

Church Epping after a service conducted by the Rev. Wells to the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. A large number of relatives and friends attended and the Society was represented by a full number of members of the Board, and the staff.

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CONFERENCES.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Superintendents of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Societies and Missions of Australia, Mr. A. Landers (Queensland), O. R. Redman (South Australia), E. R. Reynolds (Victoria), A. L. Lonsdale (N.S.W.), met in Sydney during the week of the 4th to 9th April and discussed various matters appertaining to the work and also the forthcoming Carnival to be held in Sydney next Christmas.

In connection with the Carnival several decisions were made these being:-

The Carnival would commence on Monday the 26th December and conclude on Monday the 2nd January.

New South Wales, being the host State, will make all arrangements for the Carnival including the draw for the various matches and events.

Tennis teams competing for the R. Cohen cup would consist of 4 men and 2 ladies as at the Queensland Carnival.

The Jones Cup would be decided by Point Score - a win in an event to be one Point. In the event of a tie, then "runners up" would count.

The following events would if possible be conducted:-

LADIES. Table Tennis singles, Quoits, Chess, Draughts. MEENS. Table Tennis singles, Billiards, Snooker, Chess, Draughts, Quoits-providing there be an entry in any section from at least two states. Each state could enter two representatives in each event but no contestant could compete in more than two events.

The winner of each event would be recognised as the Australian Champion.

All requests for accommodation in Sydney must be made through the Superintendent of each State.

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SIGNS.

A Signs Conference was also held during the same week, those attending in addition to the Superintendents being Miss Y. Landers (Queensland) and Mr. W. J. Engel, Care Officer (N.S.W.) and

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representatives of the Deaf Miss J. Ransom (West Australia), Mr. H. Maggs (South Australia), Mr. W. Ross (Victoria); Mr. E. Castree (Queensland) and Mr. S. Phillips (N.S.W.).

A number of signs were discussed and agreement on a uniform sign for some 80 signs was reached. A number were already in common use by all states but for about 20, where there existed a difference, it was decided to use a sign used by a particular state or states and which was considered the most appropriate. In only a few instances was an entirely new sign adopted.

Numerical signs were considered of paramount importance and a set almost the same as those used in the Southern States, was agreed upon.

It was decided (1) the best means of making known the signs was for the delegates to use them and, at meetings, demonstrate them. (2) that the signs be reproduced in printed block form, first in pamphlet and ultimately in booklet. (3) that the State Boards of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and N.S.W. be asked to contribute £25 each towards the preliminary costs of the work. (4) in the event of all states agreeing to proceed as recommended, that N.S.W. be asked to put into effect these decisions and commence the work.

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N.S.W. INSTITUTION FOR DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND.

On Saturday afternoon the 30th May a Sale of Work and a Carnival of Sports took place in the grounds of the Deaf School, City Road Darlington.

The Fete was organised by the Parents and Friends Committee headed by Mrs. Vidler.

There was a large gathering when Mrs. Fowler M.L.A. opened the function after which a very brisk time of trading took place resulting in a total sum of about £240.

The President of the Institution, Mr. E. Minnis with Mrs. Minnis entertained to afternoon tea Mr. & Mrs. Doust and Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, Superintendent of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society, and Mrs. Lonsdale.

Mr. Minnis is expected to visit Elizabeth House on Friday night and is assured of a hearty welcome.

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Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang the best.

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