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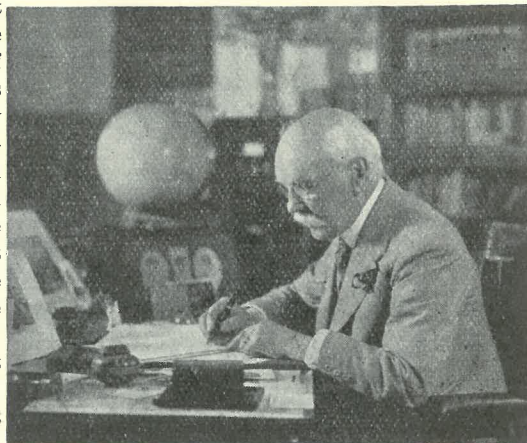
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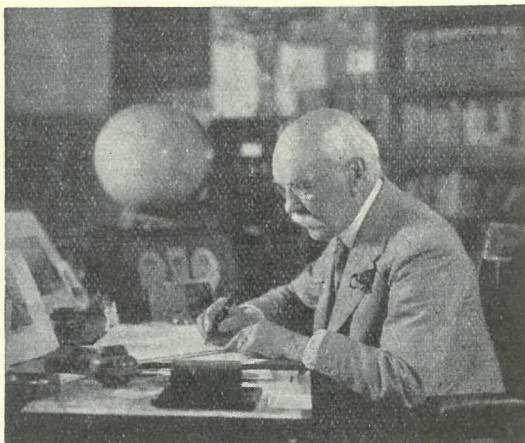
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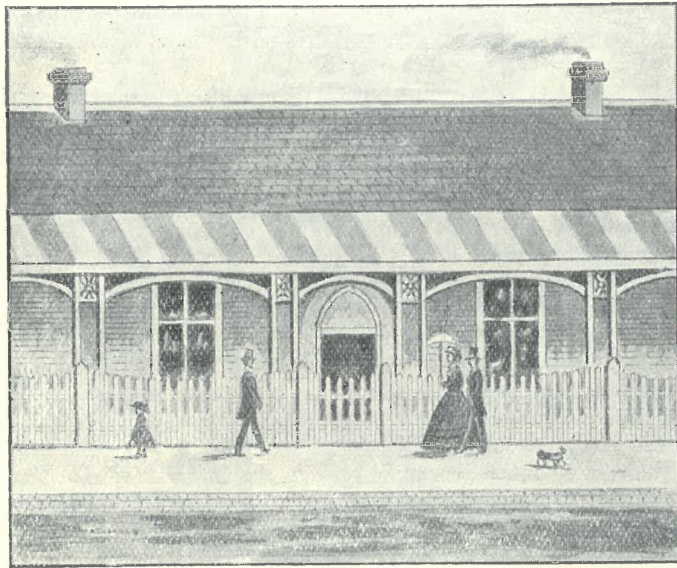
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## OUR FIRST SCHOOL AND FIRST PUPIL.

It is only seventy years ago since the first school for the deaf and dumb was opened in Australia. To be precise, it was on the 12th November, 1860, under the name of the "Deaf and Dumb Asylum."



On the 16th of February, 1929, a letter signed "A Widow," and written by the late Mrs. Sarah Lewis, step-mother of the late Mrs. Solomon Moss, appeared in "The Argus." It was a plea for educational provision for the deaf and dumb of the colony. Mrs. Lewis stated that she had a deaf and dumb daughter aged eight, and, if no means for the education of the deaf and dumb were available in Australia, she would brave the seas and take her daughter to England. This letter attracted the attention of the late Mr. E. J. Rose, who had been educated at the Deaf and Dumb "Asylum," Old Kent Road, London, England.

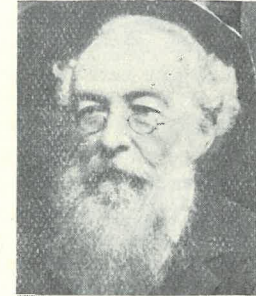


By arrangement with Mrs. Lewis, he visited England, returning with a wife, and equipped ready to open a school for the deaf. He secured a house in Peel Street, Windsor, and there the first school for the deaf and dumb of Australia was

established. His first and, for some time, only pupil, was Lucy Lewis, and the second Solomon Moss, who, in after years, as those with a romantic mind would have it, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

In the early days of its existence, Mrs. Moss was associated with the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in various ways, being a member of the Ladies' Sub-Committee, the first Hon. Secretary of the Women's Friendly Society (now Women's Guild), a leader of evening meetings, and taught one of the classes on Sunday mornings.

