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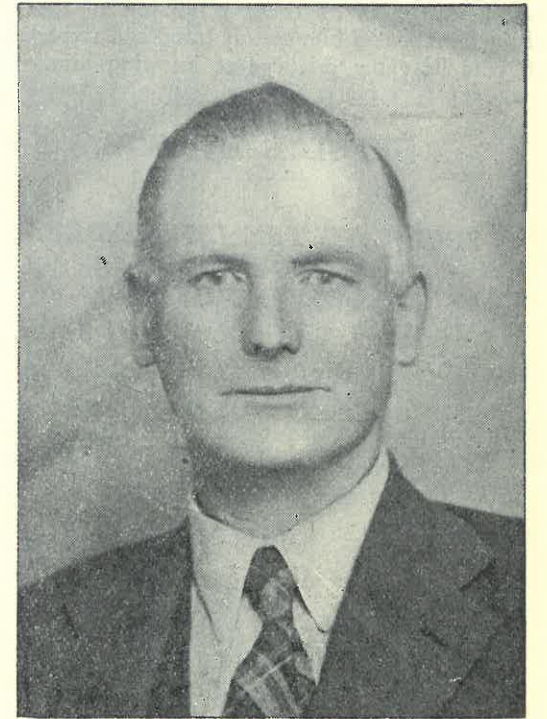
The subject of our present sketch is the one whom the Deaf of Melbourne honoured at a Presentation Night held last October, which was mentioned in the previous issue of this magazine. He is John Montgomery McLean, and a brief summary of his life would be of interest to our readers.

Mr. McLean was born at Moonee Ponds in the year 1885. Deaf from birth, he was educated at the Victorian School for the Deaf, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, remained there for eight years, learning the oral system. Upon leaving school in December, 1898, he secured a situation at Dott's Glass Works at Macaulay as glass worker and blower, and he still remains with that firm to this day—37 years! This firm has since been taken over by a bigger combine, "The Australian Glass Manufacturing Co. Pty. Ltd."

A few months after leaving school he began to take interest in the Adult Deaf Society, joining in meetings, and sports held under its auspices, and in 1902-3 he began to carve his name in the various activities of this Society.

As would be expected, like all sport-loving boys, the first club he joined up was the Cricket Club and was a committeeman of that club for over 15 years, including two years as hon. treasurer, six years as hon. secretary and one year vice-president. He was noted for his fast bowling and has topped the club's season bowling averages three times. He was four times the club's captain and has represented this State in some of the interstate cricket matches. The Men's Guild, too, had its share of his services, for he was approximately ten years on its committee, four of which he acted as hon. secretary, one year as vice-president, and one year as president.

When the Deaf, in the year 1912, decided upon forming a Lacrosse Club, he was one of the found-



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ation members and also one of the first original players in the team. He remained on the committee for three years, one year as hon. secretary.

For a more important post on the Deaf Committee he served us for eleven years, including one year as hon. secretary, a year as hon. treasurer, six

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years assistant bank manager, and two years assistant librarian. He twice represented the Deaf on the General Board of this Society.

He married Miss May Clarke of Richmond in 1911 and, very unfortunately, became a widower ten years after. He has two fine sons who did well in their school days. The elder son passed the University Examination for Accountancy and the younger one passed the Scotch College School Leaving Certificate Examination, and later they both joined the Air Force and are now stationed at Point Cook. One took up office work and the other is a wireless operator.

Mr. McLean's bright, winning manner and painstaking energy in anything pertaining to the good of the Deaf makes him greatly loved and respected by all who have the privilege of knowing him.

SPECIAL EVENTS.

SOCIAL TO THE LIP-READERS CLUB.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,
Wednesday, 1st September, at 8 p.m.
Indoor Games, Supper
All Deaf Welcome

TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,
Thursday, 2nd September

REUNION DINNER

of the Deaf of Victoria

Smoke and Reminiscence Night
at the Black Cat Flat
(off Centre Way, Melbourne)

Thursday, 30th September at 7 p.m.

Tickets, 3/- - - Number Limited

Ticket Committee,
E. Noble
A. Anderson
H. Greensmith

October—

Holy Communion—The Church for the Deaf, Jolimont, Sunday, 3rd October, at 7 p.m.

QUARTERLY RALLY

Saturday, 9th October, at 7.30 p.m.
Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Thursday, 14th October, at 3 p.m.

Afternoon Tea - - Open to all

CUP-DAY PICNIC

Tuesday, 2nd November

Place to be announced

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT

Assembly Hall, Jolimont,

Thursday, 11th November at 7.30 p.m.

Open to all

Divine Service.—Every Sunday, at 7 p.m. Church for the Deaf, Jolimont
Prayer and Praise — Thursday at 8 p.m.

Guild Nights — Tuesdays as Announced.

Lecturettes, News of the Week, Supper, etc. Every Thursday at 8.15 p.m.

Saturday Nights—Open Socials and Tournaments 7.30 to 10.30 p.m.

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Mrs. E. Bryan Teaching the Deaf.

A half century of work among the Deaf—that is the record of Mrs. E. Bryan who has retired from the staff of the Queensland Blind Deaf and Dumb School in June of this year.

Mrs. Bryan commenced her work with the Deaf in the year 1887 at the Derby School for the Deaf in England. Qualifying in her profession she passed on to the Glasnevin School in Dublin, later returning to England to take up a position at the Jews' Home for the Deaf in London. From there her work brought her to South Australia, and in the year 1901 she came to Queensland where she has been ever since on the staff of the Deaf School there.

Not content, though, with her work throughout the school hours with the children, Mrs. Bryan soon commenced work with the Adult Deaf, and as early as 1903 we find her a foundation member of the Council of the Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission. Mrs. Bryan is still a member of our Council and we hope she will continue to be so for many years to come.

Surely nowhere has there been a greater record of service than that given to the Deaf of Queensland by Mrs. Bryan. We know and read of long years of service at schools for the Deaf, and of long terms on committees of Missions and Societies for the Deaf, but this combination of work for both children and adults is something which we unfortunately see far too rarely.

Mrs. Bryan's knowledge of the Deaf of Queensland is naturally very great, and "Ask Mrs. Bryan" is a common saying when anyone wishes to know about one of their number.

It would be interesting to know how many children have really passed through Mrs. Bryan's hands—certainly a great number. The early training of these children was left to Mrs. Bryan and happy are the

memories of many who leave and have since grown to manhood and womanhood and are now scattered all over the State.

