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GRANTED

the odds are
against us,

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we enter
the field

WHEN FATE

has fought
and conquered.

BROKEN

our sword
and shield.

WHAT THEN,

shall we ask
for quarter?
And say that
our work
is done.

SAY, RATHER,

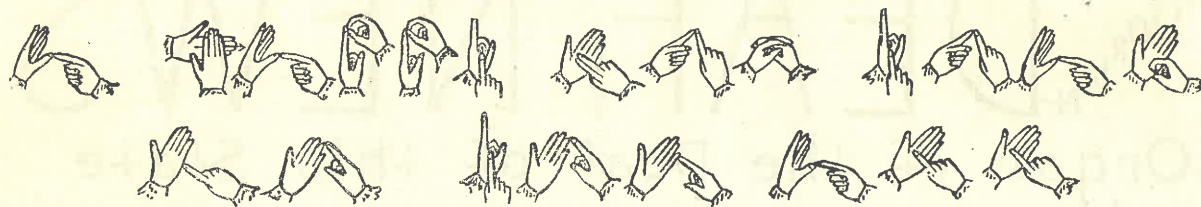
the greater
the glory is
ours if the
field be won.



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A New Year Message.

The New Year opens before us, and fresh opportunities lie before us. Let us not forget that the test of our usefulness to the community is not in the station attained nor the extent of the duties and obligations of our positions; but the test is the enthusiasm and zeal for the welfare of mankind which each of us brings to the performance of his part of the task, bearing in mind that it is the co-operative effort of all and not the labour of a few which shall maintain the

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One of the hymns of our childhood taught us to "count our blessings," and when we did so, "one by one," as instructed, we found them to be quite numerous. Nevertheless, it seldom occurred to us to be even moderately appreciative. Likewise, we very easily fall into the habit of "getting used" to the good things that somehow or other come to us, apparently without any strenuous effort on our part. They existed, always existed, so far as we can remember, therefore we accept them as a matter of course.

Some years ago two comedians, in a humorous sketch, popularised the phrase "put in or take out," and at every conceivable opportunity it was "take out." We are all good at the "take out." This is just a modest attempt to "put in."

We wonder if any of our younger folk or even our middle-aged folk are aware that one member of our General Board of Management has been a staunch friend to us for over 34 years. In fact he joined up at the coming of, and has been a link in practically everything undertaken by, our Princi-

pal in our interests. Of course, the gentleman referred to, Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, is well known to practically the whole of the adult deaf of Victoria and the leading deaf of the other States, and is popular with all. Who does not look up sharply and smile broadly when he bursts in upon us like a whirl-wind? His genial and boisterous personality is a tonic for a whole community. His services, however, have been, and are still so quietly rendered that, except to those whose duties it is to administer, either as honorary or stipendary officers, his ever-accumulating "good deeds for the day" are seldom known. His latest benefaction was through the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival Fund, which made us the richer by £25.

—F. L. SIMPSON.

Attached to one of the many Christmas and New Year Greetings, with which we were this Festive Season blessed, came the above. As this message is in such perfect harmony with our own wishes, we feel constrained to pass it on to our own readers.

Immediately after the arrival of our Principal from England (1901) Mr. Edgar, then in his teens, linked himself up with the work of our Society, rendering service after service, until it became the rule to look to him upon all occasions of emergency and temporary difficulties, indeed, "when ever anything was wanted." He did not hold office in those days, but was just the good friend that did, and did, and ever came along smiling to do still more.

Mr. Peacock is to-day at the head of one of Melbourne's leading printing establishments, and to us there is nothing surprising in this, for our experience of him is that he is always to be found at the right moment, is nearby in the time of need, and seems

always to know, and how, and where to get everything that the occasion requires.

Mr. Peacock occupies the unique position of being the only member of the Board of Management that links the past to the present. In the past, those far-off days, we had no Headquarters, nor Club House, nor Church or Home. We just rented a room for our meetings, and the only "office" our Principal had was the place of business of Peacock Bros. All through those strenuous years of "building up," Mr. Edgar was a participant in almost every adventure that promised better days for the on-coming generation of the Victorian Deaf. Mr. Edgar is, therefore, familiar with all our difficulties and successes, and has shared our troubles and rejoiced with us in our successes.

Although so earnest a worker and so sincere a sympathiser, he more than once declined to join the Board of Management, saying in his quaint way one member of a family was a full representation (Mr. E. R. Peacock, Edgar's father, was then a member of the Board, and afterwards President). Although no longer in his youth, he is as active in our interests as ever he was. Were it possible to pile up the words "ask Mr. Peacock" and "ask Edgar," it would not be possible to open the door of our office. We doubt if there is ever a day, except Sunday, that our 'phone does not call Peacock Bros. If there is such a day, then it has been more than accounted for by the two, three and four rings on other days.

Mr. Peacock is interested in many other activities that fall to leading citizens, but this is just a brief appreciation of his interest in the deaf.

In addition to his responsibilities as Governing Director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., he is the Consul in Victoria for the Czechoslovak Republic, in which honorary capacity he gives freely of his time and energy to help the many Czechoslovakians who call upon him for advice; and he misses no opportunity to promote their social welfare.

He has for many years been a prominent figure in the various municipal functions at Hawthorn, and is always well to the fore when service of any kind is required.

Acts of kindness are performed by him almost daily and in such an unostentatious way that none, except those who benefit by them, would ever know. Through the un-

bounded fields of his activity, his generous and spontaneous acts of service, sympathy and help must be felt and remembered by many.

Mrs. Edgar Peacock is a keen worker in the interests of the Society, and is a member of the East Kew Auxiliary, of which our Chairman's wife, Mrs. F. W. Spry, is the President.

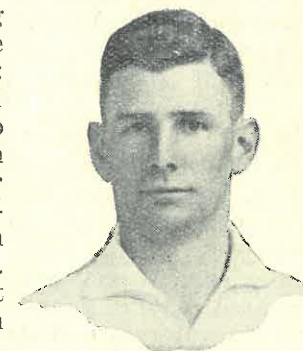
All join in the wish that Mr. Edgar Peacock will long be spared to continue his good work amongst us.

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Mr. Warwick Ashby.

Warwick Ashby has gained distinction in the Deaf World during the past 12 months on account of being one of the players selected to represent Victoria in the Perth Lacrosse Carnival at West Australia. The Victorian team was the winning team.

The following account should make interesting reading: Born of deaf and dumb parents (who are also well known in three or four States), at Trafalgar, Gippsland, on 4th February, 1908. From there he went to the Victorian School for the Deaf,



and remained till December, 1923, when he left to face the realities of this world at the age of 16. He commenced work at Myer's Furniture Factory, where he studied french polishing, till, on account of the depression, work became uncertain, and he left to join his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Elwin, and his father, Mr. D. Ashby, on a farm at Gisborne. That venture did not come up to expectations, and all returned to the City, and Warrie went back to Myer's, where he still is.

Warrie is best known amongst the sporting fraternities, especially lacrosse, not only in Victoria, but all over the Commonwealth, for he has been in five Victorian representative sides, including the successful 1929 and 1935 combinations at Perth Carnivals. He began playing lacrosse during the latter part of his school years, and was placed in

good light when he joined the Adult Deaf Lacrosse Club and played in the Junior A Premier Team in 1926.

An interesting note on "Prominent Players" was published in the Amateur Sports Club's Magazine some time ago, which we have pleasure in reproducing:—

"Warwick Ashby, Coburg's first home, has been one of the outstanding players of the season. His sturdy physique, strong wrists and uncanny goal sense have brought him to the top of the goal-throwing list, with a credit account of 77. An even more meritorious performance was filling second place for the best and fairest trophy, being only four votes behind the redoubtable Sam McCorkell. Warwick started lacrosse with Adult Deaf about 1923, and six seasons later transferred to Coburg. Soon afterwards the deaf and dumb trio — Ashby, Puddy and O'Gorman—became one of the most formidable forward combinations known to Victorian Lacrosse, and they were mainly responsible for Coburg's 1930 Premiership.

Warwick gained interstate recognition in 1929 and again this year. There is no keener student of the game than he, and few players have more likeable personalities."

In spite of his connection with the Coburg Club, he still retains a seat on our Club Committee, having been on it for seven years, three of which he served as Honorary Treasurer.

In cricket, Warrie has a big share of lime-light, too, having represented the Victorian Deaf in interstate matches and captained the 1933 and 1934 teams. It was his good fortune to be the leader of the team to win back the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield for Victoria at Christmas, 1934. Warwick topped the batting average of this Carnival, and also the Club's during the last season.

He is one of that type who has never been able to learn the meaning of the word "defeat," for if ever defeat comes his way he always says that it is all in the game. Whether winning or losing, he plays for the game's sake.

He has been on the Cricket Club Committee for eight seasons, the first five seasons he acted as Honorary Secretary, and the last three as a Vice-President. This season he represented our Club on the V.J.C. Association. Also he has been a member of our Deaf Committee for the last two years.

On the 16th March of this year he married Miss Edna Sandon, of Chelsea, Victoria.

The Universal Language.

