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Lest We Forget
THE GREAT LEADER

"What's in a name?" fair Juliet asked her Romeo. A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but, as Robert Louis Stevenson pointed out, in "Virginibus Puerisque," the great men of history have all been appropriately named. Just as Cromwell overshadowed Hampden and Pym, his name was more resounding that theirs. Pronounce the names of England's greatest admirals — Drake, Blake, Benbow, Rodney, Hawke, Nelson — and you will produce sounds suggestive of the clash of battle and the hard knocks of questing adventure. One seldom, if ever, finds the instance of a great man bearing a ridiculous or an undignified name, which raises the question, does the name confer dignity upon the bearer, or, is it the other way round?

Stevenson's difference from Shakespeare is hardly fundamental. We suspect that his sense of sound led him to associate his ideals in the wrong order. Nevertheless, we have always thought it a pity that no great essayist has thought fit to write at length upon the greatness attaching to the name, John. One can live up to a given name; indeed, that is frequently the sole reason why some names are given; and the nominal roll of the Johns, who have made the world a better place to live in, is a lengthy one. It was a John who was sent from Heaven to herald the coming of our Lord; it was a John who became His best loved disciple; a John to whom the Revelation was made on the isle of Patmos. It is only natural, then, that the name John should occur frequently in church history—John Wycliffe, John Huss, John Calvin, John Knox, and John Wesley. The world of letters has contributed John Milton, John Bunyan, and John Dryden, John Keats, and John Ruskin. It was, on the other hand, an unfortunate name for kings. John of England was neither fortunate nor blessed. There were, also, John Balliol, the puppet king whom the first Edward thrust upon the throne of Scotland, and then cast back into obscurity; John, the blind king of Bohemia, who fell at Crecy; John of France, who was captured at Poictiers. The bright exception seems to have been John Sobieski, the Polish king who stemmed the Turkish tide that was threatening to inundate middle Europe. The truth of the matter is that these other Johns were too weak to live up to what was demanded of the name. Lest some hypercritical sub-branch accuse us of bias in this matter, may we hasten to admit that there have also been Williams, Georges, Thomases, Jameses, and even Percies, but the illustrious Johns outnumber the rest. In this roll of fame, Australia is worthily represented by John Forrest and John Monash.

The death of Sir John Monash is a blow not only to the R.S.I., but to Australia, as a whole. The little men who strut about in high places have larded the country in such an unholy mess that the death of a truly great man, and the consequent deprivation of his services to the country, increase the effect of the calamity. Were our democracy competent to appreciate leaders, and educated enough to follow them, such a man as Sir John Monash, who guided the nation's destinies in war, might well have been called upon to save the country again from the awful wastage and the tragic blunders of peace.

During the war it was often suggested, by interested parties, that the Army should be put under the control of business men. The average business man is so eminently practical. He will tell you so on the slightest provocation, forgetting, or completely ignoring, that the purely practical man is, when all is said and done, handicapped by the limitations of his own experience. The present state of affairs is a very bad advertisement for those who are business men and nothing else. Were the soldier to prove as inefficient in war as has the business man in peace, he would be called upon to face a well-merited court martial.

The claim that a great soldier could have cleaned Australia's augen stable is not an extravagant one. John Buchan, who was a colonel in the army, besides being a distinguished novelist and a member of the House of Commons, asserted, in his essay, "The great Captains," that the qualities of courage and character, common to all great soldiers, are fundamental qualities which make for success in every walk of life. In addition the successful soldier acquires administrative experience and habits of discipline, self-sacrifice, and control, to a degree that would be utterly impossible in civil life. Many of Sir John Monash's panegyrists have stressed the fact that Sir John was essentially the business man turned soldier. The claim indicates a very superficial appraisement of the principles of psychology, and the course of Sir John's career.

The military career of Sir John Monash has features in common with those of Cromwell, who was forty-three before he saw a shot fired in anger; and Clive, who was a bookkeeper till accident made him a soldier. Hazy-minded patriots never tire of pointing to these examples of latent military genius whenever they wish to depreciate the value of military training.

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sense that he had a positive flair for organisation and administration; that he had the keenness of mind which could cut through the entanglements of detail to the kernel of any given situation; that he controlled the Australian Corps as all merchants should, but lamentably few actually do, run their businesses. The fact is, theory and practice cannot be shut off into water-tight compartments. Not only was Sir John Monash a great war-leader; he was also a profound scholar, and a distinguished engineer. Few men in our history have been able to reinforce their practical ability from such reserves of intellectual power.

He did not, as well-meaning civilian strategists would have us believe, become a general by accident. During his long service with the Citizen Forces, which he joined as a private, he made a thorough study of the military art. Few officers were better read, as far as military texts are concerned. When Sir Ian Hamilton inspected the Australian Military Forces, a few months before the war, he placed it on record that the most competent officer he had met, in this country, was Major John Monash. Such points are always overlooked by the coterie of the half-baked who are ever ready to exalt the amateur at the expense of the regular. Here, too, it may be pointed out that if four years' continuous war service do not make a man a regular, nothing on earth will.

It is character that distinguishes genius from talent. Sir John Monash did his duty unobtrusively and well. He was not popular, as Sir William Birdwood was, but neither were Kitchener nor

Congress

Probably the depression had something to do with it, but at this year's Congress we missed the sparkle and pungency of similar gatherings in the past. The jokes were few and far between, and with some notable exceptions, delegates did not seem to have prepared their cases as carefully as their predecessors of former years. The number of motions that were withdrawn, in the light of fuller knowledge, from the agenda paper, was larger than usual. It seems a pity that this knowledge could not have been acquired in time to save the R.S.I. the expense of that much extra printing.

One thing, however, was most apparent. While differences of opinion exist, the league stands one and indivisible on all matters of principle. The old spirit of comradeship and zeal for the public weal, is still undiminished. In fact, there was a unanimity on fundamentals that sometimes applied the closure to what might otherwise have been very interesting and instructive debates. For instance, while the question of the extra penny tramfare on Anzac Day was debated at considerable length, the Press sub-branch's motion, about Russian dumping, was agreed to with a single-mindedness which left no opening for any discussion whatever.

Naturally, at a time when the man on the land and his difficulties are so prominently before the public, matters arising from the Soldier Settlers' Conference and concerning group settlers occupied much of the time of Congress. Lack of space, and the desire to report these matters as fully and as sympathetically as their importance warrants, have induced us to defer publication of these matters until our November issue goes to press. We may say in passing that the delegates from the Group Settlers worthy represented their sub-branches. They put up their case manfully and succinctly. They presented a concrete argument for every contingency. Their very earnestness carried conviction, and we city-chaps were left with a knowledge of and sympathy for the "Groupy" and his troubles that will undoubtedly bear fruit.

One new feature of this year's Congress was the constitutional amendment which sanctioned the election of a country vice-president. We congratulate that earnest and popular worker, Mr. Cliff Gillett, of Bunbury, on being the first to receive this honour.

Poppy Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Sub-branches participating in the Poppy Day Appeal should immediately forward orders for poppies and remembrance wreaths to the State Secretary, Perth. Remembrance wreaths are for adorning the honour boards of local government bodies and public institutions. Stickers for motor cars, containing a replica of a Remembrance Wreath, are available for motor car wind screens.

Already preliminary action has been taken to organise a vigorous appeal in the metropolitan area, and it is hoped that country sub-branches throughout the State have acted similarly. The appeal, on behalf of distressed soldiers, by the sale of imitation Flanders poppies on each recurring Armistice Day, is now recognised by patriotic people throughout the British Empire, and sales in the old country total upwards of half a million pounds. The highest number of poppies sold in this State in the past was 38,000. This year, by more effective organisation, it is hoped to exceed this figure. Every small country town should be invited to take part in the appeal, and no place or business premises should be overlooked.

The Poppy Appeal originated first in France soon after the cessation of hostilities and was afterwards taken up with sympathetic vigour by the late Field Marshal, Lord Haig, and the Prince of Wales.

The poppies conjure up memories of the Western Front battlefields. There they bloomed and bent their heads with each sighing wind. The war's blast brought temporary blight, but where one poppy fell temporary sprang from the earth again. The poppies were silent sentinels of the struggle stretching from one end of France to the other. They saw the youthful legion of the Allies fall, they speak of their death, of the mysteries beyond, of sacrifices and, they breath and inspire remembrance of those who sleep beneath the poppy fields.

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State Executive Meetings 14/10/31.


New Delegates.—The State President, Colonel Collett, welcomed new members to the Executive.

Reports.—The Management Committee submitted recommendations as follows, and all recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Executive meet at 7.30 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays, commencing 14th October.
2. Eleven members to constitute a quorum at any meeting.
3. The Executive to be divided into committees, as follows:
   - Finance.—Messrs. Margolin, Smith, Parker and Tozer.
   - Mining and Prospecting.—Messrs. Denton, Olden, Tyler, and Watt.
   - Anzac Day and Poppy Day.—Messrs. Edmonds, Freedman, Margolin, Riley, Tozer, and Yeates.
   - House Committee.—Messrs. Bader, Farquharson, Philip, Tyler, and Hunt.
   - Art Union Committee.—Messrs. Bader, Farquharson, Mellor, Panton, Tozer, and Tyler.
   - Local and Empire Trade.—Messrs. Tozer, Watt, Pady, and Cornell.
   - Management Committee.—The President, the Immediate Past President, and the Vice-Presidents.

Reports.—Reports from State Secretary, Employment Bureau, and Relief Fund were received. Ex-Imperial Men at Blackboy Camp.—Mr. Philip reported on behalf of the Trustees on an interview with the ex-Imperial men from Blackboy. The Trustees endeavoured to dispel the existing belief that the R.S.L. was not sympathetic to the ideals of the ex-Imperial men. The report was received.

No. 4 D.C.—A report was read on behalf of Mr. Yeates, who represented the Executive at the No. 4 D.C. Reunion on the 19th September. The 8th Battery.—Mr. Philip reported having attended the 8th Battery Reunion.

The Late General Sir John Monash.—Moved by Colonel Olden, and seconded by Colonel Margolin, that this branch expresses its profound regret at the loss to Australia and the League by the death of Sir John Monash, and extends its deepest sympathy to the relatives of the deceased soldier.—Carried.

The motion was carried with delegates standing.

Consolidation Council Ex-Service Men's Organisations.—Messrs. Edmonds and Parker were appointed League delegates on this Council.

Federal Capital Territory Branch.—On the motion of Mr. Cornwell, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, delegates to the 1st Annual Congress, were instructed to oppose any motion which had for its object the granting of voting rights to the Federal Capital Territory Branch at Congress.—Carried.

Invitation.—Congregational Church, Queen's Park, 8th November. Mr. E. M. H. Farquharson appointed.

Cottesloe Beach.—October 30th. Messrs. Parker and McGuffin.

 fremont.—November 10th. State President and State Secretary.

Corrigin.—31st October. Referred to Management Committee.

16th Battalion Re-Union.—Colonel Olden.

Appointments Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials to the following sub-branches was confirmed:

(a) Narembeen
(b) Baywater

"Listening Post."—Imperial Printing Co. submitted a communication containing propositions for the continuance of the "Listening Post.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Tozer, that the Executive appoint a delegation to confer with the Proprietors of the "Listening Post" with a view to arriving at some conclusion which would prove satisfactory to both parties. Messrs. Smith, Parker, and Tozer were appointed.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Bader, that the Executive appoint a Public Committee to go into the matter of the "Listening Post," and submit a report to this Executive.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tozer, seconded by Mr. Nugent, that the required notice to terminate the "Listening Post" agreement be given in accordance with Congress resolution.—Carried.

Sir John Monash.—The Bunbury Sub-branch advised that a fitting memorial service had been held in Bunbury in honour of the late General Sir John Monash.

Financial Members.—The question of extending the present scheme to members whose subscriptions expired subsequent to 31/12/30 was referred to the Management Committee for report.

Stored Wheat.—A letter from the Narembeen Sub-branch asking the League to enquire as to what action had been taken in the Eastern States with reference to the stored wheat was referred to the Land Committee.

Art Union Control Committee.—It was agreed to ask Mr. Panton to represent the League in this committee.

Moora Sub-branch had decided to relinquish to the Moora Road Board in satisfaction of rates owing, certain blocks of land which had been donated to them. As the Title Deeds were in the name of the Executive they requested that the necessary action be taken.

Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, that the request be acceded to.—Carried.

Herdmans' Lake.—A communication from T. R. Crookhan received through the Perth Sub-branch, dealt with the settlement at Herdmans' Lake, and was referred to the Land Committee for enquiry.

Meal Tickets.—Mr. Hawthorne Sub-branch protested against the present practice of issuing meal tickets on the R.S.L. Dining Room when there were returned soldiers in similar businesses. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Chief Mechanical Engineer.—The Water Supply Sub-branch protested against the appointment of the Chief Mechanical Engineer for the State, stating that preference had not been given.

Moved by Mr. Cornwell, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the matter be left with the State President for enquiry.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mellor, seconded by Mr. Nugent, that the matter be referred to the Employment Committee.—Carried.

Group Settlement.—A communication was received from the Pemberton Dairy Farmers Association expressing appreciation of the League's action on behalf of certain settlers.