Mrs. Bryan possesses all those attributes which go towards success in work with the Deaf—kindliness, ability to obtain discipline without repression of any kind, a keen knowledge of their psychology and, above all, an infinite fund of patience. In addition, we find a great sense of loyalty for those with whom and for whom she is working. Only those who have worked with the Deaf for many years know what great mental and physical endurance is needed to carry on at times, and the fact that Mrs. Bryan has given 50 years of her life to the work is proof enough of her great character.—"The Queensland Monthly News."

Seventh Anniversary of the Opening of the Deaf Church.

The Bishop of Ballarat Officiated.

The Bishop of Ballarat (The Right Rev. W. H. Johnson), whose father was one of the founders of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society nearly 50 years ago, was the preacher at the service for the Deaf and Dumb at Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the evening of 27th June. The sermon was translated into mime for the benefit of the deaf members of the congregation. Bishop Johnson's text was: "It is not the will of your Father . . . that one of these little ones should perish." Christ was more than a great teacher, he said. In Him the love of God had come to human life. With simple words and illustrations, Bishop Johnson described to his deaf congregation how members of the Christian Church,

with all their human frailties and faults, were able to carry out the Master's work.

Bishop Johnson described work being done in the name of Christ among the Deaf and Dumb, in order that children, shut behind the doors of deafness, could be brought into the fellowship of love and friendship. They were given untold blessings in a language which enabled them to communicate with their fellow men. As they grew to adult life the Deaf and Dumb were cared for by friends inspired by the spirit of the Good Shepherd, who gathered them into the community life of social centres and churches and provided them with recreation and social intercourse in wholesome, happy surroundings.

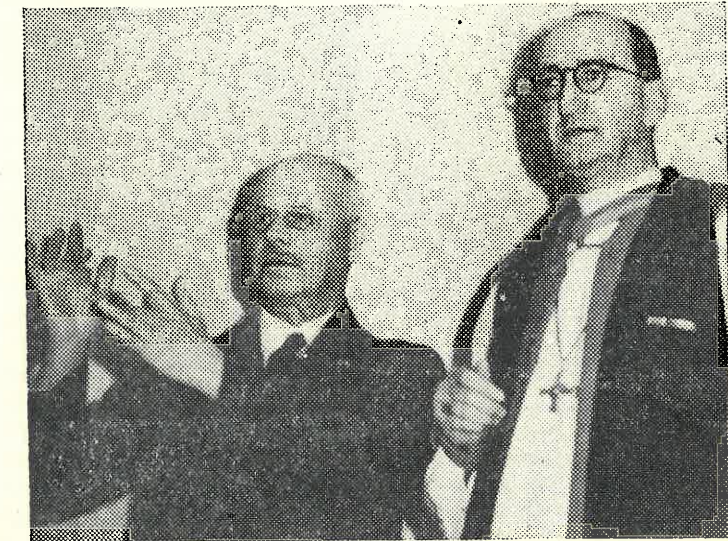


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The Bishop of Ballarat, Right Rev. W. H. Johnson, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreting.

Church News.

A Memorial Service to the late Mr. A. Aird was held on the evening of 13th June, when our Chaplain, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke of the many sterling qualities and Christian character of our departed member. He also extolled his faithfulness to our church by regular attendances and the many examples that should be copied by our congregation. The text chosen for the evening was from St. Matthew, 25th chapter, 34th, 36th and 40th verses, which read: "Then shall the King say, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. I was sick and ye visited Me. Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

27th June was the seventh Anniversary of the opening of our church, and the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Reverend W. H. Johnson officiated. An extract of his sermon is to be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. T. F. Crabb played the organ and he brought Miss Gilbert as soloist. There was a large congregation. After the service a number of our old members were introduced to the Bishop, and it was very pleasing that he remembered some of them during their interstate visits to Adelaide years ago.

To avoid the cold winter night, Sunday afternoon services were tried during the month of July but drew smaller congregations, consequently we revert back to evening services again.

A Memorial Service was held on 11th July in memory of Mrs. Alice Cove. The preacher, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke on her sincere loyalty and devotion to our church and Society, and of her ever-happy nature.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the afternoon service on Sunday, 4th July, by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Another Memorial Service was held in our church on the evening of Sunday, 1st August, when the preacher, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, spoke of the many good and human qualities of Mr. T. A. Nelson and the humble and loving nature of Miss Ellen Whitlow. Mr. Abraham had intimate knowledge of them for they were both under his care for many years at the Blackburn Home.

The Prime Minister of England and the Deaf.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of England, in one of his addresses said: "The public have very little realisation of the tragic fate of the Deaf. Blindness is a most terrible affliction, but from the dawn of history it has always been met with a kindness and consideration which must go far to alleviate their lot. Every allowance is made for them. Everyone is ready to help them, to go and talk to them, and they

have open to them all the resources that modern science brings to their delectation in the way of music and speech. There is not one person in a hundred who will voluntarily go to speak to a deaf person by means of an instrument. Most people would make for the other side of the room; and when they do try to talk they seem to become paralysed, and their conversation becomes unnatural and stilted. . . . To help the Deaf we should try to alter our behaviour towards the Deaf and assimilate it towards our behaviour to the blind."

Inter-State News.

Queensland.

The Queensland "Monthly News" for May-June is an exceptionally interesting number and it is pleasing to read that the annual meeting of the Mission was well attended and the President was able to report a successful year in all branches of activities—religious, social and financial.

Having completed 50 years' service among the Deaf and Dumb, Mrs. E. Bryan, on the eve of retirement from the staff of the Queensland Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, was tendered a presentation in the Mission Hall, North Quay.

The gathering was arranged by the staff of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, and the Council of the Queensland Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission. The guest of honour had been associated with both institutions. Mrs. Bryan, who pinned an orchid to the patterned jacket which covered her black mariette frock, received a desk-bookcase, reading lamp and armchair on behalf of both bodies, and a presentation of a fountain pen and wool rug was made by the children more than 300 of whom have passed through her hands during her long term of office.

Associated with Mrs. Bryan on the platform were Messrs. W. Bevington (representing the Education Department), Holle (Principal of the School), E. J. Davies (President of the Council), Misses Mitchell, Chamberlain, Kathleen Kelly, Mr. D. Lewis and Master T. Morrison. Speeches, which were interpreted to the Deaf by the welfare officer, Mr. Landers, and a musical programme, were included in the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. E. Bryan retired after 36 years service at the school and on the Mission Council which it is understood she has not yet relinquished. Mrs. Bryan well deserved the honour bestowed upon her. She has been a member of the Council since its formation in 1903, and has watched it grow from a mere handful of members to its present position in which it is engaged in helping the Adult Deaf of Queensland to become self-supporting citizens.

West Australia.

"Notes," the little quarterly publication of the West Australian Adult Deaf Society, is just brimful of interesting news. Our West Australian deaf friends are certainly very much alive and every issue of their paper shows marked improvements in the activities of their Society.

