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His Grace The Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. J. W. Head's Christmas Message.

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Christmas is the happiest day of all the year. It is the day that assures us that our race, the human race, is redeemed. Men have dreamed that they might know God, they have feared God, and they have thought about God. But they could not love Him unless they knew what He was like. On Christmas Day they learned that God had condescended to come down and reveal Himself to them in a human life, so that they might know Him as they knew one another. St. John gives the CHRISTMAS MESSAGE that says: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory."

That was the wonder of it all. Men have ever since that first Christmas kept God revealed in Jesus Christ. We need not begin by thinking of God as Almighty or All-wise or All-holy. We begin with the Babe of Bethlehem and work back to the Infinite Being who was there sent under human limitations. There is truth so proposed that the greatest scholar cannot grasp its meaning. There is a fact so simple that a mere child can understand the love of God.

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as children—try to bluff them as an adult does when a child sometimes asks an awkward question, and that is why it is a vital necessity for the Deaf “to seek the truth,” especially of the management of their own affairs.

Remember, again, what Marcus Antonius wrote—“Only he is injured who abides in his error and his ignorance.” If the Deaf are content to abide in ignorance of their own affairs then they must put up with the treatment meted out to them, but so long as they decide to “Seek the truth,” such knowledge will come to them that should surely spur them on not to rest content until such time as they have won for themselves independence of thought and outlook culminating in the management of their own affairs.

I therefore congratulate the Victorian Deaf on having for one year so successfully under their own auspices published a magazine, and on behalf of all their many friends in the New South Wales Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens I would urge them to carry on.

The truth may make enemies, for it is often a bitter pill to swallow, but when the patient is sick the medicine must be taken before recovery can be effected, and without a doubt the patient (the Australian Deaf) has been a very sick one in the past.

This Association is meeting with such outstanding success because it is not meeting lie with lie, but instead, has allied itself to Truth and Reality from its very inception, and that is what all the Deaf of Australia must do at all times and in all places.

Let us remember the words of our loving Saviour (who was and is indeed “The way, the truth, and the life”) whose birth we remember at this time, “know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” We can never know real freedom until we know the truth by which no man was ever injured.

—H. V. S. Hersee.

CHRISTMAS WISHES.

My Dear Readers,—

Well, Christmas is again nearly with us, when we all look forward to family reunions and happy hours, as to most of us it brings back pleasant memories, and I hope the Christmas to come will be as happy as those past.

To the readers of “The Victorian Deaf,” who are taking their holiday away, we wish them the best of times, and may their happy reminiscences help to brighten our next issue.

The Deaf Committee join with me in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your sincere friend,

THE HON. EDITOR.

PROGRESS—SLOW BUT SURE.

This is the sixth-bi-monthly issue of “The Victorian Deaf,” thus completing its first year. Progress has been slow but sure in the face of many obstacles. The serious financial depression is responsible for the shortage of our funds, and continued and increasing unemployment among our deaf.

The apathy of many members associated closely with our Deaf has further retarded our efforts; however, the evidence of the first year’s successful service of our magazine and of the many letters congratulating us on our progress, is such that urges us on to still greater efforts, as it gives us added zest to continue the good work. Therefore, we would ask our many friends who have helped us by their letters of encouragement, articles, and notes for publication to assist us still further by introducing “The Victorian Deaf” to some hearing friend and seek their co-operation in making it a still better and brighter magazine.

Thanks! We express our highest appreciation of the kindness of Archbishop Head in writing a Christmas message for this issue, for which we deeply thank him. Also Messrs. N. Armstrong, the chairman of our Board; O. Redman, of South Australia; H. V. Hersee, of the N.S.W. Association; W. H. Crush, and many others for their timely and untiring aid in the successful production of this special Christmas issue.

We take this opportunity of thanking all who rallied so splendidly to support this venture.

Special mention should be made that our most sincere and heartfelt thanks are duly accorded to the Deaf Committee, who are responsible for the issues of “The Victorian Deaf.”

“THE VICTORIAN DEAF” MAGAZINE.