The following most interesting article appeared in a recent issue of the "Hobart Mercury":—

Hugh Cairncross, in his travel narrative, says:—

"I used to think that, in order to invade successfully all the out-of-the-way corners of the globe, it would be necessary for me to master a score of languages. I soon discovered my mistake. I have made my way up the Amazon, up the Yangtze, up the Ganges, up the Danube, and up the Nile: I have moved among pigmies in the African jungles, among Red Indians beside the Canadian lakes, among South Sea Islanders in the Pacific, among the Eskimoes in the frozen North, and among all the European and Asiatic peoples; yet I know nothing of their languages save a smattering that, in spite of myself, I have picked up in the course of my gipsyings among them. My experiences have taught me that there is a wondrous magic in the skilful use of gesture. What cannot be said by the movements of one's muscles, the manipulation of one's fingers, and the expression of one's face is scarcely worth saying."

There is, after all, only one really universal language. It was spoken in the world's first morning, and men will still be speaking it when they are startled by the shocks of doom. It was the language of the Stone Age, and it will be the language of the Golden Age. It is spoken all over the world by men of all kinds, colours, classes and conditions, and, if either Mars or the moon is really inhabited, it is spoken there, too. The little child speaks it before he is able to utter one single word of our clumsier dictionary speech, whilst the aged speak it long after the palsied lip has lost its utterance. It is equally intelligible to the English merchant on the London market, to the Indian trapper in the Western forests, to the Chinese mandarin in the far interior of Asia, to the South Sea Islander basking in the rays of an equatorial sun, and to the Eskimo in his frozen hut amid the blinding whiteness of the icy North. It is known even to the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air: they understand it, and sometimes even speak it. So universal a language is the language of gesture! The shrug of the shoulders; the flash of the eye; the knitting of the brows; the curling of the lip; the stamping of the foot; the clenching of the fist; the nodding of the head; the pointing of the hand; here is a language which is known to everyone. It has no alphabet, no grammar, and no syntax; yet the simplest

understand it. Indeed, the simplest understand it best. The savage is a perfect master of the art of gesture: he speaks with every nerve and sinew. And the little child is no less eloquent. His pushings and pullings; his beckonings and pointings; his smilings and poutings are as expressive as anything in the vocabulary. He has found a speech for which the builders of Babel sigh in vain, a speech that can be understood by men and women of every nation under heaven.

Man is an inveterate signalman. He has a perfect genius for concocting mysterious codes: he revels in flashing out cryptic heliograms: he glories in receiving and deciphering occult messages. He even communicates with himself in this abstruse and recondite fashion. A man will twist a piece of string round his finger, or tie a knot in the corner of his pocket-handkerchief, or stick a scrap of stamp-paper on the face of his watch, to remind him of something that has nothing whatever to do with string or handkerchief or stamp-paper. He moves in a welter of memories. The string and the knot represent his secret code; and in the terms of that code this inveterate signalman is signalling to himself, that is all. Moreover, we not only signal to ourselves, but we are fascinated by the spectacle of other people signalling to themselves. A novel becomes invested with a new interest when its plot suddenly turns upon the weird phenomena of a witch's cavern or the mysterious ritual of a gipsy camp. By means of her viper, her owl, her toad, her snake, her cauldron, her tripod, her herbs, and all the rest of it, the withered crone is signalling to herself from morning to night; by means of the crossed sticks where the roads fork the gipsies leave tokens for themselves and for each other. Many a man will wear a secret charm hanging round his neck or suspended to his watch-chain, or will attach a mascot to his motor-car, although nobody but himself knows the significance of the bauble. Henrik Ibsen, the great Norwegian dramatist, kept on his writing-table a small tray containing a number of grotesque figures, a wooden bear, a tiny devil, two or three cats—one of them playing a fiddle—and some rabbits. "I never write a single line of any of my dramas," Ibsen used to say, "without having that tray and its occupants before me on my table. I could not write without them. But why I use them, and how, this is my own secret." Here was a great and brilliant

thinker happy in being able to flash covert messages to himself by means of a code which no one but himself could in any way understand.

Is it not true, also, that the very universe is persistently struggling to express itself through the agency of an intricate system of signals? It is everlastingly trying to talk. "The air," as Emerson said, "is full of sounds; the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures; every object is smothered with hints that speak to the intelligent." The stars overhead are signalling: the astronomer, mastering the code, reads the secrets of the skies. The stones that we trample underfoot are signalling; the geologist unravels the cryptogram and interprets the romance of long-forgotten ages. All nature is one complex system of signals, as any naturalist will prove. Richard Jeffries may be permitted to speak for them all. In discussing the birds that shelter in the ivy under his gable, he says that often a robin or a wren will pounce upon a caterpillar while the grub is still concealed among the grass. How is it done? It is all a matter of signals. "The bird's eyes, ever on the watch for food, learn to detect the slightest indication of its presence. Slugs, caterpillars, and such creatures, in moving among the grass, cause a slight agitation of the grass blades; they lift up a leaf by crawling under it, or depress it with their weight by getting on it. This enables the bird to detect their presence, even when quite hidden by the herbage, experience having taught it that, when grass is moved by the wind broad patches sway simultaneously, whilst when an insect or caterpillar is the agent only a single leaf or blade is stirred." The birds, that is to say, learn the code, and readily interpret the signals. Those who live near to Nature soon acquire the same habit. The poetry of the countryside abounds in rhymes and couplets that are, after all, merely astute interpretations of Nature's signals.

"When elm-leaves are as big as a shilling
You may sow French beans if you be willing."

What is this but the deciphering of the code? The whispering elm leaves are the gardener's signal-flags. In his "Evangeline," Longfellow tells how the Indians gauged the severity of the approaching winter by the thickness of the fur of the foxes. Nature is an adept in the language of gesture.

The greatest things that man ever has to say he says, not in the terminology of the

dictionary, but in the language of signs. The lover scorns the vocabulary. He can say what he desires to say so much more expressively by means of signals. A look; a pressure of the hand; a ring; a kiss; what vocal utterance could compare with a code like this? And it is a code that is comprehended by the citizens of every nation under heaven. The same is true of grief and of the sympathy that sorrow elicits. No letter of condolence, however tenderly phrased, can say all that can be said by a hand-clasp, a countenance suffused with emotion, and a spontaneous moistening of the eyes. Or, to look in another direction, what man could express in so many words all that he feels, when, for example, he waves his country's flag? It is, as Carlyle says, merely a bit of bunting that could be bought at any market-cross for a handful of coppers; yet a million men would gladly die for it! "Did not the whole Hungarian nation rise," Carlyle continues, "did they not rise, like some tumultuous moon-stirred Atlantic, when Kaiser Joseph pocketed their Iron Crown, an implement in size and commercial value little differing from a horseshoe?" All such emblems palpitatingly express ideas whose worth is out of all proportion to their own intrinsic importance. For the fact is, as philosophers have been telling us from time immemorial, that the greatest things that have ever been said have been said, not in the halting and ambiguous speech of our ordinary vocabularies, but by mute though pregnant signs, and by silent though eloquent symbols.

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The Prince of Wales and the Deaf.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF DEAF SPORTS CLUBS HOLD A
SPORTS CARNIVAL IN LONDON.

The Fourth International Games for the Deaf, held at Wembley, the White City and Arsenal F.C., was as successful as its organisers anticipated it would be, and was given prominence by the Press. Fourteen of the fifteen nations affiliated to the International Federations of Deaf Sports Clubs were represented, and there were 300 competitors, including 30 women. At the opening, the following message was read from

the Prince of Wales:—"As Patron I send my best wishes to those who have come from all over the world to take part in the Fourth International Games for the Deaf. I am sure that only good can result from bringing them together on the friendly field of sport. In extending to one and all a hearty welcome, I hope that they will have an enjoyable and successful gathering in London this year."

When the 300 competitors marched into the stadium at the White City they gave the Salute to Lord Desborough, who afterwards addressed them. His speech was interpreted into international signs.

Mr. Noel Curtis-Bennett, Chairman of the Fourth International Games for the Deaf, writing to the London "Times" upon the origin of this festival, said:—

"In 1922 two deaf mutes, M. R. Alcais, of France, and M. A. Dresse, of Belgium, met to discuss what could be done to co-ordinate international effort to alleviate the disabilities, both material and social, of the deaf mutes of the world. They realised that it was only through the deaf youth that they could attain success, and to achieve that end they decided to attempt to federate the sports clubs of the various nations into an international body. This they did, and in 1924 the first international games were held in Paris. The second games were held in Amsterdam in 1928, and in 1931 the third games took place in Nuremburg. It was only this year, when the fourth international games were held in London, that nations outside Europe were federated—when Japan and U.S.A. became members of the Association of the Silent World.

In order to overcome the difficulty of languages the deaf of all these nations converse by pictorial expressive signs and gestures, which convey ideas without the use of words. These signs and gestures are so efficient that the business of the congress which follows each games can be conducted quite easily. This congress has to be seen to be believed. Its work is carried out as efficiently and with the same due form as that of any big business organisation."

When the first International Games for the Deaf were held in Paris 11 years ago, France with more competitors than any other nation, finished at the head. Under like conditions at Nuremberg, four years ago, Germany won. In 1928, at Amsterdam, France won from Germany, with England

third. England, who have had most competitors, were successful this year.

The final placings were:—England, 206; Germany, 173.5; France, 149; Sweden, 121; Finland, 110; Norway, 50; Belgium, 41.5; Denmark, 37; Holland, 36; Hungary, 30; United States, 29; Austria, 19.

England's position was due to their supremacy at lawn tennis and football.