Appreciation.—A letter of appreciation for assistance rendered to Mr. W. J. Hanbury was received.

Council of Industries.—Mr. Farquharson was appointed the Executive delegate to this Council.
ODE, ON THE DEATH OF SIR JOHN MONASH
(By C. R. Collins)

As forest winds in autumn sigh and year,
    The muffled drums throb out their endless roll;
The brown leaves fall faster, year by year.
    Can this be spring, when Death exacts his toll?
Of all our best? When greener leaves have spread
    Their fresher coronals above the bole
Of every tree, when birds flute overhead,
    When sparkling waters part before the tide,
Brown limbs of swimmers, winter’s gloom is sped.
    Like mating brooklets, boisterous and blithe,
Life gathers volume, flooding everywhere;
    Is this a time for Death to wield his scythe?
Alas, Death knows no season, foul or fair.
    The brown leaves fall faster, year by year.
Ill can we spare our Chieftain at this hour.
    Ill can we spare the brain that did contrive
The victor-stroke against the embattled power.
    Of ravening Mars. The sturdy will to drive
Our chariots to victory once more.
    Is with us still; but leaderless we strive
‘Gainst forces more insidious than of yore,
    ‘Gainst treason breeding treason in the slums,
And canker the nation at the core.
    As, in some subtle alchemy, the sums
Of dormant atomies are made unite,
Until the whole a vital spark becomes.
    He was the force, the principle, which might
Transfuse our darkness into blazing light.
    He was no conqueror, before whose frown
Opposing hosts became a fleeing horde.
    And thrones and sovereignties went toppling down.
He was no proud and overweening lord.
    Before whom nations cowered in their fright,
Who lived for war, and perished by the sword;
    No Bonaparte, to bleed his country white,
No Timur, rearing pyramids of skulls,
    No blatant junker, making wrong a right.
His not the wild ambition that annuls
    The claims of conscience and the rights of men;
His, not the soaring pride that reason dulls.
    For martyrred Peace he took the field, and when
Peace was restored he sheathed the sword again.
    Rather like Wellington was he in all
Befitting man for leadership—the will
To carry on, whatever may befall;
The seeing eye; the verve than can instil
Fresher courage into every faltering heart;
The flashing mind that no reverse can chill.
    Like Wellington, he, too, could play his part.
On quieter stages, at his country’s need.
    As skilled in science as he was in art,
The scholar’s laurels were the student’s meed.
    No task too humble to command his zeal,
It was through service that he learned to lead.
    Inspired by service for the public weal,
He saw in service the sublime ideal.
Does dissolution come, when, from its sheath
    Of mortal clay, the spirit is set free?
Ah, no. Our chieftain was too great for Death.
    The muffled drums, the crashing volleys three,
The sobbing bugles—these were but the rites
Inducting him to that great company.
    The great ones of all time, whom Death unites,
Whom future generations will revere.
    In whom the muse of history delights.
The ranks are closing and the hour draws near
    When we must fall in for the last parade.
(Stanzas.
    Through that last grim adventure,
Through Death’s escalade,
    We’ll follow him again, all undismayed.
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONGRESS

Congress commenced at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Wednesday, 30th September, at 10 p.m., after delegates had assembled at the State War Memorial, where the president placed a poppy wreath. The State President (Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.) presided.

The following were the accredited delegates:-

Albany, J. S. Whiteman, M.L.A.; Balingup, J. Heath; Bayswater, R. Murray; Beverley, J. I. Mann; Belmont Park, J. A. Rogers; Boulder, F. Caine and E. S. Watt; Boyanup, H. E. Wells; Bridgetown, R. Urquhart; Brunswick Junction, C. R. Gillett; Bullfinch, S. J. Hammer; Bunbury, C. R. Gillett; Busselton, J. H. Atkinson; Canning District, B. Galpin; Capel, C. R. Gillett; Cardif, D. J. Friedman; Champion-Geelak, A. P. Nugent; Christmas, L. C. Bishop; Claremont, H. G. Rose; Coolup, E. W. Lillecrapp; Corrigin, J. H. Tozer; Collie, Col. E. L. Margolin; Cottesloe, C. L. Harvey; Cottesloe Beach, J. Holland; Cowaramup, C. W. E. Lewis; Darling Range, F. J. Edson; Denmark, J. S. Whiteman; Dunalley, T. W. D. Smith; East Fremantle, J. McFadden; Geraldton, Geo. Brown; Goomalling, E. J. Waterhouse; Gnowangerup, W. H. Flockin; Guildford-Bassendean, R. Penderbury; Greenbushes, W. Allen; Harvey, T. W. D. Smith; Herne Hill, W. F. Bateson; Kalgoorlie, T. O. Fairley, H. S. W. Parker, A. C. N. Olden; Kellerberrin, G. W. Mann; Katanning, H. A. Fildes; Karridale, R. Powell; Kelmstatt-Kolyesteone, A. S. Jackson; Kendale, E. W. Edmonds; Koondinin-Karlgarin, A. Yeates; Kojonup, H. L. Roche.

Poppy Day, November 11. Make it a record.


President's Address—The State President, Col. H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., delivered his address to Congress and declared the Congress open.

The motion of Mr. Jackson (Kelmstatt), seconded by Rabbi Freedman (Cardiff), a vote of thanks to the President was carried and Congress directed that the address be printed and circulated to sub-branches. (See attached).

General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs and General A. T. White attended Congress and were welcomed by the President. General Hobbs addressed delegates assembled.

Congress Agenda Committee—Messrs. Riley, Yeates, Smith and Watt were appointed Agenda Committee for Congress.

Correspondence—It was announced that the Naval and Military Club had offered honorary membership to all country delegates during their stay in Perth.

A telegram was received from Mr. W. H. Logic, wishing Congress success.

Greetings—A lettergram was received from the Federal President conveying greetings and best wishes to Congress.

British United Services Association—A communication was received from the Secretary of the B.U.S.A. expressing its faith in the integrity of the League.

QUESTIONS

Answers to questions in the name of the Kal-goori and Boulder Sub-branches on the Agenda Paper were submitted by the State Secretary as follows:-

1. Question: What was the extent of the Executive District Fund on 1/1/31? Answer: £463. 9s. 1d.

2. Question: What has been expended on members of the League and their dependants since that date to 30/6/31? Answer: £60 14s. 7d.

3. Question: What has been granted to sub-branches? Answer: £18.

4. What was disbursed to non-members and their dependants? Answer: £276 9s. 6d. (Total amount disbursed since 1/1/31, £136/5/44.)


6. Question: How is the money raised to recoup this fund? Answer: Art Unions, Poppy Day proceeds and donations.

7. Question: What is the position regarding Item 84 of the 1929 Congress? Answer: Item 84 of the 1929 Congress referred to proposed amendment of the Licensing Laws to compel local wine saloons and hotels to store W.A. wines. The Attorney-General has advised after consultation with eminent counsel that to do this would be ultra vires to the Constitution.

8. Question: What was the result of Item 63 of the 1930 Congress? Answer: This item was superseded by Item 66 re restriction of aliens. The Commonwealth Government has advised that the immigration of aliens has ceased.

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Sunday, and similar occasions.—Carried.
An amendment was moved by Rabbi Freedman
(Cardiff), seconded by Mr. East (Marradong-
Boddington) to include the words "nearest to
their home."—Lost.
Anzac Day Traum Service—Moved by Mr. Jhibb
(Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Matthews (Vi-
coria Park) that the Government be approached
in regard to ex-service men getting concessions
in fares travelling on trains and trams on Anzac
Day and Monis Sunday to attend the various
services.—Lost.
Moved by Mr. Panton (Mt. Hawthorne) secon-
ded by Mr. Nugent (Osborne Park) that the
Government be asked to abolish the extra fares
charged on the trams on Anzac Day.—Lost.
This item was moved as an amendment by Mr. Perring
(South Perth), seconded by Mr. Hunte
(Perth), that Congress deplores the action of the
Tramway Department in charging extra holiday
fares on Anzac Day, and directs the Executive
to wait on the Minister concerned, with a view
to arranging that ordinary rates only be charged
up to 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.—Carried.
Anzac Day and Bagels—Murrington Mills: All
future applications for loan of a bugle on Anzac
Day go to the ballyard—successful applicant to be
responsible for cost of transport and any inci-
dental expenses.—Referred to the incoming State
Executive.
Anzac Day Collections—Moved by Mr. Clowes,
seconded by Rev. Purdy (Maylands), and altered
to read: "That Congress approves of sub-branches
if they so desire, taking up a voluntary collec-
tion at their Anzac Day parade and service, to
augment the amelioration funds of the sub-branch
concerned."—Lost.
Anzac Day Entertainment—Moved by Mr. Gil-
lett (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Smith (Harvey),
that action be taken to prevent the holding of
all forms of organised sport or entertainment on
Anzac Day.—Carried.

Re-unions on Anzac Day—Kalgoorlie: In view
of the difficulties attendant Congress authorises
the State Executive at the Executive's discretion
in lieu of the restrictions regarding the conduct
of Anzac Day Re-unions.—Lost.
Poppies—Dowah: Country sub-branches
may adopt whatever day suits local conditions
for Poppy Day with the approval of the Execu-
tive.—Lapsed.
Claremont: Poppies for sale on Anztzice Day
be procured locally.—Withdrawn.
Moved by Mr. Waker (Mundaring) seconded
by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops) and altered
to read as follows:—
That our delegates to the Federal Congress be
instructed to move that no further monies derived
from the sale of poppies be forwarded to the
Federal Executive.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Rogers (Belmont) seconded
by Mr. Edmonds (Kendall), that Congress give
direction to the State Executive for the enforce-
ment, of regulations re sale of poppies.—Carried.
Aged Relief Fund—Moved by Mr. Rae (Clare-
mont), seconded by Mr. Thompson (Nedlands),
that the contributions from the Poppy Day pro-
ced due to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers Fund
be suspended for the period of one year on ac-
count of the present financial depression.—Lost.
Art Union—The State Secretary reported hav-
ing conferred with the Auditor in connection
with the offer of the Minister for Police—which offered the League an Art
Union to be conducted by the Art Union Control
Committee. It was moved by Mr. Farquharson
(Mornington Mills), seconded by Mr. Nugent
(Osborne Park), that Congress regrets the de-
cision of Mr. Scaddan in his refusal to permit
the League to conduct its own Art Union and
agrees to immediately approach the Premier to
secure reconsideration for the League's applica-
tion, all members of Parliament to be included
in such deputation.—Lost.
Moved by Mr. Watt (Boulder), seconded
by Mr. Caine (Boulder), that the Minister's offer
be accepted, subject to the Art Union Control
Committee conducting the sales of all tickets for
the Art Union and the League continue to press
for permission to conduct its own Art Unions.—
Carried.
Moved by Mr. Perring (South Perth), seconded
by Mr. Barbelet (Nedlands), that Congress re-ers the Minister's letter re the Art Union to the
incoming Executive for further consideration and
whilst believing the League could handle the sweep
more efficiently by its own organisation, pro-
visionally approves of the acceptance of the offer
if deemed necessary.—Lost.
It was pointed out by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie)
that the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch was conducting a
sweep to be run on the Perth Cup and that the
Art Union granted to the Executive by the con-
trol board would clash with theirs.
Moved by Mr. Panton (Mt. Hawthorne), sec-
ded by Mr. Scall (Yannam), that it be sug-
gestèd to the Art Union Control Board that no
tickets for the Executive Art Union be forward-
d for disposal in Kalgoorlie.—Carried.
Cost of Living—Moved by Mr. Fairley
(Kalgoorlie), seconded by Col. Olden (Kalgoorlie),
that Congress is of the opinion that the figures
collected by the State Statistician in regard to
cost of living require the fullest investigation—
Carried.
Control of Retail Prices—Moved by Mr. Fair-
ley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Simpson (Upper
Champion), that Congress instructs the Executive
to approach the State Government to request the
appointment of a Commission to control the re-
tail prices of necessary commodities.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Nugent (Campion), seconded
by Mr. Hocken (Gnowlla), that a committee be
formed by the Government to investigate mar-
ginal differences in prices of commodities.—Lost.
Price Fixing Commission—Moved by Mr. Watt
(Boulder), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie),
that the Government be approached with a view
to appointing a Price Fixing Commission of com-
modities in the Eastern Goldfields.—Carried.
Gold Bons—Kalgoorlie: Congress deprecates the
attitude of the Federal Government reducing the
gold bonus more than it did the bounties on other
industries.—Withdrawn.
Gold Mining Industry—Moved by Col. Olden
(Kalgoorlie), seconded by Col. Margolin (Collie),
that the State Executive be instructed to present
to the State Government the emphatic protest of
Congress against the drastic increase in the charge
for water to the gold mining industry, just as the
time when the best results of this industry are
required to help solve our financial difficulties.—
Carried.
Local Prospecting Boards—Moved by Mr. Fair-
ley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Caine (Boul-
der), that local prospecting boards be re-establish-
ed in centres where they previously function-
ted, and be granted the same powers as held

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when acting previously, and that the personnel be on the same basis as previously—Carried.

State Batteries—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Col. Olden (Boulder), and amended to read: That this Congress recommends to the State Government that all State subsidised batteries be brought up to a good state of efficiency, and that prospectors be compelled to crush at the nearest battery.—Carried.