The Editor respectfully begs to remind contributors that any unsigned contributions will not be accepted for publication, and that correspondents are alone responsible for views and opinions expressed in their communications. Letters and brief articles on various subjects of interest to the deaf will be welcomed and printed with pleasure when space permits.

PERSONAL.

It is with the deepest regret we report the death of our oldest pioneer, Mrs. Moss, who was one of the first pupils of St. Kilda Road Deaf School, which was opened in 1866, and later proved a diligent worker for the establishment of the Deaf and Dumb Mission, and was closely associated with many others in helping to advance the spiritual welfare of the Deaf. Her presence will be sorely missed, and we trust that her memory will prove an inspiration to many of us to keep the good work going.

PERSONAL (continued).

The visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. F. W. Head, to the Jolimont Centre, on Thursday afternoon, 30th October, was highly appreciated by those present, and lucky enough to be introduced personally to the Archbishop, who devoted his interests towards the Deaf and will, no doubt, strengthen and develop personality in the deaf by his further occasional presence with them.

A brief sermon and address was given in our new church, which was further consecrated, and kindly reference was made to Misses Graham and family, and those who furnished the church. Included amongst those present were Mr. Peacock, the President of the General Board; Miss Graham and family; Mr. McCaskill, the popular newly-elected superintendent of the St. Kilda Road Deaf School; and Mr. Abraham. The pleasant and smiling face of the Archbishop will long be remembered.

Mr. J. B. Puddy, the brother of Mr. H. Puddy, who is lieutenant of the Salvation Army in Bayswater, wrote expressing appreciation of the October copy of "The Victorian Deaf," and enclosing a gospel message, which will be found elsewhere.

Miss M. Gibson had her pomeranian dog exhibited at the Pomeranian and Pekingese Open Parade, held at Wirths' Park on October 4, and secured a second prize in the "Limit" class.

Mrs. M. Gladman writes as follows:—"Hearty congratulations on the latest issue of 'The Victorian Deaf.' You certainly have made it 'Deaf for the Deaf.' I enjoyed every page of it. It is time we Deaf woke up and demanded full liberty rights, and may 'The Victorian Deaf' be the means of securing the object which deserves the support of all classes of the Deaf. In conclusion, I wish 'The Victorian Deaf' continued success. If it is kept upon its present lines, its success is assured. I will do my bit to find some new subscribers. I have sent away two copies of this issue.

Mr. S. Mitchell wrote enclosing his subscription and wishing "The Victorian Deaf" magazine every success.

Mr. C. Buck wrote saying that he was looking forward to his Christmas vacation in town, and he hoped that he could play a few games with the Cricket Club.

Mr. H. Hockam, of Mount George, N.S.W., kindly enquired about "The Victorian Deaf" in his letter to us, and promised to be a new subscriber.

Mrs. Swain, one of our esteemed members of the Workers' Club, will spend her Christmas vacation in Adelaide, and expects to be back with us in two months' time.

PERSONAL (continued).

Mr. N. O. Bryan paid us a flying visit, which pleased his old folk very much, and looked very well and fit. He played with the local club and was successful with his bat and at wicketkeeping. He is very popular with the local team.

Mr. W. Anderson has returned home after two months with the Country Roads Board, which gave him an enjoyable experience.

Mr. H. Mackenzie came back with us after a month at Sale with the Water Commission, and narrated a few of his experiences to us.

Mr. James Moran, of Cairns, North Queensland, has just written expressing his appreciation of "The Victorian Deaf" magazine. He mentions that Cairns town trading is very quiet, but he is still doing well. He feels very thankful for regular work, and still thinks of the Melbourne folks, whom he has not seen since 1925.

CRICKET CLUB.

September 24 and October 4.—Our cricket season opened with a match against M.H.S.O.B. Mr. P. Ashby and Mr. R. Beattie were elected captain and vice-captain respectively. The scores were:—Adult Deaf, 66 and 8 for 91 (McGuinness 26, O'Gorman 42, W. Ashby 12) v. M.H.S.O.B., 49 and 107 (W. Ashby 6 for 43, McGuinness 4 for 30, Beattie 3 for 22).