South Australia.

In the June issue of the "South Australian Deaf Note" we noted that the South Australian Deaf Carnival Committee at its final meeting submitted an excellent balance sheet of the Deaf Adelaide Centenary Festivities held during Christmas and New Year's holidays of 1936-37. It showed the receipts amounted to £483/17/-, including £133 from the Button Day effort and £100 from the General Committee. The expenditure was a little over £308, leaving a credit balance of £175/9/2. Of this amount £150 was placed in fixed deposit until such time as the next carnival will be held in South Australia. The balance, £25 odd, was handed over to the incoming committee to arrange for the Hobart Carnival in 1938.

Certainly South Australia has made a splendid start for their future trip and carnival celebrations. We offer our congratulations to them.

Tasmania.

For three years the Board of Management of the Tasmanian Institution for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb has been urging the Government to reduce the compulsory age of education of the blind and deaf children. At a recent meeting of the Board of Management, it was agreed that a deputation is to wait on the Chief Secretary in regard to the matter. It contends that the statutory age for beginning the education of the blind and deaf should be five years, instead of seven years as at present, in order to take advantage of the more plastic period of the child mind.

The education of the deaf child is greater even than that of the blind, for the Deaf from birth know not even the meaning of sound or language. Not having heard, it cannot even attempt to form articulate sound, for the utterances of its own lips are as dead to its ears as is the speech of others.

It is sincerely hoped that the effort of the Institution will be rewarded. It is surely encouraging to know that a truly conscientious board of control of the Institution has the interests of afflicted persons so much at heart.

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Farewell and Welcome Social.

To bid farewell to Mr. W. F. Rowe, who recently resigned from the position of Honorary Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, the Deaf and Dumb Community held a bright social in

the Society's Assembly Hall in Jolimont Square on the evening of 3rd August. In addition to farewelling Mr. Rowe, the Society welcomed the new Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. R. B. James. The President (Mr. L. A. Cleveland), Mr. E. J. L. Bremner and Mr. M. J. Hoath, members of the General Board, were present. Apologies were received from the Chairman of Committee, Mr. F. W. Spry, who very much regretted that an important and pre-arranged engagement prevented his presence with us; Messrs. E. H. Peacock and S. G. Hobson, who were down with influenza, and Mr. N. Armstrong, who was detained on a regular business arrangement. Just prior to the commencement of the evening's programme the President and Mr. and Mrs. James were introduced, one by one, to the gathering. The programme opened with a rendering in gesture of the National Anthem by Mr. J. M. Johnston, then followed up with a humorous recital in gesture of "A Parson and a Three Legged Pot," by Mr. W. A. Paterson. Messrs. W. A. Ross and J. McLaurin came next with their magical skill and they did some remarkable tricks. Mr. Paterson added another recital, "An Irishman and the Dredge." Then came a few words by the President, Mr. Cleveland, who expressed regret at Mr. Rowe's departure, and welcomed Mr. James. Miss R. Dow spoke on behalf of the Deaf Community and presented Mr. Rowe with a Waterman fountain pen as a token of our appreciation of his services to the Society. We give Miss Dow's address almost as delivered:—

Miss Rose Dow's Address.

"The deaf people of this State have arranged this little social because they want to show that they are not lacking in appreciation of the many kind things done by their hearing friends to help them and raise their status in the public mind. I am very happy to have been chosen to say the words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. James. We do most sincerely welcome you here to-night. We are sorry that Mr. Rowe is leaving us, but we quite understand his reason and the hold that the Church of England Men's Society must have upon him. Although somewhat jealous of this other girl, we all agree that *as she knew you first*, Mr. Rowe, she has the first claim upon you. We think it very generous of your wife, as it is, to share your affection with one other attraction, but as the other attraction is *just "he male" only*, perhaps, after all, it is an advantage.

"It is good of you, Mr. James, to accept the position of Honorary Secretary to our Society. As I have the honour to represent the Deaf on the General Board of the Society, I have the opportunity of meeting those gentlemen who give so much of their valuable time to helping us and managing our affairs. And I always feel that it is good for me to be

at these meetings, for I learn so much of the great interest taken in all that concerns us. We hope, Mr. James, that under your kindly care and direction our Society and its members will progress and that there will always be the best of feeling and perfect harmony. We heartily welcome you and Mrs. James, our new friends.

"Mr. Rowe, our Principal has told us that you accepted our invitation to this social conditionally that there should be no presentation. Being most anxious to have you with us on this occasion, so that we could personally tell you that we have valued your services, we accepted this condition and respect your motive. I hope you will not think we got you here under false pretences if we ask you to take a little *token* in remembrance of your deaf friends. We cannot very well ask you to wear one of our *buttons* in your coat lapel. So we thought of a simple fountain pen, so that when you take it out to write you will just have to remember your deaf friends. Will you please accept it in this spirit?"

Mr. Rowe responded, thanking one and all for the kind expression of farewell, and spoke highly of the help received from the members of the Board and the Staff.

Mr. James and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham also spoke. Games in charge of Miss M. Dow followed, and all too soon supper came and thus the happy evening was brought to a close.

King's Birthday Rally.

The Quarterly Rally, under the title of "King's Birthday," was held on Monday evening, 14th June, 1937, in the form of a Country Fair which comprised a number of games of skill such as lightning billiards, bobs, bagatelle, table tennis, quoits, dart throwing, croquet, etc., All the upstairs rooms as well as the Assembly Hall were used for these games and this helped to spread the crowd.

The winners of the games were as follow:—Lightning Billiards, Jack Stewart and Gloria Howe. Bagatelle, Arthur Morgan and Lydia Sanders. Table Tennis, Jack Brundell and Joyce Tampion. Bobs No. 1, Leslie Sutton and Mrs. L. Smith. Bobs No. 2, Cedric Nesbit and Evelyn Lloyd. Quoits, Norman Webb and Mrs. I. Halliday. Dart Throwing, Norman May and Gladys Mahoney. Croquet, Ian Anderson. By 10.15 p.m. supper was served. There was an attendance of approximately 130.

Czechoslovakia Order of the White Lion.

The Consul for Czechoslovakia, Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, has been advised that the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Edward Benes, has conferred on him the Order of the White Lion.

The Order of the White Lion was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic

when the independence of the Republic was regained. It is the only order of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is being conferred exclusively by the President of the Republic on distinguished citizens of foreign countries whom the President desires to honour personally.

Mr. Peacock was Deputy Consul for the Republic from 1925 to 1932, and has been Consul for Victoria since the death of his father, Mr. E. R. Peacock, in 1932. He is governing director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., and Honorary Treasurer of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, with which he has been associated for 35 years.

