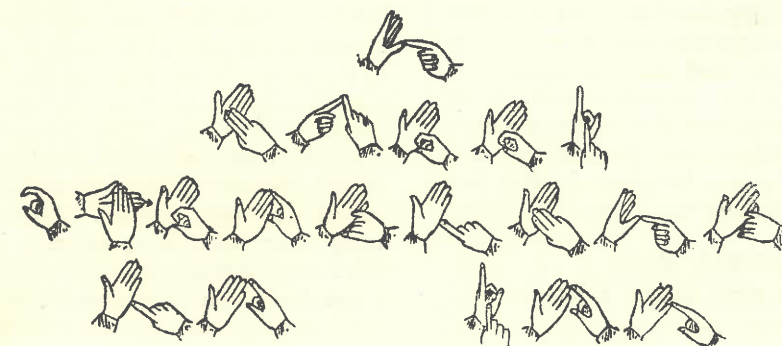


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A Merry Christmas to You.

Christmas is nearly here and we are all looking forward to much that will give us pleasure—happy family gatherings, nice presents, cheery greetings, and joyous games! But is that all we keep Christmas for? No, surely not!

Let everything alive share, if possible, in the joys of Christmas. Do something to make it a happy time, at least, for every living thing with which you have anything to do. In this way we can try to make it a season of real loving kindness to one and all. Let us make up our minds that every living being with whom we have anything to do—our human friends and our “lower brethren”—shall be, somehow, the happier because of what we—you and I—have been able to do for them.

KEEPING CHRISTMAS.

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his little watch

now and then by the great clock of humanity. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts' hunger for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what are you going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and to look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness?

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends

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love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open? Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And, if you can keep it for a day, why not for always? But you cannot keep it alone.—Henry van Dyke.

THE OTHER MAN.

Perhaps he sometimes slipped a bit—

Well, so have you.

Perhaps some things he ought to quit—

Well, so should you.

Perhaps he may have faltered—why,

Why all men do, and so have I;

You must admit, unless you lie,

That, so have you.

Perhaps if we would stop and think,

Both I and you,

When painting some one black as ink,

As some folks do,

Perhaps, if we would recollect,

Perfection we would not expect,

But just a man half-way correct,

Like me and you.

I'm just a man who's fairly good,

I'm just like you.

I've done things I never should,

Perhaps like you.

But, thank the Lord, I've sense to see

The rest of men with charity,

They're good enough if good as me—

Say—men like you.

Church News.

The 15th of August was "Ephphatha" Sunday and our Principal gave a most appropriate address at the evening service in our church.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening service on Sunday, 10th October.

During Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's indisposition and health trip up North from 17th October to 11th

November Mr. J. M. Johnston officiated at all of the church services and prayer meetings.

The collections on Sunday, 24th October, were devoted to the Hospital Appeal and the sum of £2/16/3 was raised.

Thursday Nights.

Notwithstanding its distinctive educational nature Thursday night is now the young folks' most popular evening at our Centre. It begins with a short service in the church which is followed by a 30 to 45 minute lecture or address upon some topic of immediate interest or the news of the week or world wide doings of the Deaf. When these meetings began there was a small fidgety and "side talk" section which rather spoilt the function. This has entirely disappeared. The "don't want to know" and "already know everything" folk have evidently found attractions more in accord with their outlook. After the lecture something of an entertaining nature is introduced; mostly this feature is largely educational—a cinema film with a moral or lesson, or a game which brings the mental machinery into action. Just now "Housy Housy" is popular for about 20 minutes towards the end of each evening, but it is without the gambling element, although a small prize is given such as a box of chocolates. The evening winds up with conversation, tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. The Assembly Hall is arranged as a lounge. Carpets, arm chairs and card tables, and floral decorations give the atmosphere of a party and not the old dry as dust form so commonly associated with a lecture. Perhaps that is the secret of its great success.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR SOCIETY.

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria was again held in our Assembly Hall of our Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the afternoon of Thursday, 14th October, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Cr. A. G. Wales. The Hon. A. J. Pittard, Chairman of the Charities Board, was the principal speaker, and gave a very excellent address. After the Annual Meeting an extraordinary general meeting was held to amend the articles of association of the Society. This was referred to an adjourned meeting on 4th November and was then carried.

The following officers were elected:—President: Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. H. Peacock; Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. R. B. James; Board of Management: Messrs F. W. Spry, N. Armstrong, E. J. L. Bremner, H. Bedggood, H. Belyea, M. J. Hoath, S. C. Hobson, G. H. Newnham, E. R. Noble, E. H. Peacock, Cr. Sweetland and Miss R. Dow.

