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Australian Association for the Advancement of the Deaf

JUNE 30, 1935

The Association seeks the **free co-operation of the Deaf** in all that furthers their highest aspirations. Our principles are in complete agreement with those of the free and independent National Associations which have advanced the interests of the Deaf in other countries.

Box 74A G.P.O.,

Brisbane.

Dear Friend,—

The sharing of responsibilities and active part in their own affairs which has been gained by the Deaf, can only be held by our proving ourselves able to fulfil our part in a manner which will gain appreciation and esteem.

In this, our Association, we have a work to do which is free from local divisions and feelings, and is, therefore, a test of our understanding, loyalty, goodwill, and effort.

This field of service to our fellow deaf is open to all, and upon your interest and support depends the maintenance of the only open organisation which stands for the right of the deaf to carry out the business of their own Association.

For the assistance and support received I thank you, and send my good wishes to all.

Yours fraternally,

L. CRUSE,

President,

Queensland Branch.

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Annual Report for Year ending June 30th, 1935.

In presenting their report your Executive wish to acknowledge that the strength of the Branch lies in its ordinary members who have given every support by their contributions, attendance and willingness to assist.

Our work is carried out under conditions which are most encouraging. We can best show our appreciation by maintaining the helpfulness and loyalty which have brought success.

The continued experience in the conduct of the affairs of the Branch through its meetings, provides an opportunity for the deaf to take up a fuller share of their responsibilities, enlarge their outlook, widen the field of their interest and sympathy for their fellow deaf, and foster the fulfilment of beneficial policies and relationships.

By their decision not to desert the Association and the ideals for which it was founded, our members showed that they were guided by principles, and free from control of influences not in agreement with the ideals of the Association.

We believe that the difficulties which the Association has passed through during the last year have provided a splendid test as to the honesty of purpose, loyalty to the members' interests and rights, proper methods of management, and an intelligent carrying out of the work of the Association.

The progress made during the year has proved that those who refused to desert the cause of the Deaf have

every reason to be satisfied that loyalty has proved the better course and an advance toward the recognition of the deaf as guardians of their own legitimate rights.

Your Executive have held sixteen meetings, the business of which has been taken to your general meetings so that the closest relation will continue between the Executive and the members, who have full knowledge of the affairs of the Branch. There have been changes among the office-bearers, but the work has gone on smoothly and efficiently.

In order to secure continuity in the policy and work of the Executive, the members agreed that one half of the Executive Committee should remain in office for two years, the retiring members to be eligible for re-election.

The attendance at the twelve general meetings of members which have been held has been well maintained, and it is a great encouragement to the Executive to have this continued support.

The Monthly Financial Statement of the Branch has been on the notice board and before the regular meetings. The position is satisfactory. We do realise that times are very hard. We also realise that the Branch continues to be the chief contributor to Federal Executive finance. The expenditure has been limited to the necessary printing, Secretarial expenses, and securing educational matter for the use of our members. No expenditure from ordinary funds has been made for the Socials, etc., held under our auspices.

We would point out to our members that a steady income is more desirable than depending on special efforts.

The extraordinary income amounts to £9/11/7. In this total is included the completed payments of six subscribers to the Foundation Fund due for the period November, 1934, to October, 1935, and therefore represents several months' income of the next financial year.

The Executive have continued to carry out the policy agreed upon by the members, of forming a Library on matters relating to the welfare of the Deaf. We have

received several gifts toward the library and have expended £5/14/6 under this scheme. We have secured a cabinet bookcase for the use of the Branch Officers and housing our library. The members can have the loan of the books on application to the Hon. Secretary.

On Mr. Allardice's accepting the position of Hon. Secretary, Federal Executive, the Branch elected Miss M. Overend Wilson to fill the vacancy of our representation on that body.

We have to thank those who have served with us on the Executive and the many friends who have given us encouraging help in so many ways. The list is a long one, and as all service ranks the same we do not set out any names, but assure them of our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

Another year's experience makes us feel more sure that the unity of the Deaf in a free Association is necessary, and that unselfish loyalty to their best interests will be the only means to secure it. It is the duty of every deaf person to be interested, to be educated, to be active for the advancement of our deaf brethren, and when that duty is realised the real value of their own Association will be fully understood, and you will know that your work and sacrifice have not been in vain.

On behalf of the Executive,

GRACE THEAKER,

Hon. Secretary.

"There is always a new horizon for onward looking men."

"Man is unconquerable when he stands on the rights of man."

"It is inspiring to see against the background of our ignorance an old ideal or discarded truth flash forth new created."

—Helen Keller.
(Deaf and Blind.)

REMEMBER

The A.A.A.D. is NOT controlled by or acting under any other organisation.

It is the Only Free Association for the Australian Deaf.

Its Officers are ELECTED BY THE DEAF members of the Association.

We are not compelled to accept officers of Societies or Missions to control our business.

It is the Only National Association of the Deaf