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THE KING, GOD BLESS HIM.

Prayer for the King.

That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy servant Edward, our most gracious King and Governor; that it may please Thee to rule his heart in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory; that it may please Thee to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies, we beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord!



That prayer, first uttered by clergy and congregations for Queen Elizabeth, has been raised for over three and half centuries, and never with greater fervour than now.

I am determined to follow in my father's footsteps.

They are King Edward's words, and he could give no pledge of brighter promise to his people or the world. In the last message of King George to which the world listened he said it was good to think that our own family of peoples was at peace in itself and united in one desire to be at peace with other nations, friend of all and enemy of none.

When the life of that good and kindly man had drawn peacefully to its close his words were not forgotten. At his passing it seemed as if the nations had

united in a Silence where for a brief space their enmities and rivalries were stilled. It was a silence broken only by praise of him welling up unasked from the hearts of men.

Everywhere the people and their rulers placed themselves in spirit beside the mourning multitudes in England. These things pass, but they are not lost, and they show that the things uniting men and nations are deeper set in the human heart and mind than the things that divide. A life nobly lived is noble to all peoples.

With that knowledge and example to guide him King Edward sets out on a task that may well carry with it a world-wide hope. None can tell what measure of success will attend it or what disappointments will be met with on the way but he will not fail for want of trying.

There are many hopes that the King, who as Prince was tireless in seeking to know all men and all peoples, will not be content with a splendid isolation in his island kingdom, but will seek to renew old friendships in both hemispheres.

India will see him again, the Dominions will ask for him and will surely see him. Among all those peoples of the British Commonwealth of Nations he will be an old familiar friend when he goes to be crowned in their own capitals. But he will not be content with that. He will seek to widen the circle.

There is a saying thousands of years old that to the brave man all the world is his native land, and it may prove to be so for King Edward the Eighth. He used to be called our best Ambassador. He may win a prouder title still as the world's Ambassador of Peace.—The Children's Newspaper.

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DIVINE SERVICES.

In addition to the ordinary services, Holy Communion was administered on 12th January and 5th April, 1936.

On 1st March Mr. H. Blackmore made his second appearance in our pulpit when he preached from the text "When thou art spoiled, What wilt thou do?" (Jer. 4, 30).

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on 22nd March when the Church was decorated with gifts of fruits, vegetables, flowers and greenery, the bulk of which came from our Blackburn Farm and Home. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham was the Preacher. (Genesis 8: 22). "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

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PLAY IN LANGUAGE OF SIGNS.**Will Become Universal.**

A London audience saw at the Little Theatre in the Adelphi recently a play produced in sign language. Everyone understood it and enjoyed it.

The play was the production of Sir Richard Paget, F.R.S., a well-known authority on the origin of language, who has conducted experiments in sign-language on two chimpanzees at the London Zoo. He has been working for a year on the problem of natural pantomime.

The story of the play was simple. A young airman, accompanied by his sweetheart, makes a forced landing on an uncharted island. Luckily, he knows the sign language, and he has time to give the girl a lesson in it before the king of the cannibal island arrives on the scene. Aided by the young man, she speaks to him, his heart is melted, and all is well. The curtain fell after the king had made a "speech" in the sign language, pointing out the great benefits of this method of communication in promoting inter-racial friendship.

According to Sir Richard Paget, speech developed almost as an automatic system of mouth movements in unison with the movement of the hands.

The day is coming, he declares, when one man will be able to speak to all the races of the world simultaneously, and be understood universally. He will do it by television, talking the language of signs.

Sir Richard has worked out a system of gestures, fit for all occasions and human contacts. The vocabulary has been evolved by replacing the normal mouth and tongue signs used in standard English by appropriate movements of fingers, hands and arms. "With the mouth," he says, "we can make only about 50 different sounds. It has been calculated

that with one hand and arm we can make over 700,000 different movements, and every gesture can also differ in size."

The advantages over the spoken word, he claims, do not end there, for a child or an adult can learn 100 signs in half an hour and remember them.

Sir Richard Paget, scientist, inventor, and musician, worked on the Admiralty Board of Invention and Research during the War.—The Star.

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MARRIAGES OF THE DEAF.

Is anything being done towards the lessening of congenital deafness? This question is asked by Dr. Harold Earlam, superintendent of the New South Wales Institute for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind in Sydney, in an article in "The Medical Journal of Australia."

Most of the children now admitted to schools for the deaf are congenitally deaf, he says. In a few cases, but not many, deafness may be due to congenital syphilis, but nearly all are the children of parents who are non-syphilitic and who can hear.

What is the explanation? Kerr Love, of Glasgow, has for years been preaching Mendelism as the explanation, but describes himself as still "a voice crying."

Fay's monumental work, based on the histories of some 4000 deaf marriages in America, establishes certain general principles, and shows that it is not so much the immediate parentage of the child that determines his deafness, but that the possession of deaf relatives determines his liability to deafness.

In marriages where both partners are congenitally deaf and where both have deaf relatives, the proportion of them having deaf offspring (28.4 per cent.) and the proportion of deaf-born children (30.3 per cent.), are very high.

The possession of deaf relatives would appear to be a trustworthy indication of liability to deaf offspring. A person deaf congenitally or adventitiously having deaf relatives, is liable, however married, to have deaf offspring, the liability being much greater in the case of the congenital than in that of the adventitious.

Hopeless Position.

To me the position appears to be rather hopeless. While it is outrageously absurd to allow deaf-mutism to continue and to progress without very definite effort to control and eventually to eliminate it, nothing much appears to be done. We must not talk of sterilisation; we may try to train the public to realise some of the facts of the causation of congenital deafness, and of the dangers of the intermarriage of the congenitally deaf and of the marriage of relatives of

congenitally deaf people into similar families to their own. We may try to develop some public conscience on these matters, but I fear that public conscience has little effect in diverting or limiting personal desires.

Partial Deafness.

One of the recent developments in the work of the education of the deaf has been the considerably greater attention given to children suffering from partial deafness.

There are two classes of deaf children: (a) adventitiously deaf children with naturally acquired speech; (b) partially deaf children capable of receiving aural instruction, who stand in an entirely different relation to education from the born deaf and totally deaf child.

They have distinctive needs, and although these distinctive needs cannot be adequately met in ordinary schools for the deaf, yet until comparatively recently the only provision for such children has been the ordinary school for the deaf. They require the help of the specially trained and qualified teacher of the deaf, but they should never be in a deaf environment.

The adventitiously deaf child requires the preservation and probably the improvement of his naturally-acquired speech, and the transference of its recognition from the ear to the eye. He has the ordinary language equipment of the ordinary child, and is generally out of place in a class of deaf-born children; he requires the normal environment of speech and association with ordinary hearing-speaking children.

The partially deaf child needs the constant stimulus of speech, and should be in a normal speech-language environment. He requires special attention to prevent the deterioration and to promote the improvement and efficiency of his speech, and he requires instruction in lip reading to improve his receptiveness for speech and language.—Brisbane "Courier-Mail."

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Our Oldest Pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley, Prahran, can now claim the distinction of being the oldest deaf pioneers, for Mr. Oakley is just on 84 years of age, and a colonist of 82 years. Mrs. Oakley is in her 88th year, and is a colonist of 74 years.

Mr. Oakley was born on 5th May, 1852, in London, England. When he was two years old, he had ear trouble and, acting upon the doctor's advice, his parents migrated to Australia. He arrived in Melbourne on Christmas Day, 1854, by the sailing



MR. and MRS. GEORGE OAKLEY,
Our Oldest Pioneers.

ship "Birmingham," after being three months on the water. His people ultimately settled in Warrnambool. Mr. Oakley contracted measles at the age of 9 years, which left him quite deaf. News travelled slowly in those days, but, when his parents heard of the existence of a Deaf School in Melbourne he was placed under the tuition of the late Mr. F. J. Rose in October, 1863, at Peel Street, Windsor, and remained there until the end of 1867. Upon leaving school he worked as a fisherman and a woodcutter, and soon became very proficient, and was most popular with all he met.

He married Miss Maggie Cruickshank on 28th December, 1891, at Warrnambool. They moved to Paynesville and Sale, where Mr. Oakley still carried on his trade as a fisherman. They remained in that district for about eight years, and then returned to Warrnambool. In 1901 they moved to Melbourne, and Mr. Oakley took up work as a kitchen-man, and later as hawker.