At the opening of the new school for the deaf in the grounds of the Victorian Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children, St. Kilda Road, on the 29th May, 1928, the honor of presenting the key of the door to Mr. Webber, M.L.A., fell to Mrs. Moss, as first pupil of the school.



Mr. Solomon Moss was a collector for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for thirty years, retiring last year.

Accompanying this brief outline of those early days of deaf mute education are photographs of the first school, its founder and first pupil.

## DEAF ARTIST'S MASTERPIECES DOOMED.

An artist sat and looked despairingly at some of his most magnificent oil paintings, which are shortly to be destroyed in full view of thousands of admirers. He was Mr. A. R. Thomson, the deaf and dumb painter, and the pictures are the famous life-size Pickwick Panels adorning the staircase and walls of the Duncannon Hotel, Duncannon Street, London, which is shortly to be demolished. The experts have said, according to Mr. F. C. Frost, the proprietor, that there is no possibility of saving these pictures, which are known and talked about in every corner of the globe, and Mr. Thomson had come to see whether he himself could not find a solution to the problem. My use of the deaf and dumb alphabet is very halting, so pieces of paper and pencils were produced, and the following conversation in writing, amplified by signs, ensued:—

A. R. T.: "Look at them! Simply painted on the wallpaper. I had no money for canvas in those days. They are too dirty. I should like to clean them. Ask Mr. Frost about it. I want them photographed."

Self: "Mr. Frost says all expert advice is against cleaning."

A. R. T.: "Well, they're going to be destroyed, anyhow, aren't they?"

Self: "Can you see any means of saving them? Surely, if the Pompeian frescoes can be restored, after being entirely smashed——"

A. R. T.: "I believe I could do it if I were given a free hand to tackle it in any manner I please, but it would be a difficult and

dirty job. I should also probably have to retouch them later on. Oh, how I wish I had had money for canvas!"

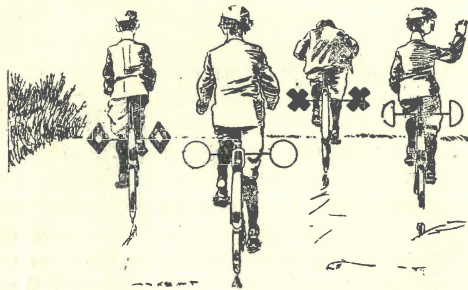
Mr. Thomson's work is well known to all who visit the Royal Academy, and his rise to fame is a romance in itself. Only a few years ago he was working in a subordinate position for a firm of printers. Later he was employed by a firm of architects, and it was during this period that the Dickens pictures were painted. Mrs. Chaperlin, the manageress of the Duncannon, can hardly bear the thought of the coming destruction. "They have become almost like children to me," she said. "Week after week, for years now, I have shown parties of Americans and other tourists over the place, explaining the different scenes, until these people on the walls have become to me real flesh and blood."

"The People," London.

#### "TICKETING" THE DEAF.

Writers in the general press continue from time to time to bring forward some new scheme for "ticketing" the deaf. One writer suggests that all deaf cyclists should display warning signs so that other road users overtaking them could see that there was need for special care. Our artist being wide awake to the possibilities of adding a new industry which might help in these days of depression, has supplied us with a few "signs" to select from. Deaf motorists, we are often told, should not be granted licences at all, although we have yet to learn of the first accident directly caused by a deaf driver.

Now we are informed that deaf and blind people must wear a broad yellow badge on their arms when they take their walks through the streets of Budapest.



"Dumb" Signs for Deaf Cyclists.

The police have issued this decree in the hope of avoiding traffic accidents. In commenting upon this regulation a newspaper says: "Probably many people will shrink from wearing the badge, especially the deaf, who will feel that they pass through the streets in an atmosphere of curiosity and pity." The same paper, in all seriousness, goes on to suggest that instead of the badge the deaf should carry white walking-sticks, "and drivers should be taught to look out for them: while the rest of the world would take it in at a glance, instead of trying to see what was written on the badge."

