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Each year, as anniversaries like Anzac Day and Armistice Day occur, there is registered in the public consciousness an ever-increasing desire to celebrate such occasions with due reverence and, at the same time, to pay fitting tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in order that our Empire and our present social order might still exist. Naturally, at such times, many people, especially those who lost near and dear ones on the field of honour, busy their minds with the possibility of saving future generations from the years of carnage, sacrifice, and strain that our elder generation has endured. Naturally, also, a certain disgruntled section of the community—those who were living in the country during the war years, or have filtered into it since, to whom the triumph of the entente powers was a source of disappointment; the frowsy communist who preaches disarmament because he realises that the armed forces of the crown are the final bulwark against anarchy; the shirker who remained comfortably at home while better men were risking life and health; the stranger within our gates who accepts the freedom our country offers without comprehending the centuries of sacrifice which made that freedom possible; in short, all the lesser breeds without the law feel that they are playing the role of the skeleton at feast.

"Ignored by that portion of the community which matters most, they endeavour to thrust themselves upon the notice of the public by voiding cheap sneers at the preachers and public speakers in whom the public holds confidence; or by stimulating mass hysteria against the horrors of a war which they sedulously refrain from experiencing.

While such people bend their backs to the task of promoting a peace consciousness we have nothing to say against them; though we do consider that their energies would be better and more usefully employed in preaching peace to such countries as Russia, China and India, than in periodical repetitions of parrot cries to a people already convinced of the desirability of world peace. When, on the other hand, they begin to talk and write pernicious nonsense about the war for civilisation being a futile expenditure of blood and treasure; to adopt an attitude of moral superiority towards the men who fought in it; to imply that the soldier was the dupe of interested parties while they, the clever little fellows, abstained from risking their precious hides; when attempts are being made to make the returned man the cat's paw of cranks and partisans; it is high time for us to apply the vitrol of reason to the base metal of sophistry and cant. It is time also to challenge the bonafides of those who make such wild assertions and to point out that the greatest obstacle in the way of world peace is the type of person who is most frantic in advocating it.

For instance, the special pleading on behalf of slackers, indulged in by the Rev. N. Richards at the “peace demonstration” held in Trinity Congregational Church on the night of November 11, is far more likely to arouse feelings of indignation and derision against the peace mongers than to advance the cause they advocate. As reported in the “West Australian,” Mr. Richards said: “When referring to the sacrifices made by soldiers we were looking at one side of the case. Some soldiers sacrificed their lives because other soldiers killed them.” True, O—minor prophet! So true that we wait with breathless interest the announcement of Mr. Richards’s new discovery that the earth is round. “The whole training of the soldier,” the speaker continued, “was intended not for him to give his life, but to take life. The time was coming when not only wars, but the makers of wars and even those who were prepared to take part in wars would have to be condemned.” This is special pleading on behalf of slackers with a vengeance. We do not know who constituted Mr. N. Richards an authority on military training and the intention underlying it. In the A.I.F. there were many padres of greater academic distinction than Mr. Richards; many whose experiences in the field gave them a deeper insight into human nature and a wider sympathy with mankind in general than Mr. Richards ever hoped to achieve. Fortunately, the remarks of men of this calibre on the war and the debt the country owes its soldiers are more likely to sway the public than the verbal pyrotechnics of one who was a total abstainer from the risks of active service. No man need be ashamed of having served his country in the field. Condemnation from some sources is the equivalent of acclamation, and, if those who take part in wars are to be condemned, we would rather be condemned in the company of most of our A.I.F. padres than canonised in that of the Rev. N. Richards.

This is the same Mr. Richards who, earlier in the year, wanted to have the Anzac Day celebration divested of its military significance. Mr. Richards is one of those energetic little men who has allowed zeal to outrun discretion, and studies to interfere with education. It is but natural that he should feel “out of it,” on occasions like Anzac Day and Armistice Day, but even that is no excuse for spouting ill-natured twaddle. Can Mr. Richards explain to us how we could have avoided the war in our own defence against Germany? Will he enlighten us as to how we could have remained neutral without incurring the contempt that America incurred during the first
years of the war, a contempt which America’s late entrance into the struggle did very little to remove?

It is Mr. Richards himself who looks at only one side of the question. War is not a conflict of right and wrong, but of right and right. Believing in the justice of our cause we took up arms in our own defense with clean hands and with an easy conscience. The Germans had equal faith in the righteousness of their cause. German strategy had an even greater faith in the doctrine of striking quickly and striking hard. There was not time for arbitration in 1914. The war had happened and we were in it before the world had recovered from the first shock of the tragedy at Sarajevo. But, if the war did nothing else, it awakened a recognition of the value of arbitration, and it provided the machinery for putting it into effect. A war which caused the downfall of three irresponsible autocracies; which liberated smaller peoples from age-old oppressions; which awakened a world consciousness in favour of peace; which established the League of Nations and which led to the signing of various peace pacts as a step along the route to the goal of peace universal; and which, at the same time, retained for cranks and plotters in this country the freedom to utter airy nonsense on every conceivable occasion; can hardly be said to have been futile, except by those same cranks and plotters. Had those soldiers, whom Mr. Richards hints are worthy of condemnation, not played their part in that war, Mr. Richards and others would not have been free to run their little side shows on Armistice Day, even though those side shows have the aspect of a Punch and Judy trying to compete with an oratorio.

Promises and Pie-Heads

Our engaging little contemporary The Westernian Worker, has seen fit to take advantage of the Armistice Day celebration to flog the infancy complex of the cold-footer into a semblance of decency by attacking people who, according to The Worker, exploited the soldiers during the war years, but now turn deaf ears to the ex-soldier in search of a job. The Worker’s article, headed “The Victory—and the Failure,” is simply an impudent attempt to make the soldier a species of shuttlecock in another effort to defame Sir Otto Niemeyer. The LISTENING POST holds no brief for Sir Otto, but it strongly objects to the returned man being made the pivot whence to launch some gas attack in the interests of party politics. In this article, as in another comment made by the Worker on a resolution, passed by Federal Congress, deploring the effort which has been made to repudiate Australia’s financial obligations, it was stated that “With one exception, the promises made during the war have been repudiated. The bond-holders alone have escaped.” Surely the “literary” staff of The Worker needs a course of Pelmanism. All the promises made to soldiers—repatriation, pensions, land-settlement, war-service homes, etc.—have been honoured by the Federal Government, often in spite of strong opposition. We would like to remind The Worker of another promise which was honoured recently in spite of the vigorous attempt to breach the observance. It was the Scullin Government which tried to repudiate the principle of preference to returned soldier. The kick which came from the Returned Soldiers’ League, with the force of the nation behind it, made the Federal Government subside. No protest emanated from the West Australian Worker on that occasion.

Trafficcking in Soldiers’ War Pensions

It is very apparent that money lenders, private traders, and others are trafficking in soldiers’ war pensions, notwithstanding the provisions of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, and the Regulations thereunder, which declare the practice to be illegal and punishable.

A number of prosecutions have been launched by the Repatriation Department against money lenders for having infringed the regulations by advancing money to pensioners against their war pensions. Section 43 of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act lays it down that a pension shall be absolutely inalienable whether by way or in consequence of sale, assignment, charge, or execution, insolvency, or otherwise howsoever.

The practice is to make an advance to the pensioner upon his handing over the pension pay card together with a sufficient number of signed orders in the form laid down by the regulations for use by the pensioner when he is unable personally to collect his instalments. The form contains a declaration to the effect that the agent of the pensioner is not receiving the pension instalment by way or in consequence of sale, assignment, charge, execution, or insolvency. In a number of successful prosecutions money lenders were heavily fined, and in addition were ordered to pay the cost of the proceedings, in default of imprisonment. It is known that in some cases exorbitant rates of interest have been obtained. The obligation is on the League to assist the Repatriation Department to see that pensioners are not victimised by unscrupulous persons, and we advise pensioners not to attempt to use their pensions in such a risky and illegal manner.

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Apologies were received from Rabbi Freedman and Mr. Parker.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs.  

Management Committee.—The Management asked that Sub-Branch invitations be accepted as follows:—

Nungarin—November 8th: Col. Olden and one other.
Northam—November 11th: Archdeacon Riley.
York—November 11th: Rabbi Freedman.
Bridgetown—November 8th: Mr. H. E. Wells.
Naughton—November 11th: Mr. Salmon, President of Geraldton Sub-Branch.
Collie—November 11th: Col. Margolin and Mr. Bader.

The report of the Management Committee was then adopted.

Staff.—The Management Committee recommended that Mr. C. G. Ferguson be appointed Acting Secretary from November 1st to 30th, with authority to counter-sign cheques. Recommendation adopted.

State Congress Resolutions.—The Management Committee had referred resolutions from the State Congress to the various committees.

Reports.—The State Secretary's report was received:

Finance Committee:—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 29th October was received and adopted.

Land Committee:—Report of the Land Committee meeting held on the 22nd October was received.

Moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. Wells that the Land Committee be asked to make enquires as to what is happening to the interest accruing on the £3,000 advance held by Mr. McLarty for ex-Soldier's cheques. Carried.

Poppies Day:—Report of the Poppies Day Committee meeting held on October 24th received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Bader, that the Metropolitan Sub-Branches be asked to report on their poppy sales in the city area—Carried.

Pensions Committee:—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on the 21st October. Report adopted.

Retrenchment:—The State Secretary reported that the Employment Committee and the Management Committee had met Soldier Parliamentarians, and that also the State President and himself had interviewed the Minister and Commissioner for Railways. A further communication was also received from the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch concerning further retrenchments and submitting resolutions from the sub-branch.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Col. Margolin, that the State President and Secretary visit the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch and discuss details of preference with the Executive of the Sub-Branch, as the outcome of the State Executive's activity on behalf of their members.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Parquharson, that the Employment Committee visit the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch at the earliest opportunity to confer with the members on the question of preference to ex-service men in the Railway Department. The sub-branch to supply detailed information regarding retrenched ex-service men prior to the meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Parquharson, seconded by Mr. Smith, that publicity be given to the real meaning of the returned soldiers' claim to preference in appointments, dismissals and promotions.—Carried.

Corrigin:—The report on a visit to Corrigin was submitted on behalf of Rabbi Freedman. Report received.

House Committee:—Mr. Philp verbally reported on behalf of the House Committee.

Narrogin:—Rev. E. H. O. Nye reported having visited the Narrogin Sub-Branch.

Federal Correspondence.—L. H. Harrison, a further communication from the Federal Executive was received. The Public Service Board had advised that further examination for this man could not be granted.

Age Limit Government Service:—A communication concerning Resolutions—128, 14th Annual Conference, under this heading, was received.

Report of the Enticement Tribunal to the 30th June, 1930, was received.

Employment Bureaux:—Report of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of September, was received.

History of the League:—A number of copies of this history had been made available from the Federal Executive.

Kelso.—Mr. Morey, Nov 8th: Left in the hands of the State President.

South African and Imperial Veterans' Association:—Memorial Service, November 16th.