Extracts from Annual Report:—

A general survey of the work of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society for the past 15 months reveals progress in varying degrees of practically all its activities.

Application was made to the Premier to provide funds for the erection of a central building and the board was advised that the application is to be considered by the Metropolitan Standing Committee of the Charities Board early in the financial year. It is able to report that, as a result of representations to the Charities Board, a grant of £250 for the half-year ended 30th June last was made towards the maintenance of the Society's Home for Aged, Infirm, and Dependent Deaf Mutes at Blackburn, for which it was sincerely grateful.

The Board of Management gratefully acknowledges the temporary relief extended to the unemployed Deaf by the Employment Council by way of two camps for single men for a period of 12 weeks each at Mount Macedon.

The report ended up with thanks to the many friends for their generosity and kindness shown during the past 15 months.

Re-Union Dinner.

Approximately 60 of the Adult Deaf gathered for their inaugural Re-union Dinner at the Black Cat Flat on Thursday evening, 30th September, 1937 (Show Night), which proved a success. The guests of honour were the Deaf Citizens of 70 years and over—Messrs. A. C. Muir, F. E. Frewin, R. H. Luff, M. G. B. Mortimer, and Mrs. Crompton—and included in the gathering were Messrs E. J. L. Bremner, S. Hobson, C. R. B. James (members of the Board of Management of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria); the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and his wife; the Manager and Matron of the Blackburn Home, Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham; the Assistant Secretary of the Society, Miss E. Empson; and the Honorary Interpreter, Mr. E. Reynolds and his wife.

The tables were delightfully decorated with a profusion of roses in varying shades of colour specially brought down from the Society's Farm at Blackburn.

Mr. Adam C. Muir, by virtue of his activities in the early days, was given the honour of presiding over the gathering. He opened the proceedings after the dinner with the toast, "The King." It was followed by an explanatory talk on the dinner by the Announcer, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who stated that the object is to inaugurate an annual reminiscence night for the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Victoria; to entertain the Deaf of seventy years and over as special guests; to recognise in some form or other the outstanding Deaf of the year and those who in various ways have contributed to the general esteem and uplift

of the Deaf; and make it the occasion for the presentation of trophies won by the Deaf during the year, and to spend a happy evening together.

Mr. C. R. B. James, the Hon. Secretary of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, was called upon to propose the toast of "Our Pioneer Guests," and in doing so the speaker referred to the early struggles of the Deaf to found a meeting place for social intercourse and their long association with it. The chairman, Mr. Muir, responded.

The toast of the "Schools for the Deaf" was proposed by Mr. E. R. Noble, who was a pupil of Manchester School for the Deaf, England, and paid tribute to the teaching staff for the painstaking and successful upbringing of the Deaf in the various schools. Mr. M. G. B. Mortimer, the President of the Past Pupil's Association, responded. Then came Mr. F. E. Frewin's toast to the Adult Deaf Societies, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by them and wished them continued prosperity. Mr. E. J. L. Bremner responded.

Mr. R. H. Luff then proposed the toast to the "Benefactors." Mr. S. Hobson responded and paid tribute to the Deaf benefactors who have helped those not so fortunate as themselves, especially Miss A. Graham, the late Messrs. M. L. Miller, S. Moss, A. Aird and others.

The toast to the Sporting Associations was proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnston who said that it was mainly through the Cricket Club that the Melbourne Deaf Society came into existence some 55 years ago. He remarked that in many instances the Deaf have made names as champion players in various spheres of sport, especially football in years gone by and lacrosse in the present day, as selected representatives of their States in interstate matches. Before honouring the toast Mrs. J. M. Johnston, the founder of the Melbourne Deaf Tennis Club, presented trophies to the winners of Ladies and Gentlemen's Singles Tournaments. Mrs. Don Johnston (nee Miss Burnie Higgin) received a handsome silver-plated tea pot and Mr. Joe Dickinson an inscribed Swan fountain pen.

Mr. H. Puddy, an interstate lacrosse player and an allround sportsman, responded, stressing mainly the need of another tennis court for our members, and his remark was duly noted.

Mr. E. Johnson proposed the toast of the Officers and Staff of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society which was drunk amidst much applause. The meeting then ended with the exchange of autographs on the menu cards.

A unique and most appropriate menu card was got up for that occasion. On its front page, in the top left hand corner, was a drawing of a broken shield and broken sword representing lost hearing and speech, and below the announcement a poetical verse

to represent the meaning of the drawing, "Granted the odds are against us." This piece of poetry was written by an American deaf poet.