Those of us who have a sense of humor are enjoying this, but the very serious and particular fellow deaf citizen is asking when will our hearing friends realise that the deaf of necessity are more careful, and therefore less likely to meet with accidents than the hearing. We use our eyes, which are far more reliable than their ears.

#### DIVINE WORSHIP.

One time teacher of the School for the Deaf, and Missioner to the Ballarat branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Lieut.-Col. Olden occupied the pulpit on the evenings of Sundays, December 21 and 28. He gave his text from various verses in the 12th chapter of St. Mark, and 24th verse of 1st chapter of St. Matthew, respectively.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love," was the text taken by Archdeacon Herring for his address in our church, Sunday evening, 25th January, 1931. There was a good attendance in spite of heavy rain. Members of the Mitcham and Blackburn Masonic Lodges attended, including our chairman, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. G. Fethers and Mr. M. J. Hoath. The president, Mr. E. R. Peacock, was also present. Archdeacon Herring gave us a beautiful address taken from the above text on "Look upward, go forward, look outward." Mr. Abraham interpreted. All present were most interested and attentive, and would like Archdeacon Herring to come again.

#### THE FIRST CHRISTENING.

The first Christening ceremony in our new church took place Sunday afternoon, 25th January, when the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quantock was christened. Canon Crotty, of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne, officiated. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted. Mr. and Mrs. J. Marks, who are godfather and godmother, were also present.

#### THE PRINCIPAL'S NIGHT.

Irrespective of what follows, every Thursday evening from 8 o'clock to 8.15, a short service is held in our little church at Jolimont Square. And those who attend enjoy and derive good from it.

On 15th January, our President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) talked to us about Japan. It was a most interesting and instructive talk. Mr. Peacock told us of the people of Japan, their genius for learning and ability to progress. He said it was through their eagerness to improve that Japan now ranked equal, if not better, than some of the European and American nations in the way of civilisation. Various articles, brought over from Japan, were shown and explained. The outstanding exhibit was the modelled bust of himself, which, he said, was done by a photographic process, and it is called Sculptograph. He was heartily thanked for the interesting lecture.

#### PARENTS OF THE DEAF.

For fifteen years, Mrs. G. Hawkins, mother of Miss Gwen Hawkins, of East Malvern, has been collecting sums, large and

small, each month and handing in the money to the Malvern branch of the Children's Hospital. She has now decided to enlarge her activities, and with this object in view, the initial meeting being held at the residence of Mrs. Hawkins, and already seventy members are enrolled. It was decided to begin by raising funds to maintain a cot in the Orthopedic Section of the Hospital for Children at Frankston at £50 a year, and eventually to endow the cot at a cost of £500. Cr. Waters, the Mayor of Malvern, presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Lauchlan Mackinnon and the matron from the hospital spoke on the work of the hospital.

#### THE LATE MR. JOHN E. MUIR.

Mr. John E. Muir, one of the most enthusiastic pioneers of the Adult Deaf of Victoria, passed to a higher life on the 17th January last, after a short illness. The absence of Mr. Muir from our midst will be felt by many, for he had a powerful influence for good upon his fellow deaf. He was highly respected and affectionately regarded by young and old. He was an outstanding figure in every effort for the upliftment of his fellow deaf during the last forty years, and freely gave of his best at all times.



His lovable simplicity made every one his friend, and yet he had that strength of character that commanded discipline where others in similar circumstances often failed.

During the great publicity campaign on behalf of the Deaf in 1901-4, he gave most of his evenings to this work. He was a past master of the language of gesture, and his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" always brought applause from audiences of thousands.

He was, for many years, a member of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and held in turn every position of honor that the deaf themselves were able to confer upon him from Hon. Secretary of various clubs to President. In the world of sport, amongst the deaf, he was pre-eminent. He gave the deaf generally "a place in the sun," as a popular player in the Fitzroy Football Club. Tall and erect, with a cloud of snow white hair crowning his youthful head, Mr. Muir was always the most conspicuous figure in the field, and received a hearty ovation from the onlookers.

Added to that he was a good cricketer, and for most sport was eagerly sought as a coach by the younger deaf members. In cases of emergency, Mr. Muir was always willing and ready to preach a sermon, give a lecture, conduct a Bible class or visit the sick at the shortest notice.



And what a cheery, welcome visitor he was!