October 11 and 18.—Adult Deaf, 92 and 8 for 48 (Lyfield 12, Lygon 35, D. Ashby 11) v. St. Kilda C.Y.M.S., 152 and 4 for 72 (W. Ashby 3 for 35, Beattie 4 for 34).

October 25 and November 1.—Adult Deaf, 42 and 96 (W. Ashby 39 not out, O'Gorman 30, D. Ashby 12, Anderson 11) v. South Melbourne Diggers, 89 and 5 for 65 (W. Ashby 4 for 40, Beattie 7 for 47).

November 8 and 22.—Adult Deaf, 104 and 57 (Lyfield 38, W. Ashby 15, Webb 10) v. Clarendon, 274 (W. Ashby 7 for 90).

W. Ashby, Hon. Sec., Cricket Club.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Anniversary Rally.

The twenty-ninth Anniversary Rally in commemoration of Mr. Abraham's work with the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was held on 9th October, when Mr. H. Puddy in the chair eulogised to an appreciative company present, including Mr. E. R. Peacock, the President of our Board, the history of Mr. Abraham's long service with the Deaf and Dumb. Mr. Peacock followed and Mr. Abraham responded. A light supper, provided by the Deaf Committee, concluded a pleasant evening.

SOCIAL EVENTS (continued).

The Girls' Hockey Club.

The "wind-up" social, organised and held by the Girls' Hockey Club on 29th October, was a great success. Mrs. Peacock, who was present, gave an address in a kindly way, and included among the audience were a few members of the Y.W.C.A. Athletic Club. A programme of games and competitions were held, concluding with supper, and bright speeches given by Miss M. Dow, Mr. Crush and Mr. Abraham constituted the evening's entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present. Miss Elsie Stephens, the hon. secretary, was responsible for the success of this function.

The Workers' Club.

The Workers' Club held its quarterly social in aid of the unemployed Deaf funds on 30th October. A sum of £1/12/- was realised and £1 kindly donated by Miss G. Hawkins brought the total to £2/12/-. A series of games, competitions was arranged under able management and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A light supper, as usual, concluded a very pleasant evening.

The Annual Picnic.

The Congregational Deaf spent their annual picnic at Diamond Creek on Cup Day. Unfortunately, a rain storm forced them to return much earlier to the city, having tea at the Centre. A programme of sports on the Yarra Park was carried out, where they remained happily and contentedly.

The Unemployed Deaf.

The Deaf Committee, in conjunction with the Workers' Club, arranged a most successful "Lucky" evening social on 20th November, in aid of the unemployed Deaf funds. The success of this function was due to the indefatigable secretary, Mr. G. Newnham, and by the fine efforts of Mrs. Frewin, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Newnham, Messrs. Mortimer, Puddy, O'Gorman and Johnston. They were responsible for a good sum, and £6/18/8 was realised. Every game provided for the evening's amusement proved "a magnet" for "pennies" and "threepenny bits," and was greatly appreciated.

H.R.H. the Duke of York and Unemployed.

The festival dinner at the Mansion House, London, on behalf of the Royal Association, in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, graciously presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of York, was a great occasion. A striking appeal for the work amongst the Deaf and Dumb made by the Duke of York was responsible for the sum of £2,239/8/6 being realised. His Majesty the King sent a telegram expressing his appreciation and best wishes for the success of any efforts towards alleviating the lot of the Deaf. In the course of his speech the Duke of York said: "Think for one moment of the difficulty of the Deaf

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK AND UNEMPLOYMENT (continued).

in securing employment, in the tense struggle for existence of these modern days. It is a stern battle for all, but for the Deaf it is heart-breaking."

"The Times," a famous London newspaper, lent its powerful aid to the cause, and in a notable article, referring to the Festival Dinner Appeal of the Royal Association, said: "To restrict such work is to starve the minds of those dependent on it, and even to darken their souls. Worse still, it is to begrudge the helpless the cheer and encouragement which can only reach them if others remember their hard lot."