The menu was written up as follows:—

SOUP

A la Adamuirity
Johnstonia Tomato

FISH

Oakley Whiting

JOINTS

Roast Fruinbeefa
Lufflamb
Pork and Damman Sauce

SWEETS

Crompton Plum Pudding
McLaurin Pie (Apple)
Eric Trifle
Morty Wine Jelly
Other Sweets richly flavoured with—Hickey, Dow, Sanders, Sandon, Lloyd, Leber, Doyle, Peters, Hopkins, McCormick, Phyllis and Dorothy J., etc.

Cigarettes (Greensmith Brand)

DRINKS

Lemon Puddy, Sandon Ginger, Noble Kola,
Dyson Tea, Phillips Coffee
All drinks guaranteed to be free from thick heads and wobbly legs.

Anniversary Rally.

The Anniversary Rally in celebration of the coming to Australia of Principal Ernest J. D. Abraham was held on the evening of Saturday, 9th October. Mr. F. E. Frewin acted as chairman and before commencing the evening's programme asked those present to make the choice for our next Cup Day Picnic. At least five places were named, and they were Diamond Creek, Blackburn, Seaford, Yan Yean and Mordialloc. Voting showed that majority favoured Yan Yean, with Seaford close second. The chairman then performed a pleasing ceremony in presenting Mr. Alex. Anderson with a very handsome amberine glass flower basin with stand and ornament in centre, as a wedding present from the Deaf Community. Mr. Anderson very feelingly responded with sincere thanks.

Business over, including announcements of coming events, the chairman gave a short resume of events since Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's arrival in Melbourne some 36 years ago, and the work accomplished to get the present luxurious church and club-house. Mr. Abraham in responding said that he never had a finer body of men and women to work with him than his Victorian Deaf friends, and he was most warmly applauded.

The original programme was games before pictures, but owing to lengthy speeches and business the chairman reversed the order of things. The title of the picture was "Captain Fly-by-Night." It was a stirring tale of Old California in the days of Spanish rule—a story of romance and ancient chivalry, of brilliant sword play, desperate rebellion, daring horsemanship, and personal encounter; and withal clean and highly entertaining.

Supper followed and soon after a number of games, including figure games, were played until closing time, much to the enjoyment of the younger Deaf.

Lip Readers' Club.

We had another visit from the members of the Lip Readers' Club on the evening of Wednesday, 1st September, when various indoor games were played. Team competitions were arranged for table tennis (which was won by our members), bagatelle (both sides scored equal number of wins), carpet bowls (the visitors excelled in that department), so the honours of the evening were equally divided.

The new outfit of table tennis and carpet bowls are proving popular.

Card games and unravelling puzzles occupied the attention of others. At 10.15 p.m. supper was served.

Our ladies overcame their difficulties in regard to the absence of gas to boil water for tea by having kettles on the wood and briquette fire in the office.

Approximately 15 visitors arrived and about the same number of our members were present. The evening terminated with a vote of thanks by the President of the Lip Readers' Club, Mr. Don, and Mr. E. J. D. Abraham replied expressing our pleasure in their coming and invited them to come to our Quarterly (Anniversary) Rally on Saturday, 9th October, 1937.

Cinema Picture Shows.

On 10th June we had "From Hand to Mouth," featuring Harold Lloyd and Mildred Davis in Hal. Roach's comedy, with other small supporting items.

On 24th June "Golf," a farcial comedy featuring Larry Semmons, and one or two small items.

On 1st July Laurel and Hardy featured in "Them thar Hills," and the other two were "Hi Neighbours" and "Jungle Jitters."

An unusual story, and extremely entertaining, of Mexican border incidents, "The Thundering Hoofs," was shown on the evening of 19th August. There was plenty of thrilling action with laughs and chuckles scattered through it.

We had, on 23rd September, "The Moonstone." It was the story of the Sacred Jewel of Vishnu which destined to bring death and evil influence into the lives of those who handled it, and not until the jewel was finally restored to the Temple of Vishnu did the

shadow of tragedy cease to stalk in its wake. The actor and actress were Eugene O'Brien and Elaine Hammerstein.

BASKET BALL CLUB'S DANCE.

By A.D.G.

The dance held by the Basket Ball Club on Saturday, 20th November, can without exaggeration be described as one of the most successful functions of its kind we have had.

On Friday night a band of willing workers tackled the job of decorating the hall and the result of their work was really splendid and worthy of the large crowd who attended.

The attendance was about 150 of whom well over a third were hearing friends and relatives. Those who preferred cards to dancing were well provided for and about 20 took advantage of these arrangements.

A good orchestra had been engaged and everything was very well planned. The brilliant frocking of the ladies formed a kaleidoscope of glorious colours set off to advantage by the sombre evening cloths of the men. Half-way through the evening a Monte Carlo dance was held and won by Miss G. Hunter and Mr. A. Leigh. Mr. Ronald Damman and Miss Jessie Williams gave some exhibition dances. It was a marvellous exhibition of grace and skill and was warmly applauded by the spectators.