Since he settled in Melbourne he has been, and is still, a most consistent churchman, and a member of the Society. A more loyal person than he is hard to find. Only recently he was created a Life

Member of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, a position he worthily deserved.

Mrs. G. Oakley was born at Crieff, Glasgow, Scotland, on 27th November, 1848. At the age of 14 years she came, with her parents, to Melbourne, in the sailing ship "Lady Jane," arriving on 26th August, 1862. Her people, too, eventually moved to Warrnambool, where her father established a farrier's business. Mrs. Oakley says that the shock of seeing naked aborigines running wild, and the strange animals, the kangaroos, brought about her deafness. She, too, was placed under the late Mr. Rose's tuition for four years. After she left school she entered domestic service, and later married Mr. George Oakley.

In the accompanying photo. will be seen Mr. and Mrs. Oakley beside their pet cockatoo, which has since died. This photo. was taken about two years ago. The cockatoo was aged, too, having been in their possession when they were in Warrnambool over 50 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley have no children to care for them but, fortunately, they have many friends who take a kindly interest in them, and help them in their old age.

Next December will bring their 45th year of wedded life, and it is our earnest prayer that they will be spared to enjoy this anniversary.

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TRAGIC NEWS FOR DEAF - BLIND WIFE.

The following appeared in a Melbourne newspaper. We do not know who the doctors and experts were, but we do know that there is no truth whatever in the two paragraphs referring to the Deaf and Dumb Society.

Our first knowledge of the sad event was in a morning newspaper, and we immediately rang the police, from whom we learned that Mrs. Dyble had been sent to the Cheltenham Benevolent Asylum. We at once got into touch with that Home, sending two officers of the Society out to Cheltenham. They experienced little difficulty in conversing with Mrs. Dyble by means of largely written capital letters held close to her eyes for, fortunately, she is not quite blind.—

"After two days of unsuccessful efforts by doctors and experts in the treatment of the blind and deaf, a policewoman succeeded to-day in communicating to a woman who can neither see nor hear, the fact that her husband was dead.

White-haired, bent, and tottering, Mrs Frank Doyle Dyble, 60, of Melton, who is both blind and deaf, had called continually for her husband since she was brought to Melbourne on Saturday.

"Frank," she cried, in little more than a whisper, "Where is my Frank?"

Lying about 15 yards from the house in which the couple lived, the husband's body was found on Saturday with a bullet wound in the head.

How to convey to the woman the story of the tragedy was a problem that taxed the combined ingenuity of police and neighbours.

Holding her hand, they traced again and again with her index finger the words "Frank is sick" on the shiny surface of the table.

But the woman, excited by the strangers around her, and instinctively aware that something was amiss, was unable to concentrate.

Called for "Frank."

They wrote the one word, "Sick," in large letters on cardboard and held it before her eyes, but she was unable to see.

They shouted in the vain hope that they might make her hear, but the tragic figure merely shook her head and repeated her calls for "Frank," or "Dad," as she sometimes called him.

Realising that the woman, with her double disability and lacking relatives or friends, could not be left alone, police arranged for her to be brought to Melbourne.

She protested vehemently, and in a chaos of bewilderment arrived in the city on Saturday afternoon, still ignorant of her husband's tragic death.

At the Deaf and Dumb Society's Home, Jolimont, experts traced with their fingers the letters "Frank is sick" on the palm of her hands, but she shook them impatiently away and called for her husband.

Again and again they tried to convey to her that something had happened to Frank, but they could not make her understand.

They took her to the Home for the Aged and Infirm at Cheltenham, and there, while kindly attendants sought to console her and convey to her that she was in friendly surroundings, she spent the week-end.

Now She Knows.

But all day she sat alone and called for the husband who did not come.

With growing apprehension her cries became more and more insistent, and to-day she somehow understood that this change which had come into the small, dark world in which she moved bespoke a tragedy.

A policewoman called at the home to-day and traced the sad little story on the palm of her work-worn hand — "Frank is sick—Frank is very sick."

And now a frail little woman sits in the corner of a big room of the home in Cheltenham sobbing quietly and repeating—"Frank—he has gone away."

Mrs. Dyble is now at our Blackburn Home for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf and Dumb.

Ballarat.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, had to cancel his visit to Ballarat on Tuesday, 7th January, owing to a breakdown of the car. Not wishing to disappoint the Ballarat deaf nor to upset his prior engagement, he sent our Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston, with his wife and children, on the following day. A very good round of visiting was made, including Miss Mary Retallick, at the Ballarat Mental Home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were surprised to find her looking so well and able to converse freely. She spoke of her wish to see her relatives and deaf friends. Because of her aptitude in needlework, she is the Matron's dressmaker, and has more freedom at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, their children, and Mr. Allsopp, who drove the car, were entertained to tea by the Misses Doney before their departure for home, which was much appreciated.

The following Sunday, Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted the service at the Golden Point Football Club Room, and afterwards joined the congregation at tea. Miss L. Sanders was the visitor for the day, and joined the gathering.

Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, with Mr. Melby Allsopp, went to Ballarat on 9th February. The attendance was not up to the previous meeting (Misses Maisie Reiffel and Ruby McDonald were away at Queenscliff on holidays, and we hear they had good times there), but nevertheless the meeting was a happy one, and the party remained to tea. It was a pleasure to see Miss Dulcie Jones present. She, too, had her holidays at Queenscliff last Christmas.

Misses Evelyn Lloyd, Joyce May and Dorothy Johnston accompanied Mr. Abraham and Mr. M. Allsopp to the March Service, which was held at the Ballarat Orphanage. This privilege was kindly granted by the Superintendent, Mr. Ludbrook. Mrs. Ludbrook also provided tea, for which they have our grateful thanks.

Ballarat Social.

To help celebrate the opening of the Ballarat Club's Saturday night socials, a party of ten of our Melbourne deaf members, including one from Tambo Crossing, Gippsland (Betty Doyle), went up to Ballarat and joined in the social gathering held at the Ballarat Orphanage on Saturday, 4th April. The party was entertained to an excellent tea, after which games were played in the social hall. A coffee supper before leaving ended a very happy evening.

The majority of the visitors boarded at Lester's House, and the following morning saw the party visiting the Fire Brigade and ascending the look-out

tower, where they had a fine view of Ballarat and its surrounding district. After that, a visit to Ballarat's famous gardens where (as is always to be found), there was a beautiful flower display, and the fish hatches, showing thousands of young fish being acclimatised, was made. In the afternoon some of the party went to Daylesford, whilst the rest attended the Deaf Service held at the Orphanage.

The party was again entertained to tea, and at 6.40 p.m. the Melbourne folk were farewelled on the homeward journey.

To Mrs. Ludbrook, wife of the Superintendent of the Orphanage, the Board of Management and Principal extend very grateful thanks for her kindness in dispensing such wonderful hospitality.

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Geelong.

The Geelong Branch met on 14th January. Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted the Service.

At the next meeting on 10th March, Mrs. T. Ashby, of Trafalgar, was present. She was spending a month's holiday at Geelong. Mrs. and the Misses Monahan have already decided to make the trip to the Adelaide Deaf Carnival.

Geelong Social.

The Geelong Branch of our Society arranged a "night of nights" on Saturday evening, 9th May, at the club rooms, kindly lent by the Geelong Rotary Club. A motor bus, conveying twenty-four deaf, two private cars, and a motor cycle and sidecar, to the number of thirty-eight, journeyed from Melbourne and joined in the pleasures so wonderfully arranged by Miss C. Monahan (Honorary Secretary) and her helpers. Mr. W. Hatley, of Camperdown, also was present.

The visitors were entertained to tea upon arrival. Soon after, the tables were cleared and other visitors brought the number to over sixty. All entered into the various games with much enthusiasm and merriment, and all too soon supper was served. By 10 p.m. the party was forced to bid adieu.

Before dispersing, Mr. S. G. Hobson, a member of the Board of Management, extended the thanks of the visitors to the Honorary Secretary, Miss Monahan, the Branch members, and hearing friends, for the happy hospitality extended.

The bus arrived in Melbourne just in time to allow its occupants to catch the last train or tram home.

Amongst those present were the Misses Monahan and Mrs. Monahan, Miss Fagan, our Principal (Mr. Abraham), Miss Empson, and Mr. J. M. Johnston.

