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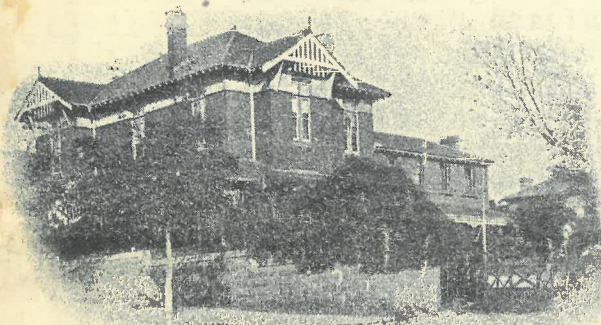
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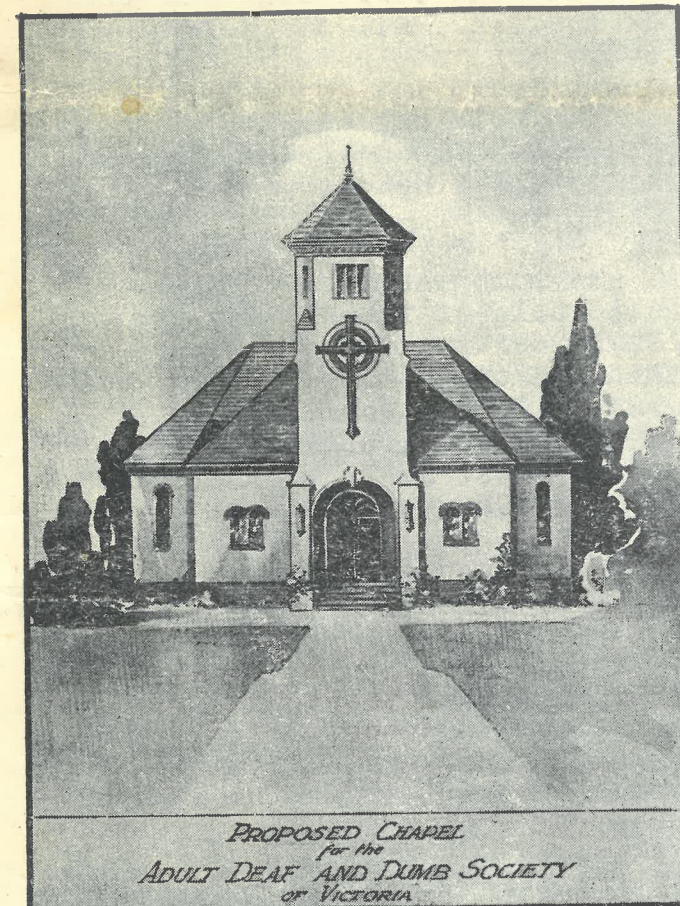
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THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH.

Although, as through the World he
plodded,
It's said that Homer sometimes noddod;
Note this about that poet-roamer -
It wasn't noddod made him Homer!
Caesar had weaknesses galore:
He revelled and he drank and swore;
He had his foibles such as these are,
But - weaknesses did not make Caesar!
Washington too, its plain to see;
Had all the faults of you and me;
But when all this is said and done,
They didn't make him Washington!
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When all their stories are rehearsed,
They only serve to prove afresh
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ACTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR GENERAL BOARD.

We want it to be known that we appreciate and believe ourselves fortunate indeed in having such interested members on our General Board. For one and all are ever ready to grasp the opportunity to help. At the farm, our fruit trees needed pruning and the tender for the work was £10. Mr. Geof. Fethers at once volunteered to save that sum and brought along local orchardists who kindly did the pruning. He has too, in other ways shown personal interest. Mr. Simpson Hill, a scientific farmer with an expert's knowledge of soils, who recently joined our Board at once got busy and has taken up the spare land problem at our Blackburn Farm with enthusiasm and we are looking forward to splendid results. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, F.C.I.S. who by the way is just now a much occupied member of the Bread Royal Commission is giving a very generous share of his time to the financial affairs of Our Society. We are continually being reminded of Mr. A. E. Atherton when a drink is being enjoyed at the fountain he so kindly donated and erected at our Centre. Mr. Edgar Peacock like his father, Our President, is ever willing and ever doing.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Our President, Mr. E. R. Peacock is a President in every sense of the word. The success of our Society means much to him and he is very jealous for our good name. He is out to do the right thing whatever the cost.

THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR SOCIETY.

Since our Newsletter last appeared the Chairman of Our Society has been elected to the Council of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham, and immediately afterwards to the Presidential Chair. We heartily congratulate Mr. Councillor Armstrong and wish him a most successful year. Since Mr. Armstrong joined our Board he has taken a live interest in Our Society and all that pertains to it. In addition to being Chairman of the General Board he is Chairman of the Blackburn Home Committee and is a frequent and welcome visitor to the Home.

NEW COMMITTEEMEN.

Mr. Simpson Hill and Mr. Hoath recently joined the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society of Victoria, both gentlemen are also on the Home Committee.

A GIFT OF SEEDS.

Mr. Thos. Purves an ex-member of the Board of Management has still a kindly interest in our success and a very tangible wish it is too, - another splendid contribution of seeds for our Blackburn Farm. Mr. Simpson Hill called upon the firm with an order, the order was fulfilled with extras, but no payment accepted. We much appreciate it and thank Mr. Purves.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

Notwithstanding trade depressions, the many unemployed, a stormy day and consequently small congregations our offertory at Morning and Evening Services on Sunday Oct. 27th for the Hospital Sunday Fund was £8.15.0. Our Principal was the preacher.

THEY CAME AND PRUNED OUR ORCHARD.

We gratefully acknowledge the kind services of the following gentlemen who came and pruned the little orchard at our Blackburn Home:-
Counc. J. Stephens, Messrs. A. Course, F. Crowther, F. Garfield, G. Sheahan, H.S. Tainton and W. Wilcox.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

There was a good attendance at the quarterly communion service on Sunday Oct. 13th. Our Chaplain officiated.

OUR MOST GENEROUS MEMBER.

Miss Alice Graham never fails to respond when help is needed.

Financially we are passing through difficult times. It was never an object of past or present Boards of Management to create reserve funds, but to give the deaf the full benefit of the income subscribed by the people of their time. These exceptionally hard times have increased our responsibilities and the Society is shouldering them in faith that the necessary additional income will be forthcoming. In addition to unemployed the number benefitting by the provisions of the Blackburn Home has nearly doubled.

Hence a cheque for £25 is a very welcome gift and for this handsome donation we thank Miss Graham most heartily. Her contribution to the Hospital Sunday fund was also on generous lines and every other fund of Our Society is indebted to her ever-willing help. Miss Graham too is one of the most regular in attendance at Morning Service, and always appreciative. Miss Bessie Graham (Miss Graham's sister) is another of our liberal friends. We acknowledge with kind thoughts her donation of £10.

AN EVENING IN NEW GUINEA.

"Tramping in New Guinea" was the title of an address given by Dr. Brooke Nicholls to a large audience of deaf and hearing friends in our Hall on the evening of July 18th. It was a most instructive and interesting programme. A large map was used and the lecturer proceeded with the account of his travels from place to place, so clear was his description that we felt we were actually travelling along too. To further add to our enjoyment Dr. Nicholls had during the day arranged some hundreds of curios including Native weapons, dress, cooking utensils, beads and etc. etc on tables round the Hall.

Mr. Abrahams interpreted and Mrs Brooke Nicholls, who accompanied her husband on the trip, played no small part in the pleasure of the evening by adding her experiences.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to Dr and Mrs Nicholls for their kindness in providing such an enjoyable evening. It was indeed good of them for the bringing and taking away of the exhibits entailed a large amount of work and careful handling.

OUR MISSIONER.

Our Missioner, Mr. J.M. Johnston, has been enjoying strenuous times of late. He is here, there and everywhere. The unemployment problem has added greatly to the calls upon his time and in these days of multiplicity of Functions, Guilds, Clubs, Socials and "Specials" it is no easy task to keep all the wives in a glow and up to standard pitch. To do everything really properly as one would desire, just now one needs to be endowed with the number of lives allocated to the cat, and the powers of a genii. Mr. Johnston is in training for both.

A MELBOURNE VISITOR.

