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Dear Friends

Through the kindness of our Mission Committee in presenting us with an Autocopyist, we are now able to follow in the footsteps of our Victorian and Queensland brethren, and issue a monthly paper concerning the work of our Mission and Farm and various items of interest to the deaf & dumb that may come to hand from time to time.

The most important feature of last July was the 50th birthday of our beloved friend and Superintendent Mr Samuel Johnson, M. A., which was celebrated at the Brighton Institution on Saturday, July 8th when a great gathering of the adults and pupils took place. A most enjoyable time was spent, and about 140 sat down down to a sumptuous tea, after which Mr F. J. Martin (an ex-pupil), on

behalf of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission presented Mr Johnson with a handsome barometer and thermometer and the following address:—

" To Samuel Johnson Esq, N. H.

The members of the Adelaide Deaf & Dumb Mission wish you on this your 50th birthday very many happy returns of the day. We pray God that you and Mr^s Johnson and your dear children may long be spared to enjoy each other's company, and continue to encourage, cheer, and help us with your very kind and always helpful and wise counsel. We wish to assure you that all of us greatly esteem and love you and we feel sure that you love us all and have the interests of the deaf & dumb very near your heart. We desire to thank you for the great interest you have at all times taken in our spiritual, moral, and temporal welfare. You have indeed been a kind fatherly guide, and example to many of us, and a good friend to all. We know that it is owing largely to your very high moral and religious

standing and influence that the deaf of South Australia are so well educated and have such a beautiful Church and Institute, and Farm, and the Brighton Institution. We with a multitude of our hearing friends thank God for giving you to us a man at once so full of manly and deep kindly energy to so lovingly labour amongst us. Our prayer is that you and yours may be spared many many years and have many happy returns of this day."

The teachers of the Brighton Institution also presented him with a handbag, and the servants, a case of silver servietterings. Mr^r Johnson, in returning thanks, stated that he had been engaged amongst the deaf and dumb over 29 years, and would continue taking an interest in his work. Messrs W. K. Bostock, C. Hawkins and J. A. Gibson also gave addresses on the good work Mr Johnson has done for the deaf & dumb of this State. The rest of the evening was devoted to games and conversation. Mr Johnson received a congratulatory telegram from the deaf of Melbourne. This

ended a memorable day with the deaf & dumb and Mr & Mrs Johnson & their children.

The fate of South Australian deaf mutes in athletic sports is undoubtedly lacrosse. The lacrosse club was formed 3 years ago to provide games on Saturday afternoons during the winter, and has since made rapid strides in the scientific mode of playing the game. During this season the club has played 14 matches, of which 13 have been won, and 1 drawn, and has won the premiership of the Junior B. grade Association.

Personal Parts.

We have to congratulate Mr & Mrs Hawkins on the birth of another daughter. Miss Moorhouse is still at Sumner, New Zealand. Her mother is taking a furnished house in Christchurch for some months. She sends best wishes to all. We regret to announce the death of Mr J. W. Harris's mother. He has our sincere sympathy. Mr Hodgson & Miss Reynolds were united in holy matrimony on the 13th, and are now spending their honeymoon in Melbourne. Other items of interest are held over till next issue.