Thank you, Geelong. You gave us a great time, and we hope you will ask us again!

"Home Folk."

Down the Bay.

The inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with many old associates and members of the Adult Deaf Centre who add to the pleasure of the Blackburn section of our community, spent a very happy day down the Bay on Thursday, 9th January, through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., who granted free passes for the trip. The weather was "just the thing" for the outing, with the "southerly" a bit on the cold side. Through the kindness of the usual ladies and gentlemen, the inmates of the Home were given dinner on board, whilst others enjoyed theirs out of their own hampers. With a few exceptions, the party stepped off at Queenscliff, and lost no time in exploring the town and its environs. About half a dozen went in for a swim, and soon found it a bit cold.

The President of the Women's Guild, Mrs. T. Petes, who was amongst the party, together with her daughter, Ruth, Mrs. J. M. Johnston and Dorothy, paid a surprise visit to Dulcie Jones at the Orphanage Rest Home there. Dulcie was elated at seeing them, especially her schoolmate, Dorothy. The party boarded the boat "P.S. Weeroona" for home at 4.30 p.m. During the afternoon fruit and sweets went around and around the deck, and, we assure you, were not neglected. The whole party sat down to a hamper tea in the dining saloon at the stern of the ship. Port Melbourne was reached at 7 p.m. Whilst the party was enjoying the best of holiday conditions on the Bay, Melbourne was visited by a cloud-burst, which accounted for the dampness of everything upon our return. Thanks are heartily tendered to all who made this trip possible.

The party was in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham. Superintendent and Matron of the Blackburn Home. The Principal (Mr. Abraham), Mrs. Abraham, Mr. Hobson (Member of the Board), Miss Empson and Mr. J. M. Johnston were also on board.

The following day the "P.S. Weeroona" was tied up on account of the maritime strike.

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Men's Guild.

Annual Picnic.

A most successful outing, arranged by the Men's Guild, took place on A.N.A. Day, 27th January, at Silvan Reservoir, when 50 deaf, 8 hearing friends, and 5 children comprised the party. The weather was ideal.

The main party assembled at Flinders Street, opposite Ball and Welch, as early as 8.30 a.m., and boarded the vans at 9.45 a.m., which were three-quarters of an hour late. A few deaf and hearing

friends were picked up en route. The route lay along White Horse Road to beyond Ringwood, where we branched off towards Croydon and Monbulk. Upon enquiries we found we had taken the wrong turning and, after consulting the road map, we decided upon taking a side track for about two miles towards Mount Evelyn, which proved very rough and dusty. This was an added attraction enjoyed by many, in spite of the dust that settled upon everything.

Silvan was reached about 12.45 p.m., and very soon lunch was partaken of, by the side of the main road. An hour after luncheon the party broke up, and sight-seeing began. The sight of the cooling reservoir was uppermost in our minds, and it was reached in less than five minutes' walk from the main road. A concrete seat, with one iron tablet at each end, invited the tired travellers to rest and view the scene from the top of the dam, and to read its history and records. After enjoying the scene, the more adventurous of the party decided upon a tour of inspection of the locality. A run down the embankment soon brought them to the works, known as Filtered Outlet. Some could hear the dull roar of rushing water as it made its way through the works. Following the concrete channel for some distance, we crossed a bridge and went in amongst the tall timber and fern gullies round the base of Mount Dandenong, until we came upon the continuous rope haulage lines known as flying foxes. It was there the party rested before retracing their steps.

One member was recalling the historical aspect of that mount when he was told that one member of the party actually reached the summit some 24 years ago. It was in 1912, when the Guild held its first outing, and seven out of eleven members scaled its heights, and obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

A camp fire was made at 5 p.m., and by 5.30 everyone had done justice to their hampers. A general clean up, chess, and a few ball games filled in the time until 7.15 p.m., when we broke camp. Lilydale was reached in less than half an hour, where we allowed one hour to see the sights of the township. Melbourne was reached just before 10 p.m.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing, in spite of the heat and the dust from motors. The party was augmented at Silvan by two car and two cycle parties, including Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton. Mr. S. G. Hobson, a member of our Board of Management, was with us.

On looking up the records we found that this party was easily the record one for attendance.

Owing to the absence in Adelaide of the President (Mr. E. R. Noble), Mr. Claude Graham was in the chair at the February meeting, when the usual half-hour topic was given, and revolved on the Abyssinian-

Italo War. The Egyptian trouble was also discussed. Then followed the evening's programme on "holiday reminiscences" by members. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer monopolised the talk with an account of his trip to Bowman's Forest and the Hume Weir. The Chairman gave the last talk with a tale of his trusty, 14 years old "mo-bike," which took him to Ballarat, Daylesford, and other places during the Christmas holidays.

On 27th February the Guild held its 52nd Annual Meeting before a good attendance. Mr. E. R. Noble, the President, presided. The Annual Report, brief and to the point, and the balance sheet, showing a deficit of 13/1, were read and approved. A suggestion was made that Thursday night lectures be under the jurisdiction of the Men's Guild, which was left over for further consideration. The election of office-bearers was as follows:—President: Mr. E. R. Noble (re-elected); Vice-President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Honorary Secretary: Mr. E. Roxburgh; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. Phillips; Committee: Messrs. T. Newton, W. Ross, K. Pickett, and E. Johnson.

Supper, provided by the Principal of the Society, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, brought the happy evening to a close.

On 17th March a "President's Night" was held, when there was a fairly good attendance. After the usual fifteen minutes on general topics, the President, Mr. E. R. Noble, gave an account of his trip to the City of Churches — Adelaide—and many queries were asked and answered, after which he entertained the members to supper in the Assembly Hall, for which he was heartily thanked. Mr. Roxburgh brought along a set of indoor bowls, which he secured on loan for demonstration, and, as the time was short, a further demonstration was given on the following Thursday night. This new game is proving popular amongst lodges, etc., and the Adelaide Mission has a team in competition already.

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Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild reopened on 4th February after the Christmas recess with a Pound Night. Crossword Puzzle and Talks on "Dog Tricks" occupied most of the evening, which ended with light supper, brought by the members themselves.

A very happy outing was enjoyed by the members of the Women's Guild and a few of their male friends to the Society's Farm and Home at Blackburn, on Sunday afternoon, 9th February. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham, who showed them over the property, and they then conversed with the inmates who, too, were so pleased to see them. The party, which numbered 13, were entertained to afternoon tea by the Manager and Matron, after which they departed, laden with gum tips and

fruit. About half the party returned to the Centre and had tea there prior to the usual Church Service.

The meeting on 3rd March was a very happy one, especially as they had with them two visitors from Adelaide—Mrs. Davis and her daughter. Bible Reading, by Miss Rose Dow, and interesting talks by Misses D. Hickey and M. Gibson were given and greatly enjoyed. The evening closed with the usual dainty supper.

Women's Guild Annual Picnic.

The Deaf Women's Guild held its Annual Picnic on Eight Hours' Day, 30th March, 1936, at Belgrave. Reports of bush fires raging over Mount Dandenong made the Guild, at first, undecided about going to Belgrave, but, when it became known the fires had not harmed that district, the passenger van was booked to capacity. One motor car and three motor cycles and sidecars brought another eleven, making a total of forty-five at the picnic.

After lunch rambles through the bush, especially to the Sherbrooke Falls and gully, were much enjoyed. The weather conditions were ideal, and the party returned to our Centre just on 8 p.m., when it remained for an hour or two playing still more games before dispersing for home. A very happy and enjoyable outing it was.

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Library.

The Deaf Library is again in receipt of one dozen books from Mrs. Howe, of East Melbourne, for which we thank her sincerely. They are all good reading novels, and will find ready welcome with the majority of our readers. Amongst the parcel were "The Snake and the Sword," by P. C. Wren, the author of many military adventures; "The Unknown Quantity," by Ethel M. Dell, a novel; "Victory," by Joseph Conrad, an island tale of love and jealousy; "Red Radio," by R. L. Hadfield and Frank E. Farncombe, a thrilling story in which the death ray plays an important part; "Retribution," by Henry St. John Cooper, a most moving and appealing story of human life; "The Golden Snare," by James Oliver Curwood, an exciting northland adventure; "Forbidden Range," by James French Dorrance, a romance of the Yellowstone; "The Desert's Price," by William McLeod Raine, a novel.