At the weekly Friday social on June 21st Mr. E. R. Peacock, President of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, paid a friendly visit to the Welfare Centre of our Society. Mr. Peacock, in an interesting address to the Deaf, spoke of the early beginnings of work amongst the Deaf and Dumb, and traced the progress of that work, particularly as he had seen it in Victoria, from the very first very small efforts up to the present time, when the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society held valuable properties in Melbourne, and had developed into a large and influential organisation under the greatly valued direction of Mr. E.J.D. Abraham.

The time was near at hand, Mr. Peacock suggested, when the various Deaf and Dumb Societies throughout the Commonwealth should be linked together in a Federal bond of brotherhood.

Mr. Peacock was thanked very warmly for his sympathetic address.

(N.S.W. Silent Messenger).

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

On June 11th the Women's Guild opened the New Year 1929-30 with a very interesting address by the New President Mr. T. Peters and amusing stories by the Members. Mrs Frewin performed the unveiling of Mrs Moss' enlarged photo in the Women's Room, and spoke of her past work as the first Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Women's Friendly Society. Mrs Moss is the wife of our old Collector, Mr. S. Moss. Supper was afterwards partaken of.

On the 9th of July Mrs Frewin gave a most interesting paper on "Humanity cannot do without wood." Afterwards the members entertained Miss Thelma Stephens to a Kitchen Supper because she was getting married on Aug. 1st.



N.S.W. ADULT DEAF & DUMB INSTITUTE.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD (Contd)

She pleasingly thanked the members for their gifts. An enjoyable supper brought the meeting to a close.

13th August was a debate night, when "Bush Fires" and "Floods" were discussed by Misses R. Dow and M. Gibson respectively then afterwards fully debated by the members present.

A Humorous Evening was spent on 10th Sept. when each member was asked to answer the Question on "What did you do on your 21st Birthday?"

RAMBLERS.

Saturday August 24th a small but happy party set out for the monthly outing of the Rambling Club. Our Blackburn Home was the objective and soon after arriving there they were to be seen merrily conversing, and doing their best, to give pleasure to Our Inmates. Later the party had the pleasure of seeing Our Lacrosse Team score a victory over the, up to then, undefeated Malvern Team. Owing to so many fixtures the next Ramble will not be held till Saturday November 16th. Swimming in the afternoon and tea on the beach is expected to make this Ramble popular.

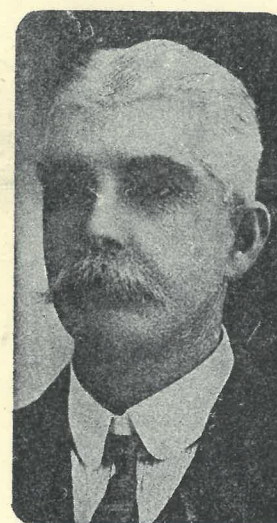
Watch Notice Board at Our Centre for particulars.

ANNUAL CRICKET MEETING.

The Cricket Club held its Annual Meeting on 13th Sept. when the usual business routine was gone through. The Election of Office Bearers for the next 12 months were as follows:- President, Mr. J.M. Johnston, Vice President Messrs G. Mortimer, F. Rees, D. Ashby, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Mr. W. Ashby. Committee: Messrs W. Anderson, J. Cariss, L. Sutton, and W. O'Bryan. Prizes for Best Batting (F. Lynas) and best bowling averages (F. Lynas) and best all Round Player (W. Ashby) of last Season's matches were presented.

THELMA.

The title might give you the impression that it is the novel by Marie Corelli but it is not. It is the title of the announcement of the marriage of Our Thelma. Saturday August the 10th saw a very sweet and daintly attired bride Miss Thelma Stephens of Melbourne make her marriage vows to Mr. Lodavia Nicholson of Sydney. It was a pretty ceremony. Our Church in Jolimont Square which was packed with well wishers was beautifully decorated with floral arches, bells, etc. by the school friends of the bride, a truly fitting setting for such a popular match. Miss Elsie Stephens was the bridesmaid and looked charming in her dainty frock of pale blue. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. O'Callaghan of Sydney. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hoban and Our President, Mr. Abraham interpreted.



MR. A. C. MUIR.

After a visit to the photographer, the wedding breakfast was partaken of in Our Upper Hall where between 50 and 60 guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding tea prepared by Mrs Bootz. Mrs Ashby and many girl friend helpers. The tables were prettily decorated with quantities of iceland poppies and violets from Our Farm and a happy spirit of harmony prevailed throughout.