The Unemployed Deaf.

It is with deepest gratitude we learn that through the generosity of Miss Graham and family, a motor truck has been just given for the use of our workless Deaf. We naturally trust that Miss Graham and family will be rewarded for their thoughtful service, which may lead our unemployed Deaf to permanent work. It is understood that the truck will be looked after under the auspices of the Society.

The sub-committee, under the charge of the Deaf Committee, have been and are still endeavoring to raise funds in aid of our workless Deaf.

The Deaf Workers' Club have just given £6/6/- to purchase and distribute parcels to our unemployed Deaf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Christmas Rally.

The Hon. Editor regrets that it is too late to announce in this issue the full particulars of the G.B. Christmas Rally, to be held on 18th December, which included the separate Christmas message by Mr. Abraham, I believe, have been already circulated to the Deaf, but the Rally programme seems uncertain that the Deaf Workers' Club will take part in the distribution of the club's customary Christmas Tree, gifts to the home inmates, and the fish pond.

In the event of the club being privileged to use the temporary use of the hall at that Rally, at the expressed wish, it is to be observed that the above distribution and serving the supper are being arranged by the WORKERS' CLUB, who had decided, after the G.B. Rally, to hold an evening to our unemployed club members on Saturday, 20th, when parcels, etc., will be distributed, and there will also be a light supper. The Committee desire to announce that the majority of the Deaf are responsible for the success of the above distribution by their liberal support.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.

October 14.—By invitation of the Men's Guild, the members of the Women's Guild were present at a lecture on "Artists," given by Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic. The lecture was enjoyed by everyone present.

November 11.—By mutual agreement, the members put away their fancy work to allow Mrs. Frewin to read her paper on "Iceland," which proved most interesting to one and all.

December 9.—Christmas stories and some competitions were given by Mrs. T. Peters, Mrs. Frewin, and Miss E. Read. Mrs. Peters started a competition entitled "Suburb Stations." She kindly gave two prizes to the winners—Miss Empson first and Miss E. O'Gorman second. That evening was a great enjoyment to everyone present.

Miss M. Dow, Hon. Sec.

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A most detailed and concise lecture on "Artists," delivered by Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic, to a combined meeting of the Women's and Men's Guilds, on Tuesday, 14th October. In replying to a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Blamire Young for his most interesting subject, he appreciated the modern thoughts of those present.

Mr. E. R. Noble read "The Fact of Evolution" on Tuesday, 28th October, and everyone present appreciated his endeavor that made his paper such a success.

A Shakespearean story, entitled "The Taming of the Shrew," was read by Mr. F. E. Frewin on 11th November, and proved a great success indicated by a demand for an encore by all present. The hope was expressed for further Shakespearean stories to be given in the future.

Mr. Edwin Johnson gave a paper on "Modern Therapy" on 28th November, and was duly congratulated on the success of his paper.

The Guild goes into recess till 14th January, when "Holiday Reminiscences" will be given by those fortunate enough to experience the delight of a well-earned holiday, and we trust that this "Reminiscences" evening will be a success.

"TALKIES" AND THE DEAF.

The advent of "Talking Pictures" was not a good thing for the Deaf and Dumb, for the original "Silent" Movies are one of the best and most popular forms of entertainment ever invented, that can be understood and enjoyed by the Deaf on equal terms with our hearing friends. To-day practically all the leading picture theatres have abandoned "silent" films in favor of "Talkies," greatly to the regret and disappointment of the Deaf; for we are thus deprived of one of the best forms of amusement and education that has ever been introduced.

It is to be hoped that the general public will soon tire of the "Talkies," many of which are full of slang and vulgar expressions, and create an unfavorable impression, especially upon the minds of young people.

Already many hearing people complain of the foreign trash and imported expressions at present being flashed from the screen in

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Australia, and advocate a return to the better and more sensible "silent picture" films.