Through the non-return of a book loaned from our library, a reader has replaced it with "The Black Tulip," by Alexandre Dumas.

Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-Charity Queen Carnival.

In the rush to get the last issue of our Victorian Deaf News out, we forgot to include two outstanding events held during the Lord Mayor's Fund Inter-

Charity Queen Competition. They were the Dance held at Ziegfeld's, Glenferrie, organised by Mrs. Ross, which was very successful, and the Card Party organised by Mrs. R. Cohen, which was held at the Centre. Both events brought in tidy sums, which went a long way to swell the fund.

Both ladies, who are members of the Parents' and Friends' Association, have our very grateful thanks for their big contribution.

Dramatic Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Dramatic Club was held on the evening of 5th March, when Mr. F. E. Frewin, President, presided. The Annual Report, which recorded a number of excellent plays given, and the Balance Sheet, was read and confirmed.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Misses R. Dow, A. Smith, D. Hickey, E. Leber, and Mr. G. Newnham. The Honorary Secretaryship has not yet been filled, and the founder of the Club, Mr. Edwin Johnson, was persuaded to temporarily fill the position.

THE FLOUNDER AND THE BIRD.

A solitary flatfish flopped its way to the edge of a Scottish loch to bask. A swallow happened to flit by, grazing the water in its flight to and fro. The fish gaped in astonishment at the dimly seen apparition and murmured to himself: "So, after all, there really are living things up there. I have always thought there might be; there have been shadows and indications; our free swimmers have hinted at something. But it is all fanciful and unreal; it is safer to lie firmly on the ground; we can at least make sure of our mud and sand; the rest is imagination." Then, as the swallow flitted by again, he inquired, "What are you? Have you fins?"

The swallow answered briefly: "We don't swim, we fly," and then added good-naturedly, as if in response to an unspoken question, "It's much the same thing really, only it's finer and fleetier and happier. We have feathers such as you could not dream of, we soar above the earth, and can travel immense distances. Even your free swimmers don't know half that is to be known."

The fish was astonished and silent for a time, but soon recovered his usual presence of mind, and began to answer volubly and without hesitation, "This is most extraordinary; we haven't really believed in your existence. A few of us say they are able to fly, at least for a short time, and have told us of catching glimpses of other creatures during their flights, but, of course, they are not believed. They tell us that when up there they can actually see ahead, so as to foretell the coming of those dark hulls that

perturb us occasionally; but they are often wrong. We hold that flying ought to be suppressed; we will not allow ourselves to be deceived."

The swallow hovered a moment on hearing this last confession, and said with an upward glance, "You would do well not to be deceived, but there may be more than one kind of deception. Are you on guard against self-deception? You little know all the glories of existence."

"Do you know all?" asked the flounder, trying to rear its head out of the water, and getting suffocated in the process. "Is everything plain to you up there in your soaring freedom? Tell us what your world is really like."

"I cannot tell you," answered the swallow, "you would not understand. It is something like your world, only far more beautiful. You, too, have beautiful things down there, if you look for them, or if you listen to your free swimmers; they tell you of bright stones and seaweed and shells; even your own scales are beautiful. But we — we find trees and flowers and fruits; we fly over glorious mountains, and rejoice in the showers and the sunshine, the rainbows and the dew; we build nests on barns and churches; we . . ."

"I don't know what you are talking about," interrupted the fish. "What on earth are churches?"

"Ah! There you go beyond my knowledge," said the swallow. "There is much that even we do not know. We cannot tell why they were erected; they are something like barns, but have more string-courses, and ledges; they are somehow different; they seem to represent a view of the universe higher even than our own."

"Well!" said the flounder to himself, as the swallow's utterance trailed away into silence. "He can't tell us what his surroundings are like, and yet he speculates about regions still more incomprehensible. No! It is all too vague and indefinite. We did right not to believe in anything beyond this home our ours. If I were to tell the others that those flying fish have spoken some kind of truth, I should be laughed at. Better say nothing. And yet — well, even I dimly remember that in my infancy I used to swim more freely . . . Alas! those early gleams have died; I must be content with the light of common day." So saying, he began to flounder back, and settle himself once more into his mud.

But his experience was not wholly lost; he could not resist occasionally blurting out something of it, in spite of the contempt of his fellows; and he really felt happier, though more conscious of ignorance, than he was before. He still wondered, however, why the bird could not more clearly enlighten him as to the nature of the world beyond.

A TRIP TO ADELAIDE.

This year the thoughts of many of us are turned towards Adelaide, where, next Christmas the bi-annual carnival will be held. I was fortunate in being able to visit the city last Christmas, and spent a very enjoyable time there. The train left Spencer Street at 5.45 p.m., and arrived at Adelaide at 9.30 the following day. Thanks to the friendliness of the other occupants of the carriage, the journey was pleasant enough. From Ballarat onward the journey was in darkness.

At first each station was greeted with curiosity and interest as the train roared through, but as it grew later, sleep claimed us as far the jolting would allow, and I have but a hazy idea of the greater part of the journey through the night. Early morning brought renewed interest in the passing countryside. On arrival at Tailem Bend there was a general exodus in the direction of the refreshment bar. Further on, at Murray Bridge, more refreshments were consumed. To judge by the prices, the railways must be earnestly endeavouring to wipe out their debts, and make the railways pay, which means, of course, make the passengers pay.

On arrival at Adelaide I was met by friends and escorted to the Deaf Mission, which is situated at the opposite side of the City to the railway station.

The Mission itself is a magnificent building, and will be ample to hold all who intend visiting the City next Christmas.

Although the City is surrounded by hills, which are much closer than at Melbourne, the City and suburbs are on almost perfectly flat land. Accustomed to Melbourne hills and sloping streets I found that rather queer at first. Another thing that took me a long time to get used to is the entire absence of traffic lights. The beaches are for the most part further from the City than Melbourne, but an excellent service of train and tram enables them to be quickly reached. A flat rate of 9d. return to all and any of the beaches is a great boon. The beaches are good on the whole, although there is a scarcity of shade. People with sensitive skins should beware of sunburn — I speak from painful experience! ! !

On 27th January the deaf held their annual picnic, choosing Belair, a popular resort in the hills. Two railmotors took us to the hills, and from the station buses took us to the selected camping ground, about 3 miles away. The buses were specially engaged for us, as was the train. A very pleasant day was spent. The younger people playing tennis or wandering over the surrounding country. We were lucky coming back; we left Belair at 7.30 and arrived home about 9.30. The next day we learnt that the train following us had been derailed. Fortunately no one was hurt, but all traffic was held up until nearly eleven, and many did not get home until one in the morning.

The weather throughout the holiday was glorious, and it was with great reluctance that I left the well named City of Churches.

E. R. NOBLE.

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OVERSEA NEWS.

Jerusalem.

There is a Catholic School for the Deaf in Jerusalem.

Persia.

We know of but one school for the Deaf in Persia — at Isaphan, conducted by a German.

U.S.A.

At St. Anne's Church of the Deaf, New York, a reredos has been dedicated to the memory of Virginia B. Gallaudet, a daughter of the founder of the Church, who in turn was the son of the founder of the first school for the Deaf of the United States of America.

Italy.

The School for the Deaf in Turin has just celebrated its Centenary.

England.

His Majesty, King Edward VIII., it is pleasing to record, is interested in more than one organisation of the Deaf; as far back as ten years ago he interested himself in a Church for the Deaf.

Recently His Majesty felt it necessary to visit an Ear Specialist in Vienna, with successful results.

Mr. John Chadwick, of St. Helen's, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bolton Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in place of the late Mr. Shannon, Lancashire.

We learn from the British Deaf Times that "Mr. Gladwin, a member of Mr. Herbert Hersee's Committee in Australia, is on a visit to this country to report on deaf work to the Australian Government."

A small par. appeared in the "Sun News Pictorial" of an incident outside Buckingham Palace during the posting of the bulletin on our late King's illness, which stated: "An official conveyed the message in sign language to a group of deaf mutes in his charge." Evidently the journalist, who happened to witness the incident and wrote same, thought the scene was most unusual and unique and, at the same time, it showed that the deaf had the same feeling of concern for the health of our late King as his other subjects.

A par. appeared in the "Herald" on the occasion of the funeral service outside Parliament House, Melbourne, which was headed "THE WOMAN IN BLACK." "On the steps of Parliament House is a small figure clothed in black. She has been there since 7 a.m. unnoticed. She lives at East Melbourne,

but she wants a good position at the Ceremony which is to follow at 11 a.m. And she must SEE that, because the words will mean nothing. She is deaf and dumb."