After the usual toasts had been honoured the bride and bridegroom left to start their new life together as Mr and Mrs Nicholson. Because their home was to be in Sydney many arrangements had to be made which gave Thelma's friends the opportunity of seeing her several times, before a large party farewelled them on the 14th August, when they left by boat for their future home - Sydney.

We were very sorry to part with Thelma but she is happy in the knowledge that she takes with her many good wishes, and a live interest in her future happiness.

MENS GUILD.

June 11th 1929 was "Suggestion Night" when many members came forward with various suggestions for future meetings etc. which proved interesting and a good few were recommended for adoption.

Mr. A. Hull gave us a paper on "Self Confidence" which was very good, mainly inspiring the Members to make themselves active and useful.

Mr. W. Bladier entertained us with an account of "The Cruise of the Seeadler" a German Sea Raider during the Great War which showed many daring incidents.

On 30th July Mr. Edwin Johnson opened the Discussion Night on "How to improve Oneself at One's Trade" and many useful hints were given.

On Aug. 13th "Grammar" Night proved instructive when English was explained to the Members.

Mr. J. Leber gave a very good paper on "Jewish Customs" on 27th August. He brought some articles that were used by the Jews even to the present day and explained their uses and purposes which were most interesting.

"Philatelic Evening" was the title on 10th Sept. when Mr. J. M. Johnston explained the mysteries and fascinations of Stamp Collecting. Some members brought their collections and albums for exhibit and an interesting exhibition it was.

Mr. R.H. Lambert entertained the Members with an Optimistic Paper on "Laugh at Life" on 24th Sept.

On Oct. 8th saw the members discussing the Question "Should Federal Arbitration Court be Abolished?" As usual members were divided on the question.

"Mind-Instinct and Constructive Thought" was the title of a Lecture by our Principal on the 29th Oct. His illustrations of instinct in animals and humans and the power of mind over body and body over mind kept our attention for an hour and a half.

LUNA PARK EVENING.

A very successful Social Evening was spent under the Auspices of the Lacrosse Club, and carrying the attractive title of "Own Luna Park Evening" on 2nd July. There were various novelty games which created much merriment and for which prizes were given. The same good old supper followed.

EUCHRE TOURNEYS.

On the evenings of Saturday 17th and 30th August Euchre Tournaments were held. The first night Mrs Edwin Johnson won the ladies prize and Mr. Joe Retallick the Gent's. On the second night Miss Eileen O'Gorman and Mr. Richard White claimed the respective honours. Miss L. Cotton and Mr. J. Cariss won theirs on 5th October.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

On August 30th The Athletic Club staged a farewell social evening to bid Our Popular Member Mr. Gerald D. Edwards "Bon Voyage". He left Melbourne on Saturday Sept 7th for England per S.S. "Neckar".

LACROSSE CLUB SOCIAL.

A very happy wind up Social was given by the Lacrosse Club at the "Centre" on 22nd Oct when the Members were entertained to a wonderfully good display of Juggling by Mr. Darry, a friend of One of Our Players for which he was heartily thanked. The rest of the evening was spent in playing new games. Supper supplied by Hearing friends and supporters brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

BOOK NIGHT SOCIAL.

A Novel Social was arranged by the Deaf Committee and called the "Book Night Social" on 19th Oct. when an admission charge was made to augment a fund for purchase of new books for Our Library. Mr. A. Hall the Chairman of the Evening explained the purpose of the Social and then set the games in motion which were varied and interesting.

TENNIS CLUB - JOLIMONT SQUARE.

The Tennis Club has again joined the St. Kilda District Competition and at its first match had a win over Parkview A. on August 31st scoring 44 games to theirs 27. Since then the team has had varying fortune, some wins and some losses. There are two grades in the above Association and our Club entered the 2nd Grade Mixed Section.