Traffic—Moved by Mr. Ainsworth (Wagin), seconded by Mr. Parquharson (Mornington Mills), that Congress requests the introduction of legislation to reduce license fees for motors to a small registration fee, and to substitute a petrol tax.—Carried.

Traffic Act—Moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Roderick (Mundijong), that the Traffic Act should be amended so as to permit private owners of vehicles to cart their own goods.—Carried.

Local Products—Moved by Mr. Walker (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), Congress recommends to sub-branches the organisation of Sales Departments in conjunction with local products exhibitions, and in view of the national necessity for economy the encouragement of housekeepers to use the primary products of this State in the home by instructing them how to use them in a healthful and economic manner, thus creating employment for the primary producer and manufacturer.—Carried.

Interchange of Products—Moved by Mr. Gillett (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin), that sub-branches endeavour to form a link of inter-change of products of one district and another.—Carried.

Cost of Primary Production—Moved by Mr. Nugent (Campion), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin), that Congress requests the Federal Executive to use every endeavour to reduce the cost of primary production by the reduction of tariffs, etc.—Carried.

Tariff and Bounty Board—Moved by Mr. Urquhart (Bridgetown), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion), that the necessary legislation be enacted to provide for the constitution of a scientific tariff and Bounty Board.—Carried.

Preference for Empire Goods—Moved by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion), that Congress affirms the principle of preference being given to local and Empire goods, preference being given in the following order:—

1. Western Australian products.
2. Goods manufactured in Australia.

and that Congress instructs the new Executive to urge as far as possible the holding of exhibitions of local and Empire goods (products) by sub-branches in the various districts under their jurisdiction.—Carried.

Dumping Foreign Products—Moved by Mr. Newton (Manjimup), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kondinin), that Congress views with alarm the reported dumping of foreign products on the British market and urges suitable action through the British Empire Service League for the protection of the Dominions Primary Industries.—Carried.

Dumping Russian Timber—Moved by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Osborne Park), that Congress endorses the action taken by the Commonwealth Government in respect to the recent stampy from Russia to dump timber in Australia.—Carried.

Russian Goods—Moved by Mr. Birtwhistle (Prospect), seconded by Mr. Watt (Boulder), that this Congress is opposed to the unrestricted entry of recent Russian goods to Australia at prices which make competition by Australian and British manufactures impossible.—Carried.

Badges—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Smith (Harvey); In order to...
effect necessary economies in the expense of badges, all sub-branches be called upon to forward cash to the value of 6d. each, for every badge ordered, such 6d. to be deducted from the capitation return from each member's full year's subscription so accounted for.—Carried.

Nominal Roll.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Caine (Boulder), and amended to read: "Consents to the incoming Executive to obtain estimates of the cost, and if within the financial limits of the League, Item 141 of the 1930 Congress be put into effect.—Carried.

Executive Requirements.—Moved by Mr. Perrin South (Perth), seconded by Mr. Cornell (Mooroine Rock), that Congress recommends the State Executive to consider the calling of tenders for their requirements with a view to effecting economy in administration costs and at the same time holding to the principle of preference.—Carried.

Congress Resolutions.—Moved by Col. Olden, seconded by Mr. Fairley, (Kalgoorlie), that Congress directs that all matters left to the incoming State Executive be promulgated to all sub-branches as far as material in the State Committee Certificate (A. H. Salmon).—Moved by Mr. Brown (Geraldton), seconded by Mr. Perrin South Perth, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 26 of this Congress, the report of the past President's Certificate in the name of Mr. A. H. Salmon, of Geraldton, in view of the special representations made by the Geraldton sub-branch.—Carried.

Federal Presidency.—Moved by Mr. McAdam (York), seconded by Mr. Bader (Mundijong), that Congress congratulates the Executive on the attitude taken in regard to the Federal Presidency and is of the opinion that the W.A. Branch of the League should take strong steps to rectify what is apparently an illegal situation, but is also of the opinion that controversial publicity in the press is detrimental to the best interests of the League and should be discontinued.—Carried.

Repatriation Office.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Newton (Manjimup): Now that the Repatriation Office is opened on Saturday mornings, that placing any working men in the unfortunate position of having to lose time and money to attend hospital for medicine and treatment, Congress is of the opinion that Repatriation patients should be permitted to attend the District Repatriation Doctor nearest to where they reside and instructs the incoming Executive to press for same.—Carried.

Pension Reviews.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Newton (Manjimup), that an ex-service man is summoned for review, bless these men, the Department should recompense the man's loss of salary or wages.—Carried.

Medical Benefits (Orphans)—Moved by Mr. Mullor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Haig (Perth): Medical benefits be extended to orphans of deceased soldiers from 16 to 18 years. —Carried.

Surgeon Boots.—Moved by Mr. Pantor (M. Hawthorne), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park), that, in the opinion of this Congress the making of surgical boots for returned soldiers should be done by returned soldiers if available.—Carried.

Membership Card.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway workshops), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction): To Rule 19, para. 1, page 49, the words: "or League Membership Card" be added after the words "receipt" in line 17.—Carried.

President's Certificate.—Moved by Col. Margo- lin (Collie), seconded by Mr. Randolph (M. redin): Rule 6, page 20, be amended and that the words: "for one year or more" replace the words "of more than one year," in the fifth line.—Lost.

Amendment moved by Mr. Bellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Bader (Mundijong), to delete all words from the word "who" in line 5, down to the word "thereof" in line 7 and insert "during the period of a financial year of any sub-branch."—Lost.

Association of Soldiers' Families.—Moved by Mr. Aberle (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairguharson (Mornington Mills), that Congress requests the Executive to take steps to revive the Association of Soldiers' Fathers.—Carried.

Assistance to Financial Members.—Moved by Mr. Manners (Wickepin), seconded by Mr. Holland (Cottesloe Beach), that the facilities and assistance of the League should be available to financial members only with the exception of those who can show to the satisfaction of the Committee that they have not been in the financial position to join.—Lost.

District Committees.—Moved by Mr. Riley (Mount Marshall), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kondinin), that District Committees see Resolution 40, 1930 Congress.—

(1) Delete all words after "Institutions" in para. 1 (d), page 25, down to and including the whole of para. 2, and substitute: "any three or more sub-branches conveniently situated to each other may apply to the Executive for permission to form a District Committee."

(2) For the purpose of reference each District Committee shall adopt and use a numeral allotted to it by the Executive.—Carried.

Congress Proc. —Moved by Mr. Bateson (Midland), seconded by Mr. Fairguharson (Mornington Mills), that any sub-branch not able to send a delegate to Congress, shall, one month, prior to the Congress, notify the State Executive. The Executive will immediately appoint a representative and notify the sub-branch of the name, and address of such appointee. The sub-branch may then instruct representatives as to their wishes as to Agenda Items.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Philip (West Perth), seconded

by Mr. Hunt (Perth), that the matter be referred to the incoming Executive.—Lost.

District Committees at Congress.—Moved by Mr. Urquhart (Bridgeport), seconded by Mr. Newton (Manjimup), that the Constitution be amended to allow for representation from District Committees at Congress.—Lost.

District Committees' Agenda Items.—Moved by Mr. Sholl (Nannup), seconded by Mr. Andrews (Nungarin), that District Committee be empowered to submit items for agenda paper at Congress.—Lost.

Annual Subscription.—Moved by Mr. Ray (Bremantele), seconded by Mr. Lovell (R.W.), that in view of the scarcity of employment, Congress agrees to the following method of payment of subscription: Any member financial at the end of last year and now unemployed and unable to pay the full amount of the annual subscription may do so by paying monthly installments of 1/-; card to be provided and signed by the Secretary. The Secretary to forward capitation fees due to the Executive when the first, 1/2 has been paid.—Lost.

Federal Constitution.—Moved by Mr. Walker (Mundaring), seconded by Mr. Watt (Boulder), that the Federal Congress delegates endeavour to have capitation fees reduced, the money so saved to be applied to the relief of unemployed Returned Soldiers and Sailors within the State.—Carried.

Amendments to Constitution.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Smith (Harvey), that all amendments to the Constitution be printed and inserted in the rule book.—Carried.

Electoral Federal Officers.—Moved by Mr. Fairguharson (M.M.), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth), that Congress shall elect a Returning Officer who unless he be a branch delegate shall have a casting vote only. Election shall be by secret ballot, branch delegates only shall have elective votes.—Carried.

Mercantile Marine.—Moved by Mr. Hammer (Southern Cross), seconded by Mr. Heath (Balingup), that the Constitution be amended to allow of members of the Mercantile Marine who served

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Federal Constitution—Moved by Rev. Riley (Mount Marshall), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion), that the Federal Congress be asked to amend the Constitution Rules and By-laws of the R.S.L. to employment, so that the Executive be empowered to extend Resolution 210 for a further period of twelve months if deemed necessary.—Lost.

Amelioration Funds—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Geraldton), that the Executive be empowered to extend Resolution 210 for a further period of twelve months if deemed necessary.—Lost.

Amelioration Fund Control—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Smith (Harvey), and altered to read as follows:—Congress directs that each sub-branch raising an amelioration fund be permitted, subject to the policy of the League, to control same as its members deem fit without control by the State Executive.—Carried.

Strike Out Financial Members—Moved by Mr. Watt (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Nevin (Perth), that Congress resolves the principle of preference to returned sailors and soldiers.—Carried.

Unemployed Unfinanced Members—This item was moved by the State Executive for the examination of Congress. It read:—
(a) To consider a member who is financially from 31/12/30, and who, it is found after close investigation of the circumstances, has been unable through any fault of his own in part or otherwise has made it financially in the year 1391.
(b) To endorse the capitation fees wholly or in part due from sub-branches on behalf of members covered by (a) above.
(c) To include such members covered by (a) above in the figures covering the representation of sub-branches at the Annual State Congress. (See Rule 14, para. 2.)
(d) To pay the usual capitation fee to the Federal Executive of all persons covered by (c) above, and also the 1/- due to the publishers of the"Listening Post."
(e) Sub-branches will be responsible for the necessary advice being forwarded to the State Secretary, and also for the payment of a proportion of the dues to the Executive to the extent of the member is re-employed during the year.

Amendment moved by Mr. McGrath (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Lovell (R.W.T.), that the action of the State Executive be confirmed.—Carried.

Amendment moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth), that the Executive be empowered to extend the scheme as the circumstances arise.—Carried.

Amendment moved by Mr. Nevin (Perth), that Congress recommends to the Government that a regulation be made enabling single ex-service men to participate in sustenance work on similar conditions as are given to married men without children.—Carried.

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dren, thereby enabling ex-service single men to work for their living instead of being dependent on charity.—Lost.

Employment and Sustenance—moved by Mr. Gummers (Mullawa), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth), that families receiving sustenance from Government bodies be allowed to still receive same during the absence of breadwinner from the district (to which his family resides) while in search for further employment.—Carried.

Sustenance—moved by Mr. Newton (Manjimup), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth), that Congress asks that unemployed returned soldiers receiving pensions should not be debarred from sustenance.—Carried.

Sustenance—Group Settlers—moved by Mr. Atkinson (Busselton), seconded by Mr. Stahl (Yannah), that in view of the distress amongst soldier settlers and group settlers, no regulation should prohibit their sons from participating in relief work.—Lost.

Imperial Pensions—moved by Mr. M. E. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Morgan (Nedlands), that the Federal Executive be asked to approach the Imperial Government with the request that the British Ministry of Pensions give sympathetic consideration to all ex-Imperial Soldiers who are denied appeals on the grounds, that such appeals are not entered within the statutory period, as there are many such ex-service men very likely to become a burden on the Commonwealth, owing to their war-caused disabilities.—Carried.

Assistance—Ex-Imperial Men—moved by Mr. Cattermole (Perth), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), that Congress deplores the apparent lack of initiative and enterprise, the apathy and want of sympathy in the administration by the trustees of the £1000 special fund provided by the Imperial Government for the assistance of Imperial ex-service men on the land, and instructs the Executive to take the matter up seriously, and with vigor, with the State Government, with a view to releasing this fund from irksome restrictions, and to make it available more easily for the Imperial Settlers for whom it was subscribed.—Carried.

Imperial Grant—moved by Mr. S. Cornwell (Moorine Rock), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kondinin), that an immediate enquiry be made into the allocation and distribution and repayment of the Imperial Grant, and that the Board be formed to administer same, the members to consist of one from the Upper Settlement League, one from the R.S.L., (preferably an ex-Imperial man) and one from the B.U.S.A.—Carried.

Ex-Imperial Men and Preference—moved by Mr. K. Rae (Claremont), seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick (Mount Lawley), that the Public Service Act should be amended to include ex-Imperial Service men in the policy of preference to returned soldiers.—Lost.

"Listening Post"—item 182 reading as follows was withdrawn:

The position of the "Listening Post" be reviewed, and it be an instruction to the Executive to go into matters with a view to establishing a paper entirely an official organ of the League.