For the past ten years he made his home in Warburton after retiring from his work as a draughtsman at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and gained many hearing friends there. Mr. Muir's death brings to mind the early days of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society. In those days the dream, ambition and aim of our old deaf pioneers was to possess a little church of their own. For twenty years they gave, collected and saved for that purpose, and John Muir was one of the most enthusiastic workers for it.

We are grateful that he lived to see the consummation of his early labors in the beautiful little Church for the Deaf that now stands in the old-world garden of the historic Jolimont Square.



It was a fitting end to his splendid life's work that the beautiful church should be his last resting place, for the casket containing his body remained in the church from the time of his death till the burial.

On the Sunday evening our Principal, Mr. Abraham, gave a beautiful Memorial Service, and most feelingly eulogised Mr. Muir's work and love of his fellow men. The service was most impressive, the pathos of which stirred all present, and doubly so Mr. Abraham, for John Muir was one of his most esteemed comrades, and it was the parting with a long-loved friend.

The casket, with some beautiful flowers on it from Mr. Muir's wife, placed at the foot of the sanctuary, added to the solemnity.



Many beautiful floral tributes were sent the following day, including wreaths from the General Board of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the Deaf Committee, the Deaf Women's Guild, the Deaf Men's Guild and Deaf Athletic Club, Mr. E. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Luff, and many hearing relations and friends.

After a short service in our church, the cortege left for the Box Hill Cemetery, where another service was conducted by the Rev. F. Hagenaer, of Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. Muir's grandfather, being the late Dr. Cairns, added a link to that church. Mr. Abraham interpreted the service to a large number of deaf friends present.



John Muir, we shall always miss you. Our hearts are full of gratitude for what you have done for us, and we thank you. Like Mr. Matt. Miller, your good deeds will live for ever.

Mr. Muir leaves a widow, who is much loved for her gentle manner, charitable work, and above all, for her outstanding and lasting work among our deaf women and girls. To her we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We know how great our loss is, but compared to hers it is nothing for John Muir belonged to her.

#### MR. W. J. McCASKILL,

Superintendent, Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

Mr. W. J. McCaskill, the recently appointed Secretary and Superintendent of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, in succession to the late Mr. John Adcock, was for twenty-three years in the employ of Messrs. Michaelis, Hallenstein & Co. Pty. Ltd., starting as a boy and working his way up to assistant manager, the position held by him when he resigned to take over the care of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution. He left his old position with the good wishes of all, and has already made a most favorable impression in his new sphere of work.

Mr. McCaskill has always been very fond of sport, having taken part in football, cricket and amateur athletics, and later golf; giving up the latter last year to devote his spare time to the Boy Scout movement, of which he is a Commissioner for the Hawthorn District.



His thorough business training, combined with varied practical knowledge and backed up by his keen organising ability and understanding of human nature, together with his love for children, give promise of a very successful future to his new undertaking.

#### OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Deaf visitors to Melbourne during the festive season were Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. F. Holmes, Miss S. Garry, Messrs. Varley and Todd from New South Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Keith and Miss Jessie Best from Tasmania. Mrs. J. E. Muir and Mr. G. Damman of Warburton.

Messrs. J. Kenworthy and A. Collins of Gippsland, Mr. W. Hately of Camperdown, Mr. C. Johns of Horsham, Miss M. Schreenan of Ballarat, and Miss F. Owens of Wangaratta.

Three of our members—M. Marks of Ballarat, F. Kendall and W. Ashby—spent their Xmas holidays camping at Lorne, and had a great time. Details of the trip will be found elsewhere.

Norman Hughes, we are sorry to say, is in the Williamstown Hospital. An operation for appendicitis is the reason. Latest report says he is progressing very favorably. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Miss Salvado, a teacher at the School for the Deaf, Tasmania, spent her Christmas vacation with friends in Gippsland, Victoria. We were pleased to see her at our Centre on two or three occasions.

Gerald McCaffrey and Ethel Dow spent a happy holiday in Ballarat.

Mrs. M. Cross was in hospital for some time. It is good to see her among us again.

Fred Lynas has returned to his farm at Wooronooke, via Charlton. We will miss him for, during the past two years, he has been frequently seen at our Centre.