International Congress of the Deaf and Dumb.

News came to hand that the appointment of Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Hon. Superintendent of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, as representative of the Commonwealth at the International Congress of the Deaf and Dumb in Paris in August, has been gazetted. Mr. Lonsdale is at present touring Great Britain and the Continent.

Chess Tournament.

Once more the open Chess Tournament amongst the members of our Society is in full swing. The competitors were graded into two classes. The last year's winner and runner-up of the "B" grade, Messrs. E. Roxburgh and A. Tyzzer, were drafted into the "A" grade, and they have justified their position by their progress so far. It is the committee's intention that after each year's tournament one or two players with the least points in "A" grade be matched against one or two leading players of the "B" grade. The winners of these matches will be drafted into "A" grade and the losers to "B" grade for the following season's tournament. By this means the committee hopes much interest will be given to this ancient game of skill and keener competitions will result. Progress result to date:—

"A"—Section.—G. Damman leading on points. Mr. G. B. Mortimer close behind. "B" Section.—J. M. Johnston leading, with A. Beard next.

Euchre Tournament.

A Euchre Tournament is being played at the Centre at fortnightly intervals since the beginning of June. Besides prizes for each night's tournament, there are prizes for aggregate wins at the end of the season. There is great excitement amongst the card enthusiasts, who are vying with each other to keep well up on the list.

Every competition brings in some sort of dispute and this euchre tournament is not an exception, for on two or three occasions disputes have arisen as to the winner of level scores. We desire it to be known that partners making the last score which equalises

their opponent's score are still the losers. After the equalising game players in the next game, when stopped by time in the middle of the game, must play on to decide the issue.

The idea of giving the win of the equalising score to the partners who made the first score at the opening of the game is wrong.

Winners of each night's tournament were as follow:—

5th June.—Miss C. Derbyshire and Joe Retallick.
19th June.—Mrs. W. O'Bryan and Alex. Collins
3rd July.—Mrs. J. O'Gorman and Ian Anderson.
17th July.—Miss C. Derbyshire and Jim O'Gorman.
31st July.—Miss L. Sanders and Joe Retallick.
14th August.—Mrs. T. Peters and Norman Webb.
28th August.—Mrs. J. M. Johnston and John Cariss.

Cricket.

With the lacrosse season over and the wintry weather slipping round the corner, the attention of the menfolk is now being directed to set the Cricket House in order for the commencement which will be on the first Saturday in October. The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, 24th August, when the usual procedure of reading the annual report and balance sheet, and election of office-bearers was executed.

Adult Deaf Cricket Club.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on the evening of 24th August at the Centre. The President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, occupied the chair. The annual report was full of good achievements and the balance sheet showed an excess of expenditure over income by £10. The debit shown was through the purchase of the standard size matting which was made necessary to conform to the regulation of the Victorian Junior Cricket Association.

The chairman in his address complimented the members upon their improvement during the season and hoped that the new season's outlook would be equally good.

Officers.—There was no need for an election as all nominees were elected without opposition. President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnston, M. G. B. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. Dyson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. J. Phillips, R. Chaundy, W. Gorin and W. O'Bryan; Delegate: Mr. M. Dyson.

The chairman extended to the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Phillips, the thanks of the Club for his excellent service for the past three years and for bringing in large sums by competitions such as Poplar Man's and Ugly Man's Competitions. Trophies were then presented by the chairman on behalf of the

Club to R. Lygon, a cup, for best batting average; to J. Boal, a cup, for best bowling average, and to R. Chaundy, a similar cup, for best allrounder. The trophy for the best allrounder was the "Aird's Memorial" Trophy which the Club bought in his memory. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer then presented his prize, a purse with 10/6 in it, to M. Dyson for most catches during the season, and Mr. J. Phillips presented his, an E.P. nickel silver sugar basin with spoon, to W. Gorin for the best behaved and most helpful to the Club.

The meeting ended with the usual vote of thanks to the retiring officers and others who have assisted the Club during the year. Prior to the opening of the evening's business, the chairman spoke of the loss and regret of the Club in the passing of Mr. A. Aird, who in his brief career with the Club had been of inestimable value and asked all present to stand in silence for one minute.

The season will begin on the first Saturday in October.

Tennis Club.

The thanks of the Club are accorded the Board of Management for the consideration shown during the past season.

The harmonious relations existing between the players and committee have been very gratifying, and have tended towards the successful working of our Club.

Financially the year has been highly satisfactory with the result that the committee completed the season showing a credit balance of approximately £14.

The congratulations of the Club are extended to Mr. Harry Puddy and Mr. Joe Dickenson on their success at the South Australian Carnival last Christmas, when they carried off the Individual Doubles Championship of Australia.

Owing to the damage caused by the roots of nearby trees, a solid concrete wall has been constructed between the large trees on the east side and the court. (Extracts from Annual Report.)

Mr. J. Dickenson has been warned by his doctor against using his right arm in playing tennis. Joe intends to use his left in future but does not believe he can play as capably with it as with his right.

A notice board advertising the fact that the court is for hire is to be placed on the fence facing Wellington Parade and Agnes Street. Revenue from this source will be divided equally between the Board of Management and the Tennis Club.

By joining up again last season Mr. G. Damman has shown us that he absolutely refuses to grow old. Many of the "not so young" Deaf could do worse than follow the example of that fine sportsman.

The 1937-38 season will commence on Saturday, 4th September. Newcomers, young or old, are cordially invited to become members of this sociable Tennis Club. Fees are:—Men, 10/-; Women, 7/6; Juniors, 18 years and under, 5/- per year.

Basketball.

We congratulate the basketball team upon its successful season for, at the close of the second round, our team was third on the premiership list, but, unfortunately, lost to Yarra Falls in the semi-final. Results of the second round are as follows:—

5th June.—A.D.G. defeated Judean Gold, 20-13. The following three weeks were taken up for interstate selection, etc.

3rd July.—A.D.G. defeated Prestige II, 28-6.

10th July.—A.D.G. defeated M.J.S.C., 24-6.

17th July.—A.D.G. drew with West Preston, 14-14.

24th July.—A.D.G. defeated St. Andrew's, 17-16.

31st July.—Mangarians defeated A.D.G., 19-16.

7th Aug.—Yarra Falls d. A.D.G., 16-8.

14th Aug.—Semi-Final: Yarra Falls . A.D.G., 22-9.



A. D. Girls' Basket Ball Team.

Men's Guild.