A.F.C. Association:—Referred to Management Committee.

Perth Sub-Branch:—This Sub-Branch requested the presence of the State President and Secretary at their next meeting on November 11th. They had been advised that owing to the State President's Secretary's absence in the Eastern States, they could not attend, but Mr. Edmonds, their representative on the Executive, would be present.

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Yamah Sub-Branch:—Referred to Management Committee.

Ex-Navy Men's Association, November 10th:—Mr. Birristle was appointed.

Poppies Day:—The Nungarin Sub-Branch requested permission to hold Poppies Day in Nungarin on Saturday, November 8th.—Permission granted.

Cost of Fertilisers.—A communication from the Darling Range Sub-Branch concerning the cost of fertilisers was referred to the Land Committee.

S.S.S.—The Perth Sub-Branch wrote concerning soldier representation on the Soldier Settlement Board. The letter was referred to the Land Committee.

Employment Bureau.—The Perth Sub-Branch asked that when complaints re the Employment Bureau came before the State Executive, the persons concerned be invited to give evidence, and that the monthly report of the Bureau include the names of men securing positions through the Bureau. A copy to be made available to Perth Sub-Branch.

Moved by Mr. Pady, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that the Perth Sub-Branch be advised that the granting of their request would be impracticable.—Carried.

The Perth Sub-Branch also complained that a position had been posted on the notice board, and the man who first applied for it was not given the position. The employment officer pointed out that it was his duty to satisfy the employer, and see that the right person was recommended.—The action of the employment officer was endorsed.

State War Memorial.—Sir William Lathlain advised that he accepted the position of Warden of the State War Memorial for the ensuing year, and appreciated the honour.

The West Perth Sub-Branch also acknowledged the appointment as Assistant Warden, and stated that all members were deeply grateful for being the first Assistant Wardens appointed.

Death Grant.—Mr. A. Morey submitted a sug-
The Chairman of the Pensions Committee then explained to the deputation what was being done by the Executive, and the decision it had come to. Mr. Axford stated that he refused to address the Executive on the Haley case while the Executive was in committee. Despite efforts to persuade the delegation to do otherwise they were adamant in their attitude. Mr. McDowell stated that he personally would be prepared to discuss the matter, but would have to seek direction from his sub-branch. The suggestion was made that the deputation meet the Pensions Committee in order to discuss the case, but this suggestion was also declined.

It was then moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Wells: That the next business be proceeded with. This was carried, and the deputation withdrew.

It was then moved by Colonel Olden, seconded by Mr. Cook: That the press be authorised to publish a statement to the effect that the Haley case came up for earnest and prolonged discussion, but that pending further action now being taken by the Executive no further public statements would be made at this stage. Carried.

The balance of the Pensions Committee report, mainly dealing with re-enforcement in the Railway Workshops was then adopted.

Visiting Committee.—Mr. Logie addressed delegates concerning visits to Ward 11, Perth Hospital. Moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Tyler: That the Visiting Committee co-opt the Pensions Committee and that the question of visiting institutions be considered and a recommendation be made to the Executive.

J. A. le Nauze, Rhodes Scholar.—At the instance of Rabbi Freedman, the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of congratulation to Mr. le Nauze, who recently won the Rhodes Scholarship. He was the son of a deceased soldier, and has been trained under the Repatriation Department Educational Scheme.

Reports.—The Acting State Secretary submitted a report concerning Poppy Day. He asked that thanks be tendered to Sir William Latham and Mr. Heath for decorating the War Memorial with palms and ferns on Armistice Day.

House Committee.—Mr. Philp submitted a report of the House Committee meeting, held on the 5th October. The report was received and adopted.

Finance Committee.—Mr. Wells submitted a report of the Finance Committee meeting, held on the 10th November. Report received and adopted.

Relief Funds.—The report of the Trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of October was read.

Employment.—The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of October was received.

The following reports were submitted on visits to sub-branches:

Northam.—Rev. C. L. Riley
Fremantle.—G. W. Philp
Capel and Bridgetown.—H. E. Wells
York.—Rabbi Freedman and C. Bader
Nungarin.—Colonel Olden and Mr. Yeates
Kelmscott.—E. S. Watt
Subiaco.—Mr. Tyler stated that he had intended to represent the Executive at Subiaco, but owing to illness was prevented from doing so.

Federal Correspondence.—Communications were received from the Federal Executive on the following matters:

(a) H. B. Holmes
(b) Menin Gate Picture.
President's and Secretary's Meeting

The Subiaco Sub-Branch has requested us to publish the following letter, which is a copy of one sent by them to the State Executive on the 6th November:

"Some four months ago this Sub-Branch forwarded a suggestion to the Executive that quarterly gatherings of sub-branch presidents and secretaries would promote the welfare of the League. The Executive gave its approval, and the first meeting was held most successfully. The second is now due, but my sub-branch learns with surprise that they are no longer to be countenanced. Since the meetings were allowed to start, this veto is inexplicable. Already this sub-branch has reaped benefits in the interchange of ideas, particularly as to what each of the leaders are doing to keep their members interested at meetings, and so increase the membership. Our relationship with our immediate neighbours has been improved, and just now we are arranging a grand debate with Nedlands (to whom, incidentally, you are invited)—all as the outcome of the Presidential communications.

"This sub-branch feels that its President has been let down, inasmuch as the other sub-branches will wonder why he has not continued his work, after promising to do so. It is our intention to explain this apparent delinquency through the pages of the LISTENING POST."

Our office cynic considered that the election for Lord Mayor should have been held on the Fifth of November.

Camp Fire

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The State Secretary has received letters from several State Government departments in reply to resolutions passed by the last State Congress, which were duly forwarded on to the departments concerned. The following brief summary is published in full for information.

Flat Railway Freight on Wheat

The Commissioner for Railways advises that whilst such an arrangement would no doubt be welcomed by the outback settler, it would be vigorously opposed by those located in places at which the existing mileage rates would represent a reduction on the proposed flat rate. Moreover, by reason of the figure at which the flat rate would have to be fixed to avoid loss of revenue, the Department would no doubt lose a good deal of the short distance traffic to road competitors.

Agricultural Bank

The General Manager advises:

(a) Under the existing policy the Bank grants advances of £210 for building purposes, and practically all clients applying for same have been given that amount. The Bank's ability to continue advances will depend entirely upon borrowers meeting their mortgage obligations. If they are unable to do so the Bank will have no option but to curtail seriously its operations.

(b) Re Resolution 18 (S.S.)—The Trustees realise that it will be necessary for settlers in the eastern wheat belt to turn their attention to side lines, and the Bank will do all in its power to assist

them. Under present financial conditions the Bank cannot commit itself to any definite policy, but all applications will be considered on their merits.

The ability of the Bank to continue assistance depends on its clients meeting their mortgage obligations, and if a substantial amount is recovered from harvest proceeds, the Bank will be in a position to give proportionate assistance.

On the other hand, if the Bank is unable to collect interest, etc., it is feared that operations must be seriously curtailed.

(c) Re Resolution No. 6 (S.S.).—It is regretted that the Trustees have no power to give effect to the resolution. The practice is to deal with each case on its merits. The financial position is such that the Bank will be compelled to insist on a more rigid observance of mortgage covenants in the future than it has done in the past.

Department of Works and Labour

(a) The Minister for Water Supply and Drainage states that adequate drainage and irrigation works are being carried out in the Harvey District, and that if additional money can be provided, it is possible that work will be commenced in the Waroona district in the near future. A good deal of drainage work has from time to time been carried out in the Coolup area, and there is not much likelihood of money being found for additional work this year.

It is just as well that the League should understand that no new drainage works will be authorised unless sufficient revenue can be received from settlers in the form of rates to cover interest, sinking fund, and maintenance charges.

(b) In reply to Resolution No. 10 (S.S.).—It is regretted that owing to financial stringency it is improbable that money can be found during this financial year to reticulate the area on which soldier settlers have been settled in the Yilgarn district.

Department of Agriculture

(a) The Minister for Agriculture advises, relative to the establishment of country veterinary centres, that already the Department has two veterinary officers with their headquarters in country districts, and it was intended to make similar arrangements regarding two other veterinary officers. Unfortunately, however, owing to the financial stringency this has not yet been possible. The proposal to give service desired in other districts, however, is at present receiving consideration.

(b) The Director of Agriculture writes relative to stud horses that some time ago it was proposed that a stallion should be placed on the various farms under the control of the Agricultural Department, but, after fully considering the matter, it was decided that the horse breeding industry would be helped to a greater extent if the Department subsidised the purchase of approved stallions on a $ for £ basis. This scheme has been in operation for three years, and already a number of stallions have been imported into the State under its provisions.

The Director enclosed a copy of the provisions under which the subsidy is granted. These conditions will be supplied on application.

The Americans were not the only people who won the war. The following extract from the text-book for secondary classes, published by the Fascist State for use in Italian schools, speaks for itself.

Papa: It is the 29th of May, the day that we entered the war, which we Italians waged and won before everybody else.

Bruno: Why before anybody else?

Papa: Because other soldiers were also fighting on other fronts. French, English, Americans. But the grand victory, the victory decisive, we gained at Vittorio Veneto, and it was so great that it put an end to the world war that had been going on for four years.

Shut up Uncle Sam. You've had your turn. Let us now have a few words from our old ally Portugal.
War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1930.

In the hearing of appeals in the various States throughout the year, the Tribunal travelled more than 15,390 miles, and always keeping in mind the necessity of finalising appeals with the greatest dispatch, practically all the travelling was carried out at week-ends, so that the only occasions when actual sitting time was lost was when travelling to and from Western Australia.

When compiling its itineraries, the Tribunal has endeavoured to do as far as possible deal with appeals in the order in which they were lodged. The expense incurred in the transportation of the Tribunal to and from the mainland to Tasmania could not reasonably be undertaken unless at least a full week’s sitting was provided, and for this reason only one journey was made to Tasmania, but each of the remaining three lesser populated States were visited twice.

The Tribunal has had a great advantage over other bodies charged with the granting of pensions, namely, the Repatriation Commission, and the State Repatriation Boards, in as much as it has been able to see every appellant in person, and thus had the opportunity of gauging for itself the relative value of the evidence supplied, which assisted greatly in the ultimate decisions reached.

In many cases a number of disabilities were claimed for, but notwithstanding that the major complaint may not have been accepted, the appeal was shown as allowed if any portion of the claim was upheld. Of the number of cases allowed, 57 were granted in respect of aggravation of “prior to enlistment” disabilities. A total of 1,478 cases were dealt with by the Tribunal during the year under review. Of these 1,409 were determined by the Tribunal, 18 deferred, and 27 referred back to the Commission and not yet finalised, in addition to which a further 24 were granted by the Repatriation Commission on further evidence to it as a result of hearing of appeals by the Tribunal. Sixteen of the total number were appellants resident in Great Britain, Canada, and New Zealand.

