0	Mrs. G. Fawcett	0	10	0
Miss D. Reynolds	2 0	0	Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Muir	3	14	0
Miss T. Darragh	1 5	0	Mr. D. Johnston	0	16	0
Miss D. Hickey	1 5	0	Mr. J. Walters	1	9	6
Mr. J. Marks	0 10	6	Mr. W. Wood	1	5	0
Mr. R. Kemble	1 16	0	Mr. & Mrs. J. Boortz	3	0	0
Mr. S. Mitchell	2 15	0	Miss E. O'Gorman	1	5	0
Miss L. Sanders	1 6	0	Mr. T. Tonkin	1	6	0
Mr. N. Webb	1 5	0	Mr. J. Dickenson	1	5	0
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Mr. and Mrs. E. John-			Johnston	2	10	0
son	2 10	0	Misses J. & B.			
Mr. G. Newnham	1 5	0	McCallough	1		6
Miss E. Smith	1 5	0	Miss G. Hawkins	6	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby	2 10	0	Mr. & Mrs. S. Fergu-	0	10	
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Mr. A. McLellan	1 5	0	Mr. & Mrs. A. Stokes	1	13	6
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Miss	M.	Cole	0	10	0	Miss Rose Dow			
Mrs.	J.	Caughey	1	5	0				

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, 8th March, when the Church was tastefully decorated with fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, etc. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the service. Thanks are tendered to friends, both hearing and Deaf, for the many gifts that graced the rostrum. After the service the gifts were distributed to the unemployed and sick members of our society.

CRICKET NOTES.

February 7 and 14.—University High School Old Boys made 169 and five for 55 declared (R. Beattie, 8 for 43 and 4 for 20). Adult Deaf made 117 and three for 63 (W. Ashby, 24 and 20 not out; E. Raines, 23). Draw.

February 21 and 28.—South Park made 163 runs (W. Ashby, 5 for 37; R. Beattie, 4 for 58). Adult Deaf made 59 and 29 runs. Our side was three men short in both innings.

March 7 and 14.—Railway United made 229 runs (W. Ashby, 4 for 71; W. Anderson, 2 for 36). Adult Deaf made 208 runs (R. Lygon, 74; J. O'Gorman, 39 not out; W. Ashby, 21; J. Phillips, 19; C. Lyfield, 18).

The average results for the season are as follow:-

	Batt	ting.			
Name	Inn.	Not out	Runs	H.S.	Av.
R. Lygon	1.6	3	215	74	15.78
W. Ashby	16	2	204	39 n.o.	14.57
J. O'Gorman	17	2	188	42	12.53
C. Lyfield	16		181	38	11.31
	Bow	ling.			ŧ
Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Av.
R. Beattie	85	11	396	34	11.64
W. Ashby	117	12	602	39	15.43
W. Anderson	55	7	202	12	16.83

A very happy social was held on the evening of 3rd March, the proceeds to augment its fund, when some good new amusing games were introduced under the direction of the Hon. Secretary, W. Ashby. The attendance was good considering a small party went to Geelong the same night. As usual, the happy evening terminated with a light supper.

Sweden.

Mr. Hjaalmar Gustafsson, headmaster of the Vanerstorg School for the Deaf, Sweden, was recently authorised by the Swedish Government to make a special tour of the schools for the deaf in the U.S. of America.

FORGETTING GOD'S DAY.

"There are too many people in Australia who are forgetting God's day, and too many who do not take much account of God. Perhaps that is partly why Australia is in the position she finds herself to-day. There is a tendency now to think only of our bodies; we do not realise that this world is the training ground for the life to come."—Archbishop Head.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the passing away of Mr. A. Halliday, of Castlemaine, 4th February; Mrs. Nolan, 17th February; Mr. S. Moss, 5th March; Mr. J. Lindsay, 13th March; Mr. J. Gibson, of Adelaide, 14th March.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We are more than pleased with the hearty reception given to the February issue of "The Victorian Deaf." Whilst buoyant with faith, knowing the unfavorable conditions of the times, we did not anticipate the immediate and substantial support we have met with. It is very encouraging. The articles on the late Mr. J. E. Muir and "Our First School" came in for much favorable comment, and the constructive and all-round newsy nature of the issue generally pleased our deaf and hearing friends of deaf alike.

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COMING EVENTS.

April 18.—Tennis Club Annual Meeting at 8 p.m.

April 23.—Hockey Club Social at 8 p.m.

April 30.—Congregation Annual Meeting at 8 p.m.

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., Principtal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

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