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VISITS.

The March fixture was a visit to Malvern House, a Victorian mansion in East Malvern now a primary school section of Caulfield Grammar School.

The Head Teacher, Mr. W. Sayers, gave us a short history of the building, indicated briefly some of the maintenance problems and conducted us round the building, pointing out many of it's interesting features. These included the staircase, balustrade, lantern, verandah, and the imported parquetry floor, still in excellent condition. We are very grateful to Mr. Sayers for this most interesting evening.

In April, we visited the Melbourne University Archives, the workplace of member, Cicely Close. After an introductory talk by Cicely, and an inspection of the office section, we crossed the park to the modern store where Director, Mr.Frank Strahan, showed us the special features of the building - temperature control, movable electricshelves etc. The preservation of business records is one of the chief tasks of the Archives. Thank you, Cicely, for arranging the visit. It was educative and a new field for most of us.

Visits in consecutive months is not our usual practice and we will try to avoid this happening again.

LABASSA.

In a letter to the Society from the Ministry of the Arts, it is revealed that the Ministry, in co-operation with the Premier's Department, and the Ministry of Planning, is investigating the suitability of Labassa as a musuem of Decorative Iron on the basis of a co-operative venture involving the National Gallery and the National Trust.

NEW SCHOOL.

'Gandel-Bessen', a new Jewish Primary School, situated in Mayfield St. East St.Kilda, was officially opened by the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowan, on April 27th. It will act as a feeder school for Mt. Scopus College.

NEW MEMBER. Mrs.D.E. Hancock.

RESIGNATION.

The Society has accepted, with great regret, the resignation of Mr.& Mrs. K.A.R. Horn who have moved from Caulfield. Ken was the energetic and efficient immediate Past President of the Society. We offer Best Wishes for their future in their new home.

CIVIC DINNER.

The Caulfield Council has departed from long established custom by holding a Civic Dinner instead of the Mayoral Ball. The Dinner will be held in the City Hall on Thursday, May 15th. and the Guest Speaker will be the Hon. Digby Crozier M.L.C., Minister for Local Government.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting willbe held in the upstairs staff room on Wednesday May 21st. Entry is by the stairs in the main hall portico. Hope to see you !