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Anniversary Rally.

The 34th Anniversary of the arrival of our Principal, Ernest J. D. Abraham, in Australia was celebrated on 26th September (Show Day), when a rally was held in our hall. This time there was a charge for admission, which was added to the Queen Carnival Fund.

The programme opened with an address by the Principal, who spoke on the aims and purpose of the Lord Mayor's Inter-Charity Queen Carnival Fund.

After the address came competitions and absurdity games, which created much fun. Ethel Lever was awarded the "silliest" prize, with Ed. Bound second and Ted Raines third. The rest of the evening was devoted to ordinary games, under the supervision of Mr. J. M. Johnston and Ted Roxburgh. The usual happy ending — Supper.

Open-air Costume Fair.

In connection with the Lord Mayor's Fund Queen Carnival Competition, an Open-Air Costume Fair was held on the lawns at the back of our Church on Saturday evening, 30th November. The Square was brilliantly illuminated with coloured electric lights, with powerful lights over each stall. Gaiety was added by the strings of flags which were hung from the front gates right around the lawns. Admission was by small saleable gifts or silver coin.

The proceedings opened with a High Tea at 5.30 p.m., and soon after the Fun of the Fair began. Two short comedies were screened in the Assembly Hall during a lull in Fete "business." During the evening Queen Forget-Me-Not, Miss Freda Connolly, was present, and mingled with the crowd.

The Fancy Costume Competition resulted as follows:—1st Prize, Mrs. T. Peters, "Plus Four" Golfer; 2nd, Mr. V. Buttacavoli, Tarzan; 3rd, Miss D. Hickey, "Mid-Victorian." The business done was very satisfactory.

Church for the Deaf.

The film, "The Sign of the Cross," followed Prayers, Lessons and Sermon at the Sunday Evening Service in our Church on the 22nd December. Should this innovation prove to be popular with the Congregation, religious films will be made a permanent feature at our Sunday Services. There were 100 members of the Congregation present.

Thanksgiving Service.

A special Service of Thanksgiving for our Benefactors was held in the Church for the Deaf on the afternoon of Sunday, 10th November.

There was a large congregation and the Service was impressive. Our members had gathered in remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, those great men and women who had lived and devoted so much of their time in working for the education and upliftment of the Deaf.

The whole of the Service was taken by the Rev. J. H. Frewin, brother of our Mr. F. E. Frewin; and Mr. Theo Frewin, son of Mr. F. E. Frewin, was at the organ. Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, interpreted. Another brother, Mr. Fred Frewin, a former missionary to the deaf, was among the congregation.

Annual Picnic.

Mordialloc was again the scene of our annual Cup Day Picnic, when approximately 50 attended.

Before lunch, races occupied our time. The 100 Yards Championship was again won by E. Raines, with M. Allsopp second. Mr. Raines has won that race for three years in succession. In the Ladies' 75 Yards Championship Mrs. T. Newton came first, with Francie Peters second. Miss B. Higgie was unable to be present to defend her title, after having won the Championship for the previous three years.

After lunch rambles through the Amusement Park and along the foreshore and pier were made till about 4.30 p.m., when a few more races were run off. Tea was at 5.30 p.m., and very soon after prizes were distributed to the winners of the races. The party then dispersed, some returning home, some remaining later.

Benefactors' Night.

A representative crowd gathered in our Assembly Hall on the evening of Saturday, 9th November to do honour to Our Benefactors. The Principal gave an address on the history of the education and rise in social

status of the Deaf. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides and films. Portraits of the Abbe deL'epée, Heineike, Gallaudett, Matthew, Robert Burns, John Jennings, F. J. Rose, Samuel Johnson, and fifty or more other benefactors of the deaf, together with views of Schools and Adult Institutes throughout the British Empire and America, were shown. Altogether it was most interesting and instructive. The second part of the evening was given over to games, concluding with supper.

Historical Records Exhibition.

An interesting collection of records covering the history of the education and advancement of the deaf of Victoria was exhibited at our Centre, Jolimont Square, on Saturday, 9th November. It consisted of photographs, manuscripts, documents, records, relics, letters, newspaper cuttings, etc., perhaps the most interesting of the relics being the original window card that the late F. J. Rose, founder of the first school for the deaf, exhibited in the window of a small house at Walford Terrace, Peel Street, Windsor, beginning in the month of November, 1860, and containing the words "School for the Deaf and Dumb." A feature of exceptional interest to the younger deaf was a series of group photographs of the Deaf Cricketers, going back to the days before the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society came into existence.

Christmas Party.

Our Assembly Hall has been crowded on many an occasion, but the response made to the Board of Management's invitation to its usual Christmas Party for the Deaf was indeed the record — perhaps the greatest gathering of exclusively Victorian deaf ever held.

Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, J.P., presided, and Mr. Hoath, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Hobson were present; also Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, Manager and Matron of our Blackburn Home; Mrs. Edgar Peacock, and the Misses Mavis and Beryl Peacock.

Our hall, which was very nicely decorated, was much admired by our visitors. The large stage that was erected told the nature of the entertainment to be provided.

Mr. Peacock welcomed the guests in the name of the General Board, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so large and so happy an assemblage of members. He said our Society, like other similar organisations, had

been passing through times of anxiety, but now the prospects were much brighter, and there was every reason to look forward to happier times. Later in the evening, Mr. Peacock, in the name of the deaf, presented tokens of appreciation to a number of lady friends of the Society in the form of sheafs of flowers and boxes of chocolates. To Miss Freda Connolly, Queen of the Deaf and Dumb, for her strenuous effort in the raising of funds for the Adult Society and the Children's Institution. Miss Freda, who has won our hearts, was received with a furor of applause, and sweetly acknowledged the gift of flowers and chocolates. She said, to work for the deaf had been a pleasure to her, and it was her intention to continue to work for them. Miss Iris Connolly, who, throughout the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival campaign, was her sister's most successful managing director, also received flowers, and said that she and her sister intended to take up the cause of the deaf, and together with her committee of workers, had formed a permanent auxiliary to raise money annually for the Adult Deaf Society and the School for the Deaf. Her sister and she had found themselves friends of the deaf, and intended to remain the friends of the deaf. This announcement was received with great applause.

Mrs. E. J. D. Abraham, the retired Matron and "Mother" of the Deaf Mutes' Home, was also remembered with flowers. Mr. Peacock said Mrs. Abraham entered upon her duties, giving her services, at the inception of the experiment, and it was due to her devotion, patience and training of the inmates that the Home became a success. Mrs. Abraham had rightly been spoken of as the "Florence Nightingale of the Deaf and Dumb."

Miss Alice Graham, our "Fairy Godmother," received her huge box of chocolates, flowers and applause, wreathed in smiles, and responded in the same happy way.

Miss E. Empson, the Friend of our Deaf Women, received flowers.

Miss Iris Connolly and Mrs. E. H. Peacock came in for appreciative expressions of services rendered, flowers and applause.

The pantomime, "Cinderella," which, if we exclude the excellent supper, ice cream and sweets, was the main item of the evening. It was skilfully produced under the supervision of stage manager, Edwin Johnson, and actor manager, George Newnham. The performers went through their parts with the

air of practised artists, and well earned the hearty applause accorded them. The costumes arranged and mostly made by Miss Dow, but in some instances made by the wearers, were gorgeous, and greatly enhanced the beauty of our girls.

Our ever willing helper, Mrs. P. Swain, was responsible for the wigs, and a very fine art she made of them.

The following members took part in the play:—George Newnham, Alex. Anderson, Fred Sandon, Melby Allsop, Ethel Leber, Lizzie Bond, Joyce May, Phyllis Johnstone, Annie Bentley, Olive Minton, Evelyn Lloyd, and Ruth Peters. Unfortunately, we haven't any pictures of them for you to see.

Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild continues to have its meetings, and since the last issue had "General Topics" on 6th August. A Kitchen Tea was given to Miss Thelma Whately on 1st October, at which a number of useful gifts were presented to her on the occasion of her approaching marriage on the 26th October. The "break-up" celebration was held on 10th December, after which the Guild went into recess until February.

Preparations are being made to celebrate in 1936 the fiftieth year jubilee of the Women's Guild in some form of function, and members and intending members are asked to share in its success by contributing the sum of five shillings. Hand in your name to the Honorary Secretary, Miss E. Leber, and make a weekly contribution to cover same.

Picture Nights.

The attraction of silent cinema pictures is still very strong amongst the deaf, as shown by their attendance at the shows held in our Assembly Hall.

On 17th August an exciting western picture was thrown on the screen, entitled "Sons of the Saddle," featuring Ken Maynard and his famous white horse, supported by two short pictures "Quick on the Draw" (a drama), and "Too Many Women" (a comedy).

On 31st August Hoot Gibson in "Spurs," a cowboy drama, together with a short western picture, "Gallop Justice," and an uproariously funny comedy, "Flying Cops," were shown to an appreciative audience.

An extremely funny picture, "Cohens and Kellys in Scotland," and two supporting pictures were shown on 21st September, and

"The Mississippi Gambler," a comedy drama, and two supporting comedies, "Just Wait" and "Big Game" on 12th October.

On 16th November another excellent picture show was held. "The Storm," featuring Lupe Velez, "What a Party," and "The Tin Broncho," were shown.

In all these shows the attendances were well up to the mark, which proves that the cinema has not lost its popularity.