King Edward VIII.

King Edward VIII., when Prince of Wales, was repeatedly in the limelight with the deaf. Recently he was elected patron of the International Federation of Deaf Sports Clubs, and in the last issue of our magazine we printed his message at the opening of the Fourth International Games held at Wembley and White City, England.

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Rambles.

How much do you know of Melbourne and its environs?

Perhaps there are many places which you have never visited, although living quite near. Pleasant outings are being arranged by the Men's and Women's Guilds on Sundays, Saturdays, or Public Holidays, to systematically visit all places of beauty and historic interest. All outings will be announced on the Notice Board, and a cordial invitation to join the party is extended to all.

The first of these outings was held on Sunday, 22nd March, when a party of twelve visited places of interest near to our Jolimont Square. Just across the road at the back of our Square, amidst the well laid out garden, with a fountain in front, stands Victoria's first Government House, where the first Governor, Mr. Charles Latrobe lived. After signing the visitors' book a move was made to the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens, that are famed all over Australia. A walk along the avenue of poplars, the pride of Melbourne, and oft praised by artists and landscape gardeners, to the Fairy Tree. That tree has been the centre of attraction for the Melbourne children for many years. Its trunk has been carved into various fairy images and animals and birds, and is the work of a well-known Melbourne sculptress, Miss Ola Cohn. After visiting Captain Cook's Cottage and the Conservatory, we came upon a giant tree trunk, measuring, at 3ft. from the base, a little over 47ft. in circumference. It was brought from Healesville many years ago for exhibition, and later placed in these gardens.

Many other places were visited before the party reached the Centre at 5.30 for tea. All enjoyed the ramble, and remained for the Service in our own little Church.

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Our Own Church.

At the evening service of Sundays, 12th and 19th January, slides depicting our Lord Jesus Christ in various phases of His life, and views of the Holy

Land were shown in our Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square. Each scene was explained to the congregation by the preacher, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

It was an innovation in our Church, and most impressive, and produced an added sacred atmosphere.

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Our Little Family.

Our Principal, who was away on a two weeks' sea trip, was surprised and pleased to receive birthday greetings by telegram from the Melbourne Rotary Club and the Jolimont Square Staff when the boat arrived at Brisbane.

Mrs. R. Hann, of Collie, West Australia (nee Annie Seconbe), was with us for a number of weeks, revisiting her and her late husband's relatives. It is many years since she last saw Melbourne, and thinks it has grown tremendously.

Miss E. Thomas, also of West Australia, was here for a month during December and January. As it was her first visit to this Eastern State, she was much charmed with all she saw. She was overjoyed to meet her old school friend, Mrs. W. B. Anderson, of Oakleigh (nee Gladys Bates).

Mr. Andrew Rankine, of Adelaide, was here again for the Christmas holidays. He remained for about three weeks, during which time he joined in any events listed — outings, socials and parties. He was most fortunate to recover so soon from the serious injuries which he received from a motor cycle accident, which occurred some two or more months previously in his home State. He said the Adelaidians have made a good start in regard to the forthcoming interstate carnival, which is to be held in Adelaide.

Mr. Paqualin, of Cottesloe Beach, West Australia, passed through Melbourne twice when visiting Tasmania for the Christmas holidays. On Boxing Day, when en route for Tasmania, he called at our Centre and found the place deserted and locked (the deaf were at Hampton, picnicking). On his return he again called and found our Principal and Miss Empson in. The next day he was at Port Melbourne pier watching the deaf party board the P.S. "Weeroona" for the annual bay trip, and whilst there he was recognised by the Editor, and they had a good talk before departing. He said that he had a glorious time in Tasmania.

Mr. Don. Wallis of Seymour, was fortunate in obtaining a situation with a clothing firm in Melbourne, and we hope he will keep it.

With two of her children in good positions, a third attending Stott Business College, and the youngest at the High School, Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, has made her home in Melbourne for the

children's sake. For the present Mr. Damman is remaining on the farm until adjustments are made as to the future of their old home.

Mr. E. Roxburgh, of Williamstown, was "in the picture" recently, for at Newport he gave chase and caught a bolting horse, which broke away from a wood merchant's cart. The driver was thrown and received head injuries. Mr. Roxburgh was rewarded for his part in the capture of the horse.

Arthur Morgan accepted the offer of Hugh Smith to work on his dairy farm at Kerang, and took leave of us on 12th February last. He will not find the place dull, as he will have Mr. and Mrs. Smith to converse with, as both are past pupils of the St. Kilda Road School.

Mr. H. R. Gillett, of Irymple, writes: "The Victorian Deaf News' just to hand is the best one yet. So keep it up." He recently had two months' rest at our Blackburn Home.

Frank Williams, of Hobart, Tasmania, came over on Christmas Eve, bringing Christmas Greetings to Melbourne folk from Colonel L. H. Payne, Superintendent of the Tasmanian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Mr. T. Parkinson, and the Tasmanian deaf. The first two weeks in Victoria he spent with a number of friends at Frankston, where he had a most happy time, and then a week in the City. He reported that the deaf over in his State have made a good start to raise funds for the forthcoming Christmas trip to Adelaide. They already have £50 in hand.

Jack Boal, who last October went to Jerilderie, Riverina, to work on a sheep station with his uncle, came down for the Christmas holidays. He was well tanned and enjoyed life up there.

Miss Annie Webb was back amongst us again from Tasmania, where she had been for some time. She was engaged for three months at a private residence at Flinders, a seaside resort at Western Port, and on completion of her mistress' stay there, she went off to Sydney, after a week in Melbourne, in the hope of securing another position there.

Mrs. Davis, of Adelaide, and her daughter, while in Melbourne for a fortnight's holiday, were guests at events held at the Society's building during their stay. They said they had a real good time. Quite a number of our women folk went down to Spencer Street Station to bid them farewell on the day of their departure.

Miss Margaret Gibson took a trip to the country, 215 miles from Melbourne, to New South Wales during February. She had such a happy time that she did not want to come home.

Mr. E. R. Noble, after more than a month's holiday in Adelaide, has penned an account of his trip, which is to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, during his fortnight's leave, spent one week visiting relatives in Gippsland, and the other week on Mr. E. Sturcke's selection at Mornington Peninsular.

Miss Emma Reade has secured a very nice position at Avenel, and our Principal received a nice letter from her in which she said she is very happy there.

The following members left Melbourne during the festive season and January:—Mrs. Rolfe, Miss N. Flynn and Mr. and Mrs. C. Stiff to Sydney; Mr. W. Hatley to Tasmania; Miss M. Sandon to Tambo Crossing, Gippsland; Mr. S. Neilson to Queenscliff and Geelong; Mr. A. Anderson and Miss O. Minton to Rye; Mr. K. Conacher to Tatura; and Mr. W. McMillan to Warrnambool.

The Editor received a letter from Jack Stewart, of Inverleigh, which told of the success of his oat harvest. He is now engaged on thrashing work. He regretted his inability to go to Ballarat for the Sunday Service, but will come up to Melbourne at the conclusion of the thrashing.

Frances Owens says she found much enjoyment in the company of her deaf friends during her stay here. She sent her subscription to the "Victorian Deaf News," for which she has our thanks.

Mr. Arthur Boswell, of Stawell, was most popular during his stay of two or three weeks in Melbourne. He was seen at almost all the gatherings of the deaf, taking part in games enthusiastically, and his happiness radiated. He was invited to the Annual Bay Trip and joined a small swimming party at Queenscliff. He was so eager to plunge that he failed to estimate the depth of the water at the diving board and, in consequence, received a nasty jar on the side of his face and shoulder, for the depth was only about three feet. He is much wiser now!

Recent visitors to Melbourne were:—Messrs. C. Lyfield, R. White, Alex. and James Collins, and Mrs. C. Robertson, from Neerim Junction, Gippsland; Mr. A. Hart, from Bendigo; Miss F. Owens, Wangaratta; Mrs. Hartley, Euroa; Mr. H. Ah Chow, Orbost; Mr. A. Hattery, Camperdown; Mr. E. Sturcke, Red Hill; Mr. Frank Cummins, Boorooban, N.S.W.; Mr. J. Boal, Jerilderie, N.S.W.; Mr. James, Sydney; Mr. Gillett, Irymple; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, Kerang; Mr. J. Kette Best and Mr. F. Williams, Tasmania.