Some people imagine that if any deaf person *was* supplied with head-phones, connected with wires to the loud speakers at "Talkie" theatres, they would hear and understand the entertainment as well as any person with normal hearing can. Such a statement would be absurd. Certainly that section of the deaf community classed as H.O.H. or partially deaf, who lost their hearing after the age of seven years, would probably benefit and understand the magnified sounds to a certain extent, but not all.

Even amongst this section, there are some whose deafness is of a peculiar kind, known as tone-deafness. That is, they can hear sounds, but cannot analyse them or distinguish various noises or explain their meaning or source. The majority of so-called deaf and dumb persons too, who have a slight degree of hearing, will find (with the aid of electrical head-phones as used by the Deaf in "Talkie" theatres) that they can hear more sounds like the above. But what they will hear will be just "sound and noise" to them—that, and nothing else. Why? Because their sense of hearing has never been developed or educated. They would hear sounds, but not understand them.

There are, however, many semi-deaf or persons whose hearing failed after completing their ordinary schooling, who would probably benefit, and be able to hear and understand most "Talkies" with the aid of head-phones.

Most of the big theatres in the cities and a few suburban ones are fitted up with a few wired-seats and head-phones for the benefit of deaf patrons. I have tried them personally at the Capitol, Regent and State Theatres in Melbourne, with varied results, some good and some only fair.

The only way for any deaf reader to discover if head-phones will enable him or her to hear and understand the entertainment is by a personal trial. There is no harm in trying. In Adelaide, Hoyts theatres are fitted with several wired seats, connected with head-phones, and no extra charge is made there. In Melbourne, however, I was charged extra, which made the price stiff for an evening's entertainment. Why penalise deaf-folk like that?

The idea of head-phones and amplification of sound is not new. This system has been in use and fitted in special lecture halls and churches for deaf-folk for some time abroad, especially in U.S.A. One of the best systems is called the "Radioear." However, to the majority of the Deaf, no great benefit can be derived at present by using these electrical aids. Perhaps they will be improved and the future will provide us with an efficient scientific aid.

In the meantime, the moral of all this is: "Teach us lip-reading" as the best substitute for hearing, and let our eyes tell us what our ears fail to do, whether at the "Talkies" or elsewhere.

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ROMANTIC CAREER OF AN ADVENTUROUS DEAF.

(Conclusion.)

Wrecked Again.

In 1901 Walter Dennis Pepper was tempted by an Australian exhibit at the Glasgow Exhibition to try farming in Brisbane, and left the Clyde in November in the fine four-masted sailing ship "Bute-shire." After passing the Isle of Man they ran into a hurricane, which carried away most of their sails and drove the ship on to the Arklow Banks, where they pounded all night long, the crew and passengers taking the rigging, and the heavy seas washing over the ship.

Walter remembered he had a tin box in his cabin, containing a plum pudding, shortbread, queen cakes, etc., given him as a Christmas treat by his sister-in-law, and he ventured down to his cabin and returned to the rigging with the box, dividing the contents among the crew aloft.

Next day the ship got off the Banks, and to the surprise of all, remained afloat. The rudder was damaged, but a sail was set and the vessel tore before the gale down the Irish Channel, sometimes inside and sometimes outside of the lightships on the Banks, all of which they missed by good luck. They got safely past Tusker Light and, getting smoother water, managed to make Queenstown, where a month was spent repairing the ship and re-stowing the heavy cargo of iron rails which had shifted and had given the ship a dangerous list.

In Tasmania.

They left Queenstown a few days after Christmas and had a fine passage, which was fortunate, as many of the beams were broken away from the sides. Walter had timber with him to build a boat on the voyage, which he completed before reaching Brisbane but, much to his disgust, the authorities would not allow the boat to be landed unless a duty of about £7 was paid. He sold her, however, to a man for £6, and she was landed at night without duty. While the ship was in port, he explored round Brisbane on his bicycle (which he had taken with him on the ship) looking for some good farm land. A drought had parched up all the district, and he was advised to try Tasmania. He arrived there in winter and took lodgings in Hobart with a lady who had a deaf son. He stayed for several months during the wet season. He soon tired of waiting, and started off on his cycle, when the roads were very bad, to prospect along one of the rivers, where, he was told, there was good land. He had started too early, and after struggling along all day in the mud, night came on and he got lost in the bush. He lighted his bicycle lamp and pushed on, carrying his bike on his shoulder, ultimately being found by some men from a lumber camp, who saw the light in the bush and were amazed to find a deaf man with a cycle in such a place.