LACROSSE. The Lacrosse Season has come to a close and Our Team is well to the fore again. Results of Matches played are as follows: June 22nd against Camberwell, our team lost scoring 10 to their 20. 29th June won against Box Hill 11 to 6. July 6th. another win at expense of North Fitzroy 11 to 2. 13th July ditto against Old Caulfield Grammarians 29 to 6. 20th July ditto against Essendon 17 to 6. 27th July Ditto Ivanhoe 20 to 8. August 3rd ditto Caulfield 18-7. 10th Aug. ditto Box Hill 13 to 12. 17th Aug. 24th Battalion 17 to 0. 24th Aug. Malvern 11-7. Out of the Season's result our team attained the second position to Malvern on the premiership list and on 31st August we were drawn against North Fitzroy for the Semi Final and won, scoring 11 goals to their 7. On 7th Sept. we met Malvern for the Final on the Caulfield

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G. Ground and with the loss of G. Edwards (who left for England that same morning) our team was no match for Malvern who won the Premiership scoring 15 goals to our 9.

GEELONG DEAF.

On the 12th of February our Principal by kind permission of the Vicar the Rev. J.J.Booth conducted services for the Deaf of Geelong in St.Paul's Church, Geelong, when most of the Deaf residing in Geelong and district were present. The attendance was so encouraging, and the Deaf so enthusiastic to have regular gatherings that a fortnightly visit was planned, and through the kindness of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club we are enjoying the free use of their Club room every alternate Tuesday. Some very happy gatherings have been held. After service there is a Lecture which is followed by a jolly little all round talk. Hearing friends sometimes attend and are very welcome. The Misses Monahan, daughters of Mr and Mrs Monahan, have attended every meeting and render helpful assistance. Mr and Mrs Hood drive in from St.Leonards, a distance of 20 miles, that in itself proves how much the meetings are enjoyed. Encouraged by the success of this one, we hope to establish branch meetings in many of the large towns of Victoria.

DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of Deaf Workers' Club was held on the evening of 6th August. There was a gratifying attendance of members, presided over by Mrs Frewin.

The Annual Report of the Hon.Sec. Mr. R.H.Lambert, showed that although there had been no event of outstanding importance, the work of the club had been progressive and satisfactory.

The Committee wish to tender their best thanks to all who have assisted them so willingly during the past season, and also to all who contributed towards making social and Xmas parties so marked a success.

The Hon.Treasurer Mr. M.G.Mortimer reported a credit balance of £7.17.10.

The election resulted as follows:- President Mrs Frewin, Vice-president Mr. Frewin. Hon.Sec. Mr. R.H.Lambert. Hon.Treasurer Miss Hawkins. Committee: Mrs Ashby, Misses O'Gorman and Gibson, Messrs Ashby and Mortimer.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year are now due. Membership is open to all, and any one wishing to enrol, is invited to apply to Mr. R.H.Lambert, the Hon. Sec.

OUR TASMANIAN TRIP - by Miss M. Gibson.

With the Victorian cricketers Misses R. Peters, M. Stevens, G. Hawkins and I left Melbourne on the 21st of Dec. for Tasmania per S.S.Nairana. After a rough trip across the Bass Strait, Launceston was reached about 8.30 a.m. on the 22nd. We left for Hobart by the boat express an hour later. Reached Hobart about 3.30 p.m. On the morning of the 23rd Mona, Gwen and I with Mr Damman went a motor trip to Mount Nelson and Browns River and had a splendid view of Hobart and the coast line through the telescope at the Signal Station on Mt. Nelson.

The afternoon was spent at the Zoo, the evening at the Sunday Service at the Institute. Dec.24th we were at the North Hobart Oval where the Victorians and Tasmanian teams were playing, and the morning of Xmas Day at Fern Tree Tower and the Springs at

Mount Wellington. The afternoon at Sandy Bay. Dec.26th and 27th. at the cricket matches. Dec. 28th in company with some Victorians and South Australians we 4 girls went by charabanc to Eagle Hawk Neck and the historic Port Arthur where the penal settlements were visited.