Of the appeals allowed 105 were in respect of deceased soldiers, and 400 in respect of incapacitated ex-soldiers; whilst 117 and 760 respectively were disallowed. Of the gross total of appeals heard for the year, 36.54 per cent. were allowed, and 63.45 disallowed, and the percentage in respect of deceased and incapacitated soldiers respectively show 47.3 per cent. allowed and 52.7 per cent. disallowed, and 34.48 per cent. and 67.52 per cent. disallowed.

In all 140 cases were referred back to the Commission in consequence of further evidence being submitted. Of these 24 were from Queensland, 53 from New South Wales, 25 from Victoria, 24 Western Australia, 10 South Australia, and 4 Tasmania. Twenty-four of the cases were allowed by the Commission, 42 were allowed by the Tribunal, after the Commission had reaffirmed its previous decisions of rejection, and 47 were disallowed by the Tribunal, and at 30th June, 27 were still awaiting finality.

The Royal Commission appointed in 1930 to investigate the question of incapacity in relation to War Service, recommended that the Commonwealth Government should accept responsibility for treatment of Venereal Disease contracted overseas, which at the time was considered due to the soldier’s default. The Tribunal is of the opinion that this recommendation should be given effect to with a view to minimising a very grave danger to future generations.

The Tribunal wishes to record its thanks for the assistance given by the Repatriation Commission and staff of the various branches in facilitating its requirements and also to the Repatriation Commission for placing at the disposal of the Tribunal so able and efficient a sec-

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Answers to Correspondents

Knuckle-Duster.—Sorry. We cannot inform you what night the Military Police are holding their annual re-union.

Historicus.—According to H. de B. Gibbons in “Industry in England,” the price of beer in Henry VIII’s time was fourpence a gallon. Yes, those were the “Good Old Days.”

Numismatist.—We do not know of any Portuguese decoration equivalent to our V.C. If there is one we should say it is the Order of the Racing Rooster with Crossed Running Shoes.

Secessionist.—If you will take the trouble to look up the word in any standard dictionary you will find that an “impertinence” is not necessarily a “breach of good manners.” One can be impertinent without being rude, and one can be dashed ill-mannered without being impertinent. One word has a logical significance while the other expression refers to standards of behaviour. The people we commented upon in our “Month” article last issue were both impertinent and ill-mannered. The main trouble with most people on your side of the argument is that you use words recklessly without knowing what they really mean.
In a Flanders Cemetery
(By D.C.M.F., in the British Legion)

I gaze on serried ranks of stones
That mark a city of the dead;
The head-stones o'er those garner'd bones
Which once were men! War-days have fled.
How still they lie at journey's end?
Come we to this and then—no more;
Is it for this that life we spend,
Then lie, like dust, upon earth's floor
In Flanders' fields?

Do they still dream of home and love,
Amidst the turmoil and the strife?
Do they still pray to God above
For rescue from that fearsome life?
Can they look back, like we who live,
To that grim hell of din and pain?
And, numb'd and torn, does mem'ry give
The horror of those days again
In Flanders' fields?

Ah! no! I think that all lies
Beneath those order'd ranks of tombs
Is but the useless shell that dies;
Souls sleep not 'midst funereal glooms!
Now, free'd by cleansing earthly pains,
Unscathed they dwell in heavenly glow;
The chrysals that burst its chains!
The brave we loved lie not below
In Flanders' fields.

Mr. Fred Clayton, who recently visited the cemeteries in France and Flanders, placing a bronze laurel wreath on the Central Cross at Villers-Bretonneux, on which was inscribed, "A tribute to those who went West, from the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' League, Mucklewa Sub-Branch, Western Australia." The grave of Mr. Clayton's brother was not many yards away from the cross.

Federal Congress

According to our delegates, who have just returned from the Federal Congress, the members of the League in Tasmania, and the Tasmanian public generally, set a very high standard of hospitality. When the S.S. "Nairana," on which the mainland delegates travelled, reached Launceston, the whole party was taken over by the officials of the Launceston Sub-Branch, conspicuous among whom were Messrs. Garnet, Fulton, and E.E. von Bibra.

Mr. Ritchie, who attended last year's Federal Congress in Perth as one of the Tasmanian delegates, was temporarily indisposed, but joined up with the State President (Colonel L. E. Mullen), when the delegates were entertained at Hobart. The Tasmanian Railways reserved a coach for the journey from Launceston to Hobart, and the compartment was well stocked with everything necessary for sustenance and comfort. This was placed on the train by the officials of the Launceston Sub-Branch, who detailed their Secretary (Mr. E. E. von Bibra) to accompany the party as guide, philosopher, and friend. His attractive personality added to the charm of the railway journey.

On arrival at Hobart at 5 p.m., the delegates were officially welcomed by Colonel Mullen, Mr. A. D. Cooper (State Secretary), and other prominent members of the Tasmanian Branch. Motor transport to convey the visitors from the train to Hailey's Hotel was provided by League members and supporters. The interval before dinner was spent in motor drives to famed beauty spots adjacent to the Tasmanian capital. In the evening Colonel Mullen, who, in private life is Governor of the Hobart Gaol, Mrs. Mullen, and Miss Jean Mullen entertained the delegates at a "cheerio party." Here, again, Colonel Mullen was ably supported by Mr. Harry Iken and Major W. Gray, M.C. Major Gray visited Perth a few years ago to participate in the big N.R.A. meeting, so he needed no introduction to Western Australians.

Early next morning, Sunday, the S.S. "Marna" conveyed the visitors up the Derwent to New Norfolk. They landed near the famous old Bush Inn. This house, 115 years old, is the oldest existing licensed premises in Australia, and it was here that the portion of the opera, "Mariana," which contains the lovely lyric "Scenes that are Brightest," was composed. The garden separating the hotel from the river bank is a veritable Eden. Its roses of all hues are a delight to the eye. Dr. MacPherson (President of the Derwent Valley Sub-Branch), Father O'Donnell (ex-padre, 11th Battalion), with the chairman and secretary of the shire council, participated in the welcome to the delegates. On the return voyage disaster overtook the steamer, which, after standing by to allow a train to cross one of the river bridges, had her mast and derrick crashed over the wheel house by...
the bridge swinging back instead of dropping into position. The accident was caused by the high wind blowing at the time.

The Congress proceedings commenced at 10 a.m., on Monday, November 10th, and ended at 6 p.m. on the following Wednesday. Other social functions included a State Executive dinner, at which His Excellency the Governor (Sir James O'Grady) was present, a Remembrance Club luncheon, presided over by Major-General Sir John Gellibrand, and a monster smoke social given by the Hobart Sub-Branch. On the return journey the Launceston Sub-Branch entertained the delegates at their beautiful club.

The Western Australian delegates wish to place on record their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them en route by Mr. J. Keightley (Southern Cross), Clarrie Fairley and colleagues (Kalgoorlie), the officials of the Port Augusta Sub-Branch, the S.A. State Executive, Mr. Lemmon (manager of the Adelaide R.S.I. Club), Mr. George Holland (President, Victoria Branch), and the members of his Executive who gave up their Saturday afternoon to motor Messrs. Toger and Benson to the Dandenong Ranges, and the Dandenong Range Sub-Branch, and to Mr. Jack Webster (Federal Secretary), for his many kindnesses right up to the time of departure.

It is rumoured that the Montenegrin government has been circulating propaganda in Perth, on behalf of one for the present candidates for the office of Lord Mayor.

**Personal**

His many digger friends will join in congratulating the Rev. H. H. Harper on his election as Canon of St. George's Cathedral. He replaces the Rev. Canon F. Marshall, who has just retired on account of continued ill-health. Canon Harper graduated in Arts and Theology at the University of Durham in 1900 and 1901, after which he occupied several pulpits in the North of England. He then joined the Brotherhood of St. Boniface at Williams, in 1912. Appointed to the A.I.F. in 1917, he was padre to the famous 16th Battalion. On his return to Australia in 1919, he was a short time at Mt. Barker, and since 1923 he has been Rector of St. Luke's, Claremont. The new Canon has always been a big gun in local church affairs. He has been one of the editors of the "W.A. Church News" for eight years, and has assisted as lecturer and examiner in training men for Holy Orders. He was selected as preacher for the year's Armistice Day service in the Cathedral. One of the old school of muscular Christians, he is a keen follower of Rugby football. Nevertheless he has developed one alarming vice—he is addicted to chess.

Mr. C. H. Pole, Departmental Manager of D. and W. Murray Ltd., left by the Great Western Express early this month on a three weeks' business trip to Melbourne. Charlie Pole fought the good fight as R.S.M. of the 44th until he gained the M.C. and promotion to commissioned rank.

Just returned from a trip abroad with Fred. Clayton, is Captain "Bobbie" Blyth, who was on Gallipoli with the old 16th. Since the war "Bobbie" has been physical training instructor to the W.A. Education Department. Naturally he saw as much as he could of physical culture methods in other countries, and this included the Czecho-Slovakian Sokols, which are physical training demonstrations on a big scale. "Bobbie" is of the opinion that this State is well abreast of the times as far as physical education is concerned.

Fred Clayton, who resuscitated the Mullewa Sub-Branch, completed a 'nine weeks' tour of Europe while on his long service leave from the Education Department. The countries visited were Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, and France. Naturally the party visited the old battlefields and the cemeteries in France. The old battlefields have almost disappeared, but in Flanders, the pill-boxes still enable one to trace out the German line. On behalf of the Mullewa Sub-Branch, a bronze wreath was placed on the Central Cross in the Australian National Cemetery near Villers-Bretonneux.

Mr. E. G. Theodore of mining fame may be a saint or he may be a sinner, but at least one thing stands to his credit. While he was Premier of Queensland, the only two journalistic appointments in the State Government's gift—the editorships of the "Government Agricultural Gazette" and the "Government Mining Journal"—fell vacant. The men appointed to these vacancies, in spite of strong political opposition, were both diggers—and Theodore's government was not always prating about what it was going to do for soldier men.

On Saturday, November 1st, the last surviving bachelor on the State Executive, in the person of Bob Cooke, joined the ranks of the Benedicts, the fortunate choice being Miss Elsie Wishart. Padre "Tom" Riley tied the matrimonial knot, and Garnet Philip was second best man. At the Executive meeting prior to the wedding, Colonel Collett, on behalf of the members and staff, made a presentation to Bob, who was also the recipient of many good wishes and much sound advice. We regret that we have forgotten what Bob said in responding, but remember that there was some allusion.
to ten little nigger boys. The Cooke's have taken up residence at Nedlands. We join with a host of others in wishing these two splendid people many years of mutual happiness.

New members elected on the State Executive this year were Colonel Olden, Padre Eric Nye, Alex Panton, M.I.A., and Ivor Birtwistle. Colonel Olden is the well-known leader of the 10th Light Horse, A.I.F., is a dentist practicing in Perth, and a member of the South Perth Sub-Branch. Eric Nye is back again after a year's spell, which was necessitated by his strenuous year as President of the Methodist Conference. Alex Panton, who is member for Leederville in the Legislative Assembly, is also an old member of the State Executive, his last appearance there being in 1920 or 21. Ivor Birtwistle is the editor of the Western Mail, secretary of the Press Sub-Branch, and president of the Perth Legacy Club. All four are a decided acquisition, being sound logical reasoners, good speakers, and carry sincere enthusiasm for the cause.

