

# DEAF AND DUMB MISSION.

## Tribute To Late Mr. Showell.

**T**HE Rev. C. Beharell conducted the evening service at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission on Sunday last. The christenings of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Johnson's two children were performed during the service. Afterwards, in the main hall of the mission, a large photo of the late Mr. S. W. Showell was unveiled by the minister, a large number of the deaf and their friends being present.

Mr. Beharell stated that the late Mr. Showell was pastor and superintendent of the mission from 1903 to 1926; that he was a man with high ideals for the welfare of the deaf and dumb, and several of his great ambitions had been realised. The training scheme for the young people had eventuated in workshops; his ideal of premises for the deaf to meet for recreation and educational purposes had materialised in the erection of the beautiful building in Turbot-street; the spiritual welfare of the deaf had been carried out in the mission chapel, in which he for many years preached. It was his ambition also to found a hostel to accommodate deaf lads visiting and working in the city. This, however, had been possible since his death. He was not only a man of ideals, but he possessed those three qualities which made these ideals possible—culture, tireless energy, and faith.

Mr. Kingwell, who was a member of the council when Mr. Showell was superintendent, and who had known him for 10 years, endorsed all that the previous speaker had said.

Mr. Beharell thanked the daughter of the late Mr. Showell, who so kindly acted as interpreter in the church service, and also during the unveiling ceremony.