Dec.29th. to a river picnic per S.S.Marana to New Norfolk, at National Park and the Russell Falls. Evening at Wesley Church. Dec. 30th a trip to South Arm by motor launch S.S.Arcadia. Evening at the demonstration at the Town Hall and afterwards saw the cricketers off for Launceston at the Hobart station. The other free days were spent sightseeing the suburbs on free tram passes kindly given by the Government. Friday Jan. 4th Messrs Dickenson, Mortimer and Damman and Crush and myself (the last Victorians to leave Hobart except Miss G. Hawkins) said Goodbye to Hobart and left to spend a night at Launceston. After arriving there Mr. Dickenson and I went to the beautiful Cataract Gorge. Next morning the 5th we walked to the Launceston Electric Power Station a distance of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles each way. Afternoon Miss R. Peters and Mr. H. Puddy who stayed a few days in Launceston joined us at the boat "Nairana" for the return trip to Melbourne which was reached after 9.30 a.m. on the 6th of Jan. after a most enjoyable holiday in Tasmania.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mrs J. Boortz has been spending a holiday with her daughter Mrs A. Taylor at her home in Sydney.

Mr. Walter Grant is again working on the Pine Plantation in the Ovens Valley. He stated that he has bought a new A.J.S. Motor Cycle 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ H.P. and hopes to come to Melbourne as soon as his work is completed.

Mr. Byron Taylor of Hobart who sent some copies of "Sports Weekly" which mention the Adult Deaf over there has formed a Badminton Club and has entered for Premiership Competition amongst the Hearing Clubs. Names he mentioned in the teams were B. Taylor, W. Limbrick, S. Ronnie, F. McGrath, and Misses U.Salmon, I. Salvado, W. Murray and T. Wilson. We hear of enthusiastic Comments being made on Mr. B. Taylor's brilliant game and the bright prospect of him becoming one of the star players.

Mr. G. Edwards has sailed for England where he intends to stay for 3 or 4 years. He left Melbourne on 7th Sept. by S.S."Neckar" which will go by way of Suez Canal. A large number of Deaf friends saw him off.

Mr. Reginald Gilbert had the misfortune to meet with an accident a couple of months ago. He was knocked down in Bourke Street by a car and taken to the Melbourne Hospital with a broken leg where he remained till he was drafted on to the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. Now he is back at Our Blackburn Home and although still on crutches is making good progress towards recovery.

Mrs Cross was operated on at St.Vincent's Hospital and later transferred to the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. She is, we are pleased to say, much benefitted in health.

Mrs Hartley had a sharp attack of pleurisy and pneumonia a short time back. She was a patient at Nurse Hodgeson's Private Hospital in Middle Park and now has gone to Sydney to recuperate.

During the past month or two we have seen at our Centre the following deaf friends - Mr. John Anderson from Swan Hill, Mr. W. Maloney from Culgoa, Mr. A. Collins, Neerim Junction. Mr. Colin Johns, Horsham, Mr. Marks, Ballarat, Miss V. West, Traralgon, Mr. H. Wilson, Sale, Mr. Ferguson, Bowman's Forest, Mrs Damman, Warburton, Mr. J. Hunt, Mildura, Mr. C. Hunt, Ouyen, Mr. and Mrs Winn, Sydney, Mr. J. Kenworthy, Pakenham.

Mr. W. McMillen was down with Dry Pleurisy and Bronchitis during the winter. We are glad to see him among us again.

We learn that G. Henry met with an accident to his foot whilst chopping firewood and had to have four stitches put in. It is good to know he is doing well.

The Country Deaf are reminded to send in the Loyalty form sent to them with the last issue of Our Newsletter.

Miss L. Sanders is at present taking a month tour of our Northern Capitals, Sydney and Brisbane. She left Melbourne on the 21st Sept. per S.S. Ormiston.

Thank you Mr. Moss for the very nice pencil sharpener you gave to Miss Empson. She has it fixed on the office table and we all find it very useful.

Miss M. Aram has left Melbourne on a six month's visit to her relatives in Tasmania.

Mr. Warrie Ashby has been to Perth, West Australia, by the Trans-continental Express as a member of the Victorian Interstate Lacrosse team which went over to participate in the Lacrosse Carnival there. His team returned home victorious, after having defeated all the teams from various States. Mr. Ashby spoke very highly of the good times received at the hands of officials. The Deaf of West Australia gave a "Welcome Social" on his behalf.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To Mr. & Mrs J. Hunt of Mildura - a daughter. Aug. 14th.
To Mr. & Mrs W. Rees of Wonthaggi - a son - 13th Sept.
To Mr. & Mrs D. Driscoll of Collingwood - a son - Oct. 1st.

OBITUARY.