Recently elected as a member of the South Perth Road Board was Garnet Philp, State Executive delegate and ex-member of the old 16th Battalion. Garnet can be depended upon to look after the interests of diggers in the locality.

Major-General Sir J. McCay has gone to join that ever-increasing legion of diggers in Valhalla. The late general went to Gallipoli in command of the Second Brigade, and afterwards became G.O.C. 5th Division. He commanded the Division during the disastrous Fromelles stunt, after which he was placed in command of A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom. Throughout his active career, General McCay was closely associated with the political and the military life of Australia. Whether he was responsible for the disaster at Fromelles or not is a matter for future historians to decide. Two of his attributes, however, stand out clearly: he was a man of undoubted personal bravery; he had all that headlong courage so characteristic of the Gough family. Added to this, he was a kindly old gentleman, always looking after the personal comfort of the digger, and with a cheery word even for the hard cases in the clink. Well might he have said, with Prince Eugene, "I am sure there are some old dragoons in Heaven who will pray for me."

Children's Hospital Sweep
SHOULD APPEAL TO DIGGERS

The objects of the Children's Hospital has at all times appealed to ex-service men, who have been ever ready to assist in its support. At present there is being conducted in its aid a sweep on the Perth Cup, the first prize being £1,000, and the total prize money £2,500. Tickets are selling well, and it is expected that the prizes will be paid in full. R.S.I.L. Executive delegate E. H. Farquharson is organiser. "Farkie" states that tickets, which cost 2/6, can be procured all over the State, but if anyone has any difficulty in purchasing one, they are advised to send to headquarters.

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The Presidential Election

A ticklish situation arose at the Federal Congress in connection with the election of the Federal President. Mr. J. Webster (Federal Secretary) was appointed returning officer. Two nominations were received, those of Mr. G. J. C. Dyett, C.M.G., and Colonel F. J. McCann, D.S.O., M.C. The voting for Dyett was Queensland (2), N.S.W. (2), Canberra (1), and Tasmania (1); for McCann, S.A. (2), W.A. (2), Victoria (2), and Tasmania (1). That is, there were 7 votes in favour of Colonel McCann and 6 for Mr. Dyett. Mr. Dyett then declared that Rule 33, sub-para. 15 of the Federal Constitution gave him a deliberative and a casting vote. He used both votes in his own favour. The returning officer was called upon to exercise his vote, which he did, giving Mr. Dyett a majority of one. Immediately the result of the poll was announced W.A., Victoria, and S.A. lodged protests against the method of taking the ballot, but these protests were overruled. This incident aroused very strong feelings amongst a number of the Congress delegates.

“The Month
Cheap Sensationalism

The Sunday Times, a paper which rarely errs on the side of good taste, has seen fit to pass animadversions upon the State Executive of the R.S.L. over the course adopted by the Executive in connection with the death of a returned soldier at the beginning of the month. The Sunday Times article, published on November 16th, is a tissue of misrepresentation and cheap publicity-mongering of the type favoured by those journals which mistake crude sensationalism for literary ability. The R.S.L. does not maintain a policy of "hush!" in its dealings with the Repatriation Commission, or with any other Government department, but it is not the business of the R.S.L. or its Executive to provide the less literate section of the Press with sensational copy. While the R.S.L. does consistently "fight the civilian-day battles of returned soldiers," it has found that it does not pay to make sweeping charges against departmental officials until it is in possession of all the evidence available.

There were several valid reasons connected with the case under discussion why the State Executive did not desire publicity at this stage of the proceedings. These reasons were well known to the Sunday Times, who, in common with the other local papers, was asked to refrain from giving premature publicity to a matter which is still sub judice. Less scrupulous than its contemporaries, the Sunday Times did not comply with that request. Evidently the Sunday Times prefers to interpret in its own way the canons of good taste and journalistic ethics.

The State Executive took action in the case of the man concerned at the end of last April. The day after the man’s death the Pensions Committee of the R.S.L. asked for an independent inquiry into all the circumstances of the case. The Committee’s request was unanimously endorsed by the State Executive. There has been no alteration of procedure since. Moreover, there are circumstances surrounding the case which it would have been injudicious to make public.

In fairness to the Repatriation Commission we state that the Commission is not "obsessed with the idea that the man suffering from the ravages of war must still be disciplined," but even a schoolboy should know that when doctors prescribe a system of treatment, the patient should, in his own interests, submit to that discipline.

In asking for an independent inquiry the R.S.L. acted promptly and of its own initiative. It was not "stirred to action" by anything which was injudiciously published in the Sunday Times. In its claim to the contrary the Sunday Times is absurdly arrogant and wrong.

THE VISION
(By WALLACE SPENCER.)

The smoke has gone, the guns are still
Exhausted lies the lust to kill
To breathless calm great armies yield;
Death’s silence wraps the battle field.
Awakened from the vaults of Time,
Faint rays of hope through ages climb.
Behold the Eastern Gates of
The Heralds of the Dawn of Peace.

A sad world raises blood-brained hands!
With yearning gaze to promised lands,
Where crimsoned sword and hill and plain
Are sweet with tilth and golden grain;
Where fragrant blooms a mantle spread
O’er shattered fields, o’er valiant dead;
Where armaments are swept aside
By brotherhood’s deep swelling tide.

And nations dwell in amity,
As members of one family.
Where blood-red banners wave no more,
Love’s ensign floats from shore to shore;
And trade and commerce ply the sea
In freedom and in harmony.

Where honour lies in noblist deed,
From martial spires glamour freed,
And laurel wreaths the heroes crown
Who bear the flag of conflict down.

When war’s last drop of blood is shed,
When greed and strife and hate are dead
When Empire’s battlements shall rust,
The gleaming cohorts bite the dust, then breaks the day when bloody war Shall hold its sway on earth no more;
And love’s unfettered powers release
The crystal stream of endless peace.

—Boyup Brook, 10th Nov., 1930
Our Economic Problems
UNEMPLOYMENT

(By F. A. Law, Hon. Sec. Merredin Sub-Branch)

In our October issue there appeared a letter from Mr. Law suggesting that we set aside a page for the publication of comment by readers dealing with economic problems. We agreed, and invited Mr. Law to set the ball rolling. He has done so in the following article.

We ask you to keep the ball in play. If you can't tackle an original article, do the next best thing and send forward your criticism of that of Mr. Law, or of others which may appear in this page—Ed. L.P.)

In opening the discussions which are to find expression on this page it will be as well to deal first of all with that problem, which is the keystone supporting those ills which are so adversely affecting our economic system, or which may perhaps be better described as the natural result of an unnatural system. The problem referred to is that of unemployment.

In view of its dire effects upon national and commercial life, unemployment has been subjected to a full measure of private investigation and comment, and some of the conclusions arrived at by many persons who have attempted to deal with it—not excluding politicians and economic experts—have been deplorably at variance with natural economic laws, and in some instances with ordinary common sense.

A case in point was the extraordinary suggestion made by Professor Giblin, who holds the Ricchie Chair of Economics at the Melbourne University, when he said, at his inaugural lecture, that one solution to unemployment in Australia was emigration. Apart from the complete absurdity, on the face of the suggestion, from the aspect of the sparsity of the Australian population, it would be interesting to know to what country it was proposed to send the unemployed emigrants. A second suggestion from the same gentleman, made in the course of the lecture referred to, and also pronounced from his series of "Letters to John Smith," was that a five per cent. reduction of wages throughout Australia would completely eliminate unemployment.

At the time these letters were appearing in the West Australia, the writer of this article replied refuting the reduction-of-wages theory, but the West apparently saw no reason why the theory should be refuted, and so it did not publish the replies. But the Professor has cleaned that matter up by endorsing the opinion advanced against his theory, for he declared at a meeting of the Economic Society, recently held in Melbourne (vide West Australian, 18/10/30), that "a fall in wages could only go a very small way towards solving the problem." In favour of Professor Giblin let it not be said that, having made a glaring error in this instance, his reasoning is to be condemned for ever. Rather he is to be complimented on discovering his mistake and candidly reversing his incorrect opinion.

In attempting to deal at all with unemployment it must be realised that it is a world-wide, and not an Australian problem, and we must take into consideration these features of it:

1. It is prevalent in just about every country in the world.
2. It is no respecter of any shade of political opinion or form of Government.
3. It treats free trade and tariff countries with an equal degree of indifference.
4. Neither the richest nor the poorest countries have been able to avoid it; neither the creditor nor the debtor nations.

These are simple facts which possibly no one will choose to dispute, and they make us realise that whatever we may think of tariff systems, we cannot logically blame them for unemployment; we see, with America as an example, that great national wealth cannot stave off unemployment. In fact, we may almost be persuaded to give some credence to the suggestion that wealth can actually promote unemployment. Let us see. We are living at a period when the production of wealth the world over was never so high. During the past fifty years the application of science to industry has made commercial progress completely romantic. Engines, inventions, labour-saving devices, enable one workman today to produce more than one hundred times the amount of wealth that one workman produced fifty years ago, and the results to be naturally expected from this great progress and increase in quantity and quality of all those things needed to support life would be a contented community living in a state of refinement, and comfort. But extraordinarily enough this is by no means the case. Instead of such a happy condition we have forty

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Now that the sub-branches are taking up the study of public questions, some attention might be given to the question of public entertainments. The main problem that confronts those gentlemen who recite at dinner smoke socials and elsewhere has been the selection of a recitation that will hold the audience's attention after the cough-mixture has been circulating freely. Most of the items in the reciter's repertoire are of uneven quality. They contain some good lines and many very bad ones. Add to this the difficulty that the audience, like commercial travellers, have "heard that one before." A solution would be to pick out the best lines from several compositions and give them forth with true dramatic effect. This would enable a number of old favourites to be packed within a small compass. The omnibus book is with us; why not the omnibus recitation? The following sample is submitted for the guidance of intending entertainers:

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Curfew shall not ring to-night,
With a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonino,
Swifter, than an arrow's flight.

When Britain first at heaven's command
Cried "Boatman, do not tarry,
Young blood must have its course, lad,
And if thou wilt, go marry."

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan
Sound the clarion, shrill the fife,
The Listening Post

November 28, 1930

Women's Auxiliaries R.S.L.

FREMANTLE

A social afternoon was held at the Fremantle Institute on Thursday, October 30. Mrs. Kirby presided and Mr. Alf Pady gave a brief but interesting address on the objects of the Poppy Day appeal. He appealed to all present and to the public in general to have a more tolerant and patient in their attitude towards the returned man, as many men were so shatted that we must overlook many little things that are annoying. He mentioned an instance where the man, though apparently well and fit, is deserving of the deepest sympathy for what he has suffered. Mr. Kirby appealed for additional workers for Poppy Day and met with a good response. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Gamble and Miss Trenton provided the music.