Some old time dances came next, including some minutes hectic excitement with the Alberts. It was during this dance and the Flirtation Barn Dance that those present became only too well aware of the pressing need of a larger—much larger—hall. However, unavoidable bumps were taken in good part. We would remark, by the way, that a crowded ball-room is no place to try fancy steps which had better be left till there is plenty of room.

A nice supper was served at 10.15 p.m. and at about 11.15 the first departure began of those living in outlying districts.

All were pleased to see the President of the Basket Ball Club, Miss Alice Graham, present; also a new member of the General Board, Mr. H. Belyea, and Mrs. Belyea.

To Mr. Damman, Miss Williams and Mr. Bell, who acted as M.C., the members of the Basket Ball Club extends sincere thanks for their share in making a very enjoyable night.

The Card Tournament was won by Mr. A. Morgan and Mrs. Nicolls respectively.

Billiards Tournament.

The Billiards Tournament which has been running for some weeks past was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday night, 23rd October, and resulted

in a win for Willie Hatley, of Camperdown, who was on the 50 point mark. In the final game he played against Norman Webb, who was receiving 65 points. An excellent contest was provided although, unfortunately, there were not many members present to witness it.

Until the first hundred Webb had scored practically as many points off the stick as his stronger opponent, but thereafter Hatley's masterly tactics and very accurate potting, including a break of 23, slowly brought him along, until at the conclusion of the game he was 47 points in front.

Hearty congratulations to both the winner and the runner-up for their excellent performances throughout the tournament.

Trophies will be presented to them at the Christmas Rally, 16th December.

Euchre Tournament.

The Fortnightly Euchre Tournament ended on 11th September last with wins for John Cariss, who scored an aggregate of 59 wins on the gents' side, and Miss Chris. Derbyshire on the ladies' side with 55 wins. In the last match played on 11th September Miss Rose Dow and David Leber won respectively.

Many expressions of regret were made of the termination of this interesting competition, but the players may be assured of many more tournaments at later dates.

Table Tennis.

Largely through the instrumentalities of Mr. E. J. L. Bremner, a member of the Board of Management, Mr. Victor McKay of the Sunshine Harvester Works was induced to make the kind gift that we are in possession of—a fine indoor tennis table. Both gentlemen have our sincere thanks. The table tennis game has become the rage of the younger set and many fine contests were witnessed. It is the intention of the Committee to stage a tournament in the near future to discover our champions.

When the Deaf Committee was in receipt of the new table tennis top it was found to be seven inches narrower than the standard width. At the August meeting of the Committee it accepted Mr. J. McLaurin's offer to remedy this defect and also to provide the top with trestles. One vacant evening Mr. McLaurin set to work and completed the widening job some four hours after, including the staining and marking off. The trestles were made some previous time. Mr. McLaurin was most heartily thanked for his gratuitous work at the September meeting of the Committee.

Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club held its Annual Meeting on evening of 2nd September, 1937, after the Thursday night

lecture, in the Library of the Centre. The time allowed for this meeting was limited, but we managed to get the business through before closing time, 10.30 p.m.

The annual report, which was of fair length, contained all the good reports of the members' and club's doings, and the balance sheet, showing the club to be in a healthy position, were read and received.

Owing to shortness of time the chairman's address was cut out. He then called for nominations for officers for the coming year and the election resulted as follows:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-President: Mr. J. Dickenson; Honorary Secretary: Mr. C. Ellwood; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. McLaurin; Committee: Messrs. T. Peters, H. Puddy, R. Conacher, Mrs. D. Johnston and Miss D. Johnston. The membership fee for the year was fixed at 7/6 for gentlemen and 5/- for ladies.

Life membership was conferred upon Mr. J. M. Johnston for his long service with the club.

Suggestions re the balls, tournaments, sub-committee, etc., were left over to the new committee for consideration.

The Committee met a few days after the annual meeting and decided upon entering the club into competition in the Southern District Tennis Association for the summer season. The club was graded in the "C" Section and the season began on Saturday, 2nd October, with a match on our court against Glenfield. Glenfield was too good for our team, scoring 59 games to our 25. Then came a running sequence of losses against Tooronga, Grandview, Baptist, Hotham and Olympic.

Inter-Club Indoor Games Competition.

The Inter-Club Indoor Games Competition was brought to a successful conclusion last month and the result was surprising. The Cricket Club's team just sneaked in and gained a 1½-point victory over Lacrosse and Men's Guild No. 1. The Basket Ball team followed up with another 1½ points behind. The rest trailed off.