At the meeting held on 22nd June references were made by the chairman, Mr. J. Phillips, and other members to the severe loss sustained in the passing of Mr. A. Aird, who has been most loyal and very consistent to this Guild. As a mark of respect to his memory a minute's silence was observed.

"Have Women Killed Chivalry?" was the title of a paper given by Mr. Ed. Johnson at the August meeting. This subject proved to be very interesting and it brought forward quite a lot of discussion from members. It was agreed, after all, that chivalry has not been killed yet.

After the above paper, Questions and Answers followed, the chairman opening with the question: "What are the seven wonders of the world?", and he answered correctly, explaining what they were, etc. Mr. E. R. Noble came next with "Where does all the bad air go?", stating that plants breathe in all the impurities and exclude the good air, thus functioning oppositely to human beings. Mr. H. Green-smith was given what was thought to be beyond his calculation: "How much stuff was taken out of the Panama Canal?", but he was up to the occasion for he had been to the Public Library and secured the required information. Mr. J. M. Johnston's question was: "What is the cause of present unemployment?", and he attributed the cause to modern machinery which displaces hand work.

The Guild proposes to organise rambles and hikes on Sunday afternoons during the spring and summer months.

It has been agreed that our next Annual Picnic, which is to be held on Foundation Day, Monday, 31st January, 1938, is to be a char-a-bancs trip to Mount Macedon and the Memorial Cross. The fare will be 6/-, and it is advisable to book early. A small deposit and a monthly instalment will be accepted. Start now and book your seat with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. McLaurin, or Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Welfare Officer.

Inter-Club Indoor Games Competitions.

The Inter-Club Indoor Games Competitions, sponsored by the Men's Guild, launched out very enthusiastically on the first Tuesday of June when a series of competitions was held—table bowls, quoits, bagatelle, draughts, dominoes, darts, badminton, etc. To date, individually, the Lacrosse Team is far ahead of the next best, the Basketball Team, but for teams' results (for which this competition is being run) Lacrosse, Basketball and Women's Guild teams are level on points.

Billiard Tournament.

The Annual Billiard Tournament is on again on the handicap knock-out system. Twenty-seven entries were received. W. Burge is placed on virtual

scratch, receiving five points handicap. The progress results to date on the first round were as follow:—

A. Morgan (45) defeated J. Brundell (75) by 90.

C. Haynes (60) defeated J. Murphy (100) by 62.

W. Hatley (50) defeated R. Ryan (50) by 107.

W. Burge (5) defeated R. Cornell (100) by 71.

J. McLaurin (100) deftd. W. Manton (100) by 28.

N. Webb (65) defeated J. Ramage (50) by 98.

R. Jose (100) defeated I. Guthrie by forfeit.

M. Dyson (50) defeated R. Lygon (40) by 12.

N. Webb (65) defeated C. Haynes (60) by 6.

A. Beard (70) defeated J. Boal (50) by 1.

R. Jose (100) defeated W. Burge (5) by 2.

Thursday Nights.

The Thursday night gatherings have retained their popularity and have now become a fixed feature. The evening begins with a short service in the church, "Prayer and Praise," which is followed by a talk or lecture upon some topic that is interesting the mind of the public at the time or something that has been suggested as likely to be of special interest to the Deaf. The lecturer "reads up" for the occasion. This is followed by a summary of the news of the week with explanatory notes, then sometimes a few cinema films, etc., concluding with coffee, tea, cake, biscuits, etc.

Weddings.

Miss Lorrie Ellis, of Woolamai, South Gippsland, was quietly married to Mr. George McGuinness, of Coburg, at St. Matthias' Church of England, Richmond, by the Rev. Ernest Frewin on the afternoon of 26th June.

On the evening of Monday, 9th August, Mrs. Bernice Cardwell, of Carlton, was quietly married in our church to Mr. Clarence R. Jose, of the same suburb, by Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, of the Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham interpreted.

Branch News.

Ballarat.

Two car loads of Melbourne Deaf travelled to Ballarat on 4th July and attended the monthly service at the Ballarat Orphanage, which was conducted by Mr. J. M. Johnston. The visitors found Ballarat much colder, but it was made negatory by the warmth of the meeting room where the big fire blazed in the

open hearth. After the sermon on "Obedience and Loyalty," the visitors were shown over the Orphanage, and this was followed by a conversazione until tea time. The tea was specially prepared in honour of Miss Dulcie Jones's eighteenth birthday, and a very happy party it was. The table was tastefully decorated and laden with all the good things possible for a party. In the centre, a huge birthday cake with 18 candles was the object of many complimentary remarks. At the close of tea the candles were lit and Dulcie was called upon to blow them out, which she did with one blow. The cake was then cut up and distributed. Miss Jones was the recipient of many greetings and presents. At 6.30 p.m. the Melbourne party, which numbered ten, bid adieu to the local folk and went home in the rain.

The meeting for August was cancelled as a precaution against the possible spread of infantile paralysis.

Geelong.

The Geelong Branch went into recess during July and August because of the coldness of the weather. Meetings re-open in September.

What Does the Bishop Drink?

At the commencement of an address to members of the Apex Club, the Bishop of Ballarat (Dr. Johnston) told an amusing story of how his thirst was catered for at a recent function he attended. When it was discovered that he drank milk, there was great consternation, as all the milk had been used in the coffee. A boy was sent post haste to secure some more milk, meantime the Bishop being shepherded from the ginger ale and such like with the remark, "We're getting some milk for you." In overdue course the boy arrived back breathless, and between gasps explained that he could not find any milk, until he had reached the Methodist minister's house, and as no one was home he had "pinched" the jug from there.—"Ballarat Courier."

The Sign Language a Most Beautiful Language of Priceless Value.

At the Hamilton Convention (Canada) the following resolutions were passed:—

Whereas the sign language is a most beautiful language, of priceless value to the Deaf at such occasions as lectures, meetings, religious services, and on the playing fields, etc.,

Resolved: That any policy of education which tends to impair, destroy, or restrict the use of the beautiful language is to be much regretted.

Whereas we fully recognise and appreciate the value of speech to the Deaf and we also recognise the difficulties and even the impossibility of acquiring it by many Deaf,

Resolved: That we favour finger-spelling as an adjunct to the present method of teaching at the Belleville school and we recommend to all instructors of the Deaf the frequent use of the single-hand alphabet.—“Deaf Mute Journal,” New York.

B.Sc. to Deaf and Dumb Student.

The University of London has awarded the degree of B.Sc. to a deaf and dumb student.

He is Bernard Lewis Pitcher, who passed before the Vice-Chancellor when degrees were presented at the Albert Hall. Deaf and dumb from birth, Bernard Pitcher, who is 28, specialises in geology. His success is the well-deserved reward of noble patience and indomitable perseverance.