Bible Students' Class.

The attendances and interest shown at the initial meetings of the Bible Students' Class were of so satisfactory a nature that it has been decided to make it a permanent feature of the Society's work after the holidays. Some of the subjects already dealt with by our Principal are—"How we got our Bible," "The Kingdom of Heaven" and "Joseph, the Dreamer."

The Men's Guild.

The Men's Guild is still carrying on. Meetings are held regularly in the Library, and if we cannot boast of quantity, we can of quality.

Since our last issue the following meetings have been held:—

On 20th August there was a round table by members, after which the first lessons in chess were given—the beginning of the Chess Club.

3rd September was given over to "General Topics," after which a light supper was served. On 8th October Mr. W. Ashby entertained us with an interesting talk on his trip to West Australia as one of the Interstate Lacrosse Team.

The next meeting, 22nd October, was given over to chess matches.

On 26th November Mr. C. Graham told an excellent story entitled "In True Colours," which he cleverly illustrated with rapid sketches on the blackboard.

Men's Guild Christmas Spree.

The Annual Christmas Spree of the Men's Guild was held on 10th December in the library. Toasts to the King, to the Society, and to the Guild were drunk.

The President made a brief speech, followed by other speakers. There was much talk and laughter round the table, and the speech-makers were commendably brief. Apparently they feared the diners would clear the table while they were speaking, and decided to eat first and speak afterwards, but by the time the meal was over, every-

one was too full for words. At 10.15 p.m. the meeting broke up, after a most enjoyable evening.

Parents' and Friends' Association.

On the evening of 14th August, 1935, a large muster of parents and friends of the deaf assembled at the invitation of the Principal, Mr. Abraham, who expounded his idea of forming an Association. After a good heart to heart talk, a motion that an Association be formed was carried. A committee was then elected. At the close of the evening the guests partook of a dainty supper, served by their own daughters, who were present.

On 16th October this Association held a Crazy Whist Night, which was very successful. Mr. S. G. Hobson was in charge of the games. By strange coincidence, Mrs. Ross and her son, Wallace, won the Ladies' and Gent's prizes respectively. Supper was served at the close of the evening.

75th Anniversary.

On the 12th November last the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The School was founded by the late F. J. Rose, an ex-pupil of the Old Kent Road Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, London. Some of the old teachers, whose names still linger in the memories of the first pupils, are the late Samuel Johnston, M.A., afterwards Principal of the South Australia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and founder of the South Australian Deaf and Dumb Mission and Home for Aged Deaf, Mr. Heskett and W. D. Cook, for many years head master of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

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Counting Blessings.

Being privileged, as a member of the Magazine Committee, to read the proofs, I could not help noticing the comments of a writer upon counting one's blessings. It gradually came to my mind that we deaf of late have had a few more than we can well remember, for when I record those that occur to me, I expect to be told that I have missed out more than I've put in. Here are some that come bubbling into my mind. First the blessing we possess in our Society's Board of Management. Each member is personally interested in our comfort, advancement and

social life and gives generously of his time and money.

Our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, besides the vast amount of work he does for the financial side of our Society, gave a cheque for £10.

Our Chairman, Mr. F. W. Spry, added his annual donation of £10.

Mr. G. Fethers, who also acts as Honorary Veterinary Surgeon at the Farm, gave us £3/3/-.

Mr. E. J. L. Bremner made us warm and comfortable in our Church during the winter months by procuring, almost wholly, the cost of installing an electric heating system, also festooning for the lighting of the grounds, and this, that, and the other, and still more, we are very much indebted to him.

Then read about "Our Mr. Peacock" and think of him as a more recent acquisition to our community of friends.

Mr. S. J. Hobson continues to help in every way possible, also added easily another £10.

Mr. M. J. Hoath in ways too numerous to mention, but if costly had we to pay spot cash for them.

Mr. W. Armstrong (for some years an active Chairman), who arranged a concert at Mitcham, which resulted in our Society benefiting by the sum of £69, as well as other favours.

Mr. Sweetland, who gives valuable assistance as Chairman of the Home Office.

Mr. W. F. Rowe, whom we missed at our Christmas festivities, is always busy in our interests, and wholeheartedly performs the duties of Honorary Secretary of the Society.

They have helped liberally in various other ways during the year, but for the moment I cannot call them to mind. If a reader in another state can make such a claim, let him declare it.

Our Lady of Benevolence.

I do not hold the key to the Treasurer's safe, and he is too busy a man to be worried for figures at a moment's notice, still, I do know that one gift alone during the past year for the benevolent side of the work amounted to over £200.

Our Ladies' Auxiliaries.

To Mrs. F. W. Spry, of East Kew, and Mrs. John Sutherland, of Brighton, who lead the ladies, and to all the ladies who are working in the interests of our Society, we

enthusiastically extend our greetings and best wishes during this Festive Season.

We are very appreciative of the work that is done by these Auxiliaries, for we know what a considerable amount is expended for our sakes in time, money and energy.

Our Deaf Women.

I, too, have read the proofs, and also claim the right to add to the list of those to whom we owe words of appreciation the names of Mrs. Tom Peters, who, as President of the Women's Guild, is always at the wheel, and has guided some very frail craft through stormy seas.

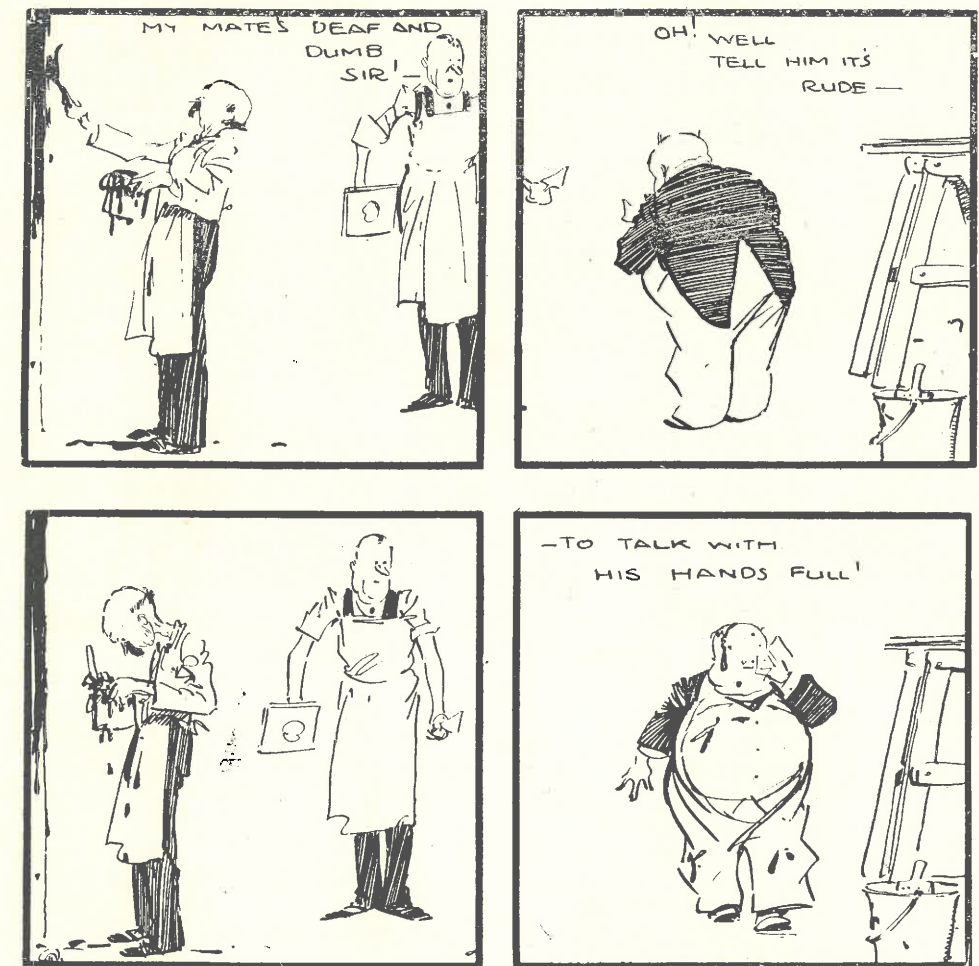
Mrs. Pierce, who is always ready and willing to extend a helping hand, whether it be in the "eats" line or the social side.

Miss Rose Dow, whose advice is eagerly

sought and readily given, also helps in arranging the wardrobe of the budding deaf actors and actresses, and Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, all deaf members of the congregation, the value of whose services can only be recorded as self-sacrifice. Words are inadequate, but we know what these women mean to us.

"Jim" Johnston.

I'm another member of the Magazine Committee, therefore privileged to see the proofs, and, inspired by the little talk about "Our Edgar," to say, "don't forget Jim." when you can't see the Principal you can always see Jim. He will shoulder the responsibility and see the thing through, if it is within his power to thus relieve our Chief.



By kind courtesy of "The Sun News-Pictorial."

Queen Forget-me-not.

We have no doubt that all the organisations represented in the Lord Mayor's Queen Carnival were proud of their Queen but, to our mind, there was no Queen like our Queen Forget-Me-Not, Miss Freda Connolly.

No Queen could have worked harder or have been sweeter—certainly Queen Freda has won the hearts of all the Adult Centre deaf.

The Lord Mayor's Queen Competition.