It is with sorrow we record that Mr and Mrs A. Tyzzer lost their eldest daughter Daphne from Meningitis in the Children's Hospital on 28th June 1929. She was buried at the Burwood Cemetery. They have our sincere sympathy for little Daphne was loved by us all.

That Roy Martyr of Port Melbourne, one time inmate of Our Blackburn Home passed away on 20th June 1929 at the Austin Hospital and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery. Mr. E.J.D. Abraham officiated at the graveside.

That Miss Emily Anderson of Cooroy, Queensland, late of Geelong passed away on 30th August after a long illness.

That Mr. Pat Cunningham of Ballarat passed away on 17th October.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

CINEMA MACHINE FOR BLACKBURN HOME.

Thanks to our Principal and generous friends our Blackburn Home is now in possession of its own Cinema Machine. Several shows have already been given to the delight of the residents. Our Principal gratefully acknowledges the following donations toward the cost of the machine - Mr. E.R. Peacock, J.P. £5. Mr. Armstrong (President, Shire of Blackburn & Mitcham) £1.1.0.

CINEMA PICTURE SHOWS. At Centre and Blackburn Home.

Further interesting screenings of pictures have been shown. On 20th June a thrilling picture featuring Rin Tin Tin "Hounds of the Silver Creek" was shown then "Irish Hearts" featuring May McAvoy on 29th August, and an Amusing Comedy "Four Flushers" was screened on 5th Sept. featuring Marion Nixon. At our Blackburn Home two screenings were given for the inmates. A Cow Boy Action Picture featuring Hoot Gibson "Hey Hey Cowboy" was shown on 24th July, followed by one on 2nd August showing Reg. Danny in "Out All Night" and then "Irish Hearts" featuring May McAvoy on 29th August. May McAvoy again featured in the "Four Flushers" shown on 5th Sept.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

On the 26th of September last a most pleasing and enthusiastic audience was seen at a Social in Our Hall at Jolimont Square, in honour of the 28th Anniversary of the coming to Australia of our Principal and Leader Mr. Ernest J.D. Abraham. The function was under the auspices of the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society and Mr. A.C. Muir - the oldest deaf member - was in the chair. The President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; the Chairman, Mr. N. Armstrong; Messrs M.J. Hoath and A.E. Atherton represented the General Board and apologies were received from Mr. E.H. Peacock and other members.

Mr. A.C. Muir who was one of the first to greet Mr. Abraham on his arrival in Australia and has been a loyal friend ever since said this function is under the auspices of the Deaf Committee of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society representing and giving expression to the feeling of the Deaf Community. We have met together tonight to do honour to our Chaplain who has enthusiastically spent 28 strenuous years in our welfare. Mr. Abraham was known throughout the Deaf World (Great Britain, Europe, America and Australia even China, Japan and India) as editor of the British Deaf Monthly for which I acted as correspondent for many years. I can go back to days of fifty years ago when I first started the Sunday morning services for the Deaf which gradually progressed and became the foundation of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission, now this Society.

Mr. Abraham arrived here in 1901 being appointed Our Leader. Six months after who will ever forget that great demonstration - held in the Town Hall Melbourne, March 1902 when the Deaf rallied round our leader Mr. Abraham, we had the biggest of crowds almost surrounding the Town Hall in Swanston and Collins Streets. Police Troopers had to be called to clear the streets in order to allow the trams to pass, which were stopped for a quarter of an hour or so. In 1904 our Church was opened in Flinders Street, and in 1909 the Home at Blackburn, both of which speak volumes for Our Leader, Mr. Abraham as a great organiser. No man could

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accomplish more in the short time of 5 years which meant the raising of so many thousand pounds. By continued and steady progress Our Society has out distanced anything the Deaf have in Great Britain or elsewhere. We have now two beautiful properties Jolimont Square, and Blackburn which we are very proud of and thankful for.

Remember we must not overlook the fact that Mr. Abraham had been a great leader for many years amongst the Deaf in Great Britain but owing to ill-health through many years of strenuous work he had regretfully to relinquish his responsibilities as leader and editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" and under medical advice he came out to Australia for health reasons. It was indeed a great loss for Great Britain but a great gain, and blessing indeed to us in Australia especially Victoria. He very soon regained his health here, and is still going strong whilst entering upon his 29th year with us.

