



His Worship the Mayor, COUNCILLOR C. C. SHOPPEE, M.L.A.

Requests the pleasure of the Company of **YOURSELF**
and **FRIEND** on the evening of

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1902, AT 8 P.M.

AT THE
ALFRED HALL, BALLARAT,

To MEET

Mr. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, F.I.M.D.

the Expert on matters appertaining to the Deaf and Dumb
and the Language of Gesture, from England, who will
give his

UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT

which received so enthusiastic a reception in the Melbourne
Town Hall recently.

Collection in aid of ADULT Deaf and Dumb Institute Fund.

Doors open at 7.30 o'clock for Programme Holders only.

7.45 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC.

Carriages at 10 o'clock.

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The PROGRAMME which consists of a variety of Pretty,

Original, and Amusing Performances by

DEAF MUTES,

will include . . .

A RAPID SKETCHING ENTERTAINMENT

A CLEVER EXHIBITION OF PAPER MANIPULATION OR
ORNAMENTAL DESIGN MAKING.

HUMOROUS RECITALS IN THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE.

ROCK OF AGES AND OTHER SUBJECTS IN

STATUARY AND SONG.

"Then came the gem of the Evening, 'Rock of Ages in Statuary and Song,' the words of the hymn softly sung by the Cornish Choir to an exquisitely delicate organ accompaniment by Mr. E. J. Watkin. The Grouping of Living Statuary with the limelight thrown upon them from either side, motionless as marble figures, but with the life and love and adoration in their eyes and on their faces, formed the most beautiful objects we have ever beheld. The audience looked, and listened in breathless silence, and many eyes were glistening with tears."—*Spectator*.



MR. ERNEST J. D. ABRAHAM, F.I.M.D.

Will speak on and give practical illustrations of

THE LANGUAGE OF GESTURE

as used by the Deaf and Dumb, the Aborigines, North American Indians, and other tribes of the present day.



The Dean of Ballarat, the REV. N. LINDEN PARKYN,
WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE MEETING.

Choruses and Part Songs by the
CHOIR OF ST. ANDREWS KIRK, BALLARAT.



This Meeting and Entertainment is being held for the purpose of drawing public attention to the grand, and very necessary, work which is being done among the ADULT Deaf and Dumb in this State, and in the hope of securing public sympathy and support, the claims to which are sufficiently apparent from the fact that there are over 500 Deaf and Dumb persons.

President: THE HON. SIR FREDERICK SARGOOD, K.C.M.G.

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Hon. Secretary: O. L. OLDEN, Esq., 7 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.

MR. ABRAHAM who is a past-master of the Language of Pose and Gesture, recently arranged and introduced a most Novel and Attractive Sacred Entertainment, in which Hymns (whilst being sung) are illustrated by Living Statuary. These Concerts have attracted vast audiences. The Melbourne Town Hall was crowded in every part immediately the doors were opened, and some 5,000 people were unable to obtain admission.



The above Photograph illustrates the lines
"While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death."
and is one of a series of five poses rendered in
Living Statuary representing the hymn "Rock of Ages."