Alf. Tyzzer and C. Bragg have been given work on the roads by the Government Labor Bureau. The former is eight miles out of Alexandra and quite enjoys his work. He says the scenery there is beautiful. The latter is doing quarry work at Traralgon. Both expect to be away about six weeks.

Our deaf little Dorothy Johnston met with a nasty accident lately. In jumping off a picket fence, her arm caught on a spike and was badly torn below the elbow. She was hurried to hospital and ten stitches inserted. We are very pleased to say the wound is healing quickly.

Miss A. Graham, the "fairly godmother" of so many good gifts here, is enjoying herself in Tasmania. She expects to be away about two months. All here will be pleased to see her back.

A. Hately, of Camperdown, was with us during January. His brother Willie joined in our Christmas festivities and told of the good times here.

Willies Grant, of Myrtleford, is always a welcome visitor at our Centre. During his fortnight's holiday he spent a few days at Warburton. He says hop-picking work in his district will soon commence.

Mr. W. Crush is somewhere in our little Island State. We have not heard whether he intends making a long stay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rees, of Wonthaggi, were at our Centre recently. Both looked well, and their baby is bonnie. Unfortunately, Mr. Rees is on the unemployed list.

Mrs. H. Allinson, also of Wonthaggi, called one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ashby have been at Warburton since the beginning of January. They must be enjoying themselves. Several other deaf friends have reported good times at Warburton this season.

Mrs. P. Swain has gone farther afield. She is expected home from Adelaide this month. Mrs. M. Thomson is minding Mrs. Swain's house.

Mrs. L. Nicholson, better known as Thelma Stephens, spent a month with her mother at Xmas. She likes Sydney, but was delighted to renew her acquaintance with her old school chums.

## DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

Tuesday, 10th February.—Eileen O'Gorman entertained the members of the Women's Guild by giving an instructive address, "People of the World." The bright way in which it was given added much to the success of the address. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, brought forth a host of riddles and small competitions, which were willingly responded to. Altogether the meeting was a huge success.

10th March is the date arranged for the next meeting, when Mrs. Peters will give a paper entitled "A Speck of Dust." Be sure to attend, and do your best to bring a friend with you.

## HOCKEY CLUB.

At the beginning of the 1930 winter season, the younger set of our girls, led by Elsie Stephens, formed a Hockey Club. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and naturally they soon excelled in the game, and are now looking forward to keen contests with association teams this season.

The annual meeting of the club will be held on Saturday, 28th February, at 3 p.m., in our hall, when the election of office-bearers will take place. All girls interested are invited to attend.

## DEAF MEN'S GUILD.

The Men's Guild reopened after its vacation on 13th January, when holiday reminiscences were given by members.

On 26th January the Guild held its annual picnic at Hampton. A full account will be found elsewhere.

The 10th February was Nomination Night. There was a good muster, and all offices are to be contested for. At the conclusion of business the trophies of the Hampton Picnic races were distributed to the winners.

The annual meeting of the Guild will be held on Tuesday, 24th February, and it is hoped to have a bumper house, so roll up, gentlemen.

## MEN'S GUILD ANNUAL PICNIC.

A happy picnic was held at Hampton, where close upon forty members and friends turned up. The weather in the morning was wet, but it cleared by 11.30 a.m. The following were the events:—75 yds. Race, Fred Kendall, a vase. Ditto for ladies, Burnie Higgin, cake dish. Ladies' Siamese, Mrs. and Miss O'Gorman, cake dish and butter dish respectively. Wrestling Race, Eddie Raines and Eddie Roxburgh, a vase each. Cockfighting, Warrie Ashby, a vase. Wheelbarrow Race, Warrie Ashby and Eileen O'Gorman, a bowl and a vase respectively. Hobble Race, Burnie Higgin, jam dish. Swimming Race, Warrie Ashby, fruit dish. Hop, Step and Jump Race, Fred Kendall, flower bowl.

## THE BALL SAID TO THE BAT.

An effort is being made to arrange for a City v. Country match between deaf cricket teams in Melbourne at Easter.

Country deaf players wishing to participate in the match are requested to forward their names immediately to Warrie Ashby,

54 Barkly Street, East Brunswick, N.10, who has the arrangements in hand.

The Committee of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club have chosen Messrs. Tom Collins, Cliff Robertson, Jim O'Gorman, Will Anderson and Warrie Ashby to form the Committee of Selectors to pick the Victorian team to play in the great interstate Deaf Cricket Carnival in Melbourne next Christmas. Should the contemplated Easter match take place, it will give the selectors an excellent opportunity to study the form of our players.