They took him to their camp and one of the children (a girl) was able to write to him, and he explained how he had come there.

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They fed him on bread and Tasmanian honey and boiled the billy for him, and gave him a "shakedown" in a corner for the night. They put him on the road to Hobart next morning. He then learned that King Island, about sixty miles away, was the best place to take up land, and he went there. He found the island to be very fertile, low-lying, and covered with dense bush, excepting near the harbor of Currie. The island is about sixty miles round, and he started out to explore it (without his bicycle this time, as he had sold it at Hobart). He struggled right round the island, carrying a small bag of oatmeal and some tea, etc., on his back, sometimes having to swim creeks with his clothes on a few logs, keeping his eyes open for sharks, which were plentiful all round the coast.

One Shilling Per Acre.

He slept in the bush in a rough wool overcoat called a "bluey," which threw off the rain better than any waterproof. One night his cap was full of blood, and he found that leeches had been having a feast on his head. He got to a lighthouse called Cape Wickam, after some days, and the men were very kind to him, keeping him there for several days. They gave him accounts of some of the terrible shipwrecks near them in Bass Straits.

After more prospecting, he took a block of dense bush about 120 acres from the Tasmanian Government, at 1/- per acre, with fifteen years to pay, and proceeded to clear it. Kangaroo, wallaby and opossum were plentiful, and he shot many of them to keep the pot boiling. It was hungry work cutting timber, and four meals a day, with meat to every meal, was his usual on these strenuous days. The only place where he could get provisions was the port of Currie, eight miles away, where he tramped every week-end. There were about thirty or forty people on the island, mostly from the Old Country, and some of them were very kind to him and invited him to their monthly dance, usually held when the moon was full. He was a good dancer, and enjoyed himself very much.

For twenty-seven years he lived in the bush, usually alone, clearing his land, milking his own cow, and shooting the opossum for stealing his eggs. He got a friend to help him to build a timber house of three or four rooms, and he made his own table, sofa and chairs, and he put up a nice porch himself in front.

Farming on King Island was different from home farming, as grass had to be sown after the timber was cut down and burnt off every year, to keep down the ti-tree and scrub which came up. Clover grew nine feet high. There was little feed for cattle in Tasmania, and great numbers of animals were sent to King Island to fatten, as they had plenty of grass.

Potatoes did very well, and some of Dobbie's seed potatoes gave good results, of which he was very proud, as he had them sent out from Rothesay. He sold his farm on King Island and came home to Rothesay on the White Star steamer "Suevic." When crossing the line, Father Neptune got hold of him and he was pulled into a sail

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full of salt water, with some of the other passengers. He astonished them all by his swimming and antics.

After all his wandering he is now at rest in the Rothesay Churchyard along with his mother, Agnes McKirdy.

Some Local Lore.

"Pepper.—In the Book of Heraldry, 1558, it is stated that this family is sprung from the Nevilles of Raby, and has always borne the armorial ensigns of the great baronial house attained in the person of Charles Neville, Earl of Westmoreland (13 Queen Elizabeth). Arthur Neville, Esq., married Miss Pepper, of Bally, County Meath, taking the name of Pepper, who had for their motto "Prosim aliis" (That I may be of use to others).

QUOTH QUEENSLAND.

A few months after his arrival, Mr. Paul told us he had his plans for rebuilding on the space taken up by the shed and women's room (both patched-up jobs) so as to relieve the congestion in what was left of the hall not occupied by the billiard table and library table. It has all come to pass, and we now occupy a billiard room, an enlarged kitchenette, and have added a fine women's room with a balcony overlooking the river. The river frontage of the main building has been timbered and plastered to bring it into harmony with the new part, and will certainly advertise us by the very force of its attraction to the eye.