He Scooped up “Kitty.”

A few weeks ago a lacrosse team from the Deaf and Dumb Institution was playing on a ground adjoining a bowling club, and in the course of the game the opposing side hit the ball through a straggling hedge dividing the two arenas. This entailed a free throw to the deaf team, so one of their players gleefully leapt the hedge, dashed among the horrified bowlers, scooped up kitty in his racquet and had it well in play before its rightful owners could come to its rescue. Quite a lot of angry words, finger-talking and lip-reading was necessary before kitty got back to the right side of the hedge.

—Sydney “Bulletin.”

• His Holiness the Pope and the Deaf and Dumb.

Our Principal gave a most appropriate address in our church on Ephphatha Sunday, part of which we hope to find room for in a future issue. Meanwhile we print an address by His Holiness the Pope on the same subject to a large audience of the Deaf.

Both in the Anglican and the Catholic Churches the Sunday after Trinity, in which the Gospel for the day records the healing of the deaf man, is dedicated to the Deaf and Dumb and called Ephphatha Sunday.

The Pope in August, 1935, received in audience a considerable number of deaf mutes and the following is an extract from his address to them:—

“I bid you welcome in the home of your Common Father. I bid you welcome because you belong to the great Catholic family and are our beloved children in Christ. I welcome you all the more because through your great privation you have a right to Our fatherly affection. Most of all, I welcome you because, above others, you are beloved by Jesus Christ, as is read to-day in the Gospel, for if He, in curing the deaf mute, gave very tender and special signs of love, His Vicar cannot, and ought not, to act otherwise. You have done well on this Sunday dedicated to the deaf mutes in coming to Us. We indeed, like all the priests of the Catholic Church, have read to-day the Gospel according to Mark. Beautiful indeed is this Gospel, and well fitted to move our compassion, when it describes with so many affecting circumstances such an extraordinary prodigy. With what special care did the Saviour proceed in curing the poor deaf mute? He took him aside from the crowd, raised His eyes to Heaven, touched the dumb tongue as though He were transmitting to him something of His Own Divine Person, placed His finger in his ears, and pronounced the wonder-working words, ‘Be thou opened!’ A miracle was worked, and the more He enjoined them to say nothing about it the more the people proclaimed it everywhere, saying, ‘He has done all things well, and has made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.’ The general terms of the acclamations are an indication that Our Lord cured several deaf mutes.

“Learn from this, beloved sons and daughters, with what love you are embraced by Our Lord, and how great is your obligation of loving Him in return, by observing His holy law, especially the law of prayer, of which He Himself to-day gave an example when He turned His eyes, while sighing, towards the Heavens

“Therefore, with all Our heart We give Our blessing to the Reverend Father Director and to all of you who labour and collaborate in the continuation of this prodigy, and to you, beloved sons and daughters, and all who are dear to you, We give this blessing as well as to all of those interests to which your intentions at this moment are turned.”

South Africa.

Mr. Gilby has left these shores for his old home (we hope not for good). He has been fortunate in visiting the Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal, the Eastern Province and everywhere, but especially in Cape Town, he is universally beloved. The Editor of this paper will miss him more than anyone else for he was a daily visitor to Liberal Buildings and for nine months occupied the “second room” tem-

porarily at the Deaf Headquarters. He has been given provisional leave of absence for 12 months subject to the appointment of the Council.

—The South African “Silent Messenger.”

The Rev. F. W. G. Gilby has returned to England after spending a couple of years organising work amongst the Deaf and Dumb of South Africa.

AN ACCOUNT OF MY HOLIDAY TO SYDNEY.

By W. A. ROSS.

As my annual holiday from work fell due during the middle of July, I decided to take a trip to Sydney, which was to be my first experience of a long journey. The longest distance I had been out of Melbourne was less than 100 miles, so the trip to Sydney gave me some thrill. On Saturday, 17th July, I boarded the M.V. “Kanimbla” at the North Wharf, where some of my relations and intimate deaf friends came to see me off.

Whilst sailing down the bay we were given instructions in life-saving drill and allotment of stations as precautionary measures. After tea I found that we had already passed the Rip and were well out on the swelling ocean.

During the evening I had games of draughts with the chief steward and found him too good, so we turned to euchre and my luck changed for I had most of the good hands. At midnight I went to bed but I could not sleep at all because of the continual purring and rocking. By 6 a.m. I was up again and found Wilson’s Promontory some two hours behind. By 1 p.m. Gabo Island was passed.

Deck tennis occupied my time in the morning and, by good fortune, during the afternoon I was given permission to inspect the motors by which the ship was driven. Time passed very quickly on board and before we knew where we were we found ourselves in bed again. We were informed that we would pass through Sydney Heads by 6.30 a.m. next day, so to make sure of seeing it I was up at 5.30 a.m., and it was a grand sight, too. We went up the harbour very slowly and the sight of the Harbour Bridge from the distance was magnificent. The trams and trains that traversed the bridge, when viewed from the distance, were like flies and caterpillars.

My sister-in-law met me and she immediately took me sight-seeing, including a ride in the “tube” train and then over the Harbour Bridge. Getting off at North Sydney station we walked back over the bridge again. The pylon was visited and a good view of

the harbour and the surrounding district was obtained. After that we visited the Adult Deaf Society’s Headquarters, where I met Mr. W. Engel, the Welfare Officer, who introduced me to a number of deaf people there.

In the afternoon my brother obtained shore leave and took me out to Bondi and back, and very soon we boarded a ferry for Manly where I stayed eight days.

The whole week was spent in sight-seeing. I was much struck by the magnificent Zoological Gardens at Taronga Park. The Adult Deaf Society’s building was visited several times. Their special attraction was only on a Friday night, similar to our Saturday nights. I found the Sydney Deaf too good at billiards, table tennis and other games.

On Sunday my brother took me to Garden Island which is a naval depot and where he works as a supply clerk.

As I am a cooper by trade for a brewery firm I very naturally was anxious to see what Sydney breweries have in that line of work. I secured permission to inspect Tooth’s, and Kent’s Breweries and was surprised to find them using machinery instead of hand work.

On Tuesday, 27th July, Sydney saw the last of me for M.V. “Manoora” took me back home to Melbourne again. I found the M.V. “Kanimbla” a better boat in size and sociability. After being on the go for fully 10 days I was ready for a good rest on the boat home and so did not enter much into games. The trip home was much rougher.

On the whole the holiday was very much enjoyed, and the sight of another city was an experience never to be forgotten. I am contemplating a trip to Brisbane on my next annual holiday.

I cannot understand how people get seasick, for during the sea trip I never experienced any of the symptoms of seasickness.