As the ordinary activities of our Society enforce constant attention, when the call comes to concentrate upon something special it means mental perspiration, as it were. Nevertheless, there are still those who are willing to take on just one more job, so, when the Lord Mayor's Queen Competition effort was brought to our notice, we joined up. The result is a long way ahead of our expectations; altogether the office and the deaf raised £700.

Lord Mayor's Fund Button Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, Manager and Matron of the Blackburn Home, had charge of our Society's Street Collections. They, and a willing band of workers, were responsible for nearly £30 being handed in.

Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-Charity Queen Carnival.

Day and night during the past three months the people of Melbourne have been the willing financial prey of seven organised groups, working in keen opposition but on similar lines of campaign, organised by the Lord Mayor's Fund to raise funds for non-medical charities. Each group had as its Queen, a girl chosen from a well-known Melbourne family, and each girl had a floral alias.

Miss Freda Connolly, of Brighton, was chosen to work for the Deaf and Dumb—the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution—and was given the title of Queen of the Forget-Me-Not.

During the competition, the Melbourne deaf put in every effort to raise as much money as possible. Socials, Picture Nights, Parties and a Costume Fair were arranged. The country deaf were equally helpful with the sale of voting tickets.

On the evening of 9th October, Miss Connolly visited our Club House and was given a rousing welcome by more than one hundred of our members. Introductory speeches were made by Messrs. E. H. Peacock and E. J. D. Abraham, and, in her reply, Miss Connolly said she felt sure that with everyone working so enthusiastically, if not at the top with the votes, she would not be far from it.

A most successful Fancy Dress Social was held on the evening of 26th October. There was an attendance of over two hundred, and fifty-five paraded in fancy dress. The scene was just glorious with the vivid colours of the varied costumes. Owing to the packed hall, games were out of the question, but, nevertheless, those who were not in fancy dress were quite content to sit and watch those who were. This unusually large attendance was due to Miss Connolly's promise to attend and to donate two prizes.

Queen Forget-Me-Not (Miss Freda Connolly), Mesdames E. H. Peacock and W. F. Rowe had a very difficult task in selecting the winners. Miss Connolly graciously presented the prizes, which were awarded as follows:—

Best Dressed (£1 donated by Queen Forget-Me-Not), Miss Dorothy Johnston, as an Early Victorian.

Most Original (£1, donated by Queen Forget-Me-Not), Mr. R. Bailey, the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Most Comical (Cut Glass Vase), Mr. Joe Phillips—Ben Bowyang.

Best Sustained (Cut Glass Rose Bowl), Miss G. Hunter—Scarecrow.

Best Child (Box of Hankies), Miss Ruth Peters—Bat.

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"Our Own Little Family"

The Editor is in receipt of news from Mr. W. H. Crush, who says he is doing fine in the "Back o' Beyond," and that he has taken a selection up the Hawkesbury River way in New South Wales. He was rapturous over his little "plot" and its location, which is completely cut off from the daily turmoil of civilisation. He sends his best wishes to all the Deaf.

Mr. Henry W. Gladwin, of Sydney, the former Honorary General Secretary of the National Council of Deaf and Dumb Societies



MISS FREDA CONNOLLY ("FORGET-ME-NOT")
QUEEN OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

By kind courtesy of "The Argus."

in Australia, paid us a visit whilst on his way to England. He has our best wishes for a pleasant trip.

For some time the Melbourne "Herald" has been offering £100 weekly to any lucky competitor who sends in the correct or the nearest to correct forecast of the scoring order of the twelve League football teams each Saturday, with entries free, and the

competition held on 24th August was won by a deaf and dumb couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz, of 21 Davis Street, Elsternwick, who forecast the first seven teams correctly and the eighth team on the ninth. The "Herald" gave prominence by printing, in bold headlines, "DEAF AND DUMB COUPLE WINS £100." A photo. of Mrs. Boortz was inserted.

Dux of the School.



MISS DOROTHY JOHNSTON.

Daughter of Mr. J. M. Johnston, Welfare Officer, of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, being cheered by her class mates when handed the coveted prize of Dux of the School by the Lord Mayor in the grounds of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution at the School break-up.

By kind courtesy of "The Age."

Charlie Buck, now living in Newcastle, New South Wales, thanks the Melbourne Deaf for remembering him with the "Victorian Deaf News." He enclosed in his letter a cutting from a Newcastle paper, which informed us that Newcastle has just had the foundation stone of its new £4000 building laid by the Governor of New South Wales. New South Wales can now claim to be the first in Australia to have a branch building. Mr. Buck sends his kind remembrances to his Melbourne friends.

Colin Johns, of Horsham, reported that he has not been too well lately. He underwent

an operation on his nose, and had all his teeth pulled out. He still takes interest in our sports, and watches for accounts in the daily papers.

W. McMillin met with a nasty accident which, fortunately for him, did not bring serious results. Whilst working as a maltster he was told to shovel in a heap of barley from the roof and, not knowing of the skylight under the barley heap, walked over it, with the result that the skylight broke under his weight and he fell through to the floor 20ft. below. Besides a bad shaking, he received a gash on the back of his right hand,

which necessitated some stitches at the hospital and absence from work for a week or so.

Mr. H. R. Gillet, of Irymple, in a cheery letter to our Principal, Mr. Abraham, during the Queen Carnival Competition, remarked: "I am enclosing £1 note, and hope that every mail that comes in will bring in a few more notes." This letter buoyed us up a great deal, and we are pleased to say that not "every" but "a good many" came bringing in the same amount as his.

Miss I. Boast, of North Devon, South Gippsland, sends her kind regards to her deaf friends. She said she is enjoying life on the farm and appreciates the "Victorian Deaf News," for which she did not forget to include her subscription. We appreciate her thoughtfulness.

It was with surprise that we learned that Mr. S. Neilson was operated on recently for appendicitis at a Canterbury Hospital. We are glad to know he got over it so well.

Mr. F. Sandon has decided to re-join his brother in the building trade.

As Camperdown was celebrating its Carnival Day on Saturday, 30th November, Willie Hatley, in his letter to the Editor, regretted his inability to join us in our Fancy Costume Fair that same day. He entered the wheelbarrow race to Mount Leura and back, a distance of nearly two miles, as the pusher, with a friend as the sitter. He came in second, and received the prize of £3. Congratulations!

Joe Unsworth was mentioned as one of the best players of the Footscray Rugby Club, of which he is a member. In the final match on 21st September, 1935, after a scoreless match the previous Saturday against Power House, Footscray won the premiership of their section.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, of Blayney, New South Wales, were in Melbourne in September, and during that time Mr. Rivers was a frequent visitor to our Club House.

Mr. A. Sutherland has been on the sick list for some time, with rheumatic fever and tonsil trouble. We are pleased he has quite recovered.

Miss M. Reiffel, of Ballarat, was knocked down by a motor cycle in her home town, and has been a patient of the Ballarat Base Hospital for two months. We are told that she is up and is learning to walk again, and all are very pleased about it.

Mr. W. Durston, of Port Melbourne, was also knocked down by a car whilst cycling. We are glad to report that he was not in hospital for very long.

Mr. J. Boal, of South Melbourne, has secured work on a Riverina station. So far we have not heard how he fares.

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The Editor's Lament.

We do not mind facing the Editors' usual difficulty of compressing a gallon of material into a pint measure, but when it comes to fitting the oceans of the world into the same receptacle, well, we give it up. We have done our best with this issue of the Victorian Deaf News, but of course, we have left out almost everything the other members of the Magazine Committee would have put in.

Interesting events that all will want to read have been happening in all parts of the world, and ought to be here recorded, but the instructions are—Victoria first, and a very, very generous helping, Australia next, and, if any space left over, "all else." The fact is there never is any space left over when we have got a little way forward with the Victorian News. We find ourselves in the position of the boy watching another boy eating an apple. As it rapidly disappeared, the boy plaintively said, "Leave the core for me," and got the reply, "There ain't going to be no core."

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, we are chancing the censure of the Magazine Committee and inserting the following meagre record of Deaf World happenings.

West Australia.

A copy of "Notes," containing festive greetings, is before us. On 30th November the Deaf Committee arranged a successful concert. Divine Service is conducted every Sunday in the new premises at 292 Hay St., East Perth, which were opened last year.

New South Wales.

The Annual Meeting of the New South Wales Adult Deaf Society was held at Elizabeth House on 30th October, and His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, presided. He was received by a number of deaf girls, who recited the National Anthem

in the language of gesture. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Queensland.

"The Queensland Monthly News" says:—"More of our boys and girls are employed in outside factories in the City (Brisbane) than ever before in the history of the Mission, and it is hoped that the reputation they have gained will make it much easier in the future for us to find employment for a greater number of our deaf."

Great Britain.

The National Institute for the Deaf have moved into new permanent quarters at 105 Gower Street, London.

Oldham Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has also moved into new and larger quarters.

The Deaf as Motor Drivers.

There are now somewhere in the neighbourhood of forty members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria in possession of motor car and cycle drivers' licences. Our Principal's driver is deaf. Quite a number of our country deaf friends are in possession of licences. In this connection it is interesting to record an occurrence that recently took place in London as a sequel to a challenge issued in the Police Court by the Rev. F. Goodridge, who offered to drive a policeman in any part of London to prove that deafness was no handicap at the steering wheel. A special correspondent of the "Daily Mirror" accepted the challenge and was driven in safety through the busiest parts of London.