The ladies held a fete for furnishing their own room, and even in these bad times, netted over £54 (on some modest £3 for expenses).

The many friends who have enjoyed our hospitality will find "Unity's" halo loses no lustre in its brighter setting. When you are up, "Come up." You are sure of milk in your tea now and may even chance to get butter for your buns.

—Val.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS IT IS.

Unfulfilled promises.	Unanticipated responsibilities.
Unending deficits.	Unsatisfactory wages.
Uneconomic trading.	Unsettlement.
Unreliable statements.	Unproved benefit.
Untruthful publicity.	Unlit future.
Unplaced men.	—"Bananalander."

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Even the "silent" movies would then provide us with more pleasure, for then we would be able to read the lips of the actors on the screen during their performances. In conclusion, I wish all my readers the compliments of the season.

—W. H. Crush.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FOR THE DEAF.

An interesting tennis tournament for the Deaf was organised by the "Union Sportive Silencieuse Liegeoise" (Athletic Club for the Deaf at Liege) to take place at Liege, in Belgium, on May 30. The principal participants were representatives of Belgian and French tennis clubs for the Deaf.

The members of the National Deaf Club, London, of which Mr. A. J. Wilson is president, were invited to compete, and a party of twenty-two, accompanied by the Rev. Vernon Jones, their most helpful interpreter, spent a very happy week in Belgium. The London Deaf tennis team had the honor of bringing back two cups to dear old London.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF OF AMERICA.

The sixteenth triennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf began a week of active work at the great hall of the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, on Monday, August 4. It also marked the third World Congress of the Deaf, which was participated in by deaf representatives from France, Great Britain, Roumania, Hungary, Canada, also the Government of the Republic of China was represented through the Consul-General at New York. There were over two thousand in attendance.

The National Association has been in existence since 1880, a period of fifty years, and has always taken an active interest in the education of deaf children. The Association reiterates its firm stand, maintained for fifty years, that methods of instruction should be adopted to the needs of individual deaf children. It adheres to no single method, the pure oral or speech and lip-reading method, the pure manual or sign method, the pure dactylological or finger spelling method, or any other method that fad or fancy may bring into existence. The Association will always continue to uphold and battle for the combined system of instruction, which embraces all methods that have been found helpful in educating deaf children. Our educational creed, enunciated years ago, is embodied in the excellent motto: "Fit the method to the child, not the child to the method." A statue of the famous Abbe Charles Michael de l'Epee was fittingly unveiled during this memorable week, which typifies the gratitude of the American Deaf to a pioneer in the education of our kind. The cost—10,000 dollars—has been subscribed by the American Deaf.

Only the unexpected interests us. The story records the race won by the easy-going tortoise, but says nothing of the many previous races won by the hare.

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Smiles are as infectious as measles, but, thank goodness, there's no need to isolate them!

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Many a man who seems perfectly happy is wearing a shirt made by his wife.

TENNIS CLUB.

Special Notice to All Tennis Players.

The Victorian Championship Tournament is to be held at Melbourne on 26th December, 1930.

An invitation is hereby issued by our Tennis Club to any tennis player of any State to compete for the Victorian Championship Tournament, to be held at Melbourne on 26th December, 1930.

The following is the list of matches and trophies promised:—

Men's Singles Championship Trophy, valued at £2/2/-, presented by the Deaf Committee.

Ladies' Singles Championship Trophy, as above.

Men's Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy donated by the Tennis Club and the Men's Guild.

Ladies' Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy given by the Women's Guild and Mr. Dickenson.

Mixed Doubles Championship, own partners. Trophy gifted by Messrs. Abraham and Rees.

Entrance fees, per the following list, should reach Mr. H. Puddy, the hon. secretary, before 25th December:—Ladies (Singles), 2/-; (Doubles), 4/- a pair. Gentlemen (Singles), 2/6; (Doubles), 5/- a pair. Mixed Doubles, free.

Tennis players and their friends will be promised a most attractive programme of festivities during the tournament week.

H. PUDDY, Hon. Sec., Tennis Club,

Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, C.2.