UNITED AUXILIARIES

On November 5th, at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, a United Auxiliaries R.S.L. Social, was held; competitions, dancing, and a bright musical programme, all making a pleasant evening. The artists for the evening were: Colonel T. C. Wilson, and Mssrs. Cote, Mohamed (Indian Digger), H. Hopperton and Jack Hampton; Mrs. Catthermole and Miss Laura Somers. The accompanying were Medhames H. Daw, and McKeinley. The State President, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, welcomed the guests, and Col. T. C. Wilson, acted as M.C. Supper arrangements were in the hands of the Maylands' Auxiliary; and prizes were given for the Lucky Spot Dance, to both ladies and gentlemen.

W.A. PRODUCTS POSTER CARNIVAL

On October 18th, the Victoria Park R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, held a W.A. Products Poster Carnival in the local Town Hall, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Hon. J. T. and Mrs. Franklin), other visitors being Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President), Mrs. Coppin (Guildford), also Mr. Nenbit (Member of the Chamber of Manufactures), and Mrs. Nenbit. Prizes were presented by the Lady Mayoress to Best Sets, "Swan Products"; Best Couple, "Swan Colour Oil and Colour Works"; Single Lady, "Rayners Products"; Single Gent, "Aemoorie Tea." A special prize was donated to Miss Gay bromfield of the Pascoe St., by the Lady Mayoress; and Mr. Nisbet gave a special prize to the lady representing "Swan Portland Cement." A bouquet was presented to the Lady Mayoress, bearing the Women's Auxiliary colours. The Grand March was led by the Caledonian Pipes, and a Comic Set composed of members of the local sub-branch by the "Pud." Alf Sladger), who introduced his family of waybacks and made appropriate remarks on supporting home products.

Mr. Melvey acted as M.C. in his usual efficient manner. Excellent music was supplied by Mr. Colley's orchestra. A dainty supper was served, and midnight brought a successful evening to a close.

BRIDGETOWN

The Ladies' Rest Room provided by the Bridgetown Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, was officially opened on November 6th. Major Whit nell (President, Bridgetown Sub-Branch) presided over a gathering of over seventy people. Among those present were Mrs. Kirby (President, Bridgetown Branch, Women's Auxiliary), the Chairman of the Road Board (Mr. W. A. Huggins), the Secretary (Mr. C. V. Draper), and members of the Red Cross Society. Musical and other items were given by Mrs. G. H. Fletcher, Mrs. E. S. Hester, Mr. W. J. Chevins, Mrs. H. Williams, Mrs. W. Wheeler, Mrs. W. Ashton, Mrs. Moller, Miss M. J. Kirby, H. Tomalty, and W. Ashton.

BAYSWATER

The latest effort of the Auxiliary in aid of the unemployed in the district was a "silver tree" evening, held in the Town Hall. The distribution of circulars appropriately worded, and depicting the olive tree in Slade Street, approximately 80 years old—a familiar landmark, with its huge, gnarled, weather-beaten trunk crowned with a wealth of foliage—the medium used to extract the nimble shilling on this occasion. The President of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch, Mr. V. W. White, introduced the member for the district, Mr. J. Hegney, M.L.A., who opened the proceedings. The evening was given up to dancing, interspersed with musical items, and thanks are due to the following artists who contributed to the success of the evening: Mesdames J. Bull, Power, and Nolan; Miss Pearl Dhu and pupils, Thelma Pireira and Dorothy Dhu; Messrs. Hardy, Price, and Loney, also Messrs. Winduss, Edwards, Noble, and Wills, of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch.

At the conclusion of a very enjoyable evening, the sum of £22 was handed over to the Secretary of the Unemployed Relief Fund, which makes a total of over £60 from the Auxiliary to date. Poppy Day found members very busy, both in the town and city, armed with gaily decorated baskets filled with the flowers of remembrance, and the knowledge that on the result of their efforts depended the help that would be given to those in need; they worked with that willingness which is characteristic of Poppy Day helpers, with the result that over 1,000 poppies were disposed of, which compares more than favourably with last year's figures, taking into consideration the prevailing depression.

PERSONAL

Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Colonel Olden, and Messrs. Yates and Ferguson, were the guests of the Nungarin Sub-Branch, at their Re-Union Banquet on the 8th inst. Mrs. K. Hopperton, Hon. Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, now happily recovered from her illness, has resumed duty. We regret to announce that Mrs. Coleman, who acted as her assistant, has also been on the sick list.
Sub-Branch Notes
NÉDLANDS PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the Broadway Picture Palace, on Tuesday, 11th inst., 82 members of the branch signing the attendance book.

A pleasing feature, which members greatly appreciate, is the number of diggers visitors who come along on meeting nights. They are very welcome, and every endeavour is made to make them feel quite at home.

In the absence of the President, Captain J. H. Tozer, who is a delegate to the Federal Congress at Hobart, Vice-President Gordon Thomson occupied the chair. Messrs. Dwyine and Sons wrote forwarding a donation of £2 2s. towards the Sports Fund, and it was decided that a letter of appreciation be forwarded thanking the donors for their generous action. The Cottesloe Sub-Branch is after our scalp, and to this end have challenged the branch to a Sunday cricket match. The challenge was promptly accepted, and the matter referred to the Social Committee to arrange a date, suitable to both branches, particulars of which will be advised later.

The Secretary reported that the result of the Poppy Day Appeal was very satisfactory, the total collections being in the vicinity of £70. By unanimous vote it was decided to tender to the Ladle Auxiliary and all ladies who so kindly helped, the warmest thanks of the Sub-Branch on their splendid achievement.

It was decided that an invitation be extended to the Nedlands' Druids' Lodge for a return rifle Match to take place on the occasion of the December meeting.

The lucky winner of the electric iron, donated by Mr. Robinson, proved to be Mr. Potter, of Broadway.

At the conclusion of the meeting, and in pursuance of the branch's slogan, "Patronize Local Industry," Mr. Roberts, representative of Messrs. Hunt Ltd., Biscuit Manufacturers, Perth, outlined the firm's activities, and explained the process of manufacturing its products. He explained the firm came into existence 30 years ago, and from a very humble start has progressed so that it is at present employing 80 hands, and with the present plant installed would be capable of working at full capacity, of giving employment to over 100. This could be attained if the public would give local goods preference, as it was claimed that an article equal, if not superior to that imported could be turned out by the firm.

For the year ending June 30th, 1930, biscuits to the value of £24,747 were imported into the State, and if the policy of preference was an actual fact this money could be spent in the State instead of abroad, thus creating employment and an increased local demand for the articles used in the manufacture of the goods. Mr. Roberts stated that the whole of the ingredients used in the manufacture of the biscuits were produced in the State, such as flour, fruit, tins, packets, printing, etc., thus providing employment for other trades and callings.

The firm, through the lecturer, was warmly thanked for the splendid exhibit, and the samples submitted were voted by members present to be all that could be desired, and strengthened the opinion that it was not necessary to go out of the State for our biscuit supplies.

Wellard

The sub-branch is holding a picnic sports meeting on Saturday, December 13th, at Group 10 school. It is hoped that diggers and their families will come from Perth. There is a good road all the way, and a good day's enjoyment is assured. There will be luncheon booths, hot water, ice cream, drinks, and all sorts of side shows, lots of running, horse events, decorated vehicles, etc., good prizes, and heaps of fun. Don't forget that all are invited.

Northam

The Armistice re-union smoke social was held at the Avon Bridge Hotel, on November 11th. The President of the Sub-Branch, Mr. N. C. Scott, was in the chair, and the visitors included the Dean of Perth (Dean R. H. Moore), and Archdeacon C. L. Riley, who represented the State Executive. Apologies were received from the State Presidents of the Goomalging, Toodyay, and York sub-branches. In replying to the toast of the Executive, proposed by Mr. H. C. J. Colebatch, Archdeacon Riley outlined the progress made by the League in Western Australia, and alluded to the good work being done by the Legacy Club, which has established a boys' club at the Y.M.C.A., and a girl's club.

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Dewar's THE WHISKY
at the W.C.A. It would surprise those who regard the Repatriation Department as a soulless body to learn that six of the department's officials are members of the Legacy Club. The speaker also stressed the necessity for the R.S.L. to secure some outstanding personality as grand president, as has been done by the British Ex-Service Men's Legion. Other toast were: "The Visitors," proposed by Dr. Beamish, responded to by Dean Moore and Mr. Essington Day; "The Press," proposed by Mr. A. D. McLaren, responded to by Messrs. E. L. Handcock and N. Orsoway; and "The Chairman." Musical items were given by Messrs. McDonald, Newman, Kidd, Shilling, Morrell, Bryant, and Dean. Mr. W. A. Penny played the accompaniments with the assistance of Mr. G. K. Holmes and Mr. Morrell (violin).

COLLIE

Collie Sub-Branch held an annual re-union dinner on Saturday, November 15th. Colonel Margolin, who was well-known in Collie before the war, and Mr. C. Bader, represented the State Executive. The following sub-branches were represented: Cardiff, Morwellham, Brunswick and Donnybrook, Subiaco and Cottesloe Beach. Others present were Messrs. Harcourt Ward, of the Collie Road Board, and Mr. A. A. Wilson, M.L.A. Apologies were received from Messrs. J. H. Prowse, M.H.R., and J. Ewing, M.L.C. In proposing the toast of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., Mr. H. May paid a warm tribute to the activities of Colonel Coller. Colonel Margolin, in responding, was in a reminiscent mood, and stated that his sedentary career was commenced in Collie. He emphasised the necessity for everyone to strive then the position of the League by joining up. The response was supported by Mr. C. Bader, who made eulogistic reference to the work of Mr. H. May. Other toasts were "Parliament," proposed by Mr. H. Mostoway, and responded to by that "good old digger legislator, Mr. A. A. Wilson, M.L.A.; "Visiting Sub Branches," "Prest" and "The President." Musical items and community singing were other factors in the evening's enjoyment.

THE LISTENING POST

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. T. W. Smith; Past President, Mr. W. Cooper; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Palmer and B. Tofthouse; Treasurer, Mr. G. Bartley; Secretary, Mr. A. J. Knight; Committee: Messrs. Beaucharke, Ashton, Cowdry, Keynes, Montaigulin, Ramsey, and R. J. Wright; Auditor, Mr. A. H. Smith. Messrs. T. W. Smith, W. Cooper, G. Bartley, and R. J. Wright were appointed to arrange two of their number to act as delegates at the forthcoming S.W.D. Council. A highly successful advertising stunt was arranged by Messrs. Beaucharke, Wright, Palmer, Ramsey, Smith, and Trew (correspondent) in connection with the Poppys Dance, which was held on Remembrance Night. For the permission of the A.N.A., the dance was also advertised at the Association's own dance. Naturally, the affair was an unqualified success. Between 200 and 300 people were present. Mr. Berry officiated as M.C., and the music was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hogg's Optimist Band. The ladies were responsible for the supper and the decorations. Mrs. Knight made the puddings, while real ones were contributed by Mrs. G. Clayton. Prizes for the novelty dances (donated by Blackwell and Co., C. Milne and Co., and Perth) were won as follows: Balloon Dance, Miss J. Jenkins and Mr. G. Riggs; Monte Carlo Dance, Miss Bloomfield and Mr. Keay. A £1 bank note donated by the Sub-Branch was won by Mr. Barnicut, and Mr. Paterson won the turkey given by Mr. Harrison. A table centre made and donated by Mrs. Knight was won by Miss Hogan. Medals: Smith, Knight, Ramsey, Beaucharke, Wright, King, and Mr. Quade were in charge of the supper tables. At last results the funds of the Sub-Branch will benefit by nearly £30.