Mr. Fred Kendall, late of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, is now on the Society's staff, as Country Collector for the western half of Victoria. He has made a good start, and gives promise of being an A1 collector.

After six years of unemployment, Ted. Roxburgh secured a situation with a timber firm in Fitzroy, and we all sincerely hope he will remain there for a long time.

Mrs. Williamson is back amongst us again, having been in Queensland for some months. She is down on business, and will go up north again. She criticised the Melbourne weather because Melbourne people resort to overcoats even in the midst of summer. She brought greetings to Melbourne folk from Mr. J. M. Paul.

Mr. Allen, of Burnie, north-west coast of Tasmania, came over during the middle part of February to have his eyes attended to. Of late his eyes have been giving him trouble, and we hope the treatment will be most successful.

Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, was in Melbourne for some time. We are always pleased to see her.

Colin Johns, of Horsham, had a month's stay at Mornington. He called to see us several times.

Mrs. O. Quinton accompanied her husband to Orbst during February, and stayed with her relatives while Mr. Quinton was collecting in the district. She had great times there.

Mr. A. Stokes, of Trafalgar, was in Melbourne for a few days, and Mrs. D. Ashby spent a few days in Trafalgar.

Mr. W. Dunstan, of Coldstream, was in Melbourne for a short holiday.

Roy Windridge, of Pyramid Hill, was down with his team for the Country Week Cricket Matches.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, of Launceston, have just celebrated their silver wedding. They were married on the 4th April 1911. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, we hope you will celebrate your golden, too.

Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora, Gippsland, was down for a week or two, and much enjoyed the Women's Guild Picnic at Belgrave.

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Farewell Social to Principal's Daughter.

Mrs. Elsie Spiers Jackson, only daughter of our Principal, Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham and Mrs. Abraham, was married to Mr. Louis McCubbin, artist and recently appointed Director of the Adelaide Art Gallery, at Christ Church, South Yarra, on Monday, 27th April.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCubbin and Pat Spiers Jackson were farewelled by the deaf members in the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Assembly Hall on 30th April. There was a crowded attendance, and presentations were made by the deaf to Mrs. McCubbin and her daughter, Pat. Many other farewell parties were given before their departure for Adelaide on 7th May.



MISS ELSIE ABRAHAM (MRS. LOUIS McCUBBIN)
upon her arrival in Australia.

Mr. Louis McCubbin, the Australian artist, is very well known, not only in art circles, but also among the citizens of Melbourne. Not only through his own talent, but because he is the son of the late artist, Fred. McCubbin, who won fame and popularity.

At a dinner organised by the T Square Club and given at the Windsor Hotel by the citizens of Melbourne, at which the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor A. G. Wales) and representatives of many sections of the community were present, the Lord Mayor paid tribute to Mr. McCubbin's energetic and unselfish work on the Committee which organised the decoration of Melbourne during the Centenary Celebrations. He also thanked Mr. McCubbin for having organised the floral procession, which was one of the features of the celebrations. Melbourne, he said, is the poorer for Mr. McCubbin's departure, both in the civic and artistic sense.

Sir John Longstaff, a trustee of the National Gallery, said that Mr. McCubbin was the most popular man in the art world of Australia. Other toasts were by R. D. Elliott, Esq., Geo. R. King, O.B.E., J.P., and O. B. McCutcheon (Royal Victorian Institute of Architects).

Mr. McCubbin served in the Great War with the 10th Ambulance Corps in France and, after the Armistice, was appointed official artist to the A.I.F., and remained in France a further twelve months, making one hundred and fifty studies on the battlefields for the Commonwealth War Museum.

Mr. McCubbin and Mrs. Jackson gave a late afternoon farewell party at the Sedon Galleries to give their many friends an opportunity of meeting them before their marriage and departure for Adelaide, where Mr. McCubbin has been appointed Director of the South Australian National Art Gallery.

The Artists' Society also honoured Mr. McCubbin by presenting him with a gold cigarette case at a reception given at the Artists' Society's rooms.



MRS. LOUIS McCUBBIN.
Wife of the Director of the S.A. National Art Gallery.

—By kind courtesy of the "Herald"

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Dancing Lessons with a Big Bass Drum.

The Principal "is in the band," that is, he beat the big bass drum for two hours, his son did it the previous week, whilst Geo. Newnham directed the "light fantastic toes."

Picture Nights.

After a long spell a Cinema Picture Show was held on 14th March showing "Lariat Kid," featuring Hoot Gibson, "Love's Hurdles," and "The Hero of Piperock" were the two small supporting comedies. The pictures were the sort that captivate the deaf, and were much enjoyed.

On Thursday, 2nd April, an educational and "know your own country" cinema was held. The titles were, "Glimpse of Northern Tasmania," "The Lure of the Rod," "Hopfields of the Derwent Valley," "Putting Orchards in Cans," "Wealth in Eggs," "The Tribute of the Forest," "The Electric Railways of Victoria," and "Heart of Australia," by kind courtesy of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Easter Rally.

There was a crowded attendance at the Easter Rally, which was held on the evening of Thursday, 9th April, at the Centre. The principal items on the programme were cinema pictures, which were very good. Later, various games were indulged in, which very soon brought the happy evening to an end. Supper? Of course!

Popular Thursday Nights.

Thursday night at our Club House is regaining more than its old popularity. For, in other days, we thought forty a good attendance; now it is anything between sixty and one hundred, and a very happy an appreciative throng it is.

Naturally, the most popular entertainment is when a prominent citizen or friend of the Society takes the platform and, through the interpreter (Mr. E. J. D. Abraham or Mr. J. M. Johnston), tells of his special work, life experiences, or some other interesting topic. To date we have been specially fortunate.

On the evening of Thursday, 20th February, 1936, Mr. Noel Monks, the "Herald" War Correspondent, came to our Club House and entertained the members with a lecture on "Abyssinia and its Emperor." Mr. Monks recently arrived from Abyssinia and was, therefore, able to give a first hand description of the affairs there.

Afterwards Mr. Lee Murray, an airman, gave a talk, his subject being "With the Flying Corps." Both lectures were very interesting and much appreciated. Mr. Abraham interpreted. The lecturers were very heartily thanked by the deaf, then entertained to supper.

On 16th April, in our Assembly Hall, Mr. Ellis, Principal of the Melbourne Technical College, took for the subject of his address, "Things Great and Small." Mr. Ellis told us many marvellous things about the sun, moon, stars, the atom, the electron, etc., etc. We were amazed at his wonderful memory, for he quoted figures in hundreds, thousands, millions, billions and billions of millions, and so far as we could see, did not consult his notes at any time. For the "thinker" it was a great night, and at supper many questions were put to Mr. Ellis, all of which he willingly answered.

On 23rd April Mr. J. T. Wilkins, Melbourne's Fire Chief, told us much about the work of the Fire Brigade, which is most interesting. Mr. Wilkins is a true humourist, and had his audience in fits of laughter while telling of the different things the fire brigade is called upon to do. Mr. Wilkins extended a hearty invitation to all present to attend a demonstration at the Eastern Hill Fire Station any

Friday afternoon, and at supper surprised us with his knowledge of the finger language.

On 7th May, Mr. Paul Montford, the sculptor, came and gave us a wonderful evening. He brought his clay and all the necessary equipment for modelling, and very soon had our old member, Mr. George Mortimer, on the platform, posing, while Mr. Montford built a model of his head in clay. Mr. Montford says Collector Mortimer is well known to him as he never fails to call on him for a subscription. It was most interesting to watch a wonderful likeness of "Morty" being built up with pieces of clay. The audience was spell-bound, and would have liked Mr. Montford to "keep going" much longer. Mr. Montford has done some wonderful sculpture, his work at the shrine is outstanding. After he has put in a little more work on the model, we understand it is to be given to the Society. Is Mr. Mortimer proud of the distinction? Well, we leave that guess to you?

A further pleasure awaits us, for Miss Montford kindly offered to bring a friend and together give an exhibition of dancing. That is something good to look forward to for, at the present time, dancing (under the direction of Mr. Geo. Newnham) is one of the most popular pleasures here.

The procedure of these gatherings is: Words of welcome by the president of the Deaf Men's Guild, the lecture by the visitor, we then entertain the visitor, concluding with light supper.