Cricket Club.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf Cricket Club was held on the evening of 22nd August in the Assembly Hall, when the annual report and balance sheet were read and confirmed. Prior to the reading of the above a minute's silence was observed in memory of the late member, Mr. A. Aird, who died some time previously and who had been a most loyal and consistent patron of the club. The chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, gave an address, stressing upon the members the spirit of sportsmanship and co-operation, and complimented the club on its definite improvement.

Nominations were called for and it was found there was no need for an election. The following were elected:—President: Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Ashby, D. Johnson, G. Mortimer; Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. Dyson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. O'Gorman; Committee: Messrs. W. O'Bryan, J. Phillips, W. Gorin and R. Chaundy; Hon. Delegate: Mr. M. Dyson.

During the evening trophies won during the past season were presented by the chairman. R. Lygon, for batting average, a silver cup; J. Boal, for bowling average, a similar cup; R. Chaundy, the best allrounder, "A. Aird Memorial Cup"; M. Dyson received a purse and some cash for most catches, presented by Mr. G. Mortimer; and W. Gorin received a sugar bowl from Mr. J. Phillips for the best behaved and obliging person.

As usual our club entered in the Victorian Junior Cricket Association, Third Grade, and the season opened on 2nd and 9th October with a match against Ingles on their ground. We came out winners on first innings by 85 runs. The next match was against Albert Park and we forfeited it because our captain refused to send his players on the muddy outfield. Dunlop-Perdriau accounted for us by an innings and 13 runs. Clarendon won outright by 66 runs in the following match.

The club held a novelty evening on 6th November when a number of novel games was introduced, such as balancing basins of water on heads, waitresses' race, straw drinking competition, and others. It was a very happy evening and was well attended.

Chess.

The Chess Tournament for 1937 is nearing its end. Gus Damman and A. Dodson are running neck and neck for the lead of the "A" Grade. Alf. Tyzzer, a graduate from the "B" Grade of last season, was a thorn to the leaders. The result of this tournament depends largely on his showing against the two top-notchers. His was the model of patience and the many victories gained by him were due to this method.

At present it is temporarily held up through the inability of Mr. Tyzzer to turn up, and we sincerely hope it will not be long as, as stated above, the competition depends largely upon his showing.

The "B" Section is already won by J. M. Johnston who came through undefeated.

This will conclude the chess activities for the year. The members, though some of the more enthusiastic continue to court caisia "on the sly" during the summer months, meet no more as a club until next year.

This idea of a chess season is quite common in England, we understand, but its observance in Australia is rather the exception than the rule.

Our Family Circle.

Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss Betty Wilkinson, of Warburton, are now members of the local golf club where they first learnt the rudiments of the game. It has since been learnt they have progressed well and that Mrs. Muir entered into some matches or tournaments and came out winners on four occasions. Miss Wilkinson has yet to win a match. We offer them our congratulations on their progress.

Mr. Alex. Anderson, of Coburg, was married to Miss Olive Minton, of Brunswick, at the St. Margaret Mary Church, East Brunswick, on the morning of 23rd October, 1937. Rev. Father Pearce, of Heidelberg, who has a close knowledge of the deaf language, officiated.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Paynesville, Gippsland, asks that any Deaf contemplating a holiday will not forget Paynesville and that he promises anyone visiting him a very happy time. The Editor can recommend Paynesville as an ideal holiday resort, being in the midst of the beautiful Gippsland Lakes.

Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, has been at Leitchville for a while as guest of Mr. J. Walters and she reported excellent times there.

A position for Mr. James Anderson has been obtained, his employer being Mr. Newbury, of Westburn, near Warburton. Mr. Anderson, a general hand at Oakland Junction for Mr. B. Chaffey for 20 years, was thrown out of employment through Mr. Chaffey's demise and the disposal of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stokes, of Trafalgar, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their wedded life on 6th November and were the recipients of many congratulatory messages.

Mr. James Ashley, of Geelong, had the misfortune to fall off a ladder one day while painting his house. We are glad to know that he has recovered from his injuries.

Mr. J. H. Cross, late of Bendigo, is now a resident of our Blackburn Home and is delighted with his new surroundings and the comfort of the Home.

Mr. H. R. Gillett, of Irymple, is also at our country residence. He always enjoys a stay at the Home.

Mr. J. O'Gorman recently went with his employer by car to Balranald and Ivanhoe, in the far west hinterland of New South Wales, to fix up new refrigerating racks, and was on the job for about a week. He enjoyed the experience of working in new surroundings and also the novelty of going over the trackless country. On one or two occasions they got lost on the way. He saw plenty of kangaroos and emus.