In its place Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Andrews (Nungarin), that Congress directs the State Executive to give the necessary six months notice to terminate the agreement with the "Listening Post," with a view to a re-arrangement of the conditions of agreement.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Caine (Boulder), seconded by Mr. S. N. S. B. (Mr. Barker), that discussion be deferred until next Congress and the vote taken on the second day.—Lost.

War Service Homes—moved by Mr. Kahan (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Faquerhson (M.M.), that Congress urges the Federal Government to make funds available at the earliest opportunity to make provision for the erection of War Service Homes for applicants awaiting same, with a view to the absorption of unemployed tradesmen.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that the War Service Homes Commission be approached with a view to having a valuation made of all War Service Homes, with the object of bringing them within the present-time valuations.—Lost.

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War Service Homes Interest—moved by Mr. Tyley (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Murray (Bayswater), that Congress is of the opinion that reduction in the rate of interest of War Service Homes should be made consistent with reduction in the rate of interest applying to private mortgages, and also considers that, in order to afford relief to holders of War Service Homes in regard to repayments, the period of repayment should be extended.—Carried.

War Service Homes Premiums—moved by Mr. G. G. P. (Vic Park), seconded by Mr. Mathews (Vic Park), that War Service Homes Commissioners be requested to reduce War Service Homes premiums.—Lost.

National Outlook for League—moved by Mr. Watt (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that Congress is of the opinion that a most national outlook in the affairs of the League in Australia is desirable, and supports the State President and Executive in their efforts to that end.—Carried.

National Problems—moved by Mr. Heath (Balgownie), seconded by Mr. Stahl (Yannah), that Congress, whilst having no desire to participate in party politics, affirms the principle of the members of the League displaying greater interest in discussions of national problems.—Carried.

The motion was unanimously rejected.

Officers' Honor Board—It was agreed that the following resolution be taken by the State President, with the District Commandant:

The Officers' Honor Board now at Blackboy Hill be taken from there and put in a more prominent place, the R.S.L. Institute for preference.

A motion by Mr. Crookes (Dork, E. C.) to add "at the request of the ex-officers' fund committee," was lost.

A motion by Mr. Ferris (Perth), to remove the committee for the purpose of making the consecration of the building," was lost.

The motion was unanimously rejected.

Monopoly Re-Union—moved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that permission be given to the Fremantle City and District Sub-Branch (with the co-operation of the Women's Auxiliary of the sub-branch) to hold a re-Union of Ex-Servicemen in Fremantle at a date to be arranged in 1932, such re-union to be of one week's duration.—Carried.

Economic Conditions—moved by Mr. Atkinson (Busselton), seconded by Mr. M. E. Mellor (Perth), that Congress approves the appointment of a Public Accounts Committee to curtail unnecessary borrowing to ensure a sound and economic government expenditure.—Lost.

Film Industry—moved by Mr. S. N. S. B. (Mr. Barker), seconded by Mr. Olden (Kalgoorlie), that Congress registers an emphatic protest against the excessive amount of money going outside the Empire in the film industry, and desires the R.S.S.L.A. to advise ways and means of curtailing this expenditure on foreign films.—Carried.

Economic Conditions—moved by Mr. Thompson (Nedlands), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kondinin), that Congress requests the State Government to convene a conference of representatives of the Agricultural Bank, Associated Banks, Chamber of Commerce, Associated Chambers of Commerce, Merchants, Ferriher and Oil Companies, Country Stores Association, Pastoralists' Association, Primary Producers' Association, Wheat Growers Union, Trustees' Association, for the purpose of...
endeavouring to place the primary industries on a sound basis. It is proposed that such conference elect a Central Finance Control Board, or form themselves into a Limited Company.—Lost.

Goldfields: Unemployment.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Caine (Boulder), that this Congress protests against the Labour Bureau granting free rail passes to unemployed to proceed to the goldfields, with no possibility of securing employment. It is also pointed out that each man needs £10/- in order to secure necessary medical examination at the Health Laboratory for him to work on the mines—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watt (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Smith (Pilbara), that the Minister for Industry be approached by a deputation consisting of delegates from Kalgoorlie and Boulder in support of the above resolutions.—Carried.

Later a report was submitted by Messrs. Fairley (Kalgoorlie) and Caine (Boulder), stating that they had been in touch with the Minister, and that the deputation would not now be held in view of the fact that the matter was in the hands of the Department.

Election of Officers
State President—Colonel Collett being the only nominee for State President, was unanimously elected, and the appreciation of Congress of his decision to again stand was recorded with enthusiasm.

Vice-President.—Rev. C. L. Riley and Mr. A. Yeates were elected.

Country Vice-President—the State President, Colonel Collett, nominated Mr. C. R. Gillett, of Bunbury, as Country Vice-President. Mr. Gillett was duly elected amid applause.

Tructers—Messrs. Philip Denton and Tyler were elected.

Executive—The election of the Committee resulted as follows: Messrs. Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds; Panton; Nicholson, Smith, Watt, Parquharrison; Pady, Birtwistle, Margolin, Nugent, Parker, Mellor, Bader, Cornell.

Auditor.—Mr. J. J. Prendergast, being the only nominee, was elected.

R.S.L. Trading Co. Director.—Mr. R. E. Tyler was elected.

Agenda Report (Allocation of Districts)—The Agenda Committee submitted a report showing the allocation of districts as follows: Olden, Guildford, Midland, Middle Swan; Tozer, Bunbury, Nelson, Swan; Hunt, Subiaco, Nedlands, Claremont; Lovell, Albany, Katanning, Wagin; Edmonds, Perth, East Perth, Maylands; Panton, Leederville, Mr. Hawthorn; Nicholson, Geraldton, Irwin, Moore, Greensough; Smith, Carnarvon, Rockingham, Willetton, Pilbara, Kimberley; Watt, Kalgoorlie; Boulder; Brown Hill, Ivanhoe; Parquharrison, Cannington, Victoria Park; Pady, Fremantle, South Fremantle, N.E. Fremantle; Birtwistle, Pingelly, Williams, Narrogin; Margolin, North Perth, West Perth; Nugent, Murray-Wellingford, Forrest, Colley, Parker, Beverley, York, Northam; Mellor, Toodyay, Mr. Marshall, Avon; Bader, Mr. Magnet, Murchison, Cornell, Yilgarn, Coolgardie, Hannans, Kanowna. The report was adopted.

Timber Industry (arising out of the Report)—Moved by Mr. Walker (Mundaring), seconded by Mr. Sholl (Nannup), that the Forestry Act be amended to read: "That only natural born or naturalised British subjects be allowed to register for employment in the timber industry."—Carried.

Slippery Heuets and Crown Lands—Moved by Mr. Urquhart (Bridgetown), seconded by Mr. Brown (Water Supply), that representations be made to the Hon. Minister for Forestry to set aside Crown Lands for the use of registered soldier sheep "{hieve"—Carried.

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Election of Officers—Moved by Mr. Williams (Subiaco), seconded Mr. Bishop (Carnamah), that Congress be asked to give its permission for Subiaco Sub-Branch to circulate circulars for their opinion on election methods for guidance of future Congresses.—Lost.

Service Medals—Moved by Mr. Andrews (Nannup), seconded by Mr. Sholl (Nannup), that Congress urge the Federal Executive to endeavour, with other Returned Soldier organisations, to obtain the issue of bars to Service Medals, indicating the theatre of war the soldier fought in and the sector of battles.—Lost.

Railway Excesses.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (R.W.), seconded by Mr. Tichbon (R.W.), that as-cheap railway excesses are a paying concern and wear and tear of rolling stock will in time cause work, this Congress instructs the incoming Executive to approach the Commissioner of Railways with a view to having these excesses frequently.—Carried.

Regulation of General—Moved by Mr. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that in order to guard against dependants or relatives of returned soldiers in indigent circumstances being imposed upon by undertakers or their agents, all applications for funeral allowances should be made to the Repatriation Department before burial arrangements are completed, and in all cases where it is necessary for dependants or relatives to be granted funeral allowances the necessary orders for such funeral shall be decided by the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation.—Carried.

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Ex-Service Men's Organisations

SCHEME FOR CLOSER CO-OPERATION

The report from the Executive to Congress reading as follows, dealing with the closer co-operation of ex-service men's organisations, was submitted and adopted.

1. That at the 1930 State Congress of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A., the following motion was carried unanimously:

"That an effort should be made to concentrate in one group all soldier organisations (other than unit associations) such as the T.B. Association, the Blinded Soldiers' Association, the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association, etc., under the banner of the R.S.I., while maintaining fully the rights, privileges, and vested interests of the bodies concerned."

2. On the 13th January last the president of the Branch, acting under the direction of the State Executive, transmitted a copy of the above resolution to the presidents of the several organisations and at the same time expressed the hope that the members of those kindred bodies would be able to consider the proposal as one likely to produce results advantageous to all concerned.

3. Conferences and correspondence followed. A free and lengthy discussion and exchange of ideas took place upon the principle contained in the suggestion of the R.S.I. and it was generally conceded that great benefits would accrue as the result of the closer co-operation and combination upon matters affecting the interests of ex-service men as a whole and that, as a further result weight would be added to representations made, by or on behalf of any special section thereof.

4. On the other hand it was felt that any amalgamation of the organisations concerned would be impracticable at the present time, because:

(a) It would entail interference with the rights, privileges, and vested interests of some of the bodies concerned.

(b) It would increase the financial obligations of some of the members.

(c) Of the great difficulty and delay in securing any necessary alterations to the constitution of the R.S.I.

5. However, it was eventually agreed that delegates to the conferences should submit to their respective organisations, the following points for consideration:

(a) That for the purpose outlined in paragraph 3 above, a Consultative Council be formed.

(b) That the council be composed of two delegates from each organisation and an independent chairman to be elected annually by the delegates in council.

(c) That the council meet monthly or at some other regular period as decided upon by the members thereof.

(d) That the council deal with matters brought before it by the various organisations or by the chairman.

(e) That the council's decisions shall not be binding upon the component bodies but will be considered as recommendations to those bodies.

City of Perth, Departmental Offices for attending and submitting information to Congress, Union Theatres and Mr. Hamilton Brown; (g) the National Broadcasting Co. of W.A. and Mr. Basil Kirks, Naval and Military Club, 6MI, Swan Products, W.A. Trotting Association, W.A. National Football League, and other organisations which have assisted towards promoting the comfort of the delegates; (h) the Press, the artists at the Smoke Social and the House Committee.

Congress concluded at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd October, with the singing of the National Anthem.

Wear the Poppies in Remembrance of November 11.
6. The organisations subscribing to this formula are:

- The Returned Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association of W.A. (Inc).
- The Ex-Naval Men’s Association (W.A. Section).
- The Tubercular Sailors and Soldiers’ Association.
- The Blinded Soldiers’ Association.
- The South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association of W.A.

(Sgd.) H. B. COLLETT, Chairman

Payment of Sustenance to Ex-Soldiers Undergoing In-Patient Treatment

The Federal Government recently issued an amendment to Regulation 77, which provides for the payment of sustenance allowance. This regulation, which became operative on the 30th July, reads as follows:

“77. (1) Where a Departmental Medical Officer certifies that the necessities of treatment for a disability due to or materially aggravated by war service prevent a soldier from following his usual occupation, a Deputy Commissioner, may, for such period as a Departmental Medical Officer specifies in his certificate, grant sustenance allowance to the soldier in accordance with the following scale, but so that the total income of the soldier shall not exceed the sum of amounts payable in accordance with that scale:

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“Provided that, in the case of a soldier without dependants, sustenance allowance shall not be payable where the soldier is undergoing in-patient treatment at an institution maintained at the public expense.

“Provided further sustenance allowance shall not be payable in any case of a soldier whose pension has been assessed at a rate not to be increased.

“(2) For the purposes of this regulation, ‘total income’ means the income of the soldier from all sources including the amounts payable under this regulation and the pensions granted in respect of himself, wife and children, as the case may be.”

Our Own Disabilities

Perhaps it is not necessary to state that we were keenly disappointed at the general attitude of this year’s Congress towards The Listening Post. It was evident, from the very outset, that an offensive against this paper had been organised by business and quasi-political interests outside the League.

We had hoped that Congress would give some sort of ruling as to what is “political,” said what is not, as applied to matter published in The Listening Post. However, no such ruling was given. Through circumstances over which Congress had no control, the motions concerning The Listening Post were discussed at a late stage of the proceedings, and before an attenuated Congress. Colonel Fairlie’s amendment to Darling Range’s motion practically applied the closure. This was the amendment which directed the State Executive to give the required six months’ notice of the termination of the contract between the R.S.L. and the proprietors of The Listening Post. The saving clause, “with a view to a re-arrangement,” was added when it was pointed out that to carry the amendment in its original form would be to deprive the Branch of an official organ until such time as the State Executive would be able to produce one.

Speaking to the amendment, Colonel Fairlie made a belated reference to a leading article published in this paper about six months before last year’s Congress. On this occasion we severely censured the anonymous writer of a scurrilous diatribe against the Anzac Day celebration of that year. Our leader concluded with the statement that the success of the Anzac Day celebration made the subsequent May Day celebration an anti-climax. This was a plain statement of fact, but Colonel Fairlie saw fit to place a narrow construction upon our remarks, construing them into an attack upon the May Day ceremony. For some reason, best known to themselves, by a very small majority, Congress accepted Colonel Fairlie’s ruling without further discussion. We have good grounds for believing that, had this matter been discussed before a fuller Congress, both the amendment and the original motion would have been defeated. As it was, the voting was very close.