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Extract from "A Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity," by Walter P. Pitkin.

HALF-EARED.

Cyclops is half-eared, too. And medical statisticians bear tales hinting that our hero is losing some of his feeble contacts with the world of sounds. They say that partial deafness is increasing strangely all over the world. Europe and America test school children every year and find the trend of scores for hearing downward. What causes it?

Many changes in man, in his work, and in his world. They weave a thickening web over the ears and slowly muffle the shouting and the tumult. Of late, investigators have been finding many things which ruin the keenness of hearing. Noise does it. So does diet. So does fatigue — hence the kind of work one performs. So does worry. So does loss of sleep. So, it would seem, does mere lack of interest in what one hears. So, once more, we see how one stupor begets another, and that pair a third, and so on until Cyclops is blinded and deafened and benumber within the darkness of his own cavern.

Noise plainly shatters the ear. And the entire world has become bedlam; auto horns, rattling cars, yelling hawkers—and then, at length, jazz, that awful *reductio ad surdum* of all listeners. Din undermines the nervous balance and benumbs the auditory tracts. The tumultuous trades breed deaf toilers. The hearing of subway and elevated railway guards fails early, like that of riveters. And, as people have flocked into industrial towns, all have suffered in some degree. Recent studies of noise in New York City and elsewhere prove this only too well. But they also show that many other conditions less suspect are quietly deafening us all. Look at a few of them now.

Keen ears depend, to a surprising degree, upon general health and nutrition. This has lately been shown by Dr. Dana W. Drury, of Boston, in his extensive audiometer tests of five groups. The Harvard football squad at the end of the playing season had by far the best ears. Next ranked the boys in a high-grade private school, where special care of physique and diet is maintained. Third in keenness were the children at an institute for the blind, where again the best of attention is given to food and bodily welfare. The fourth group was one hundred Boston public school children, who heard somewhat more poorly than the blind. Worst of all were the crippled and deformed children in a Massachusetts institution.

Otologists tell me that several types of progressive deafness vary from day to day with the general physical and mental condition. Loss of sleep dulls the hearing, while a long rest whets it promptly. Likewise with over-eating and under-eating, with drinking liquor, with smoking, with worries and similar upsets. I am also informed that mere laziness and lack of interest in listening to talk or to music often injures the hearing; physicians say that the patient who can be aroused to give ear to what is going on around him maintains acuity of hearing much longer than one who remains listless. Here we may be reversing cause and effect; the patient showing indifference toward sounds may do so as a result of a central nervous inertia connected with the defect in his auditory centres. There may be, for instance, either a time lag in auditory associations or else an energy drop somewhere along the nerve tracts.

The ear has some obscure linkage with stupidity. It is either the cause or the effect of mental level to an extent far surpassing any other sense organ. Probably there is more than a grain of truth in the popular idea that deaf people are "dummies." The most carefully devised psychological tests show that completely deaf children are retarded, on the average, about four and one-half years; that is, a fifteen-year-old displays the mentality of a normal child ten and one-half years old.

Births.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Raines, of North Melbourne, on 17th February, 1936, Arthur Edward.

Weddings.

A very pretty wedding took place at Warrnambool on Saturday, 11th April, when Miss Jean McCollough was married to Mr. W. McMillin, of Melbourne. Our Principal, Mr. Abraham, made the journey by car to interpret the proceedings to the young couple.

The Church was prettily decorated, and after the ceremony the guests, numbering about forty, drove to a cafe, where a very enjoyable repast was provided

by the father of the bride, Mr. G. H. McCollough. Miss Beryl McCollough was a bridesmaid. The group is an exceptionally pretty one, as shown in the illustration.

After happy speeches and many good wishes for their future happiness, Mr. and Mrs. W. McMillin left in the car with our Principal and deaf driver, M. Aillsopp, for Melbourne, where their future home is to be.

The marriage of Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy, to Herbert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, Rankin Road, Kensington, was celebrated with Nuptial Mass at St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy, on Easter Monday, 13th April, 1936, at 9 a.m. Congratulations!



MR and MRS. McMILLIN.

Sporting.

Billiards.

Our Society was fortunate in securing two full standard size tables, with accessories complete, at an exceptionally low price. One was erected for the use of the inmates at our Blackburn Home, and the other was put in place of the three-quarter size table

at our Centre. At present Snooker is a very popular game.

Basket Ball.

The Annual Meeting of the Basket Ball Club was held on the afternoon of 14th March, on one of the lawns of Jolimont Square. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed.

It was decided to again enter the club for competition.

The election of office-bearers was as follows:—President: Miss Alice Graham; Vice-President: Miss E. Empson; Honorary Treasurer: Miss R. Dow; Joint Honorary Secretaries: Misses G. Hunter and M. Sandon; Committee: Misses Evelyn Lloyd and Joyce May.

The President, Miss Graham, made a very happy little speech, and wished the team success in the coming season. Miss Graham regretted another engagement prevented her from remaining to tea after the close of the meeting, and very thoughtfully donated considerably more than the cost of the tea. She said it gave her much pleasure to know all present were her guests. All expressed pleasure in having Miss Graham with us, and joined in a very hearty vote of thanks to her.

Francie Peters was elected captain of the team, and very capably she carried out her duties. The new members, Winnie Fegan, May Marley, and Dorothy Johnston, are of great assistance to the team, and we hope they have a very successful season. Miss Mabel Dow is our official umpire, and an enthusiastic one, too.

Many good wishes have been expressed for the success of the team.

Lacrosse News.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Lacrosse Club was held on Thursday evening, 6th February, before a fair attendance. Mr. A. Stephens, the President, occupied the chair.

Owing to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. Noble, being absent in Adelaide, the reading of the minutes and Annual Report was done by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. E. Roxburgh, and confirmed by the meeting.

The report, which was a brief one, stated that the Club started the season fairly well, but was unable to maintain its form to the end, owing to the poor sportsmanship of certain players, and the supporters' lack of control. The hope was expressed that it will not occur this coming season, as the prestige of the Club must be upheld.

The result of the season's games is as follows:—9 won, 6 lost, and 1 drawn game. 148 goals were thrown for as against 99. E. Raines topped the goal-throwing list with 66 goals, C. Elwood came next with 31, R. Chaundy 28, and others were less successful. J. Brundell was especially mentioned as a very able goalie, considering it was his first season in the game.

Kevin Pickett won the Club's best and fairest trophy, the "A. J. Wilson Cup," presented by Mr. Herbert Wilson.

Regret was expressed at the loss of Mr. W. Appleton, who acted as the Club's delegate on the Victorian Lacrosse Association for some time. He has secured a position in Adelaide.

The Balance Sheet showed the expenditure exceeded the receipts by £7/15/- during the year, but fortunately with last season's balance in hand, the Club managed to have a small credit balance to carry forward.

Mr. Stephens, speaking on the Club's doings during the past year, stressed the importance of sportsmanship and controlling of tempers, and that the supporters must be instructed to observe decorum, as the Association placed the responsibility of the supporters' behaviour upon the Club.

The following officers were elected for the season: President: Mr. A. Stephens, Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, W. B. Anderson, and C. Haynes; Honorary Secretary: Mr. Kevin Pickett; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. W. Ross; Committee: Messrs. J. Brundell, E. Roxburgh, M. G. B. Mortimer, and C. Elwood.

The meeting ended with the submitting of the revised rules, which were approved.

As early as 22nd February, half a dozen intending players went into training at Yarra Park, and on succeeding Saturdays; one or two joined the above number.

Cricket.

The Cricket Club has just put aside its cricketing material for the winter season, after having had the most successful season for many years. In looking up the table, we found it has five outright wins and five losses, two of them on the first innings and the others outright, to its credit. The undermentioned will show how the team fared during the competitions: 7th and 14th December, 1935: Albert Park won easily by an innings and 80 runs. We just managed to stave off defeat by only 5 runs on 4th and 11th January, 1936, against South Melbourne Hibernians. 18th and 23rd January Port Melbourne Presbyterians won outright by 6 wickets and 8 runs. On 1st and 8th February Unity won on the first innings by 92 runs. And still another run of bad luck came our way on 15th and 22nd February, when "Nelson" won on the first innings by 44 runs. Then fortune favoured us on 29th February and 7th March, when we accounted for South Melbourne A.N.A. by an innings and 16 runs. Thus the cricket season ended with our team missing inclusion in the final four. The undermentioned is the table of averages as performed by our players during the season.