South Africa.

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby, of England, has joined the Rev. A. W. Blaxall in work amongst the deaf, and they have between them the vast continent of Africa. Mr. Gilby now holds the position of Director of the Cape Town Adult Deaf and Dumb Association.

A Deaf Airman.

Mr. E. T. Payne, deaf, of Ontario, Canada, has accomplished the desire of his life, for he has obtained his licence as air pilot. He had the good fortune to have as instructor Captain Sparks, through whose instruction and influence the licence was obtained. We believe Mr. Payne is the only deaf man in possession of an air pilot's licence.

South India.

There is only one adult Organisation for the Deaf in India, at Palmacotta, South India, and Rev. W. M. Moses is in charge of it.

A Successful Indian Art Student.

A young deaf and dumb Indian Art Student has passed the final examination of the Royal College of Art and has been awarded the College Diploma. Mr. Bipin Behari Choudhuri is 25 years old, and is from Bengal. He went to London three years ago to study painting.

United States.

At the Idaho Deaf School, U.S.A., the combined system of teaching the deaf has been re-introduced to the School.

Of special interest is the recent announcement that Mr. Ernest Gallaudet Draper has been named by President Roosevelt to be the new Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Draper, who has had a long and successful business career with many wide civic interests, is the son of the late Dr. Amos G. Draper, who for many years was professor at Gallaudet College, Washington, U.S.A. Mr. Draper has maintained an active interest in the deaf, and is now a member of the board of directors of Gallaudet College.

Douglas Tilden, Deaf Sculptor, California.

A life work of distinguished contribution to the world of art has come to a close with the death of Douglas Tilden, famous deaf sculptor, at his home in Berkeley, California, 6th August, 1935, in his seventy-fourth year. The New York "Herald Tribune" gives this brief review of his life and work:—

Mr. Tilden, who lost his hearing at the age of five, after an attack of scarlet fever, decided to become a sculptor soon after being graduated in 1879 from the State Institution for the Deaf, at Berkeley. He came to New York City in 1887 and studied at the National Academy of Design. The following winter he went to Paris, and passed a year studying.

Several years later Mayor James D. Phelan, of San Francisco, appointed Mr. Tilden an honorary member of the committee for the artistic improvement of that city, and in 1893 he served on the sculpture jury for the Chicago Exposition. During the next

six years Mr. Tilden occupied the post of Professor of Sculpture at the Mark Hopkins Art Institute, a branch of the University of California.

He exhibited his work frequently at the Paris Salon, and in 1890 received honourable mention there. In 1900 he received a gold medal at the Paris Exposition, as well as at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

Mr. Tilden married Miss Elizabeth Delano Cole in 1896. Their marriage ended in divorce. He served as Vice-President and also opened the International Congress of the Deaf, held during the World's Fair in Paris in 1889.

Some of his better known works include "The Baseball Player," in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; "The Tired Boxer," at the Olympic Club, in that city; "The Indian Bear Hunt," exhibited at the Chicago Exposition in 1893; "The Football Players," at the University of California, and the monument commemorating the admission of California to the Union, in San Francisco.

Further Research on the Vibratory Sense.

The American Medical Association, by its Committee on Scientific Research, has announced a grant to the American Institute for the Deaf-Blind to be used in aid of research relating to the vibratory sense.

The work will be carried on under the direction of Dr. Robert H. Gault, Professor of Psychology, and Dr. A. C. Ivy, Professor of Physiology in North-western University.

Deaf and Dumb Theatre.

The newspapers tell us that a theatre for the deaf and dumb has been opened at Moscow, Russia, where the management, cast and audience are all deaf and dumb. Most of the Shakesperian tragedies are being given, also other plays. The company of actors consists of twenty-five deaf men and women, and the theatre will accommodate five hundred.

Sir Richard Paget told the International Congress on Phonetic Science at University College, London, that the true meaning of speech in any language could be conveyed by gesture.

Germany.

In Germany deaf people are compelled to wear yellow armlets with two black spots, the blind have three spots.

To Several Correspondents.

Yes! We have seen the report you refer to and we are aware of the harm these misleading statements do, but it is difficult to combat them. Those responsible for them know that the public enjoy anything in the form of a wonder. Similar statements have been appearing in the press all over the world for the past fifty years, and although proved to be untrue or enormously exaggerated, when a new reporter is on the lookout for material out they come again. In this instance steps are being taken to give the public the true aspect of the matter.

Advice to Parents.

Parents having the best interests of their deaf children at heart should learn to spell on their fingers and to spell out all instructions, messages and conversation in full grammatical sentences, and not clip their oral talk into "make bed"; "tea-cloth—lay"; "door—knock—see"; "father—he—come—six." It is a command of good language that your deaf child needs more than anything else, which can only be acquired by spelling upon the fingers, reading and writing.

Work for Deaf in Victoria.

There are now but few of our deaf unemployed. Those still without work receive fairly generous grants from the Sustenance Fund.

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Sporting Notes.

Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club held its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, 28th September, when the usual routine of reading the annual report and balance sheet and election of office-bearers was gone through. The result of the election is as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President, Mr. F. Rees; Honorary Secretary, Mr. Alex. Anderson; Assistant Honorary Secretary, Miss M. Dow; Honorary Treasurer, Miss B. Higgin; Committee: Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Miss O. Minton and Messrs. J. Dickinson, T. Peters, and E. R. Noble.

During the meeting Mrs. J. M. Johnston presented the Founder's Trophy to Miss Sandon for winning the Ladies' Singles during the season. The trophy is a polished fiddleback jewel box, with an inscribed plate.

Lacrosse News.

The lacrosse season ended on 24th August with a complete reversal of form to that shown at the commencement of the season. The remaining matches, from the last one reported in the last issue of our magazine, were lost in succession. The match against Sunshine on 3rd August was disgraceful, largely due to the poor handling of the game by the referee. We lost by 6 goals to their 11.

The match on the following Saturday was quite a contrast, mainly due to the clearer control of the game by an "A" grade referee. Old Trinity College, the leaders for the pennant, accounted for us in a very clean and strenuous game by 9 to 6.

On 17th August Power House defeated us by 21 goals to 5, in another rough game.

With a weakened team we went down fighting gamely in an exceptionally clean game against Hawthorn, who snatched a goal victory from us 6 to 5, thus putting our team out of running for the final four.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club.

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of 29th August, 1935, at the Centre. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, occupied the chair. The Annual Report, which was a long and newsy one, and full of better achievements than of previous years, together with the Balance Sheet, which showed an excess of expenditure over income of £15 during the year, but managed to close the books with a balance of £6 to carry forward, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman, in his short address, complimented the members generally on their very successful season, and hoped to see a still further improvement in the coming year. Mr. W. Ashby, the last season's Captain, was asked to say a few words, which he did, and thanked his team mates for their splendid co-operation and loyalty. He thought that the team under his charge was the best ever got together by this Club. He added words of appreciation and thanks to Mr. J. O'Gorman for his splendid help in keeping the game going, his punctuality, also for keeping the scores.

Nominations for Officers were called for, and it was found that there was no need for an election as all nominees were elected without opposition. The committee is as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. John-

ston and M. G. B. Mortimer; Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. D. Ashby, W. McMillin, R. Chaundy, F. Sandon and M. Allsopp.

Trophies were then presented. Mr. A. Aird presented his trophy (a silver-plated bat and stump ornamentation on mahogany finish plinth) to R. Chaundy, the best all-round player, and the Chairman, on behalf of the Club, presented to W. Ashby a silver-plated gum or flower vase, for the best batting average; Don Johnston, a similar vase of different pattern, for the best bowling average, and J. Brundell a pair of inscribed gold links, for the best bowling aggregate.

Mr. J. O'Gorman, in thanking the Captain for his nice remarks about his services, expressed the wish that all cricket followers should start the thrift idea now so as to be able to take part in the Adelaide Centenary trip in 1936.

The meeting ended with the usual vote of thanks to all retiring officers and others who have assisted the Club during the year.

The team opened the season with an outright win by an innings and 49 runs against Clan Socials on the 5th and 12th October, and the following match also saw our boys in another winning vein, when the South Melbourne I.O.R. was accounted for by an innings and 36 runs.

On 2nd and 9th November we went down to Port Central badly, losing the match outright by 6 wickets. Another outright win to us at the expense of Garden City, by 7 wickets and 3 runs, on 23rd and 30th November.

Don Johnston has the task of leading the team this season, with Jack Brundell as Vice-Captain.

Chess Tournament.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. E. Johnson, the Chess Club is growing rapidly. When the idea was first mooted there were about 12 deaf who could play, but would-be players proved themselves keen and painstaking pupils, and many converts have been made.

Wherever a group of men is found, sooner or later the subject of chess will arise and is immediately the cause of warm discussion.

The Tourney is now in full swing, and, aided by a handicap system, the "new chums" are making rapid progress.

At time of going to press the first three are A. Morgan, A. Anderson, Z. Bragg, in that order. The two first named are old stagers, but young Zebedee Bragg, who left school last Xmas, had no knowledge whatever of the game before September.

The first round will finish by Christmas and the second will start in the New Year. The handicaps will be reviewed and altered each round, and it is likely there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when the new handicaps are made public next year.