We were also disappointed that the carrying of this amendment rendered the three following motions on the agenda paper unnecessary. We should have liked to have had these discussed so that an opportunity might have been afforded our supporters of acquainting Congress with the various disabilities under which this paper has laboured since its inception.

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Post was reviewed by the State Executive, the second time at the request of the proprietors who desired helpful advice and criticism. The Board of Management in both instances submitted reports which were unanimously adopted by the executive.

The following are a few pertinent extracts from the first report:

"That as a result of the change following on the decision of State Congress the sum of about £13 per month additional was paid to the Imperial Printing Co. Ltd., which in turn has spent £20 extra in the production of the paper."

"The Sub-branch directory includes some particulars which are not paid for. The revenue from this feature is about half of the ordinary contract advertising rate."

"Whatever additional revenue has been gained (as a result of the decision of State Congress) from advertising and from the Sub-branches direct, has undoubtedly been returned to the paper. It is not a commercial proposition and would involve a distinct loss to the League if it attempted to produce anything of the kind independently. The League is fortunate in having associated with it a printer who is prepared to place his equipment and facilities at the disposal of the League, not only without cost, but by dipping also into his own pockets."

From the second report, dated 22/7/31.

"During the last two years The Listening Post has been increased in size and improved in style. Liberal space has been allotted to the doings of the League and the Editor has spared no pains in the endeavour to further our interests."

"Osborne Park’s motion, requiring the Sub-branch Directory to be published free of charge, indicates imperfect knowledge of the business aspects of producing a paper. To start with The Listening Post is under no obligation to publish such a directory, any more than it is under an obligation to publish general advertising matter. It would be as logical to insist that we publish the advertisements of returned soldier business men, without charge, as it would be to block up this source of revenue. Incidentally, we take this opportunity of informing readers that although The Listening Post is being produced at a financial loss to its publishers, it is one of the few papers in this State which is carrying on in these troublous times, without reducing its size, and without economising by using an inferior quality of paper."

The last part of West Perth’s motion that “generally the published matter should be brightened up considerably,” was looked upon as an impertinence in this office until we were assured that the phrase was intended to apply only to the reports of executive meetings and not to the paper as a whole.

After all, Osborne Park’s and West Perth’s motions were concerned with matters of interior economy which will be dealt with when the managing-editor confers with the committee appointed by the State Executive for this purpose.

Once wonders, have those persons who persistently accuse us of political bias, ever paused to consider the meaning of the word “political” in its entirety, or do they brand us “political” when everything appearing in The Listening Post with which they, or some pal or employer outside the League, do not agree. The Listening Post has never been political to the extent of supporting one party against another—and never will be. On the other hand, all those questions of public import with which the League is concerned, many of which were the subject of motions before Congress, have their political aspect. Should The Listening Post, therefore, have refrained from discussing such questions lest some interested party be offended? So far, we have maintained that the functions of the editor of the official organ of an organisation, such as ours, are analogous with Edmund Burke’s conceptions of the duty of a member of Parliament to his constituents. In his “Letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol,” Burke took up the position that while a member’s constituents may command his services, they do not control his conscience. As a matter of duty, he supports all those fundamental issues embodied in the platform of his party; on all other issues he must be free to exercise his own judgment. This is implied in the last paragraph of the notice which appears every month at the head of our leader page.

While the editor of the digger’s paper must give his whole-hearted support to the constitution and the declared policy of the League, he should not be denied the right to express an opinion on those questions of public interest, which directly or indirectly affect the status of returned men, especially when these questions are rightly being continually discussed at various sub-branch meetings.

After all, The Listening Post, as at present constituted, is a newspaper and not a glorified minute-book. Its editor has aimed at literary excellence and the infusion of a certain amount of dignity into its pages. Should he care to do so, he can produce letters from gentlemen whose education and literary knowledge qualify them to speak on such topics, complimenting him on the measure of success his efforts have achieved; from others, unblinded by personal or political prejudice, congratulating him on the common-sense views expressed in his leading articles. Had he been content to follow the line of least resistance, to make the paper re-echo to the popular catch-cries of the moment, he could have saved himself an immense amount of work and worry. But what a jelly-fish among journals would have been the result. We have at all times stood square behind the League, and we defy our critics to point to one editorial article published in our journal as violating the League’s aims and objects and its broad national policy.

We realise that the paper is not perfect. What human achievement is? We expect that, as a result of the conferences which will precede the drawing-up of the new agreement, we will be able to offer readers a vastly improved paper. In the meantime we require more help from ex-service men in the nature of suggestions, contributions, personal war experiences, and so on. Let’s hear from our readers.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

We regret that pressure on our space precludes the publishing of the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conference, which will appear in our next issue.

BAYSWATER

There was a large attendance of members of the R.S.L. and the Women's Auxiliary at Bayswater Town Hall on Thursday, Sept. 10, when they met to say Au Revoir to Mr. and Mrs. Noble, who are leaving the district for Cottesloe. Mr. Noble has been a pioneer worker and secretary of the Auxiliary from its inception until a few months ago. Bayswater being the biggest branch in W.A. shows that Mr. Noble had the work at heart. It is only to her hard work and perseverance that we owe our membership of 86. Not only as secretary, but as investigator of amenability, Mrs. Noble went among the distressed doing good and helping them along. She always had a smile and cheery word, therefore making many friends, and she is loved by all who knew her. The President of the Auxiliary (Mrs. Power) presented Mrs. Noble with a beautiful handbag. Mr. Edwards, Vice-President of the Bayswater Sub-branch, presented Mrs. Noble with a dainty little case containing fountain pen and pencil, also a box of perfume. Mr. Edwards, in speaking of the good work done by Mrs. White, said that Bayswater had lost a diamond and what was Bayswater's loss would be Cottesloe's gain. Mavis, Murray and Smith delighted the company with elocution and songs; songs, games and dancing were indulged in, and after supper the signing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

VICTORIA PARK

On Sept. 25, the usual monthly women's social of the Victoria Park R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was held in the Library Hall and as usual, things went with a swing. Dancing, games and items by the Hawaiian Entertainers and a dainty supper served by the committee, formed the programme. It having leaked out that it was Mrs. Taylor's (President) birthday, naturally she received a special welcome. The popular raffle competition is going along and should provide a useful sum in aid of the building fund.

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The Listening Post

October 23rd, 1931

BRUCE ROCK

The Women's Auxiliary have had a very busy time lately. They assisted the local branch of the R.S.L. with the arrangements for the No. 1 District Council Re-union taking over part of the catering and the laying of the tables in the hall—and very pretty they looked with the Iceland Poppies on the cross table and lunips on the others. On the following day they held an "At Home" to meet the State President (Mrs. Wilson). The musical items rendered by Mrs. Withall, Tibbs and Black (songs), Mrs. Hancock and Miss Rhoda Wilkins were much enjoyed by all present, and afternoon tea was served at tables gaily-decorated with Iceland poppies. Mrs. Withall (President) in a short speech, officially welcomed Mrs. Wilson and a large gathering of members and friends were much interested in Mrs. Wilson's speech, which was devoted mainly to the work done by auxiliaries, and that done by the State Executive in relation to their relief of distress. She also spoke at some length on the rural science course. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss Follingon (vice-president) and carried in the usual way. The afternoon closed with further musical items and social intercourse. Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Hawke kindly acted as accompanists.

A special general meeting was held in Lansdale Hall on Friday, Sept. 18, when the following were present: The President (Mrs. Withall), in the chair, Miss Follingon and Mrs. Black (vice-presidents), Mesdames Blackwell, Jamieson, Thomas, Sedgwick, Bourne, Ryan, Seinor, Scott, Leavers, Finlayson, Cameron and the Secretary (Mrs. G. Mansbridge). The afternoon was mainly spent in discussing the agenda paper for congress, on many motions having to be taken. This business was followed by the choosing of the second delegate. Mrs. Bourne had already accepted the invitation, but, withdrew in favour of the Secretary, who was nominated by the vice-president (Miss Follingon). It was decided to allow the two delegates the minimum expenses.

Mrs. Ryan brought before the meeting a case of a returned man and his wife being in need of assistance, and it was decided to investigate the matter. On enquiry it was found that they were already in receipt of £5 per annum from the town funds, and that the Secretary of the R.S.L. (Mr. Bullimore) was watching the case on behalf of the sub-branch.

Our next activity will be the Poppy Day Re-union on November 11, in the Road Board Hall.

SUBLIACO

A concert organised by the Subiaco R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was held at No. 11 Repatriation Ward recently, when an enjoyable programme was submitted, the following artists contributing items: Mesdames Greethaml, Nagel, St. George, and Misses Davenport and Thomas. Mrs. McNamara acted as accompanist. A picture night was held on October 13th to augment auxiliary funds. Members have been very busy for some time past making small garments and woodland for the girls in hospital, and the work still persists in leaving homes in hard distress.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

The auxiliary held a most successful children's ball in the Maylands Town Hall, on the 23rd Sept. Quite a number of valuable prizes were distributed amongst the children, and an excellent supper was served. Mesdames Wilson, McCallum, Hoperton, Bantock and Mr. Hoperton kindly acted as judges.

This auxiliary holds dances once a fortnight in the Masonic Hall, Maylands, and once a month at Bellevue.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN AND INCAPACITATED SOLDIERS

Applications are invited from the children of fallen and incapacitated soldiers for scholarships at the undermentioned schools:

- University of W.A.
- Perth Technical College.
- School of Mines, Kalgoorlie.
- Secondary Schools
- Business Colleges.

Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, Box K765, G.P.O., Perth.

Rate of Exchange

BRITISH PENSIONS

The following particulars have been received from Mr. Gilbert, the representative of the British Ministry of Pensions at present in Australia regarding the method used to calculate the amount of exchange due.

The payments have been based on the mean average daily telegraphic transfer buying rate Australia on London, as supplied by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Such figures over the 15 months from the 1st January, 1930 to the 31st March, 1931, average out at 9.86 per cent.

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The next payment will be made during October, and thereafter at six-monthly intervals, i.e., April and October.
Personal

Captain C. Hopegood, of the 2/Essex Regiment, was the guest of honour at the Press sub-branch’s monthly luncheon on October 21. Captain Hopegood, whose regiment is stationed on the north-west frontier of India, is spending a furlough visiting his brother, Mr. Peter Hopegood, a very valued contributor to “The Listening Post.” The captain served through the war with the Essex Regiment, after which he had a spell of African service with the King’s African Rifles. At the luncheon he met General Hobbs, who is an honorary colonel of the Essex Regiment. It will be remembered that the Essex were the old 44th Foot and are now allied to the 44th Battalion of the A.M. Forces.

The Railway Workshops Sub-Branch regret to report the death of another member, in the person of Harry Molloy, D.C.M. The late Mr. Molloy was a stretcher bearer in the 28th Battalion, and we believe that it was while he was carrying out this noble duty that he won his D.C.M. He was a very popular member of the Workshops’ staff, and an ideal mate—always ready to give a helping hand where wanted. Harry passed away after nine months’ solid illness, and as was befitting a man like him, he was accorded a semi-military funeral. The sympathy of the members of the branch, and, I am sure, members of the ex-28th, A.I.F., go out to his bereaved relatives in their time of trouble.

The stork played a Noah’s Ark joke on its most recent visit to the residence of Captain “Dick” Bond. There was one of each kind in the parcel.

Hats off to one, who, in this time
   Of economic trouble,
   Can pluck up confidence sublime—
   And win another double.

Answered the final call, on September 16th, Jim Gentle, of the 28th Battalion, A.I.F., who celebrated his seventeenth birthday on the troopship which conveyed him to the front. He recently transferred from the Carlisle to the Mundaring and Districts Sub-Branch, and, though he came to the latter a comparative stranger, his sterling qualities very soon manifested themselves and won him many friends. He evinced a very keen interest in the affairs of the district generally, and particularly in those of his new home town, Chidlow. He was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Chidlow Progress Association, and was instrumental in clearing away all the entanglements besetting the path of the Committee formed to support the interests of the unemployed, and which had broken away from the main body (the Eastern Hills Unemployment Relief Committee). The untiring and sincere efforts of this progressive comrade paved the way for the formation of the virile organisation which now exists as a tribute to his noble zeal. His death was a very severe shock to all who knew him. When he realised that the end was approaching, his only regret was that he could not live long enough to see some results of the work in which he was so interested. But the bugle sounded the call, and Jim, true to the last, obeyed.

The President of the Mundaring and Districts Sub-Branch (Mr. H. Walker), and all available members attended the funeral, paying very fittingly their last tribute to a good digger and an excellent Australian. To his sorrowing wife and two children we express our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Poppy Day Appeal, State-wide, November 11.

During September, J. Farrell (No. 1074, 11th Battn.) passed away at the Old Men’s Home. As far as is known, the deceased had no relatives in this State, but it is thought that there may be friends and connections of our deceased comrade who would desire further particulars. If so, they kindly communicate with this paper, or with Mr. G. S. Mellor, Secretary, Perth Sub-Branch.

R.S.L. Trading Co.