Batting Averages.

	Innings	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Av.
J. Brundell . . .	15	331	52	1	23.64
W. Ashby . . .	16	237	36	1	15.80
R. Ryan . . .	17	224	84	1	14.00
M. Allsopp . . .	14	172	62	1	13.23
J. Phillips . . .	9	84	31	2	12.00
R. Chaundy . . .	13	116	27	1	9.66
J. Boal . . .	7	43	15	1	7.16
E. Raines . . .	12	78	14	2	6.80
H. Hamilton . . .	4	17	15	1	5.66
D. Johnston . . .	14	70	25	1	5.38
F. Sandon . . .	9	41	12	1	5.22
W. Gorin . . .	14	34	10	5	3.77
D. Ashby . . .	6	15	7	1	3.00
A. Beard . . .	2	3	3	1	1.50
W. McMillen . . .	2	2	2	—	1.00
E. Bound . . .	2	1	1	—	.50

Bowling Averages.

	Wkts.	Runs	Balls	Overs	Mdns.	Av.
D. Johnston . . .	42	344	622	78	6	8.19
J. Brundell . . .	33	298	729	91	13	9.03
R. Chaundy . . .	29	306	675	84	11	10.89
J. Boal . . .	12	139	336	42	9	11.58
M. Allsopp . . .	12	142	249	32	3	11.83
W. Ashby . . .	17	254	518	64	11	14.94
W. Gorin . . .	—	19	32	4	1	19.00
W. McMillen . . .	—	6	16	2	—	6.00

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Adelaide Deaf Carnival.

Preliminary Announcement — 1936 Carnival.

The Principal,
Adult Deaf and Dumb Society,
Jolimont Square,
Melbourne East, Victoria.

Dear Sir,

For the information of yourself and the Adult Deaf of Victoria, I am sending you this list of the fixtures arranged to date in connection with the Carnival to be held here at Christmas. The full list will be sent when arrangements have been completed.

Dec. 25—Christmas Tea and Party.

27—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Deaf and Dumb Mission.

28—Proclamation Day. This being Centenary Day no functions will be arranged as we expect most of our guests will desire to attend the Pageant at Glenelg.

29 Cricket and Tennis contests at St. Peter's

30 College for the Abraham Shield, Cohen

31 Cup, and Individual Championships.

Jan. 1st—Sports Meeting and Picnic at Long Gully Oval.

These are a few of the functions to be held. The others, details of which have not yet been completed, include a Banquet (probably on 31st December), motor tours, indoor games (chess, draughts, billiards, snooker, table tennis), a Ball, Needlework Competitions, etc.

We are looking forward to a strong representation from Victoria, and would deem it of material assistance if you would forward, at your early convenience, an estimate of the number coming from your State.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you here at Christmas.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

O. R. REDMAN (Sgd.),

Organising Secretary.

South Australian Centenary.

1936 will mark the Centenary of South Australia, when the whole State will celebrate this important milestone in its brief history and do honour to its indomitable pioneers. To celebrate the Centenary, there will be pageantry and exhibitions, reflecting the development of the State from the romantic days of the first settlers, and of the first mobs of cattle, driven hundreds of miles across unexplored country.

Days during December will be filled with display, entertainment and carnival, special festival of flowers which, with floral pageants and decorated streets and buildings, will convert the city into a garden of living bloom.

The sporting carnival includes the interstate cricket matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham" Shield, in which four States will vie with each other, and the interstate tennis matches for the "R. Cohen" Cup. A Grand Proclamation Pageant will be held on 28th December, 1936.

South Australia invites you to join in her celebrations, to afford her the opportunity of showing you her fine provision for the deaf of her State, and her sunlit beauty by mountain, river and sea.

Things are beginning to make a move in real earnest for the approaching Adelaide Carnival. Firstly a notice appeared on our notice board telling us to make a start with our savings by putting aside a weekly sum through the Thrift Club, in the charge of Mr. J. O'Gorman, who is acting on behalf of the Cricket Club.

The boys made a creditable showing during this cricket season which, in our opinion, was the best for many years. All were anxious to be in the limelight when the selection committee meets.

The tennis, too, showed many new "uns," and the old stagers had to fight hard to keep up their form.

Chess was in the doldrums until last winter, when offers of valuable prizes to the winners were announced, and almost 30 joined in the competition. The results of this competition will be made known by the end of June, at which time the competition closes.

Billiards seem to be the last to awake. The Deaf Committee was most fortunate in securing a second-hand full-size billiard table for £15, but, unfortunately, the slates were cracked during its storage and, after a while, another one was secured. It has since been put up in place of the three-quarter size table, which is now stored away. It is hoped that this full-size table will tell the worth of many of our so-called "cracks"!

The Deaf Committee at its last meeting agreed to run the Billiard Tournament during the winter, and a committee of four (two from the Deaf Committee and two from outside) will draw up the form of competition and allocation of handicaps. Mr. E. J. L. Bremner has very kindly promised to donate a trophy for this competition.

As to the athletes, nothing is known of them except that their form is to be judged at picnic races later in the year.

And how are our women-folk getting on with their fancy work? Has anyone made a start yet? In the August, 1935, issue of our "News" there appeared a list of work to be done for entry in the competitions.

If you have not made a start, please do so now, and look up the entry list. The Editor will be pleased to supply you with a list if you have not already got one.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Harold W. Bickford, an ex-member of our Board of Management, who passed away on 1st February, 1936, at his home, Fairholme Grove, Camberwell. He was for 11 years on our Committee, 3 years as a Committee man, and 8 years as Chairman of Committee. The last year of his office he was elected vice-president.

It was during his regime that our Club and Administrative Headquarters were transferred from our old Flinders Street Property to Jolimont Square.

He leaves a widow and three grown up daughters, and was privately buried at Booroondara Cemetery.

Mr. E. H. Peacock, the Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, the Principal, represented our Society at the graveside.

It is with memories of his many kindly acts that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing relations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who was for 12 years matron of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, St. Kilda Road, Prahran, died suddenly on 7th February, 1936, and was privately interred. She was in her 82nd year, and leaves four grown-up children, who are well known to many of the deaf who happened to be at school at that time. Her husband, the late William Jones, who was Superintendent of that school, predeceased her by about 33 years.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. T. A. Nelson's father on 9th February, 1936, at the ripe old age of over 80 years. We tender to Mr. Nelson our sincere sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we learned that Adelaide Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission has lost one of its finest members on the Board of Management in the person of Mr. A. E. Clarkson. He was for fourteen years their President (1919-1933), and the remaining two and a half years a member of the Committee.

Mr. Clarkson was well known in business circles in Adelaide. He was President of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce in 1927, and in 1930 was appointed Governor of the Rotary District, comprising South Australia, West Australia and Broken Hill. Our very sincere sympathy is with Mr. Clarkson's family and the Board of Management of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission.

Remember these Dates!

THURSDAY, 28th MAY—

Cinema Film and Talk on the East, and the Aborigines of Australia. Lecturer: Mr. H. R. BALFOUR, President of Melbourne Technical College.

THURSDAY, 4th JUNE—

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

SUNDAY, 7th JUNE—

Anniversary Service in Our Church, 7 p.m. Preacher: The Principal.

THURSDAY, 11th JUNE—

A Travel Talk on Africa, Russia, Germany, and Trip Home to Australia by Aeroplane. Lecturer: Ex-Senator R. D. ELLIOTT.

THURSDAY, 18th JUNE—

SOCIAL — Guests of the Evening, Misses IRIS and FREDIA CONNOLLY.

THURSDAY, 25th JUNE—

ADULT DEAF CONGREGATIONAL. Annual Meeting. Election of Officers, etc.

MONDAY, 29th JUNE—

King's Birthday Rally, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th JULY—

Holy Communion Service.

THURSDAY, 16th JULY—

ANNUAL MEETING of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria. The Lord Mayor will preside.

Other Thursday Night Lecturers—

Mr. Alf. Galbraith, Forests Commissioner, "Trees," illustrated by Cinema Films. Mr. McRae, Director of Education. Dates to be fixed. Watch Notice Board.



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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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Principal: Mr. Ernest J. D. Abraham, Jolimont Square, Melbourne, to whom all communications in connection with the welfare work should be addressed.