There is to be a novelty social at our club house on the 3rd March, in aid of the Adult Deaf Cricket Club. Admission, 1/6. Attractive games, prizes and light supper. The funds of the club being low, a bumper house is needed to replenish them. We are, therefore, looking to all our young people to do their bit with enthusiasm so to bring about an outstandingly successful function.

## Cricket Results.

29th November and 6th December.—Adult Deaf, 4 for 22 (C. Lyfield 10) draw with Albert Park, 219 (W. Ashby 5 for 92, Beattie 2 for 31).

13th and 20th December.—Adult Deaf, 70 (Lygon 18, D. Ashby 12, W. Ashby 10) and 84 (C. Lyfield 24, W. Ashby 16, Lygon 10) lost to Royal Imperials, 92 and 3 for 85 (Anderson 6 for 46, W. Ashby 3 for 39).

31st December and 24th January.—North Port, 3 for 197 (Anderson 2 for 25), defeated Adult Deaf, 72 (Lyfield 34, Lygon 13 not out) and 62 (W. Ashby 19, C. Lyfield 12).

W. Ashby.

## THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Harry Puddy is to be congratulated upon the results of his first effort at organising. Enthusiasm and hard work gave him the success he deserved, and the First Championship Tennis Tournament of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Tennis Club will bring pleasant recollections to many. There were over thirty entries, and each event was fought with sustained interest to the finish. Owing to the widespread unemployment only two States competed, but there was a good sprinkling of country deaf players, and the latter made the city players "sit up" when they played their first match. There was a noticeable improvement in the play, although the weather was none too friendly at the beginning, but later, when the finals were played, she became more affable. It took four days to complete the competitions. The noticeable feature of the tournament was the remarkable success of Harry Puddy, who carried off all his events—Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In the ladies' events, Mrs. J. Johnston led, but every player put up a good game.

Owing to lack of space we regret inability to put in the full result of all the matches played. The final results were:—

Men's Singles Championship: H. Puddy defeated G. Damman, 6-1, 6-4. Ladies' Singles Championship: Mrs. J. M. Johnston defeated B. Higgin, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3. Men's Doubles Championship: H. Puddy



and K. Best (Tas.) defeated J. Dickenson and J. O'Gorman, 7-5, 6-2. Ladies' Doubles Championship: Mrs. J. M. Johnston and M. Dow defeated Elsie Stephens and B. Higgle, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Mixed Doubles Championship: H. Puddy and Miss J. Best defeated Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, 7-5, 6-4.

The social side of the tournament was a very enjoyable one, and included a welcome social at the Adult Deaf Club House on the 26th December, followed by an exhibition of the Adult Deaf Society's film depicting the activities of the society's work on the 29th. On New Year's Eve we were the guests of the Principal at a social held in the Hall of the Club House. There was a largely attended picnic to Mordialloc on New Year's Day, and we were again the guests of the Principal at a Garden Party at Lake Park on the afternoon of the 2nd January. On the same evening a farewell social was held at the Adult Deaf Society's Hall, when the trophies won were presented to the winners by Mr. Abraham on behalf of the Melbourne Adult Deaf Tennis Club.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

There is a little paper for the deaf published at Worcester, South Africa, called "Sunbeams." We have taken the liberty of copying the following from its pages and, substituting for "Sunbeams" the words "Victorian Deaf," advised our readers to go and do likewise.

1. "Sunbeams" requires advertising. When a goose lays an egg she waddles off as if she were ashamed of it; just because she IS a goose. But when a hen lays an egg—ah! she calls heaven and earth to witness it. The hen is a natural-born advertiser, and does good business—considering the number of hen's eggs consumed. We don't want to be called "a goose," so please help us to bring "Sunbeams" to the notice of as many friends as you can.

2. We cannot afford to spend money on advertising, so why not order two copies and do some friend a good turn by sending him or her one?

3. Again, send us the names and addresses of persons likely to be interested. We shall be pleased to send along a specimen copy.