Mr. R. E. Tyler submitted the following report to Congress:

For the second year I have the honor to present to you my report as your director on the R.S.L. Tailoring Company, a position which, as most of you are aware, is held by a nominee of the League in representation of the League’s holdings in the company.

Last year my report was distinctly pessimistic and foreshadowed the liquidation of the company due to the adverse times and very largely to the non-support of League members. I am glad to inform you that the shareholders of the company at a special meeting decided to carry on until the ultimate limit was reached, in the hopes of the tide turning.

We are still carrying on—that is all.
I can say.
I would again stress the point that this company is run by returned soldiers with returned soldiers' money, and for returned soldiers, and if it was supported by the returned soldiers, the future outlook of the company would be assured. Items 160 and 161 on the agenda paper of this Congress will in all probability be carried, but how many of those voting in accordance with these items are supporting their own company?

In your own interests, and in the holding you possess in the company, I again urge you to consider the advisability of giving your support to the company by purchasing from them, and, by so doing, keep it in being, keep returned soldiers in employment, and keep a valuable asset showing in the books of the League.

THE FLANDERS POPPY MADE LOCALLY

For the first time the imitation Flanders Poppy has been made locally by Mrs. J. Roberts, a digger's wife, of Victoria Park, and the excellent sample is a credit to the local effort and compares more than favourably with supplies received in the past. The manufacturer has expressed her appreciation of the order for 40,000 poppies by contributing beautiful decorative baskets of artificial flowers for competition amongst the ladies assisting the R.S.L. on Poppy Day. Three baskets are to be confined to the metropolitan area, and three to country sub-branches of the league. In addition to these, Mrs. Roberts has donated prizes to the Victoria Park sub-branch for the best lady seller. Every effort should be made to make the sale of locally manufactured poppies this year a record.

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Stockyard Gleanings
(By Bindy Boo)

The old and much believed statement that there are two sides to every argument has become so old and out of date, that it has almost become discarded. The universal presumption is that arguments only have one side, which is always the side taken by yourself. Naturally it must be the correct and only angle from which to masticate the bone of contention. Why, on earth, the other chap continues with his foolish argument, nobody knows—unless, of course, he is of the same mind, i.e. that arguments are only possessed of one side. Should this state of affairs prevail, then, why argue? Both parties must conclusively be correct but have a different way of putting things and an unaccany way of getting the other chap's "goat." Speaking of goats I suppose some of our readers have read the reports of Congress and how so many have failed to grasp the right side of the many arguments. In the good old days, there was some unhappy incident relative to a goat. But goats have figured very prominently in many units. Even Robert Graves tells us of regimental goat and the low character which he (the goat) bore; he (Graves) may have dedicated a few lines of verse but those things are past, and we must contentedly gaze into the unhappy future; and perhaps—who knows—we may read in the West the doings of optimist Premiers who are continually turning corners—there seems little else to read. When one dwells on such painful matters as Premiers, one's thoughts turn to cabbages and things, and a much-used saying such as "Not in these trousers." Strange as it may seem, this saying saved the German Navy. That being so, it may save our State and perhaps the Commonwealth. It transpires, however, that the British Navy challenged Fritz to engage in a little naval roughhouse, to come out into the open and try his luck, as it were. Fritz replied according to the language of his country, "Not in these trousers." Of course, it was the only reasonable thing to do. Assuming they only had the one pair each, per man, and they, perhaps, were the wrong type, Fritz could not spoil his only pair of trousers on such a futile undertaking? Hence, the term "Not in these trousers" saved for Germany its navy and sailors still have their trousers. These matters were not brought up at Congress but it may bring a few bright ideals into the "nuts" of next year's kongressmen. Not that they were lacking altogether, for there were some brilliant little thrusts—just a few—here and there a lusty clout, and here and there a flailing.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

A splendid rally of members of the old A.I.F. unit took place at the R.S.L. rooms on the evening of October 1, the occasion being the annual general meeting.

Mr. A. Stone, president, was in the chair, and in making his report for the year, stressed the splendid work which had been done by the secretary and committee. He was very pleased, he stated, to be able to report on a healthy condition in the affairs of the association, and was very gratified with the increased interest taken by members, and the splendid manner in which they had attended meetings, especially the annual re-union on July 18, the laying of a wreath on the State War Memorial on July 19, and of the Anzac Service.

Election of Officers—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. R. Alexander; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Stone, S. Abjornson, and A. Bull; hon. secretary, Mr. J. D. Lobascher; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Hunter; hon. auditor, Mr. F. R. Turton; committee, Messrs. C. J. Martin, S. Gordon, A. Pearce, W. Findell, I. St. J. Kennedy, E. Mellow.

Members of the Hospital Committee reported on various visits made to the Repatriation Ward, when reading matter, fruit, cigarettes, etc., were taken to the inmates.

After business had been disposed of, votes of thanks were accorded to Bob Alexander for his splendid secretarial work, and to Stan Gordon, A. Bull and other members of the committee for their very active work on behalf of the association.

After this, the work of disposing of a five-gallon keg was taken in hand, and light refreshments were passed around. The evening passed merrily when anecdotes and reminiscences were the order of the time, and all members were rather sorry when the clock struck eleven, and the contents of the keg finally disposed of.

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An Impression of Congress
(By R. Powell)

To attempt the depicting of impressions it were better to face the task while they are yet fresh in the mind.

Congress, so aptly termed the "Soldiers' Parliament," concluded but a week since, consequently memory is pregnant with the incidents which constituted it. With those delegates who were deputed to voice the disabilities of the returned men on the Group Settlement Scheme, there can be no question that the outstanding impression is one of intense gratitude for the tolerance and sympathy accorded them by all with whom they came in contact.

At first it appeared to them that they were almost alien to the majority present, truly an instance of the unmediability of first impressions.

Convinced of the sincerity of their claims they were able to impress others with the vital necessity of an enquiry, impartial and unbiased, into those conditions which they contend should never exist in a civilised community. Eloquence played but a small part in achieving this end, for mere rhetoric has no place in their existence. They drove home cold, stark facts with that same precision and force which characterises their work in the bush with axe and maul.

To the psychologist it was evident that the placidity of many received a rude shock. Realisation dawned upon them that all was not well.

Then to their everlasting credit they extended to these men from the bush sympathy and advice in no stinted measure. When the monotony of life in the bush becomes intolerable, some avenue of relief is sought. To some the physical makes the strongest appeal; thus we have the origin of football and cricket clubs. Others seek relaxation in mental spheres and devote their energies to the formation of heterogeneous orders of religion. But surely the greatest palliative of all is found in the community of interests, expressed or otherwise, associated with Congress. How very applicable is the term, derived from the Latin, comtogether, gressus—going. Comrades all, who in spirit if not in flesh, shall go together till the end of time.

Each year the assembled company is grouped, and a photographic record taken, and each succeeding year marks the fact that some familiar face has taken on the vague, indelible imprint of time, or is among the missing. Truly a pathetic memorial is this phase of the annual gathering. For all that, there remains to them that latent sense of humour which made the horrors of war sink to a secondary place.

One such subtle touch was heard when the camera was brought to bear upon the benign and placid countenances of a trio who shall be nameless—the Diggers know them well—"Faith, Hope and Charity!" "Quoth a veteran. Yeal truly brother, that was well said. "Stout fellows" all.

Sub-Branch Notes

BAYSWATER

The main items of interest at recent meetings have been the resignation of the President, Mr. J. M. Blackwood, and the Secretary, Mr. E. R. Anderson, for matters which would be hard to explain. It is hoped in the near future to have them back in official duties. However, their well-earned co-operation and advice will always be welcome from the floor.

Mr. Mackay was elected President after a close run with Mr. J. Reynolds, while Mr. J. Laurie, the treasurer, was elected to the secretarieship. Both men are very enthusiastic and hard workers, and are both experienced in their various duties. Long may they reign.

URGED on by the success of the last effort, the sub-branch is running weekly Variety Entertainments, to be held on Wednesday, October 28th, in the Town Hall, Bayswater and a wealth of talent has been arranged for.

There is no fear for the social side of the entertainments, these two organisers, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Laurie, are to be depended on their position. It was mainly due to their initiative and management that the previous effort was a success. It lies with the members to make it a financial success.

The ladies of the auxiliary are entertaining the gentlemen to a Freak Ball, on Thursday evening, October 22nd. Members of the sub-branch can look forward to a rollicking good time.

The ladies have a happy knack of making their social evening a thing not to be missed, so a good roll-up is assured.

NARROGIN

It is pleasing to be able to state that the new year's operations for the sub-branch are being pushed forward in the most energetic manner.

The committee is working hard for membership, Drivers and Amelioration Funds in the form of Bridge Entertainments and Billiard Tournaements. The secretary has secured the picture "City Lights" for our Amelioration Fund and Library.

It is interesting to note that Narrogin was one of the leading competitors for the Nursery Cup. Great credit is due to the old Digger, secretary T. D. E. The committee has shown what can be done in getting members to join the League.

YARLOOP

The attendance at the monthly meeting, held on October 5th, was unusually large, and it was a source of keen satisfaction, both to the officials of the sub-branch and the regular attendees to see so many present. It is sincerely hoped that this state of affairs will continue, as there is much important work being done, and still to be done by the sub-branch in the cause of the returned men. Those present were Messrs. A. Watson, President; N. Buchanan and H. D. Hardy, Vice Presidents; L. E. Rogers, Secretary; G. Charlton, J. Pitt, C. Boyd, G. Carter, G. Hatfield, G. Wilkes, D. Dalrymple, F. Eastcott, J. T. Finn, M. H. H. Lee and S. A. Hardy.

Mr. A. Watson wrote tendering his resignation as President of the sub-branch. He expressed a wish that his resignation be accepted, and this was done with regret. There were three nominations for the office thus left vacant, viz.: N. Buchanan,

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H. D. Hands and G. Charlton. The latter two members declined in favour of Mr. Buchanan, who was duly elected. Norman is no stranger to the chair and his return to that position was hailed with acclamation.

Mr. Dalrymple was elected a Trustee for the sub-branch, a vacancy having occurred for that position through the resignation of Dr. Jacobs, who has joined the Harvey sub-branch.

Reports on the last meeting of the District Council were made by the two delegates, Messrs. Buchanan and Charlton, and the minutes of that meeting were read and freely discussed.

It was decided to hold the customary Dance on Armistice Night in the Tarloop Hall. A committee consisting of Messrs. Charlton, Pitts and F. Eastcott, was formed to make the necessary arrangements.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th. A large attendance is requested as there are important matters for discussion.

NAREMBOEEN

On October 2nd, members of the 3°ve sub-branch met in the R.S.L. Hall for the election of officers and other business.

There was a good rally of Diggers from all parts of the district and all expressed regret that the work done by the sub-branch did not receive sufficient publicity. Many Diggers had been helped as they passed through “to a better O.C.” This help was much appreciated. The R.S.L. Hall had also afforded protection from the inclemency of the weather to not a few unfortunately. In fact the sub-branch has been doing much good work in a most unostentatious fashion.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mr. H. Ashworth; Vice Presidents, Messrs. G. Wheeler and F. T. Ward; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. C. Hayward. As all these men are “dinkum diggers” who saw active service on very active fronts, the local R.S.L. is sure to benefit from their energies and their sympathies and services will no doubt be of great value to the League.

Mr. Hughie is popular; “Charlie” is known to be “good with the pen.” “George” is brimming over with energy, and “Wardie”—well we all know him, so now we expect to hear more of our local sub-branch.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

A very large number of members assembled at the Old Council Chambers, Oxford Street, Leederville, on Thursday, September 24th, under the Chairmanship of President J. Morten, in order to extend a pleasing welcome to comrades from the West Leederville sub-branch, who accepted an invitation in good numbers, to join together in harmonious friendship and cordial rivalry in games of bowls and quoits, at the conclusion of which light refreshments were served and suitable toasts honoured. It is the intention of this sub-branch to invite a speaker from the Liberation League, to address our next meeting, on Thursday, October 8th, The Secretary’s action in sending a letter of condolence to Mrs. Wyet, of Bourke Street, Leederville (war widow), on the death of her son, was endorsed. Mr. W. Rowley gave a very heartening account of the financial results of the efforts to augment the funds of the cricket club, remarking that the last raffle resulted in a nett profit of £22 2s, almost the whole of which has already been spent on cricket material; in preparation for the coming season. This sub-branch plays Hurlingham Club on October 20th, and the Leederville Druids’ Cricket Club on October 24th. December 6 has been provisionally fixed as the date of holding our annual river picnic, an event which has in the past, proved so successful and enjoyable. A protest will be lodged by this sub-branch to the State Executive against the peculiarly illogical and obviously unwarrantable action of the Repatriation Department, which seemingly has become an established custom, of deducting from patients of the No. 11 Ward of the Perth Hospital, such amount from their sustenance allowance of £2 2s per week, that is represented by some official such patient is entitled to receive during illness as a member of any Friendly Society.