KELMSCOTT

The annual re-union of the Kelmscott Sub-Branch was held on Saturday, November 8th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Sid Ward. Visitors representing various organisations included Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State Executive and Editor of the Listening Post; Mr. W. L. Owen, Chairman of the Armadale Board; Mr. Nock, Mr. I. W. Hackin, Chairman and Secretary of the Gosnells Branch; Mr. Piesse, Mr. C. H. Canning, Messrs. Egan and Smith, representing Armadale; Mr. Richardson, whose valued advice on poultry matters is much appreciated in the district, and Mr. T. S. O'Loughlin, Education Department. The gathering showed its appreciation of the artistry displayed by Mr. Richardson in the rendering of two piano solos.

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Mr. R. D. Hatch bore the brunt of the work so far as harmony was concerned, and did it well. An innovation on the toast list, "The League of Nations" was drunk with enthusiasm. This toast, too long neglected, will, no doubt, figure more largely as returned soldier functions throughout the State. The singing of the National Anthem terminated an enjoyable evening. Several new members were enrolled.

The third of a series of lectures arranged by the Kelmscott Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. was delivered by Dr. Roberta Jull, on November 10th at the Hall. The address was illustrated with lantern slides showing the various branches at Geneva dedicated to the many activities of the League, such as Ammunitions, International Justice, Labour, White Slaves, Drug Traffic, etc. Photographs of many prominent personages connected with the League were also shown—Lord Robert Cecil, Ramsay MacDonald, Herr Stresemann (the late), Mr. Bryant, Sir Eric Drummond, and many others less familiar to the public mind. The lecturer, recently returned from Geneva, was able to give first hand descriptions of, and anecdotes concerning different nationals, not the least interesting of which related to the Secretary of the Chinese Delegation who appeared to be always asleep but whose alert, retentive mind enabled him to repeat in almost any language speeches of different delegates.

Mr. Sid. Ward introduced the lecturer. Mr. A. S. Jackson moved the vote of thanks, which was supported by Messrs. C. Molyneux and J. Smith.

GERALDTON

At the November monthly general meeting of the sub-branch, the President (Mr. A. H. Salmon) was granted two months' leave of absence. Many appreciative remarks were made on the progress that the sub-branch has made during Mr. Salmon's term of office, meetings are more fully attended, and the prestige of the League has greatly improved.

At the municipal election to be held towards the end of November, two members are contesting seats, Mr. Salmon and Mr. Edwards. They have the full support of the sub-branch, and intend making a strenuous effort to obtain seats on the Council.

The Ladies' Auxiliary won fresh laurels on Armistice Day by selling all their poppies before 10 a.m. Even the Auxiliary's gravy, aged seventy-seven, sold her full quota. Next year the ladies intend selling double the number of poppies.

Good progress is being made with the programme for the sports day, to be held Saturday, December 23rd, and this promises to be a really great occasion. A big job in asking the men where to spend the Christmas vacation would do well to pay a visit to the northern port, where they are assured of a warm welcome.

OSBORNE PARK

The Memorial Hall of the Sub-Branch was opened on Saturday afternoon, November 22, by General Sir Talbot Hobbs, who was accompanied by Miss Hobbs and Col. Olden. A guard of honour composed of ex-service men was drawn up to receive the General.

Mr. H. Nugent, the president of the Branch, introduced each man to the General.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Nugent thanked the company of about 200 guests for their presence and also their generous support, enabling the Branch to complete the hall, which will be a memorial to our fallen comrades and also will be an attractive and comfortable building for Osborne Park.

General Hobbs, in his speech in declaring the Hall open, thanked the members for the honour conferred on them, congratulated them on the development of the Branch and performed the opening ceremony. He said the hall was a credit to the members and an example of what could be done by branches of larger membership than Osborne Park.

Mr. Nugent presented the General, with a silver key of beautiful workmanship, the badge of the R.S.L., and the inscription: "Presented to General Sir Talbot Hobbs from the Osborne Park Sub-Branch R.S.L., 22/11/30, being engraved open to the members.

Mr. Nugent presented the Branch with a beautiful bouquet of white carnations. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" being sounded by a member of the R.S.L. Band, the General opened the door of the hall and, accompanied by the Branch officers and special guests, made an inspection of the hall.

At the banquet, held after the opening ceremony, the following toasts were drunk: "The King," proposed by the president; "Donors," proposed by Mr. D. Millar, secretary, and replied to by Mr. Jas. O'Malley; "Parents of Fallen," Mr. W. Ashdown, replied by Mr. C. Chantler; "Local Members," Mr. R. E. Corlett, replied to by Mr. E. W. Edmonds and Mr. E. M. H. Parry-harson; "Local Government Bodies," Mr. A. Glass, replied to by Mr. John Tyler, Mr. E. Robson and Mr. G. Hill; "The Ladies," Mr. Jas. J. Nicholl, replied to by Mrs. Doug. Foreman; "Parliament," Mr. S. Forsyth, replied to by Mr. H. Millington; "Osborne Park Sub-Branch," Mr. C. Biddle, replied by Mr. Nugent.

The General gave a very descriptive address on his recent visit to the battlefields and graves in France, Gallipoli and Egypt. He said that the graves in Turkey are kept just the same as in other countries, and that the Turks were very friendly towards the Aussies. In France he found graves of French, Belgians and British soldiers side by side, and that governments had endowed large sums of money for the upkeep of graves, and it would give satisfaction to know that they were being so well looked after.

A social evening was then held and thus ended one of the most enjoyable functions ever held in Osborne Park.

The members of the Branch charged the Ladies Committee for their untiring efforts, which culminated in making the function such a success.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a good roll up at the last monthly meeting of the Branch, held on the 31st inst. President Nichols was in the chair. Mr. Farquharson, from the State Executive, paid the Branch a visit. He made a strong plea for increased membership, saying that the large membership of the headquarters was a credit to the Branch.

Mr. Butler, the treasurer of the Branch, presented Miss Hobbs with a beautiful bouquet of white carnations. The last night of the year was celebrated in a special manner. The R.S.L. was held out for increased steel engraving in aid of amelioration membership, as unity was strength. The drawing funds resulted in Miss Evans, of Cargill Street, being the lucky winner of the weekly competition. President Nicol reported on Poppy Day, and paid a tribute to the lady workers. Nominations were called for office-bearers for the ensuing year. The election will take place next month.

DOWAK

The Sub-Branch held a very successful dance at Salmon Gums on October 18th. It is noticed that several ex-diggers regularly turn up to lend a helping hand with the necessary "fattigues," even though they are not Branch members. The sub-branch officials, being in a dilemma as to the type of cup to be presented to the winner of the champion fellow, appealed to the dancers, who unanimously declared in favour of a solid silver cup, inscribed with a larger electro-plated specimen. The cup is on exhibition at Salmon Gums.

A special meeting was held on October 31st, to receive the report of our delegate to Congress. Mr. Alan Morton. The report was long, but interesting, and at times amusing. The sub-branch is fortunate in obtaining Mr. Morton's services.

Sub-branch members will regret to hear that our energetic secretary, Gerry Andrews, was injured in a spill from a motor bicycle, whilst travelling to attend the special meeting. One of the sub-branch members motored him to Esperance for medical examination, and we hope that he will shortly be able to resume his duties.

Two new members have been enrolled during October.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

At the last general meeting held at Mt. Helena, consideration was given to organising committees for the Mandurah, Sawtell and Mt. Helena for the purpose of poppy sales on the annual appeal days. General business being disposed of, arrangements were completed for the picnic, which was subsequently held on October 26.

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A Trench Scene at Lone Pine, Gallipoli

From the W.A. Digger Book, a few copies of which are still available from Sub-Branch Secretaries or the State Secretary
As a "mystery outing," the various happy surprises in the elimination of "mystery" step by step during that happy day was keenly appreciated by all. Leaving the memorial at Mandurah at 10 a.m., the "follow the leader" procession of cars and trucks, made first port of call at the soldiers' memorial at Fremantle, being met by Mayor Gibson, Theo. Brennan (President of Fremantle Sub-Branch), A. Pady and other members. In the unavoidable absence of our President, Harry Walker, Vice-President Jim Wilshusen led his party to the memorial and placed a wreath upon it as a tribute from his sub-branch. Mrs. Alex. McGregor, wife of our Secretary, also placed a wreath on the memorial on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary. The "Last Post" was sounded by a Fremantle representative of the Navy. Many hearts felt glad that day, though all were pleasure-bound, the memory of those "Elder Brethren" was ever there, as was manifest by the solemn tribute in this quiet and simple gesture. At the close of the ceremony President Theo. Brennan thanked all on behalf of his Fremantle comrades for the courtesy call. Jim Wilshusen, replying, emphasised the necessity for continued unity for the future. Mr. Frank Peterson, a prominent member of the Fremantle Legacy Club, photographed the assemblage, and a pleasant souvenir of this event will be procurable.

The mystery was solved at the ten-mile well, close to the naval base, which was the ultimate destination. Here another pleasing event took place. "Nipper" Patten (past Secretary), whose untiring efforts during the first year of inauguration were so keenly and sincerely appreciated, was the recipient of a presentation in token of the esteem in which he is held. The old warhorse was almost "too full for words," but struggled through a reply to the very many tributes and good wishes embodied in an appropriate speech by Jim Wilshusen.

"Twas a grand day, perfect weather, the children had the time of their lives—bathing, games, races etc.; though many must have felt tired at the end of the day.

Thanks are due to the members who provided motor transport.

TRAINING-YELBENI

On 12th October, the Sub-Branch organised a picnic at Waddouring Rock. Lunch was followed by sports for the children, of whom there were large numbers present, and with a break for afternoon tea, these went on till Kink Sol called time. About 150 people, not counting children, were present.

The Sub-Branch was well represented at the Nungarin Re-Union Dinner on 8th November, the five or six car loads which went including a number of the Women's Auxiliary. We were fortunate in persuading the members of the Executive who were present—Mr. Yates, Col. Olden, and Mr. Ferguson, and also Mrs. Wilson of the Women's Auxiliary—to call a halt at Trayning on their way back to Perth on the Sunday, a special meeting being called for 10 a.m. to welcome them. Visits like this are all too rare, and members were highly appreciative of our visitors' action, especially as it entailed a delay of over an hour on an already overlong day's journey.