The President Mr. E.R.Peacock endorsed all that Mr. Muir had said, and added many pleasing incidents of Mr. Abraham's career. Mr. Abraham briefly but feelingly thanked one and all for their hearty appreciation of his services, and assured them of his continued devotion to them. He said he had been exceedingly fortunate in having succeeded men who had done excellent spade work, laying sound foundations. The Society and the deaf owed much to the late Mr. Peter Holt, the late Mr. R.R.Paterson, and Mr. Fred Frewin, and amongst the deaf themselves the three Muirs - John, Will and Adam, Matt. Miller, F.E.Frewin, W.A.Paterson, R. H. Loff, and others.

After a conjuring entertainment and happy conversation the evening terminated with supper, under the supervision of the "Workers Club." Among the hearing friends present were Mrs E.J. D. Abraham, Mrs Spiers Jackson and her little daughter Pat, Mr. & Mrs Douglas Abraham and their little son Doug. Mrs E.H.Peacock, Mrs Atherton and Mrs Hoath wives of the Members of the Board.

Several pleasing paragraphs about Mr Abraham appeared in Our daily papers both before and after the function of the 26th.

THESE GREAT DAYS OF OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Character in each of us is a force that, for good or evil, is perpetually touching all other characters. In the great realm of moral forces no man lives to himself. A fearless, upright soul reinforces goodness in every soul he touches. An evil man taints the general conscience. He makes goodness harder and evil easier for every one about him.

The profound teaching a Christianity will yet transfigure the world and recreate society. Our acts towards each other reverberate to the very throne of God. Service to each other is service to God. Neglect of each other is neglect of God. The denial of another's need is a refusal that runs up to the Crown of the universe, and sends its echoes forward to the Judgment seat itself.

"Who hates, hates Thee, who loves becomes therein to Thee allied.
All sweet accords of heart and homes in Thee are multiplied."

We must think more than imperially in these great days of our opportunity. We must think in cosmic terms. We must consent to feel ourselves part of the whole system of things, touching all lives and all forces, and touched by all. We must think of

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the universe not in fragments but as its Maker planned it, as a unit, an ordered Kingdom knitted together through all its forms and to its utmost boundaries by relationships so close that they cannot be escaped. Yet so subtle that they can hardly be realised.

General Smutts thinks the most important study of the future will be human personality, and that the new science will be called Personology. Artists, Saints and Poets are the most interesting people to study, because they have developed a real personality, a rich glowing inner life. It is no use, says General Smutts, to study a business man, or an administration, they are too busy with worldly affairs to have any personality!

SILENT PAT.

In a room where the clatter of presses almost drowns the spoken word, 24 employees of the Government Printing Office in Brisbane communicate in the deaf-and-dumb alphabet, so that messages which could not be shouted pass easily as signals the whole length of the room.

The man responsible for that is Patrick O'Keefe, of Constance Street, The Valley, a deaf-mute who 46 years ago entered the printery as a "fly-boy" and has been a worker there ever since.

Good-humored, efficient, a clever mimic, and enormously popular with his mates, Pat gives them the idea of employing sign-language, and it saves time and effort, and makes for smooth working.

Pat "hears" with his heels. If anyone wishes to call his attention, it is only necessary to stamp twice on the floor, and he feels the vibration at once.

His mimicry he sometimes employs in burlesquing what he has seen at the movies. Pat's pantomimes are voted a treat.

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SERVICE BEFORE SELF.

What are you doing to help your Society and fellow-members?

CUP DAY PICNIC - TUESDAY Nov. 5th 1929.

AT LAKE PARK, BLACKBURN. (Our Park)

Games, Novelties, Sports, Prizes. Tea, Milk and Sugar provided. Bring your own Tucker. There was a great muster last year, make it greater still this year. A HAPPY DAY FOR EVERYBODY.

SATURDAY, Nov. 9th. ALL COME.

Distribution of Cup Day Prizes, and a Prize Game Night.

Illustrated Lecture on "Astronomy"

Watch the Notice Board at the Centre for date of Mr. Wadsworth's (late Librarian to the Federal House of Parliament) Lecture on Astronomy.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Christmas Rally, Thursday, Dec. 19th. 1929.
AN EXTRA GREAT DAY.