There is much to be said in favour of chess, but perhaps the best of it is, it teaches people to keep quiet and sit still. Now-a-days on a "free" Saturday night, the library is always occupied, but the silence is profound. A conspicuous notice decorates the door: "CHESS TOURNEY — SILENCE, PLEASE" — and any intruder disposed to ignore it finds a dozen indignant people ready to deal with him.

The varying styles and attitudes of the players are worth watching. Some lean over the board with intent gaze, pondering long and earnestly before each move. Others lean back with real or affected nonchalance and move swiftly and definitely, and few there are who hesitate with fingers poised over their pieces, sometimes touching two or three before making a move. This last is a very bad habit and definitely against the rules. A player should make up his mind clearly as to his next move *before he touches a piece*, and, having moved, take his hand from the board immediately.

The Tourney closes on 30th June, giving all players ample time. Nevertheless, players should not unduly postpone their games as they may cause inconvenience to others.

Three prizes are offered, to be given as the Committee shall decide, and it is hoped, should circumstances permit, to make this tourney an annual affair.

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A Trip to Ceylon.

Mr. W. Donnelly, of South Melbourne, had a very enjoyable trip to Colombo on the R.M.S. "Orsova" with his aunt during the month of April. Quite a number of his relatives and friends, including the deaf, went down to Port Melbourne and saw them off. They left on the 2nd April, and remained

there until the 5th May. The undermentioned account of the trip was culled from Mr. Donnelly's diary.

We find him spending most of his time in the evenings dancing. The trip to Outer Harbour, Adelaide, was dull, dreary and cold. A run to Adelaide, visiting various places of interest, was made with their Adelaide friends, who then came and gave them a good send-off. The first day out they had life-boat drill, which was a pleasant diversion. The trip across the Bight was quiet and the sea was not rough enough to make them seasick. It was during this crossing that a meeting was held to form a Sports Committee to prepare a series of sports during the crossing of the Indian Ocean. Fremantle was reached on 8th April, and they very soon sped off to Perth, and were well pleased with their visit there. With the glorious sunny weather, Swan River and King's Park were lovely and, before nightfall, they sailed, and saw Australia fade from their sight.

The run to Colombo was warm and smooth and time was spent in various deck tournaments and races. They did not do well in these tournaments.

On 17th April they arrived in the wonderful Colombo Harbour. Launches and boats full of niggers came from everywhere and surrounded the ship as she lay well out in the roadstead. They were taken off by launch and soon found themselves at Bristol Hotel. Soon after they went sightseeing in the city and saw the Military Settlement. After dinner they hired rickshaws and went to see the famous Cinnamon Gardens, the various Buddha Temples, snake-charmers, etc.

In all their outings they were constantly surrounded by niggers and children begging for tit-bits. They were surprised to find outside their hotel bedroom door a nigger who would sleep there; in fact, wherever one turns they are at one's side with their hands out.

The following day they took a 72 miles drive by car to Kandy, amidst lovely scenery and villages. As it happened to be the night of full moon, it was their most Holy Day; they saw hundreds of pilgrims going to temples to worship, also processions. They entered a church where priests made them welcome and showed them a lot of curios, etc.

They visited the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Mount Levina. It was a pitiable sight. Mr. Donnelly has a snap of himself amongst the poor kiddies.

On 20th April they boarded the "Ormonde" for the homeward run. 21st April being Easter Day, they spent a very quiet day. Anzac Day saw them passing Cocos Island, made famous by the destruction of the "Emden" by H.M.A.S. "Sydney" during the Great War. A barrel of fresh food was dropped overboard and sailing boats came out to retrieve it. The two minutes silence was observed at 11 a.m., after which a nice service was held.

Before approaching Fremantle, the passengers were subjected to rigid examination by quarantine doctors.

The homeward crossing of the Bight was much rougher; the deck was constantly wet with spray, and sand had to be spread on it to prevent passengers from slipping.

Adelaide was soon reached, and, before arriving in Melbourne, they had a big Jubilee Celebration, with dinner and dancing. Melbourne was reached on 5th May. It was a great trip.

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Greetings.

Glory to God in the Highest; Peace on Earth; Goodwill to Men.

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All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then praise the Lord, then praise the Lord for all His love.

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Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another.

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The Compliments of the Season—

To the Deaf of our Mother and Sister States

To Our President, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Our Chairman, Mr. F. W. Spry; Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. H. Peacock; Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F. Rowe; and all the Members of our Board of Management.

To Ex-Matron Mrs. E. J. D. Abraham, Mother of the Blackburn Home.

To Miss Eileen Empson, the friend of our women.

To Miss Rose, daughter of the Founder of the first School for the Deaf in Australia.

To Miss Alice Graham, our Fairy God-mother.

To Messrs. A. C. Muir, F. E. Frewin, G. Oakley, M. G. B. Mortimer, R. H. Luff, W. A. Paterson, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Crompton, Mrs. G. Oakley, Miss E. Whitlaw, our Pioneers.

To The Members of the Deaf Committee.

To George Newnham, M.C.

To Dorothy Johnston, Dux of her School.

To Mrs. J. E. Muir, Unforgotten and Valued Services.

To Mrs. T. Peters, President of Women's Guild.

Once again we are enjoying the season of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All Men. A time of lazy days on the beach or in the bush, under a scorching sun. At least we hope so. A time of terrific shopping crowds and worry over gifts, when one really grasps the truth of the saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Wherever civilised man has penetrated he has brought the festival of Christmas with him, and from Lapland in the North—the true home of Father Christmas—reindeer, sleigh and all—to the mid-summer Christmas of Australia and New Zealand, it is a time of joy and merry-making. It should also be a time of forgiveness. Goodwill to all men means just what it says. You cannot have a Merry Christmas if you are brooding over real or fancied wrongs. Forgive and forget them! Have a Merry Christmas and start the New Year free from old grudges and all bitterness.

E.R.N., Sub-Editor.

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The notice board in our lobby, during the holidays, was literally covered with a variety of Xmas and New Year Greetings in letters, telegrams and cards, all expressing seasonal greetings to the Board, the Principal, and the Deaf. They came from Queensland, New South Wales, Newcastle Branch, South Australia, West Australia, Mr. J. M. Paul, Mr. A. L. Lonsdale—Hon. Superintendent New South Wales Society, Mr. L. A. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. N. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Oehr, Mrs. R. J. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rowe, Mrs. Tottie Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Appleton, Mr. W. H. Crush, Mr. G. D. Edwards, and etc., etc.

1936 and the Deaf.

By our "Old Moore."

Almost over the whole of the civilised world prospects appear to be outstandingly promising for the Deaf and especially bright for the Deaf of Victoria. A turn of events favoring a great advancement in the work of Adult Deaf and Dumb Societies of Australia seems to be almost certain, bringing about the betterment of the conditions of the Deaf, more specially in regard to vocational occupations and social environment.

Melbourne Deaf Holiday Makers.

Those members who left Melbourne during the festive season were:

Willie Smith to Kyneton.

Les. Sutton to Bendigo.

Miss Lydia Sanders to Bagshot.

Melby Allsopp to Echuca.

Ruth Peters to Grampians.

Mr. Mortimer to Bowman's Forest.

Mr. E. R. E. Noble to Adelaide.

Mr. C. Graham to Ballarat.

Mr. L. Smith to Geelong.

And many to nearer seaside resorts.

Xmas Attractions.

The "Stay at Home" Deaf during the recent holidays did not lack amusements or pleasures. Parties were to be seen enjoying themselves, mostly at the beaches. The principal parties on Boxing Day were at Hampton, Chelsea and Frankston, and on New Year's Day, at Elwood, close to Point Ormond, Mordialloc, and again at Frankston. Many, especially the men, went to see Don Bradman in action at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the Shield match between Victoria and South Australia. On New Year's Eve, a good many enjoyed the Gala Night at St. Kilda and remained until the early hours of the morning.

Children's Party.

The Children of Melbourne Deaf Parents were again entertained by the Women's Guild in the Society's beautiful grounds and the Assembly Hall, on Saturday 14th December. The hall was made gay with decorations and balloons floating in the air, each child had one attached to a chair, and the tables were decorated with flowers sent from our Blackburn Farm. Games and Ice Cream filled in the afternoon arranged by Mr. E. R. Noble. Tea at 5.30 p.m. was much enjoyed and soon after all gathered before a great Christmas Tree. When Father Christmas, in the person of Mr. G. Mortimer, handed round the toys.

FOUNDATION DAY PICNIC

27th January, 1936.

A PICNIC is to be held at SYLVAN DAM on A.N.A. DAY (27th January). Transport will be by Motor Van. Tickets 2/6. Tea, Sugar and Milk free.

Bring your own provisions. All welcome.

Apply to the Honorary Treasurer of the Men's Guild (E. Roxburgh), or the Honorary Secretary (J. M. Johnston).

Solicitor: And all the time this row was going on you mean to swear that that man over there never said a word.

Witness: Not a word.

Solicitor: Do you really wish the Court to believe that?

Witness: Yes. You see, he's deaf and dumb.

To Our Readers.