Since then he has heard that the racks broke down under the weight of carcasses and it is expected he will go up again to fix up the damage.

Additional country visitors during recent months were J. Gibson and Mrs. Hood, of Geelong; Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss B. Wilkinson, of Warburton; Allan Salmon, of Goulburn Valley; Jack Stewart, of Inverleigh; Miss E. Read, of Westburn; and S. Ferguson, of Bowman's Forest.

Mr. E. Raines is at present on Government unemployed work, cutting ragwort, bracken and other pests on Crown lands in Gippsland.

Mrs. H. Puddy is holidaying at her old home in Launceston, Tasmania.

Bernard Grayden has gone back to Phillip Island for some time.

On the 9th November last the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution celebrated its 77th Anniversary. A Reunion of Past Pupils was held at the Institution. A varied programme of performing monkey and dog, juggling display, and conjuring was submitted, followed by a supper with toasts to "The King," "Past Pupils" and "Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution." Quite a large number of past pupils shared in the celebration including many from the country.

The football final between Geelong and Collingwood on 25th September attracted a number of Deaf people to Melbourne. A. Hatley of Camperdown, R. Cornell of Ballarat, J. Gibson, C. Hennessey and Miss E. Moore of Geelong were amongst the crowd; also Miss Monahan, the hon. secretary of our Geelong Branch.

Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Superintendent of the New South Wales Deaf and Dumb Society, who went to see the Coronation in England, passed through Melbourne on 18th October per s.s. Orion. He paid us a visit and we were pleased to see him.

An unfortunate accident befell Mr. W. A. Paterson more than two months ago when the front wheel of his bike was struck by a passing motor car and he was thrown heavily on to the roadway, causing severe bruises and shock. He was laid up for some time but is now out and about.

Whilst pruning vines at his home at Bowman's Forest Mr. S. Ferguson fell from a ladder and suffered a fracture of the left shoulder blade. This happened early in October and we were agreeably surprised to see him among us a month later with no sign of injury.

After an absence of about three or four years Len Treffene, of Merbein, was down for the Royal Show and remained in Melbourne for nearly a month.

Mrs. G. Quantock was operated upon for appendicitis some time ago and is well and hearty again.

Miss Francie Owens, of Wangaratta, has settled in Melbourne with her parents. Work was obtained for her at Hatcher's Laundry.

Ossie Quinton, after five years as country collector to the Adult Deaf Society, relinquished his position in favour of his old trade, fortunately securing a situation at Ruskin's Motor Works as a trimmer and upholsterer, and later he was transferred to the Duco spraying department. Mr. Underwood has taken over Mr. Quinton's round and is doing very well.

Another of our collectors, Mr. Vincent Buttacavoli, who was on the suburban beat for almost four years, resigned in favour of a fixed trade. So far he has not been fortunate enough to obtain work.

Mr. Byron Taylor and Mr. William Allen of Hobart and Burnie, Tasmania, respectively, came over the Strait during the early part of October, trying to settle in Victoria. By latest news Mr. Allen has secured an allotment out Dandenong way, poultry farming. Mr. Taylor, rather shy of being his own master, took up a position as a dairy hand at Moorabbin.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Puddy of Pascoe Vale on 10th September, 1937 (Larry).

Harold Ahchow, of Orbost, has written to the Editor enquiring about the return to Macedon Camp. He is longing to get back to it again. He said he has been out to Nowa Nowa on a fishing expedition and caught a fair number of fish. He sends his kind regards to all his friends.

Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, of Camberwell, was in Guildford Private Hospital for some three months. She underwent a nasal operation and is now doing finely. The treatment is not yet complete; she is expecting to have a final treatment.

Bill Donnelly was again fortunate to accompany his aunt on a winter sea cruise during the later part of August and early September. They went to Fiji and other islands en route per the P. & O. boat "Strathaird," which left Melbourne on 17th August. He was full of news when he returned and had quite a pile of snapshots.

During the latter part of August Mr. Z. Bragg was knocked down, whilst riding his push bike, by a motor truck and he received a cut on his head which

necessitated three stitches. Three months after, his son Norman was run into, but he was more fortunate as he was not hurt, although he somersaulted two or three times. His bike was severely damaged.

Mrs. M. Cross spent three weeks holiday at Benalla during September and returned home the picture of health.

Miss Margy Sandon, of Chelsea, had a fortnight's holiday in Sydney during the last and first weeks of August and September respectively. She went with her mother per M.V. "Manoora" and returned home on the S.S. "Katoomba." She was asked to give an account of her trip but was not game enough to write up one.

Mr. George Oakley had another enjoyable fortnight's holiday at his old home town, Warrnambool, during the first half of September. He looked much better when he returned to Melbourne.