Auxiliaries.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Home Auxiliary held their second annual dance at the New Embassy on 29th July last, where the 136 guests had a most enjoyable evening.

Knowing first-hand the hard work this Auxiliary had put into the arranging of this event, it was very pleasing to see the evening turn out such a great success in every respect.

To help swell the funds two prizes were raffled, and to add to the fun of the evening two Monte Carlos were held for which the winners received prizes.

We were very pleased to have in our midst Mr. Peacock, representing the Board. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peacock and their two daughters.

I would like to take this opportunity of mentioning the good work already done by this Auxiliary.

Firstly, they purchased a specially constructed lounge suite consisting of three couches and four arm-chairs for our men's reading room, and kindly donated Christmas presents for our large family at the Home, also treating them to a very enjoyable picnic at Sandringham.

Our new Blackburn Home Auxiliary held their second and very successful function on 26th August last in the form of a Novelty Night at the Home. This event was most enjoyable, every one of the seventy guests were in party spirit, the games were novel and perfectly organised, and the supper excellent.

The services of Mr. Allen Adcock, whom most of you know as Jimmy Shields of the Shell Show on Sunday nights, who gave a marvellous impersonation of Old Sam, also of a man who had decided to become teetotal and poured the contents of twelve bottles of whisky down the sink, anyhow that is what he started to do with most humorous results, were greatly enjoyed by the gathering. Many prizes were presented to the winners of the games.

Mr. Hobson conveyed thanks on behalf of our Board to both the Auxiliary and their guests for the interest and support they are giving our Society. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hobson and Mr. and Mrs. White.

Miss Alice C. Graham.

Our Fairy Godmother, Miss Alice Graham, was the recipient of many presents, also 28 letters and telegrams on her birthday, the 3rd August.

Greetings were sent from the Board of Management of this Society and the Basketball Club, of which Miss Graham is President.

Cheers for Ian Anderson.

Ian Anderson has now on the market a very good cleanser, something similar to Solvol. It contains healing as well as cleansing properties.

He already supplies one factory, which finds it invaluable, and will be pleased to execute as many orders as he can get.

Roll up and help him to make a success of his new trade.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, of Blayney, New South Wales, are at present in Melbourne, making an extended stay. Mr. Rivers has been to many of our functions.

Mr. Norman May is at present with his uncle at Walwa, up at the north-eastern part of Victoria, trying his hand at bakery, etc.

Mrs. James, of Northern Tasmania, nee Miss Muriel Smith, who for some years was residing in Melbourne, gave birth to a son on 8th June, 1937.

Mr. Jack Boal, of South Melbourne, who went over to Tasmania last January in the hope of finding work there, returned home on Saturday, 7th August. Whilst there and throughout the apple season he was engaged in making fruit cases at the cool stores. As will be remembered, he was involved in a motor smash and had his arm broken, but not a sign of damage can be seen now for it has completely healed.

About a month ago Ray Kemble was knocked off his push bike and sustained a nasty cut on his head which necessitated five stitches. He is progressing favourably.

Mr. Ambrose Maloney is in Melbourne at present, having been here over a month.

Through the kindness of one of our country collectors and with the help of our Society, a visit to Melbourne was made possible for Miss Norma Rawlins, of South Lillimur, via Kaniwa, during the month of June. It was eight years since she left the St. Kilda Road school and as she had not been back to Melbourne since she was very happy to be able to see her old school friends again. She was met upon arrival at Spencer Street station by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and was accommodated at the Women's Hostel and later at the Blackburn Home. Whilst there she lost no time in making good her stay by visiting her old school and places of interest. She returned home on 5th July, well pleased with her holiday.

Dick White, Claude Lyfield and Alex. Collins were in Melbourne for some days during July. Their saw-mill at Neerim Junction was closed down on account of snow and frost which lay very thick and hard. They returned after the thaw.

Mr. Jim Walters, of Leitchville, revisited Melbourne during the month of July, and so did Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton.

Mr. J. Boortz, of Elsternwick, met with a nasty accident some time ago when he was struck down by a motor cyclist near his home. It was on a foggy night and as he was just stepping off the footpath to cross the road a motor cyclist swerved on to him and he was thrown heavily on to the kerb, receiving lacerations, bruises and a cut on his head. He was laid up for about two weeks in a private hospital and when sufficiently well he, together with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, left Melbourne for Sydney on 12th July by the Sydney express. Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz intend to take up permanent residence in Sydney and we trust the northern climate will suit them well. Mrs. Boortz looked well on the day of her departure. She said she had lost two stone six pounds. A fair number of relatives, friends and Deaf saw them off at the Spencer Street station.

The unemployed Deaf, who were at camp at Macedon for the last three months, have returned home and are looking a picture of health. More than half were anxious to return to Macedon in spite of the wet, cold, and discomforts.

For the last few Sundays Mr. Ernest Reynolds has been assisting in hymn renderings and lesson readings in our church, and he also interpreted part of Bishop Johnson's service.

Mr. E. Sturcke, of Main Ridge, was the victim of a hit-and-run motorist for on the night of 31st May, in Wellington Parade, he was knocked down, fortunately a sidelong knock which spun him, and he fell heavily on his hip, causing him much pain and some difficulty in walking. He was attended to as an outpatient of the Melbourne Hospital. He was put through the X-Ray and it was found there was a fracture in his right leg, which was later put in plaster. Mr. Sturcke intended to make a very brief stay in Melbourne for business but through this accident he had to stay longer.

Mr. W. Duncan, of Healesville, was down in Melbourne for the day on business and looked the picture of health.

Mr. Ian Hinton, of Holbrook, New South Wales, wrote to say that he is very much interested in our little magazine which is, to him, most newsy and hopes for its regular continuance. He sends his kind remembrances to all his old school friends.

Miss Betty Doyle was operated on for tonsillitis and is feeling much better after it.

Mr. Jack Stewart, of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, was here for three weeks renewing acquaintances.

Mr. Willie Chapman, Blind Deaf, underwent operations upon his eyes at the Eye and Ear Hospital during June and July, and we are pleased to say that he got over them well and is looking much better now.

The Editor is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Crush who has been to England during its mid-winter and felt the cold very much after being used to our warmer climate. He stayed there for six months and half of that time was spent in touring England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He has visited a great many Deaf and Dumb Churches, Missions, Societies, Associations and Schools, and in some places gave addresses. He stated that everywhere the Deaf are interested in the work being carried on in Australia and wished them to convey their greetings and best wishes to their fellow Deaf in Australia. He also stated that remarkable progress is being accomplished in England with the aid of electrically equipped earphones, etc., in special schools for the Deaf. Local councils and corporations maintain all schools for the Deaf Dumb the same as ordinary schools for normal children. He returned home per the new boat R.M.S. "Arawa," which came via the Azores, West Indies, Jamaica, Panama Canal and New Zealand. He remained in New Zealand for a week seeing the best known beauty spots before taking another boat for Sydney. His letter concluded with best wishes to all Victorian Deaf friends and their administrators.