#### NEW ZEALAND.

There are many unemployed deaf in New Zealand. One deaf young man has written to the "Christchurch Press" drawing attention to the fact. He thinks the Government should help them to get work.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

The new Chapel for the Deaf, which was opened by Lady Street in October last, is on the third floor of the N.S.W. Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Institute, and has been named the Helen Keller Chapel, after the famous American blind-deaf authoress and lecturer.

Amongst other institutions benefiting by the will of the late Mr. Edwin Grainger, of Sydney, is the N.S.W. Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, Darlinghurst, the bequest being £1,000.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Adult Deaf Society of W.A. held their annual picnic at Point Walter on Monday, 26th January. There was an attendance of more than forty deaf and hearing friends. Most of the adults are at present unemployed, but the fine programme of sports enabled them to forget the depression for the day.

#### THE CATHOLIC DEAF.

Rev. Bro. Allen, Superior of St. Gabriel's School for Catholic Deaf Boys, Castle Hill, N.S.W., recently paid his annual visit to Victoria, and was heartily welcomed by the Catholic community. He returned to New South Wales with a number of deaf pupils on the 30th January.

#### THE CHRISTMAS RALLY.

The Christmas Rally, held last December, easily stands out as the most successful from all points of view, bar one. The hall was beautifully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston (who designed it), Mr. V. Tyzzer and some of our girls and boys. Everyone was loud in admiration of the scheme carried out. We all were the guests of the General Board, and showed our appreciation by rolling up in dozens. Yes, we enjoyed ourselves immensely, and were very happy to see so many of our hosts present.

The President (Mr. E. R. Peacock) and the Chairman (Mr. N. A. Armstrong) welcomed us in very pleasing speeches. Our Principal interpreted, and Mr. Atherton, Mr. Hoath and later, our Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Cleveland) joined the throng. It was Mr. Cleveland's first appearance at a Xmas Rally, and right glad we were to see him. We hope to see Mrs. Cleveland with him next time. Mr. McCaskill, the new Superintendent of our old school (the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution) was also present and received a hearty welcome. He told us he was pleased to be with us, and hoped it was the forerunner of many happy times to come. Messrs. F. E. Frewin and W. A. Paterson thanked the General Board for all the nice things said. Mrs. Armstrong (wife of the Chairman) and children, Mrs. Hoath and her little girl, and the son and daughter of Mr. Atherton, were with us.

Upstairs a Christmas Tree, laden with gifts, was a source of much happiness to the wee ones, but here comes the "bar one." Our hall downstairs proved so inadequate to hold the large number of guests that games had to be cancelled, and only under difficulty could conversation be carried on. Truly it was a well packed hall, but everyone was in the best of spirits and laughingly referred to the urgent need of larger recreation accommodation. Being a warm night, our spacious verandahs were in full use, and ice cream, etc., helped a lot. Supper, arranged by Miss Empson, and dispensed under the supervision of the Workers' Club, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

## OUR OBJECTIVE.

Our objective is to become a welcome visitor to the homes of all the deaf of Victoria. We want you to get the habit of looking forward to our bi-monthly visit. We believe there is but one way to accomplish this, and that is to deserve it, to make our visit a welcome one. We are making no promises of what we are going to do further than to say that we shall endeavor to provide you with a palatable menu of good mental foods, wholesome and invigorating, not forgetting enjoyable tit-bits of news of the deaf, accompanied by refreshing draughts of constructive suggestions and progressive ideas for the betterment of the condition and social status of the deaf generally. And this is menu No. 1. If the food laid before you in this number is to your taste, recommend it to all your deaf friends.

"The Victorian Deaf" was launched with great promise last year, but the request to renew subscriptions has been very disappointing. Nevertheless we are aiming at a circulation of 500 at least, and although the start off looks anything but encouraging, we have every confidence that we shall reach the winning post.

You can easily help us to make a satisfactory progress report in our next number by sending your subscription at once. Stamps will do. If not convenient any other way, send your 2/- in penny stamps to Harry Puddy, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, C.2.

## COMING EVENTS.

- February 14—Women's Guild Picnic.
- February 24—Annual Meeting of the Men's Guild.
- March 3—Cricket Club Novelty Social.
- March 8—Harvest Thanksgiving.
- March 23—Worker's Club Picnic.
- March 31—Easter Rally.

## 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.

Articles, news, etc., should be addressed to the Editor, "Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East. Subscriptions and orders to Mr. H. Puddy, manager, "Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.