Messrs. W. Utber and W. Chapman returned home last August from their tour of Great Britain. Mr. Chapman was asked to write up an account of the trip and he has promised to do so.

Mr. Hopkins, of Nagambie, was down for the Show and his first night at the Club House was the occasion of a lecture and cinema picture night. The "Sun News-Pictorial" photographer was present and took flashlight photos. A very good one of two of our members in conversation appeared in the following morning's "Sun."

Mr. Frank Williams, of Hobart, Tasmania, came over during the last week of August and after three weeks search for employment secured one at the Blind Institution. He remained there for a month under a permit and is out again.

Hikes.

Hike No. 1.

Contributed by E. R. NOBLE.

It had several times been suggested that it would be a good idea to form a Hiking Club among the Deaf, but there were some who doubted whether it would be a success. It was decided, therefore, to arrange one hike as an experiment to see if it was popular. The organisers, Miss M. Dow, Harry Greensmith and myself, made enquiries, and finally fixed on a route from Clematis to Belgrave—a distance of about 10 miles.

On Sunday, the 12th September, a party of 18 set out. Travelling by electric train to Fern Tree Gully, we changed to the narrow gauge steam train there. The 18 of us just about filled one carriage, and with many puffs and snorts the train moved out, winding in and out as it climbed slowly through the hills. The views from the train were lovely, and most of the time we were hanging over the side of the open carriage. The weather was very changeable, intermittent showers being followed by bursts of sunshine. At last, arriving at Clematis, we collected our packs and filed out. Crossing the railway line we followed a road for a short distance, then turned down to the right. The road soon turned into a narrow track which wound round and over a pretty creek. We followed the track through tall gums and vividly green ferns for about three or four miles till we arrived at a picnic ground, where we decided to have lunch. Very soon a big fire was roaring, around which we clustered, waiting for the billies to boil. The crisp air had sharpened our appetites and in no time the good things brought in our packs melted away.

A shower of rain was falling as we started out on the second lap. A winding road of what had once been earth but was now sticky mud fronted us, and this we followed steeply uphill, only to find it ended at a farmhouse on the hilltop. A brief consultation was held and after enquiring at the farm we set off down hill the way we had come. Near the bottom we struck a narrow track beside a fence, half hidden in ferns and bracken. This we followed, once more up hill. The track soon levelled out then dipped into a valley, rising again up the side of an even steeper hill. With much hard breathing we finally neared the summit. Climbing over a fence we found ourselves on a road which went higher still. From the road on either side there was a magnificent view. On the right was a succession of bush-clothed hills and valleys rising again to the farther ranges. Nestling in their midst was a patch of dully gleaming silver—Silvan Dam. To the left the hills fell away in a succession of billows towards a mist-enshrouded plain dotted with clearings and farmlands.

A welcome halt was made at a farm farther along where we obtained a refreshing drink of icy water. The road rose and fell slightly till on the left a narrow track wandered away through the bush. This we took, strung out in single file, arriving a quarter of a mile farther on at a junction of three roads. Crossing these we followed a narrow way at first up, then steeply down hill, coming out at length on the Sherbrook Road. This we crossed, entering a track through Sherbrook National Park. The first faint shadows of dusk began to gather as our leaders entered the narrow, muddy and slippery path that

runs down parallel with Sherbrook Falls. The mud was terrific, and what with the steepness of the path and the rapidly gathering dusk it was not surprising that falls were not rare.

We came out at last at the picnic ground by the main road. Here hot water was obtained and tea was had by the muddy, weary but happy band of hikers. Tea over, we straggled down the main road with the first stars glittering overhead. It was now fully dark, and the lights of Belgrave shone welcomingly through the gloom. At 7 o'clock we piled thankfully into the train for home after a most enjoyable day.

Hike No. 2.

Yes, our original intentions were to go by train to Wandin and hike to Mount Evelyn via Silvan Dam—a route of 14 miles. So accordingly we took the train to Wandin at 9.10 a.m. on Sunday, 10th October. On alighting I, as hike leader, took them across the railway and along the road towards the township, but before reaching the town we turned right into a wheel-track and followed it along to Clegg Road. It was raining all the time so we decided to ask at a farmhouse if they would supply us with sacks for some of the fair hikers. So far we had gone according to plans, but when we came to a track branching off Clegg Road we took the wrong turn but did not know, till making enquiries, that not only had we come the wrong way but in doing so had cut at least three miles off the allotted 14. When we found our bearings we set off for Silvan which we reached at 1.30 p.m. We had been on the go since 11 a.m., so we stopped for dinner. I, as usual, started a fire, then we all crowded round to get dry and cook our dinners.