Macedon Camp.

At the Macedon Camp for the Deaf the men were employed erecting a fence. As each post was placed in the hole the foreman would hold his axe lightly suspended in his fingers and squint along the line of fence to get the post in position. He said, "As long as you get the post plumb, it can be rammed into position." One lad said to the other, "What is plumb?" His mate said, "Plumb is what they put the posts up with; it is put on the axe to show when posts are in line."

For those who don't see the joke it might be mentioned that all the axes are stamped "Plumb," the trade mark of a leading manufacturer in U.S.A.

Best and Fairest Lacrosse Player.

Harry Puddy has just missed by a point the "George Beech" Trophy for the best and fairest lacrosse player in the Senior Section of the V.L.A. this season. The winner is D. Scott, of Camberwell. H. Puddy plays for Coburg and it is said that he is the chief mainstay of the club at the present time.

Obituary.

We greatly regret to record the passing away of Mr. A. Aird, of North Fitzroy, aged 80, who for some years had been a quiet and consistent worshipper in our church. Although he was neither born deaf nor educated at the Deaf School, he became deaf in later life. He quickly adapted himself to the deaf language and found much joy in mixing with our congregation since he joined our Society about five or six years ago. He interested himself in our Cricket Club and acted as its official scorer on many Saturdays, and has been generous in regard to presentation of trophies.

On Tuesday night, 8th June, he came along to attend the Men's Guild meeting and had a game or two of draughts. Soon after 9.30 p.m. he bade us farewell. After joking with the station master at Jolimont station he dropped dead. He was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Wreaths were sent—one from the Principal, Staff and all Deaf Members, and the other from the Cricket Club.

Our Principal, Welfare Officer, Messrs. G. Mortimer and M. Dyson represented the Society and the Deaf at the funeral. Mesdames Cross and Downes joined us at the graveside service.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, 13th June, in our church, when our Chaplain, Mr. Abraham, spoke of the many sterling qualities and the Christian character of our late friend.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

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It is with deep regret we announce the passing away of one of our oldest and most loyal members, Mrs. Alice Cove of Murrumbena, on 28th June at her married daughter's residence, Wattletree Road, Malvern, at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Cove, nee Alice Guest, was born in London in the year 1853 and came to Australia during her infancy. She lost her hearing at the age of two years through Colonial fever. At the age of seven her parents noted the opening of a new school for the Deaf and Dumb by the late Mr. F. J. Rose at Peel Street, Windsor, sent her there, and she was the second pupil to be enrolled. The late Mrs. S. Moss, who died in 1930, was the first pupil. Mrs. Cove was taught the manual system. She married Jesse Cove (hearing) and was the mother of seven fine children, all normal, one daughter having predeceased her. She had been a widow for a great many years. She was known

for her jolly disposition, always having a good word for everyone, and was full of wit and humour even to her very last day.

Her loyalty to our Society is well known, and only a few months ago, in spite of her frailty, she managed to be present at the Pioneers' Sunday Service to meet her many friends again.



Late Mrs. A. Cove.

She was buried at Oakleigh Cemetery where many of her deaf friends congregated to pay their last respects. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, interpreted both at the house and the graveside.

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After being a patient of St. Vincent's Hospital for over a month suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, Mr. Thomas Alexander Nelson, whilst there, contracted pneumonia, from which he failed to recover. He passed away on the morning of 21st July, at the age of 67, and was buried on the following day at the Preston Cemetery. He was one of the best known members of the Society, noted for his bright, kindly-natured ways, not afraid to make friends with anybody, and was a regular churchgoer until a few years ago when he moved to a place rather far from transport facilities.

He was born in Collingwood in the year 1880, became deaf at the age of four. He was put to the Deaf School at St. Kilda Road where he remained for nine years, learning the oral system. Upon leaving school he was taken charge of by a "Mr. Spicer" who ran a variety show, touring the country towns, and when the show disbanded later he went selling alphabet cards and books until taken charge of by

our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. He was engaged in clearing the bush land for our Blackburn Home, and then studied gardening. After twelve years or so he left the Home and started on his own in market gardening and hawking.

All the time he was at Blackburn Mr. Nelson interested himself in many of the Society's activities such as the Deaf Committee, Men's Guild, Cricket and Lacrosse Clubs.

A wreath was sent on behalf of the Deaf Community, and a number of Deaf, together with our Principal and the Welfare Officer, were present to pay last respects at his resting place.

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Another old identity, Miss Ellen Whitlow, an inmate of the Blackburn Home, passed away on the morning of 29th July, 1937, at the ripe age of 83. She died in her sleep after being unconscious for about two days. She was born at Windsor, Melbourne, on 12th February, 1854, and became deaf and dumb in early infancy. She was the third pupil enlisted at the late F. J. Rose's School for the Deaf at Windsor, and was trained on the manual system. She has been connected with the Blackburn Home since its inception in 1908, and was known as one of the most cheerful and contented inmates. She was buried at Box Hill on the following day. Our Chaplain, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, officiated at the graveside. A number of inmates were present to pay their last respects.

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The mind it its own place, and in itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.
"Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll deserve it."

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life runs ahead like a song;
But the man who's worth while
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.
The ancient sacrifice—a lowly and a contrite heart.

A Prayer for Each One of Us.

Almighty God, in whose hands are the mountains and the seas, and all the power of the rushing, mighty wind, in Thy gentleness I put my trust; on Thy forgiveness I depend; in Thee, and in Thee only, I find myself.

Grant that I may live so close to Thee that Thy strength and grace may ever abound in me, and that through my life others may feel Thy power flowing in them as a tide of new life, lifting them above the wreckage of Time and the cares of common days, and bearing them ever toward the sun of Thy abiding peace.

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The Good We Do.

The good we do to-day becomes
The happiness of to-morrow.

—Hindu Proverb.

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St. Anslem's Prayer.

O Merciful God, fill our hearts, we pray Thee, with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit; with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Teach us to love those who hate us; to pray for those who despitefully use us; that we may be the children of Thee, our Father, who makest Thy sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust.

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God and My Neighbour.

Lord, help me to learn the hard lesson in which Thou dost bid me love my neighbour.

Give me spaciousness of spirit, abounding patience, and an enduring love. Bless my neighbour, Lord, and show me how Thy blessing may reach him through me. Amen.

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