MT. BARKER

The Sub-Branch Committee met the Women's Association Committee on Friday, 31st October. The object was to discuss the advisability of refraining from forming a R.S.L. Auxiliary if that Association would fail to in the branch in any social or other movement that it may take on. The President (T. G. Sounness) outlined the G.S. District Re-Union (that this Branch has undertaken to organise about next March. There would be the cooking, etc., of food obtained, to do which the ladies were quite agreeable. They will no doubt carry bus the catering to the satisfaction of the diggers and ex-service men who turn up on this occasion. The date is to be fixed at a later meeting.

The branch lost a good member last month when Arthur Quinn passed away in Perth Hospital. "Quinny," who has been a sufferer for many years is, no doubt, better off. Those who knew him and saw him at times he suffered will realise what a relief death is to him, and although it is hard for his wife and family, his widow must also feel that Arthur has been relieved of a great deal of suffering. To his widow, family, and parents is extended the sincere sympathy of the Mt. Barker Sub-Branch.

Latest from Jim Morgan is from Amiens. He is having a glorious time at particular spots that had pleasant memories (in both senses of the word), so he says. He has placed a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice for Mt. Barker Sub-Branch, also obtained photos of the Cross and other memorials in France, which he intends bringing back when his tour is over. Jim wishes to be kindly remembered to all the boys, and also notified us he had a few new yarns for the next "dju."

Mr. Stork visited two of our members last month, and left a couple of young Aussies to keep the flag flying when their fathers are in the "Dad's Association." Bernie Hickling and Sid Reeves were the ones to draw prizes at the Nursing Home. Best of luck to the "young'uns," and may they never look back!

Poppin Day appeal went off very satisfactorily this year, considering all the "expressions" that are about. It was very gratifying to see that the Show Committee thought of our members who are out of work by employing them whenever possible on Show Day.

We have received a letter from Joe Beard, of Leederville, who is acting on behalf of Mrs. Quinn, expressing his gratitude for the kindness and assistance he has received from Executive Officer, War Service Dept., and Repatriation Dept., relative to finalising our late member's affairs. Also one from Mr. W. Lane, of Kendanup, expressing best thanks to Executive Officer Ferguson for the way he handled his pension claim.

GOSNELLS

A well attended meeting was held at Gosnells on Monday, October 26th. Mr. Nock presided, and reports were received from delegates to Congress.

During the month one of our members, Mr. C. Le'Clarke, lost his life in a motor accident. He served in the 11th Engineers and had been a member of the League in various branches from the time of his return to Australia. He was a quiet, unassuming soldier and a good friend to all. He left seven children, and the sub-branch did everything it could to help them in their sad bereavement and to arrange their affairs for them.

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KELLERBERRIN

Good weather and good cheer were the outstanding features of the Kellerberrin and district sub-branch’s annual picnic, which was held on October 11, at “Minkade” (Mr. D. Tillery’s farm). The Merredin Brass Band provided the music for the occasion, and other gladdening features were the “Minkade Hotel,” and the stall where ice-cream and mild drinks were dispensed for the ladies and the little ones. The children’s races were eagerly contested. In the boys’ race (6 to 8 years), John Hannan, best O’Brien Junior by a short head, and in the same class Miss Donohue won by about the same distance from Miss Davis. The 8 to 10-races were won respectively by Roy Fren and Nancy Hannan. F. Smith won the 10 to 12, with Yates Secundy a close second; and Olive Thompson won the girls’ event. The 12 to 14 were won by S. Best and Miss Waltham. George (Skeeter) Stevens won the high jump for boys of school age, clearing 4ft. 2in., and Molly Davis won the girls’ sack race.

Joe Hannan was the dark horse who annexed the Diggers’ Sweepstakes, and in the 75 yards Open Sprint, Bertie St. John won by a narrow margin. The 100 yards Sheffield Handicap was won by W. Watson, while Miss H. Walter was first in the Single Ladies’ race. C. Williams romped home in the Bandmen’s race, and J. Brebner won the golf approaching and putting competition.

All those present voted the day one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

CORRIGIN

Rabbi Freedman, and Assistant Secretary C. Ferguson represented the State Executive at the annual re-union of the Corrigin Sub-Branch, which was held on the last Wednesday of October in the sub-branch’s own hall, in Goyder Street. Before proceeding with the festivity, some formal business was transacted, which included the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. George White; Vice-President, Messrs. J. P. Christie and the Rev. A. J. S. Fry; Secretary, Mr. Frank Connely; Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Campbell; Auditor, Mr. Fred Rodda; Publicity Officer, Mr. Len. Bourne; Committee, Messrs. Rosis, Reg. Larko, F. Clarke, and H. Brankwater.

Proposing the toast of the State Executive, the Chairman alluded to his old friendship with the Rabbi, which dated back to the early and stormy days of the League. There was no movement in W.A. to-day, he continued, that has more power or influence with the Government or the people than the R.S.L. This was due to the good work of the Executive. The Rev. Freedman responded in his usual humorous vein. He said the Executive was composed of all ranks, from the highest to the lowest. There are seven colonels, seven privates, and two members of Parliament. He referred to the work done by the League in connection with pensions, and stressed the fact that there never was a greater need for the League’s existence than to-day. He hoped the Corrigin district would do its share in bringing the League membership up to ten thousand, the objective aimed at for this year’s membership drive. Proposing the health of the Corrigin Sub-Branch, Mr. Carl Ferguson said, the strength of the League depended on its country sub-branches. There were now 115 sub-branches, extending from Albany in the south to Broome in the north. The speaker dealt extensively with the benefits the League had been able to secure for returned men in the way of adequate pensions. The rate of pensions paid in Australia was not equalled in any country in the world. A scheme was being prepared to provide for the care of the digger when he becomes too aged to work. This was the W.A. Aged Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Fund, to which half the proceeds of the Poppy Day sales will be devoted, and which will not be drawn upon till 1940. Mr. White, in reply, briefly outlined the history of the Corrigin Sub-Branch. At the first meeting, held on May 8th, 1925, there were seven members present, and the year finished with a membership of 71. It is hoped that the 80 mark will be reached before the end of this year.

Proposing “The Press,” Mr. Fred Rodda made several complimentary references to the local paper. The musical entertainers included Mears, Bray, Brenner, and Linehan, with Mr. Bourne at the piano.

NUNGANI

Colonel A. C. U. Olden reports that, accompanied by Mrs. T. C. Wilson (President Women’s Auxiliary), Vice-president Alf Yeates, and Assistant Secretary C. Ferguson, he represented the State Executive at the sub-branch’s Third Annual Reunion Banquet, held at Nungarin on November 8. The sub-branches which cooperated with Nungarin in this function were Merredin, Trayning-Yelbeni, and Bencubbin. Mr. F. L. Warner (44th Battalion), who has made good as a soldier settler a few miles from Nungarin, presided over a gathering of 180. The toast of “The State Executive” was proposed by Mr. Jack Mulqueeney and it was pleasing to note the enthusiasm with which this toast was received. Mr. Alf Yeates in responding, was supported by Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Ferguson, and Colonel Olden. Other toasts honoured were: “Officers and Comrades of Visiting Sub-branches,” proposed by Mr. G. Finister and responded to by Mr. E. Logan, President of the Merredin Sub-branch; and Mr. F. C. Thompson, President of the Trayning-Yelbeni Sub-branch; “Nungarin Women’s Auxiliary,” (an active and enthusiastic body of women) was proposed and responded to by the Lady President, Mrs. Date; “Local Governing Bodies,” proposed by the Rev. L. Courtney and responded to by the Chairman of the local Road Board, Mr. J. Jolly, who with his good wife, has given more than a synthesis and valuable assistance to the R.S.M. movement in Nungarin; “Ex-Imperial Forces,” proposed by Mr. G. Herbert and responded to by that indefatigable worker, Mr. F. A. Law of Merredin and Major Llewellyn. A splendid musical programme added to the evening’s enjoyment. Colonel Olden speaks very highly of the work of the ladies, to whose co-operation the success of the function was largely due. The visitors were very favourably impressed by the condition of the crops in the district, which were described as “an inspiring sight and it was particularly gratifying to learn that most of them belong to soldier settlers.”

TRAYNING-YELBENI

On their return journey, Colonel Olden, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Messrs. A. Yeates and C. Ferguson were the guests of the Trayning-Yelbeni Sub-branch on the morning of November 9. They were met by Mr. Thompson and about a dozen members of the sub-branch at a pleasant informal gathering in the Road Board Hall. This is a very fine hall and the party was shown over it by the Secretary of the Road Board, Mr. Pelgate.

It was decided to hold a smoke social early in the new year. The next meeting is to be at Maddington.

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A visit was then paid to the Soldiers' Memorial, which occupies the best site in the town. The surrounding ground has been planted with ornamental trees and further improvements in the shape of garden plots and gravel paths have been decided upon. A recently built church, of Gothic design is another beautiful feature of the town's buildings.

**CAPEL**

The last meeting of the Capel Sub-branch was attended by Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A., representing the State Executive, Mr. Gillett and four other visitors from Bunbury. The meeting was an informal one presided over by Mr. McTaggatt. Mr. Wells spoke on the history and principles of the League. Mr. Gillett offered to bring along his Bunbury executive to the next meeting at which the principle business will be the election of officers, and his offer was gladly accepted. The object of the visit will be to take the new branch under their supervision, see to the election of the officers and the establishment of the branch, and generally to accept them as Bunbury's responsibility. Thus it will be seen that the newly formed Capel sub-branch is in good hands.

**BRIDGETOWN**

On Friday, November 7, Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A., represented the State Executive at a reunion of over sixty returned men, including representatives from various Groups and from Greenbushes. Major Whittell presided, and the entertainment was pronounced the best ever held in Bridgetown. The Bridgetown Sub-branch is a very flourishing concern. It has an excellent orchestra which performs at all its gatherings. The Women's Auxiliary is doing splendid service, having acquired Rest Rooms in the main street. These have been renovated, and afforded ample accommodation for regular meetings and social gatherings. Mr. Wells addressed the gathering on the various avenues of work that are pursued by the various Executive committees.

**FREMANTLE**

The annual social was held at the Fremantle Institute on the night of November 11. Thanks to the good preliminary work of the social committee (Messrs. F. Kirby, J. Lynch and W. Beer), everything went off swimmingly and there was a good muster. The toast of the Navy was proposed by the Rev. T. Smout, who admitted that though he was 'torpedoed on the way to Egypt, he felt more competent to propose the health of the bride and the bridegroom. Nevertheless he managed to work in some glowing tributes to the Senior Service. Lieutenant Hatten R.A.N. responded. The Rev. Canon Collick was in a very reminiscent mood in proposing the toast of "The State Executive." Mr. Cook proposed the toast of the "Sub-branch," and Messrs. Brennan and Alf Pady responded. Musical and other items were given by Messrs. Ted Scott, Jim Bolger, Charlie Walker, Cass Mahomed and the Band. Mr. Cass Mahomed was a new performer as far as Fremantle is concerned, and his was one of the star turns of the evening.