Imagine 18 wet and hungry hikers round one fair-sized fire. I said wet and hungry, but when I put the question, "Are we downhearted?" they came up with a definite "NO!"

After dinner we extinguished the fire and at 2.30 p.m. set off for our goal, Mount Evelyn and home. From Silvan we followed the bush track down and came upon a saw mill which at first glance appeared to have been abandoned but on closer inspection was found to be working. We stopped here for a while as one of us discovered an old car, and on making known her find the car (which was made to hold five persons) was soon crowded, while cameras clicked.

We, every one of us, honestly thought we were on the right track so kept on till we reached the road which took us to Kalorama. We passed beautiful fern gullies on this road, also many a garden in full bloom. When the road joined the Mount Dandenong Road we switched over, and I kept my eyes peeled for a side track, but I must have either missed it or it did not exist. After going strongly for 3½ hours I began to doubt myself so I made further enquiries at a tea-room and found that we were on the Mount Dandenong Road, that it went to Croydon, that we would have to turn back to reach Mount Evelyn, and finally that we were only five miles from Croydon. On making it known to the others we decided to go on to Croydon so we set off, but after going for a while some of us began to doubt the information. So on reaching Montrose, one mile farther, I again made enquiries and found that we were now four miles from Croydon. While I was in the shop a 'bus turned up and six of the lesser hikers (or should I call them semi-hikers?) got in and rode the rest of the way. The remaining twelve decided to uphold the name they had taken and hike it; time now 5.30 p.m.

Oh my! those last four miles were done on a road made of some sort of material that stretched and made it seem twice as far as it was. To put it in the words of my second in command (he's rather a brainy chap), "This is a rubber road."

Well, we twelve pure bred hikers kept plodding along and plodding along, but still no sign of Croydon.

At the start we were well bunched, but as we travelled those older ones fell back a bit. As there was plenty of time I did not hurry them but let them fix their own pace and kept up with the rear-guard. By the time the leading batch had reached Croydon we were half to quarter of a mile back. We arrived at Croydon Station at 7 p.m., 5½ hours solid hiking and 22 miles in 8 hours.

What became of those six semi-hikers I did not know till the following week, when I found that they, feeling cold, decided to catch the 6.15 p.m. train home, or was it they did not like the prospects of being teased? I would like to say here that I am very pleased with the way this party behaved in the face of my mistake, especially that fair hiker whom we christened Pixie. Well done Pixie; I could see you were tired but you stuck it to the end. Again I say, well done, Pixie; and all you other pure bred, well done.

H.L.G., Hike Leader.

The Golden Keys.

The door of death is made of gold
That mortal eyes cannot behold :
But when the mortal eyes are closed,
And cold and pale the limbs reposed,
The soul awakes, and wondering sees
In her mild hand the golden keys.

—William Blake

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Play the Man.

Fear not what the world may say ;
Hold the straight and narrow way
In the open light of day,
And play the man.
They will call thee poor and weak,
Being merciful and meek :
Heed not thou the words they speak,
But play the man.

Trust in God, and let them mock,
Vain as waves that surge and shock,
Broken on resisting rock :
Play thou the man.

—Walter Chalmers Smith

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The Only Way.

I must have someone by me who sinks
his own will utterly in mine, who believes in
me unflinchingly, who will cling to me in
good hap and ill, who lives only to shed
light and warmth over my life and must die
if I fail.

Buy yourself a dog, my lord !

—Henrik Ibsen.

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Our desire to get this issue out before Christmas has compelled us to hold over much interesting matter including inter-state and foreign news.

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We acknowledge with thanks a donation of half a dozen copies of the "Daily Mirror" for our reading room from Mrs. Spittall of Elsternwick, received through the medium of Mrs. G. Damman.

Announcements.

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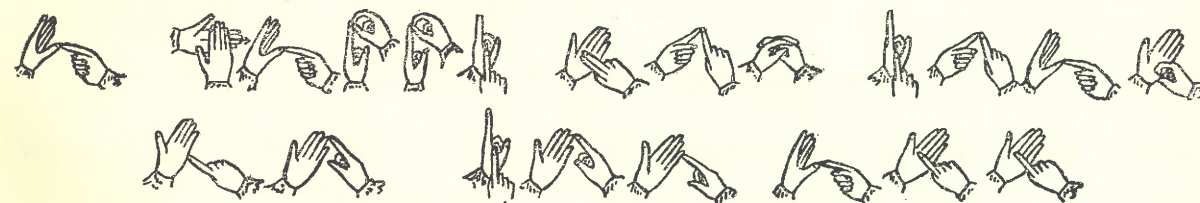
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