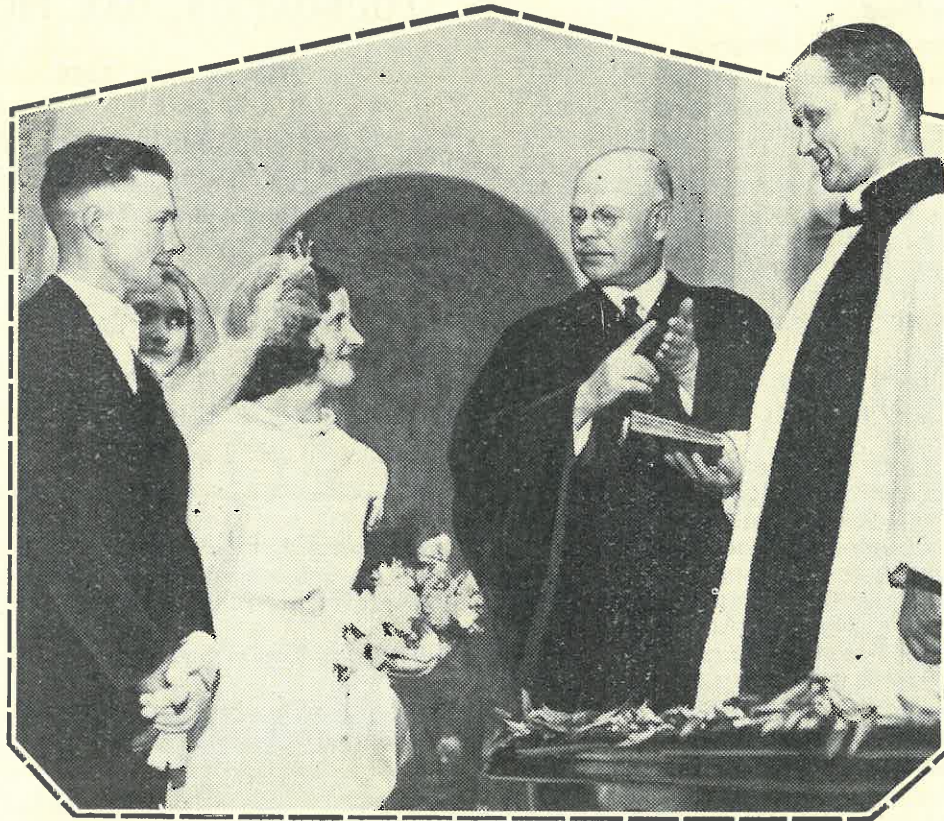
This issue of "The Victorian Deaf News" is a double number. The ordinary issue will consist of 16 pages.

"The Victorian Deaf News" is a quarterly magazine, and it is proposed to issue it in its new form in April, July, October and January.

The annual subscription is 2/- per annum, post free. The magazine, however, will be regularly posted to the whole of the deaf and dumb of Victoria known to us, whether the subscription be paid or not.

To help the Committee of Management thus to carry the news of the deaf to the deaf all over the State, you are asked to pay your subscription of 2/- promptly, and those readers in a position to do so are invited to contribute generously toward the cost of production.

All communications should be addressed to the Editor, "Victorian Deaf News," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, Victoria.



REV. C. L. CROSSLEY and PRINCIPAL E. J. D. ABRAHAM Officiating at the Wedding of MISS THELMA L. WHATELEY and MR. THOMAS E. NEWTON, at the Church for the Deaf, on 26th October, 1935.

By kind courtesy of "The Sun News-Pictorial."

Births.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. R. White, 2nd December, 1935, Roy. We much regret to report in another column the passing away of Mrs. White a week after her wee son was born.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackmore, 16th December, 1935. Both doing well.

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Marriages.

On 27th July, 1935, at St. Mary's Church of England, North Melbourne, Mr. E. Raines was married to Miss Elsie Denman.

On 26th October, 1935, at "Our Church," Jolimont Square, Mr. Thomas Newton was married to Miss Thelma Whateley.

On 21st December, 1935, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Thornbury, Mr. G. McCaffrey was married to Miss Ethel Dow.

On 2nd January, 1936 (?) at a registry office, Launceston, Tasmania, Mr. James Frame, late of Scotland, was quietly married to Miss Muriel Smith, a well-known Tasmanian girl, who has resided in Melbourne for some years, but recently returned to her home land.

We wish them much happiness in their future lives.

Jottings.

Ray Cornell of Ballarat was down for a fortnight and was the guest of the Society at our Blackburn Home during that time.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Grant of Myrtleford have gone back to Adelaide. They say prospects there are better than in Victoria. We wish them luck.

Obituary.

At the age of 78, John McGonigal, of our Blackburn Home, and late of Avoca, passed this life on 9th August, 1935, at St. Vincent's Hospital, and was buried at Fawkner Cemetery. He was one of the first pupils at the Victorian School for the Deaf, and was an inmate of our Home for the last eight years.

Thomas Tonkin, of Caldwell's Road, Eaglehawk, passed away on 20th August, 1935. He had been suffering a long time. Our Principal went to see him during his illness. Our sympathy is with his relations.

After a long illness, which he contracted in 1932, John Cardwell, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, aged 60, passed to his long rest on 28th August, 1935, at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, where he had been for well over eighteen months. He was interred at the Preston Cemetery. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who interpreted at the graveside, Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer, Mr. Douglas Abraham, Manager of the Blackburn Home, Messrs. W. A. Paterson, T. Peters and F. Sandon attended the funeral. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow.

William Kent, aged 54, an inmate of our Blackburn Home, was accidentally drowned at the Lake on 26th September, 1935, and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery. William Kent was a native of London, England, and educated at the School for the Deaf, Farrance Street, Limehouse, London. He came to Australia in the year 1913 and entered our home in 1927.

Richard Hann, aged 62, of Collie, West Australia, brother of Mrs. D. Ashby and Mrs. A. Stokes, departed from this life on 2nd November, 1935, after some weeks of illness. He was a past pupil of the St. Kilda Road School for the Deaf, and married Miss Annie Secombe, who survives him.

Mrs. Richard White, nee Winnie Henry, late of South Melbourne, died suddenly at the Women's Hospital on 9th December, 1935, at the age of 27, after having given birth to a son. The interment took place at Fawkner Cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to her sorrowing husband and relatives.

The Late Mr. G. G. Mercy.

After a long life of public, social and religious service in Victoria, Mr. G. G. Mercy, an ex-member of our Board of Management, died on 28th August at his home, 75 Broadway, East Camberwell.

For more than 20 years Mr. Mercy was the Australasian representative of James Spicer and Sons, stationery merchants, but in recent years had been living in retirement.

Born in London in 1851, and there, in the City of Cities, Mr. Mercy spent his early manhood. In 1884 he came to Australia, leading an active business career until 1903, after which date he devoted his time to the interests of various institutions in an honorary capacity. In 1904 he was elected to the council of the then town of Camberwell, filling the position of Mayor during the year 1906-07. For some years he had a seat on the Council of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. He was a trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association and a member of the Burwood Boys' Home. He had been a member of the Council of the Swinburne Technical College from its inception. He was a foundation member of the Canterbury Congregational Church, and was a former treasurer of the Congregational College of Victoria, and a member of the Committee of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria.

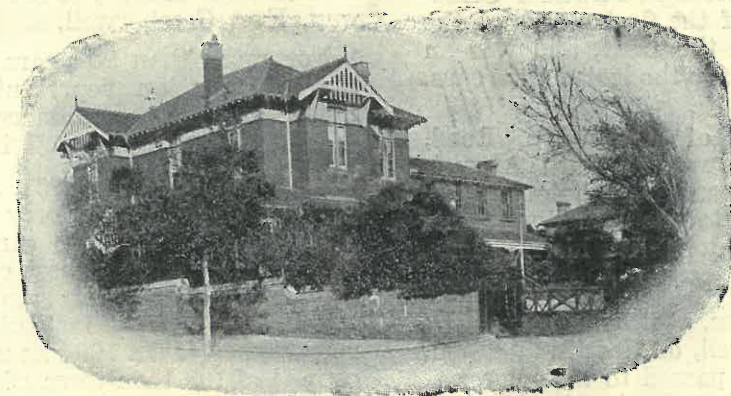
We first made the acquaintance of Mr. Mercy in connection with that wonderful Bazaar, which was held in the Melbourne Town Hall in June, 1907, whose object was to raise funds for the establishment of a farm and home for aged and infirm deaf mutes. He was, at that time, Mayor of Camberwell. He, his wife, and the Camberwell citizens raised upward of £300 for the above fund, and Mr. Mercy was the chairman of the twenty odd municipalities represented at the Bazaar, which was one of, if not the most successful, ever held in the Melbourne Town Hall.

Mr. Mercy joined our Board of Management in 1909, and remained in office till the end of 1920, after which he was created a Life Governor of our Society.

He was aged 84 years, and leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, and was buried at Boroondarra Cemetery. Mr. E. H. Peacock, the Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal, represented our Society at the graveside.

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(Incorporated)



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aims at being

EVERYTHING TO THE DEAF AND DUMB OF THIS STATE

Except a School for Children.

The Victorian Government provides for the Education of Deaf and Dumb Children, which is compulsory, to the age of 16.

At the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Headquarters, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, there is **A WELFARE CENTRE, CLUB HOUSE, and CHURCH FOR THE DEAF**, open to all Deaf and Dumb People — the one and only condition being that they help to maintain the good name of the Deaf.

THE DOORS of the Society's **HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM and DEPENDENT DEAF and DUMB**, at Blackburn, **ARE OPEN TO ALL** homeless and those needing care and protection.



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