KOJONUP

From our Kojonup correspondent:—As I was saying when I had to duck me head last month, our annual dancie came off and we managed to nett nearly £20 for those by the wayside. The fancy dress, though out of our usual level, but a lot of the bboys are in fancy-dress when they go as per the same. Amongst these scribe noted Alf. Ousey and Joe Ntarish, who held the machine posy at the door and didn’t seem to let any past without shooting ‘em up. Les Holberg, who held the fort and a worried look in front of the R.A.P., where our staunch lady friends dispensed considerable and satisfying first aid: Bill “Flannigan,” our genial and permanent M.C., who got so enthusiastic about people that he nearly forgot his own. Of course Bob Reid and Ellis Worthington did the usual and put out collision mats to prevent motorists from ramming their radiators against other people’s bumpers. As befitts the 10th gemalin of the line—Jack Finlay, the Grand Patriarch of the branch, cast a fatherly optic over the lot.

Our last monthly meeting was fairly well represented and your scribe noted the welcome appearance of Dick Fryer-Smith, erst of Puck, now of the “two horse” section, refigured in the local bank of N.S.W. Will other Kojonup swaddies please note that as soon as they are convinced there’s a front line posy waiting for them every fourth Friday in the month—the old “14-18 poster” “When will they come?”

Some of the boys got down to Mt. Barker for the Great Southern Re-union and reported back without casualties. They also reported a certain amount of hops left over—but the Mt. Barker chops hadn’t allowed for the absence off parade of Bob Reid and Max Hubbe. Tufty McPhail, our Kiwi heavyweight, came back full of admiration for Jimmy Morgan’s negro, who wouldn’t have the big buck negro’s stiletto at any price. I can hear something coming. Duck, Birdy, duck!

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

The usual monthly meeting of the above sub-branch was held at Mundaring on September 28th, President H. Walker being in the chair.

In paying silent tribute to the memory of fallen comrades, the name of James Gentle was coupled; this worthy digger answered the last “call” on September 16th. References to his sterling qualities were contributed by those who knew him best, references which were sent on to the “Listening Post” for publication. As one campaigner remarked: “The best die first.”

An apology was received from Vice-President Jim Wilhusen, owing to his inability to attend the meeting. A severe illness prevented this popular officer from taking part in activities in which he is earnestly interested. A speedy recovery is sincerely hoped for by members generally.

The principal business of the evening was consideration of the agenda for State Congress. After an hour’s deliberation, it was agreed unanimously to give power to our delegate to exercise his own discretion in dealing with the various mat-
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letters of interest to this sub-branch, and also in general discussions and deliberations on the best principles affecting the League. Harry Walker, elected once again to represent this sub-branch at Congress, carries the confidence of all; his tact and discretion are of much value.

It is with very keen regret that we learn of the death of that great old leader, Sir John Monash. We feel that diggers all must very deeply grieve for the sudden passing of that great soldier who achieved so much in the struggle for peace and liberty by his outstanding leadership and sound judgment, which undoubtedly assisted greatly to win for the A.I.F. those laurels of which Australia as a nation is proud. We join with all those who honour the memory of General Monash, a soldier and a man-one of Australia's greatest sons.

OBORNE PARK

At the fortnightly meeting held on Wednesday, October 7th, with Mr. H. Nugent (president) in the chair, it was carried that the euchre parties be suspended for a time, as owing to so much uninstallness in the district, they were not a paying proposition.

Mr. Nugent gave his report of Congress, and after some discussion he was thanked for his report.

The members were disappointed that they had not been successful in getting the Newdegate Cup. After their hard work, in building a hall for the benefit of the members and keeping up their other activities, they did not see how another branch would have a look in. However, the boys congratulated Nedlands Branch in getting the cup, and are not taking the defeat lying down. The members are determined to carry on this year, and renew their efforts to win easily next time.

The fortnightly dances are being well attended, the last one being almost crowded out. Mr. Simmonds's string orchestra played the music for the dances, and Mr. Jas. J. Nicoll (vice-president) on behalf of the branch, thanked Mr. Simmonds for his kindness.

The branch was well represented at the memorial service to Sir John Monash held at the Memorial in King's Park on Sunday, 11th inst.

At the invitation of North Perth Branch, a team of twelve members are to give a visit to the Memorial on Monday, 19th inst., to play golf, skittles and a shooting-match. It is expected that some golfers and some good shots going, the North Perth members will have to give their best to win.

PERTH

The usual monthly meeting of the Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L. took place on October 11th, with the usual members present. The opening of the attendance at Perth Branch meetings is causing the officials grave concern. Members should bear in mind that the social half hour, held at the termination of each meeting, is very enjoyable. It has been decided that during the summer months a fire will be served with light refreshments.

The Secretary's report disclosed that the finances of the Branch are steadily diminishing, as also is the membership, but it is considered that the Perth Sub-Branch, branches, the Perth Sub-Branch is more than holding its own.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has already interested itself in the Christmas Tree, and they have prepared two raffles and a bridge afternoon in order to help the branch finance this most popular annual function.

The bridge afternoon is to be held at the Cremona Hall, on November 14th. This function should prove popular with members. It was decided to stage another debate, as the one held on 15th ult. proved so interesting. The next debate will be held on October 27th, and the question will be "That Preference to Returned Soldiers is Justified." These debates are open to all ex-service men and their friends, including ladies.

It was decided that the vacancy of Junior Vice-President, created by the resignation of Mr. F. S. C. Brown, be left over until the annual meeting.

KELLERBERRIN

The August meeting of the above branch was held at "Minkadine", of Mr. D. Tollerton's farm. The main feature of the evening was a "house warming" to our genial Bill, who recently started in the matrimonial stakes.

The thanks and thanks of Mrs. Tollerton for her hospitality and for the regal feast provided. Among those most prominent at the festive table were Madame E. Reeves and "Obbs," who did the honors of attending to the wants of the diggers' in-true fashion. Thanks are extended also to Peter Knight, who kindly brought along his gramophone and supplied music reminiscent of "Digger Days."

A very happy evening was brought to a close with a good cheer, and all were unanimous in the opinion that the branch will be a success. The attendance of 95 ex-service men was representative of seven sub-branches, including Wagin, Karoomin, Pinguin, Kojonup, Tambellup, Albany and Mr. Barker, while Mr. A. Yeates, Vice-President of the State Executive, represented the League. Although the attendance was considerably less than that at the two previous annual functions held at Wagin and Kojonup, it was most gratifying to the organisers when all circumstances were taken into consideration. The times through which the country is passing made it impossible for some of their force to get to the meetings to put in an appearance, while the wretched condition of many of the country roads after the heavy downpours during the preceding week rendered road traffic almost out of the question. Under these circumstances representatives from Dumbleyung, Ngaroog, William- town, Torbay and Denmark were invited and tendered apologies for non-attendance. Apologies were also received from Gnowangerup and Numeral.

Promptly at 7 p.m. the members sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by the caterer (Mrs. J. T. Martin), whose efforts in this direction are deserving of special praise.

Among the toasts honoured were "The Navy" proposed by Mr. A. Townshend and responded to by Mr. Meecham (Katanning); "The Army," proposed Dr. Clarkes (Mt. Barker), and responded to by Mr. J. H. Morgan (Mt. Barker), and Mr. G. H. P. Hall (Mt. Barker), who had served with the Air Force in Mesopotamia. The toast of the "R.S.L." was entrusted to Mr. J. Yeates, President of the Great Southern District Committee.

The League, he stated, is doing us and our country very great service, perpetuating the ideals and principles upon which the League was founded, and the Executive of the League deserve all our thanks and encouragement which we can give them. The League was really founded on service and sacrifice, and he considered that now, when the conditions of our great country are bad, that the League holds the key to the future and the better times. It is representative of the men who have been through trying times, and who know what sacrifice really is.

Mr. A. Yeates (Vice-President of the R.S.L.) replied on behalf of the toast. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of Col. Collett, State President, and Messrs. Benson and Ferguson. Continuing, he said that he was very pleased to state that Col. Collett had been persuaded to again offer himself for re-election as State President at the forthcoming R.S.L. Congress (since which he has re-elected unopposed). This intimation, he said, was sure would meet with the unanimous approval of all returned men. Mr. Yeates continued with a brief resume of the R.S.L., its Executive, various committees and their respective functions. The work was considerable, but it was a pleasure to all who had service as their motto. Much work of vital importance to ex-service men would be discussed at the forthcoming R.S.L. Conference. He considered that it was imperative that there should be a general overhaul of legislation in Australia, but was sure that the League would be behind the times and what the time was to be vital points awaiting finality. Other matters touched by the speaker were the preference question, reduction of pensions, and the R.S.L. Art Unions. In conclusion, Mr. Yeates considered that Australia, although having passed through a very difficult year, by keeping a level head, he was sure could hope that a return to prosperity lay ahead.

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The satisfactory attendance at meetings and the increased convenience have fully justified the transfer to new premises. Several new members reported at the last meeting, expressing the gratification they felt at joining up: As Mr. Arnold pointed out, "one does not know the work and friendly atmosphere of the League until he comes into direct contact with the membership, through the efforts of Mr. Hawkins, is increasing rapidly, and now approaches a total of 100 financial members. The monthly euchre social (held on the first Monday of each month) was a success, much credit being due to Mr. Sadler and his committee, and to the Women's Auxiliary, who are always eager to help. Much appreciation is felt for the kindness of Mrs. McGeary, Miss Brown, and Mr. Simmons, junior, who so ably rendered vocal and musical items. Bridge has become an adjunct to the socials, and therefore bridge players are to be catered for.

The Sub-Branch President reports that he receive a great ovation when, down at "Congress," he mentioned that we had a full financial membership owing to their support in the respect.

It is pleasing to note that this is probably the only Sub-Branch which caters on an organised basis for members who, owing to the times, would be unable to keep their subs. up to date.

On Rankin's "W.W. & L. Club," reports he is making good headway. Several donations have been received, and arrangements are being made to engage Mr. Hawthorn Sub-Branch in a cricket match. He requests all those interested in the club to hand in their names and become keen supporters. Tennis players please note.

A combined meeting with the Women's Auxiliary was held on 10th inst., to consider the initial organisation of Poppay Day. It is very pleasing to know that we have the loyal support of the ladies, who are making arrangements to canvas North Perth. Several of our members have placed their services at the committee's disposal, and with the general co-operation the appeal should be a success.

Mr. Bill Blight has commenced a new game "Shooting" besides golf skittles. Bill is excellent at these pastimes, and everyone is more than satisfied with his endeavours. Arrangements are in hand for visits from nearby sub-branches, and a lecture will probably take place in the near future.

Colonel Margolin has been appointed our representative on the State Executive. The Colonel has expressed a wish to visit us, and we hope to have him along at a meeting shortly.

PILBARA

This year's annual functions were carried out in conjunction with the annual race meeting organised by the Port Hedland Amateur Race Club, of which our worthy President (Mr. Ross Keen) is the able Hon. Secretary, and with the chairman, our old friend and supporter Mr. A. E. (Ted) Richardson, responsible for that institution's successful meetings.

The social events opened with a "Hard Times" dance, organised by the Sub-Branch Social Committee. Mrs. Walter, wife of the Secretary, put up the most appreciated and at the same time much appreciated for the difficult times were to Miss Gwen Richardson and Mr. R. V. McCracken. An excellent supper in keeping with the occasion, consisting of bread, mutton fat, and apples, and a selection of tea and coffee, was served, the whole being daintily set out on the latest "newspaper" table clothes.

On the Saturday evening the Sub-Branch held its second annual Smoke Social. The whole of the arrangements for this function were in-the hands of President and Senior Vice-President (Mr. Keen and Mr. Taplin), and the success well compensated for the hard work of those gentlemen. The principal guest of the evening were Dr. A. P. Davie and Mr. C. Field (Warri-Wanna District); A. E. Richardson, Esq., J.P. (Chairman Pilbara District); J. E. Green, Esq., J.P. (Chairman Marble Bar Road Board); A. L. A. M. A. and E. H. Mackay, Esq., Esq., J.P. (Chairman Marble Bar Road Board); A. L. A., Mr. R. V. McCracken, Esq., J.P. (Vice-President Pilbara Sub-Branch, representing Marble Bar members), in addition over forty non-branch members were present at the request of the organisers.

The gathering was entertained with songs from Messrs. L. E. Taplin, R. A. Keening, C. Field, J. Potter and R. Garrett, and by recitations from Messrs. A. E. "Uncle Bert" Clark, C. Field and R. V. McCracken. Charlie Field proved the "Star" turn, and his humorous dialogue and songs were much appreciated. Mr. Harry Green's reply to the toast of the "Pioneers of the District" was of great interest, whilst the Rev. Mr. Greggs and Archdeacon Simpson are to be congratulated on their able handling of their subjects. The rousing reception of Mr. Taplin's toast ("Our President") left no doubts as to the popularity of the Sub-Branch President, both with the members and the guests, and Mr. Taplin was obliged to remain seated whilst three rounds were consumed.

whilst the menfolk revelled the ladies had been enjoying themselves at an evening organised by the town ladies for the entertainment of the visitors at the home of Mrs. A. E. Clark, where dancing, card games and competitions were the order of the evening.

On Monday night was held the twelfth annual grand Ball. Little can be said of this function that has not been reported of past grand balls organised by the Sub-Branch, smart frocks, bright and happy womenfolk, cheerful decorations, splendid music under the leadership of Mr. Jack Lawson and a perfect supper ably catered for by Mrs. Meiklejohn and served by fatigue parties of diggers.