**WEST PERTH**

The attendance at the fortnightly meeting of the above, held on Thursday, 13th inst., was good. Poppy Day receipts were discussed, and £40 was reported to have been collected by the West Perth Ladies. This is a most gratifying result. One-third of this amount goes to the State Executive, one-third to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund, and the remaining third is retained for the Amelioration Fund. This division of the funds accounts for the £600 out of the total £1,800 collected, which, according to a badly worded paragraph in the daily paper, appeared to have gone in expenses. There are practically no expenses in connection with Poppy Day Appeal. A matter suggested to be taken up by the Executive was the refusal of the Water Supply Department to put sewerage into the W.S.H. at Mr. Hawthorn, as the returned men are not the freeholders, and the W.S.H. Department will not guarantee the payment. It is to be hoped that this matter can be adjusted, and there is no doubt that where right is on their side the Executive usually manage to get justice.

**BAYSWATER**

Following a recent drive of the district by members of the committee, interest has been greatly stimulated, as is seen by the increased attendance, and the spirit of good fellowship prevailing at all meetings.

At the extraordinary election to fill a vacancy in the North Ward, Mr. J. Winning was re-elected by a large majority, and it is the intention of this branch to seek further representation on the Board when opportunity offers, believing this to be the best way to assist the district and safeguard the interests of the returned soldiers.

Poppy Day this year was as successful as last, over 1,000 poppies being sold, and the branch owes a debt of gratitude to those ladies of the Auxiliary who worked so hard to achieve such a magnificent result.

The rifle team had a most successful season, winning the shield without losing a shoot, and its success is due in no small measure to the earnestness of its captain, Dhrk Ashby. At a subsequent shoot, the “next best,” captained by Dave Burton, challenged the shield team; both teams scored 116 (possible 125), and in the shoot-off, the “next best” won by 1 point amid great excitement.

In conjunction with the Bayswater Friendly Societies the branch is organizing a concert in the Town Hall, on December 12th in aid of the local unemployed.

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**Parlour Tricks**

(By Peter Hopgood)

In returning a book ("Wellington's Men — Some Soldier Autobiographies." Edited by Dr. W. H. Fitchett.; Smith, Elder & Co., 1908.) borrowed from Barney, I made the following observations:

(a) These memoirs (of two officers, one N.C.O. and one rifleman) dealing with the Peninsular war and with Waterloo, all exhibit the cheerful, take-things-as-they-come-and-better-them-when-possible, dinkum soldier attitude which strikes one as a refreshing change from many of the present-day war books.

(b) That the soldier of a century ago was apparently made of iron, considering the amount of clobber he was packed, the number of forced marches made, often on bare feet, and the savage punishments he sometimes incurred, even for trivial offences. "More than once," I said, "one reads: 'So-and-so was sentenced to 300 lashes for straying from the column foraging (small wonder when the commissariat was so faulty that 'the poor devils were often famished) and took the punishment without a murmur.' That makes your modern advocates of the abolition of the cat for thugs sound a bit cheap, somehow."

(c) That Wellington's men were, after all, very like our own boys in the late war, for one read of piquets (both French and English) firing into the air over one another's head when on night guard only 40 paces apart; the same men being keen

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enough to kill each other in pitched battle, but seeing no reason to provoke retaliations when in sad need of a little rest and quietness. Again, the French wounded begged the English to shoot them rather than leave them to the mercies of the peasants and camp-followers. Thomas Atkins sometimes took them at their word, when worn out beyond endurance himself, but, whenever possible (i.e., when he had anything to eat or drink on him, and had the time to aid them) did all in his power to save them and make them comfortable.

(d) That staff-blunders were as common in those days as now and General Muckup was often in command, the troops blundering through, as usual, on their own initiative.

(e) That the armies in the Peninsula must have been happy hunting-grounds for scoundrels of all sorts and especially easy meat for spies, seeing that they were accompanied by all sorts of civilian hangers-on, including women.

(f) That the peasants of that time were much like those we knew. Their homes and livelihoods ruined by the war, small wonder if they got their own back out of the soldiers by thieving and trickery. Allies, being foreigners, were no safer from their attentions than the enemy, once wounded and helpless. The modern peasants do not go to the length of murdering their wounded allies, but, among the Belgians and Gypsies, at any rate, there was often little love lost, and shameless extortions and "try-ons" were very often practised.

Barney listened to all this comment attentively and with few interruptions but, when I reached the above, he slapped his thigh and roared with laughter.

"That reminds me," he said. "I've only once known any diggers keen to go on guard and then I had four of them come to me begging for it. I knew there was something in the wind, but I saw no harm in picking them as they seemed to hanker after it. When the orders for the day came out I knew what they'd been up to alright, for a general parade was called of every soul in the unit, including the batmen. "The guard, of course, escaped it.

"It was in a hard-case Belgian village where 'there was only one estaminet, the proprietor taking advantage of the fact to bleed us through the nose for everything. The proprietor went round with the C.O. and picked four men that he swore had been at the joint the night before last when someone had lifted 6,000 francs of his 'hard-earned' savings. The four he picked were all able to prove an alibi. Then the Belgian decided he must have made a mistake and wanted the bar paraded again. The C.O. was not at all polite to him when he suggested this, and told him in pretty strong language that if he thought we had nothing better to do than parade all day for his benefit he was considerably mistaken. He ended up by telling the blighter that he suspected it was a put-up job to get "compensation" for nothing out of the A.I.F. This scared the life out of the proprietor and he went off without another word.

"But it was a dinkum burglarly alright, though no one suspected it except myself, and my four men were the culprits. None of us would have had any sympathy with the Belgian, anyway, after the way we had been milked, and when men told me the story, I saw no reason to pass it on. The ringleader was a chap some of you may know, so I won't mention his name. A hard case alright, but a good enough soldier and a decent enough man, too, until you crossed him.

"A few days back he'd had an argument with the proprietor over being charged twice as much for a couple of bottles of vin blanc as he'd paid anywhere else. In fact, the longer we stayed in that village and the more custom the swines got, the higher the prices climbed. This bloke determined to get his own back, so he made a small hole in the shutter, and at closing time he had his eye glued to it from the outside.

"Next night he takes 3 cobbers of his he could trust, into the business, and they all troop in and sit down at the biggest table with a copy of the Paris edition of the Daily Mail and an old Sydney Bulletin. They order drinks and get very interested in what they are reading, holding up their literature between the bar and themselves and laughing and joking over what they were reading. Everytime the proprietor or one of his satellites or any customer moved, over towards them, down would go the papers on the table and all four would crowd together leaning on them to look at some interesting bit one of them had pointed out. Then, when the coast was clear, up would go the papers, and once, when they stopped talking for a second, a faint gnawing sound was heard like a mouse at work somewhere. But they started again before anyone noticed. At closing time, the proprietor noticed a little trail of sawdust by the door, but thought nothing of it till he went to bank his takings as usual in his secret drawer in the big table. Then he found it empty, and, snatching the "Daily Mail" from the table top, discovered a hole just big enough for a hand. They had carried the notes and the sawdust and splinters away in the "Bulletin" and, being necessary after the fact, as it were, though I naturally didn't take any of the hush money they offered me, I saw no harm in accepting a few bottles of vin blanc on the strength of it."

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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Lyceum Theatre, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flintoff, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Premier Hotel, Quarterly, North Dandalup</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>N. C. Scott, Northam.</td>
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<td>W. F. S. E. Buchanan, Belmont</td>
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<td>In the “Mill” at Workshops</td>
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<td>Freemasons’ Hotel</td>
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<td>Padre O’Halleran, Fennis St., Toodyay</td>
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<td>Library Hall, Albany Rd., Victoria Park</td>
<td>Third Friday in each month &amp; p.m.</td>
<td>H. Nicholls, 31 Miller Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
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<td>R. E. Tyler, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WICKEPIN</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING,</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Executive at 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>Capt. E. W. Edmonds, 218 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>M. G. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Sports Club, King St.</td>
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<td>L. Kaye Ferrin, 43 Douglas Av., S. Perth</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>S. Jones, 170 Cambridge St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>SIXTEENTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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Poppy Day

Grace R. Sand writes from Subiaco:

It has been noticed with regret that a certain arbitrary note has crept into the spirit of the Poppy Day arrangements, and one feels that this is not in accord with the wonderful spirit of service which has for a number of years marked this valuable effort.

While realising that proper organisation is necessary for the financial success of the effort, the writer, as a Poppy Day worker, would strike this note of warning, that we should not, through an excess of zeal, destroy that which we so highly value.

The practice, recently adopted by those in charge of the arrangements, of patrolling the streets on a tour of observation, and intimating to workers that a stand is not sufficiently staffed, or that workers are not sufficiently exerting themselves, is much to be regretted, in that it tends to rouse a feeling of resentment at interference, and thus may destroy that fine spirit of unity and willing service which is of such infinite value, but which, alas, is so easily alienated. While it may be true that the onlooker sees most of the game, when it comes to hard work this saying does not apply with equal truth, for oft times a great amount of work is put in which is not apparent to an observer. Wonderful work has been done in past years by honorary workers, the sales have been most satisfactory, therefore the tactics mentioned above are quite unnecessary, and leave one with the feeling that we are in danger of commercialising the day.

The staffing and working of any stand can safely be left to the auxiliary concerned, as all are keen, and anxious to do their best—otherwise they would not be there. Street selling is not congenial to the average woman; indeed, to some it is a trying ordeal, undertaken with an amount of trepidation and nervousness. Such women really make a greater sacrifice than their fellow workers, who have more assurance, though the latter may collect more cash—and more kudos. But with all the women concerned, it is a labour of love.

A Few Old Favourites

(From "The Trench Nursery Rhymes.")

Little Colquohoun has lost his platoon,
But he knows where to find them;
He leaves them alone, for they'll come home
When esaminets close behind them.

There once was a maid of Gibraltar
Who swore that no soldier would halt her;
But one night, sad to state,
While returning home late,

She was caught by a common defaulter.

Clumsy Rumsey sat on a bomb,
Pinned and percussed with great aplomb.
All the King's nurses and medical men
Couldn't put Rumsey together again.

Beer, Beer, Battery, have you any shells?
Yes, Dig, yes—what America sells.
One for the Boche and one for the blue,
And one for our own front parapet, too.

There was a young fellow at Wipers,
Who was shot through the cheeks by some snipers,
And the tunes that he played
Through the holes that they made
Beat the Argyll and Sutherlands' pipers.

Said a lengthy Australian named Pitt,
"If I hold up my head I'll be hit.
And it's just my bad luck,
I'll be shot, if I duck.
In a place no tin helmet'll fit."

Simple Sapper met a flapper
On the Boulevards.
Suggested Sapper to the flapper,
"Compre promenade?"
Wily flapper asked the Sapper,
"Ave you leettle money?"
Saddened Sapper sighed to flapper,
"Na poou. Je suis stoney."
Separators

Efficiency and Economy are the two most important factors to consider when buying a Separator. The "DAHLIA" and "SYLVIA" are unrivalled for efficiency, and, combined with their low cost, cannot be beaten.

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