Time was found to hold the twelfth annual general meeting of members. Sixteen only were able to attend, but the gathering was well representative of the large area covered by the Sub-Branch activities. Apologies were received from Col. Collett that no delegate from the State Executive had been able to travel the distance to attend, and a message from him to those gathered was cordially received.

The Sub-Branch President gave a brief outline of the work carried out during the past year, incorporating in his address his personal thanks to the retiring officers, and an appeal for closer cooperation from the country members also at the same time giving welcome to the visitors. The following sub-committee reports proved of interest, and were all adopted: -- "Finance," by Mr. L. E. Taplin; "Library," by Mr. E. A. Clark; "Social," by Mr. A. B. Coates, and "Marble Bar Section," by Mr. R. C. McCracken.

The Balance Sheet, allowing that a number of needy diggers had been given assistance, and that one burial had been financed during the period under review, was acceptable to the members and adopted. A query by the Senior Trustee (Mr. E. J. Jeffries) in regards to an amount of expenditure under the heading "Repairs to Honour Roll" was satisfactorily answered by the President and led to a certain amount of discussion. Major Field (Kimberley Sub-Branch) was elected to act as returning officer and declared the undermentioned officers duly elected: -- President, Mr. Taplin and McCracken; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. E. Clark; Finance Committee, Messrs. A. B. Coates and A. E. Webster; Trustees, Messrs. E. J. Jeffries and W. W. Goodie; Hon. Auditor, Mr. V. C. Watson.

It was agreed that the profit from the current year's social efforts at Marble Bar should be handed to the organisations of the Marble Bar Hall Piano Fund. During the discussion on this measure the President took the opportunity to congratulate Vice-President McCracken on his work for the League in that centre.

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Amongst other motions passed was one of confidence in the State Executive, coupled with the names of Col. Collett and the State Secretary.

KIMBERLEY

The Kimberley sub-branch, with headquarters at Derby, is a live organisation with a membership of 38 financial members. On Saturday, October 3, they held a general meeting which proved to be one of the brightest evenings held for some considerable time. On Saturday, September 26, a euchre party and dance was held in the Institute, which proved quite a success. Mr. J. Knapp and his jazz band obliged and the ladies supplied supper. It was such a success that another was arranged for the 17th October. Tom Hall is the new secretary.

BUNBURY

Quite a number of activities have been displayed in the birthplace during the last month. At the last regular monthly meeting of the League, the topic for discussion after the general business, was a debate on Prohibition, the Returned Soldiers in the role of Prohibitionists and Toc H taking the party of Free Beer to the Thirsty. This most interesting debate was enjoyed by all present. Mr. George Clarke, a well-known identity of this town, very kindly accepted the position of adjudicator of the discussion. A. A. 'Lace', who took a prominent part, a delightful evening was experienced. Many outside the League availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing men talking and specifying against their conscience. It is well-known that Mr. Clarke is of a very temperate nature, and in 1922, the massive library which was utilised by the adjournment of the League, in support of Prohibition, it was very evident that the members of Toc H had delved very deeply into the question of Free Beer for the Thirsty, and were declared by the adjudicator to be the winners of the debate, much to the pleasure of the sixty odd members present. Needless to say, the crown tops which were held in reserve were immediately released and the amber fluid was once again allowed to flow freely.

The birthplace will be en fête on November 3, when the diggers, with their usual spontaneous and exhilarating air, return to the town a well-known personality, Sir Newton Moore. On that occasion it is expected that Sir James Mitchell will be in the city, and the boys have set themselves out to give him a real, true Bunbury diggers' welcome. The fact that our memorial is now completed and is perhaps second to none in the State, for the size of the town, is due entirely to the generosity and sympathetic support of Sir Newton Moore, and as the concert party intend to back up the programme by a special arrangement of items, it will be well worth a visit from all members who may be within motor-car range. The hospitality of the Bunbury Sub-branch will be extended to all and sundry on that occasion.

The local sub-branch is out for a particularly remunerative day on Poppy Day. The arrangements for this day are in the hands of the ladies' committee and on this occasion Mrs. T. C. Downes has been asked to organise the selling arrangement of poppies, and the sub-branch is quite satisfied that the results achieved will supplant any previous attempts that have been made.

On Sunday, October 11, a most impressive service was held at the memorial in remembrance of the departing of Sir John Monash from this field of labour. Fifty-two members of the local sub-branch attended to pay homage to so distinguished a soldier of the A.I.F. The service was conducted by Padre Hardy and a veë inspiring address was delivered to the troops assembled by the president of the sub-branch, C. R. Gillett. Supporting him was the Mayor of the town, and the Hon. Edwin Rope. At the conclusion of the service a wreath was laid upon the memorial by the President, and the "Last Post" was sounded by Comrade Farnell. It is doubtful if a more impressive service was ever held in the district.

The next meeting will take place in the Council Chambers as usual on the third Wednesday of the month. From the voluminous notes taken by the president, at the conference, there is no doubt that a very pleasant evening will be spent, lemonade and ginger beer with cheese and biscuits being available as usual. The members of other sub-branches are extended a very warm welcome by the Bunbury Sub-branch to come every third Wednesday of the month.

MOORINE ROCK

Our last monthly meeting was attended by the usual «Full house» and at the conclusion of business our first debate took place, the subject being "Swearing," Mr. C. Walker for and Mr. W. J. Keeley against; Mr. Welwood Smith, of the South Perth Sub-branch kindly adjudicated and gave his decision for the negative.

Another matter taken up by the sub-branch is the endeavour to have a proper school erected at Moorine Rock, the present building (a small railway cottage) being totally inadequate. On Saturday last a ladies' night was given by the sub-branch which was up to the standard of the functions conducted by members.

The caterers was in the hands of Mrs. McKerrettick; the R.S.L. orchestra supplying the music.

TAMBELLUP

An "Old Time Dance" took place in Bobalong Hall on Saturday 16th inst. in aid of the Amelioration Funds and proved an unqualified success. The Hall was crowded to its fullest capacity and the enjoyment shown on every face was not only amply proved of the restored popularity of this old square dance and the grand old ones of twenty years ago. Such steps as the younger ones had never seen were quickly picked up by watching those of the older generation who demonstrated that they had not lost their flair and could hold their own in "tripping the light fantastic toe."

Give freely on Poppy Day

An excellent supper was provided by the ladies and was placed in the hands of Mrs. Manders Smith, Roenfeldt, Daddow, Stacy and Coulson, and distributed by members of the R.S.L. Messrs Daddow, Henneker and Collins provided the music which was up to their usual standard of excellence.

President A. J. Smith in a few well chosen words thanked the ladies and the band for their services and the visitors for their attendance and midnight closed a most enjoyable evening.

FREMANTLE

The recent meetings of the Fremantle branch have been bright and breezy. Good attendances are always reported. Our Congress Delegates, Messrs. C. Walker and A. Pady, reported on the good work of the Congress, and also of the success of the motions sent from this Branch. Congratulations to A. Pady on his successful election to the Executive, making him the "Father" of the Executive. President Theo Brennian paid tribute to the late General Monash at the last meeting, just prior to the minute's silence in memory. The Fremantle Women's Auxiliary gave a Musical Evening on the 16th October. Members and wives were given a real good night's enjoyment. The R.A.N.R. Band gave the large audience quite a musical treat and various items were well received. Charlie Walker, as usual, gave us a couple of good songs. Mr. Jack Lynch must be very proud of his daughter, who gave an excellent performance, both singing and dancing. A dainty supper was tendered by the Women's Auxiliary and many thanks are due to Mrs. A. Kirby and her able and obliging body of workers.

The Amelioration Fund is being substantially bolstered by the efforts of the organisers of the Monday nights' 6d. Dance. Messrs Baker, Wilde and Ellentein, who volunteered for this work are getting great results for their efforts and it is quite usual to get 500 patrons at the dance. The next big stunt is the "Smoko" which is the "Annual for the Fremantle Diggers. A special committee have got the whole programme well in hand and Theo Brennan reckons it's going to be the best Smokey Social Fremantle has ever had. Fremantle Diggers can expect something good. This year however, it will take place on the 10th of November, Armistice Eve. Tickets and invitations have been posted but if through any oversight any have been missed, the same is the same. It is hoped that South Perth, who have helped the Fremantle Branch on several occasions, will stage manage the vaudeville part, so look out, whizz bang, it will be a great night.
# R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH AND UNIT ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

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<td>E. Logan, Merredin</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grovener Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>Every Alt. Sunday</td>
<td>Col. T. Finken, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>C. G. Thompson, Hobbs Ave., Nedlands</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>E. J. Jones, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (Off View St.)</td>
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<td>Rev. A. Schroeder, Northham</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, Fitzgerald St., Northam. Tel. 174.</td>
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<td>L. J. McDowell, 20 York St., North Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
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<td>3rd Wednesday, noon</td>
<td>W. J. Hunt, Mary St., Como</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 a.m.</td>
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<td>T. C. Thompson, Traying</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, Box 1, Tammellup. Tel. No. 45.</td>
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<td>Freemasons' Hotel</td>
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<td>H. Niel, 15. Mill Street, Victoria Park</td>
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\section*{Nedlands Park}

\textbf{Winners Newdegate Cup for 1930-31}

The adjudicating committee reported as follows to Congress:

The keenness we have grown to expect has again been well evidenced in the reports from your sub-branches which we had before us, but this year it was more noticeable than ever before how the members of the League are reaching out to a standard of citizenship and general service to the community such as were hardly dreamed of except by the few visionaries not so many years ago.

Considering the difficulties of the times, the percentages of financial members seem to have been well maintained, chiefly because of the recognition that the times demand more personal efforts. The attendances at meetings seem fairly well maintained, also a good sign.

Reports contain an item rather reminiscent of transport vehicles in France in days of shortage of first-class accommodation, "Two trucks loaded with members attended Dawn Service."

Due attention appears to have been paid in all cases to fitting commemoration of the departed and adequate aid for the distressed, while considering the times, quite a fair number of diggers have been found work in the district. On the social side the ladies, whether in a fully organised Auxiliary or as a band of wives and friends, have done splendid service to which the members are anxious to bear tribute.

But the outstanding value of the work of one sub-branch should be noted, for it shows a keen appreciation of the possibilities of usefulness in civil life that should ensure the future of the League. The members ran a very effective series of lectures on matters of interest to all citizens, and then were also instrumental in inaugurating a Local Products exhibition in which regard their example has already been followed by several other districts with definite success.

The care of R.S.L. Halls, institutes, and such like, are a good indication of the solidity of some districts, while the propaganda work seems to be assured by such means as local sub-branch magazines, leaflets, etc., which are an excellent medium for reaching many who do not or cannot attend meetings regularly.

High commendation is given by your committee to the efforts during the past year of the following sub-branches who are placed in alphabetical order which is, of course, not necessarily the exact order of merit:—Boulder, Mundijong-Serpentine, Narrogin and Osborne Park.

The Newdegate Cup for 1931 goes to Nedlands Park.

The cup was presented to Mr. C. G. Thomson (president) and Mr. J. Tozer (past-president) by General Hobbs.

\textit{The Listening Post} joins in the chorus of congratulations to this most progressive Sub-branch.

\section*{Poppies purchased aid Amelioration Funds}

\section*{Garments for Ghandi}

(By Pip Toks)

(When Ghandi arrived in England his scanty attire was the occasion of much comment. Many persons sent him gifts of clothing, which included petticoats and pairs of trousers.)

Long ere the Saxon and the Dane,
In helm and byrnie,
Or steel-clad Norman, o'er the main,
Made their first journey
To this quaint isle, a harder race
Of Britons swanked around the place,
With woad bespattered.
When they assembled to oppose
Their grim, short-shirted Roman foes,
No clothing mattered.
Why, then, should people whose descent
Is traced back that far,
Be peev'd when an ascetic gent,
Like a Mahatma,
Lands in this isle of rain and fogs,
Wearing abbreviated togs,
Of fabric, foreign,
The nether part of which is built
Like an attenuated kilt,
Minus the sporran?

'Tis strange that every Western male,
From peer and primate,
To fellows lower down the scale,
Should fear the climate,
And swathe themselves from head to toe.
While dainty, fragile women go
As bare as bowers.
Perhaps that's why the softer sex
Conspires my sainlinee to vex,
With gifts of trousers.

\section*{Trouser Trousers}

(They have made new clothes for the great man.)

"Here are the trousers which we have gathered up," said one of the committee members. "These are the pants that some of our members have contributed."

"Ghandi has always worn simple clothes," he continued. "He is a man who likes to be modest and humble."

The trousers were presented to the great man, who expressed his gratitude and thanked the committee of the League for their generosity.

When the committee members saw the trousers, they were all surprised.

"I thought we were going to give him something else," said one of the members.

But the committee members were pleased with the result.

"It's a good thing," said another member. "It shows that we are all friends and that we all want to help Ghandi in his work."

As the trousers were being unpacked, one of the members noticed a small note:

"To Ghandi, with all our love and respect," it said.

The committee members were touched by the note.

"It's a wonderful gesture," said one of them. "It shows that we all care about him and that we all want to help him in his work."
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