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What the daily papers described as a bombshell was dropped into the concert of Europe when Germany, some days ago, declared her inability to go on paying reparations, and demanded a conference to consider the matter. It was but natural that Germany should take advantage of the world depression to attempt further evasions of her obligations under the Treaty of Versailles, and it was equally natural that the mere suggestion of such an evasion should have aroused a storm of protest from France. Hardly was the ink dry on the Treaty of Versailles when the Germans and their apologists in other countries commenced to manufacture public opinion in favour of relaxing the Treaty's most drastic provisions. Default and evasion were the tactics which Germany employed with monotonous regularity every time an installment of the reparations payments fell due. Various palliatives, based on her alleged inability to pay, were devised by lenient creditors—the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan—principally at the instigation of America, the world's creditor-in-chief. It was not to be expected that Germany would be enthusiastic over the periodical payment of what she regards as tribute to her conquerors, nor that she would refrain from evasion and default whenever it was possible for such a course to be overlooked.

On the other hand, France's attitude after the war was imbued more with the spirit of the old Mosiac law than with the British ideal of magnanimity towards a beaten opponent. Long before the war ended, there were displayed throughout the Somme country placards on which were depicted, in the upper portion a typical Louis Raemakker Hun in uniform with a flaming torch in his hand and his murdered victims at his feet; and in the lower portion, a smiling civilian, straw hat, in one hand and sample bag in the other, soliciting orders for his firm. The letterpress warned readers that the ravaging brute with the torch and the suave salesman were one and the same person. Although the French Army of Occupation did not sack and destroy old-world university towns or slaughter inoffensive civilians on flimsy pretexts, they did put in the boot, as the Sentimental Blake would say. The employment of coloured troops in the zone of occupation was not chivalrous, and tactics like this sowed the seeds of hatred that might conceivably bear fruit in future wars.

Even in England, a country which has always prided itself on its moderation, there was, after the Armistice, much talk of making Germany pay the whole cost of the war to the uttermost shilling. During the general election at the end of 1918, Lloyd George boasted publically that the Allies would hang the Kaiser and punish all the other war criminals. Fortunately, circumstances prevented us from committing such a colossal blunder, and the transformation of the All Highest War Lord into the drivelling exile of Doorn was a greater punishment than an act of rash vindictiveness which would have caused future generations of Germans to look on him as a royal martyr.

The French idea of retributive justice is more intelligible. Twice within the memory of living men, the German legions had established themselves on French soil and governed French civilians with a rod of iron. The indemnity exacted from France in 1871 was without previous parallel in history, and the German troops had remained like bailiffs in possession until the last sou was exacted. It would have been more than strange had France not desired to repay Germany in her own coin. It was all very fine for President Wilson, the head of the only allied power whose towns had not been destroyed, and whose civilians had not been butchered in senseless air raids, to forgive the Germans. Forgiveness under such circumstances is easy. The changed policy of Great Britain, a policy of moderation and of rapprochement with Germany, which followed so closely upon Lloyd-George's vehement threats, gave rise to misunderstandings and irritation in France. Rightly or wrongly, the French consider that we have let them down. Rightly or wrongly, also, the British press accuses France of selfish vindictiveness. German friendship at the cost of an embittered and antagonised France is not worth having. There is something radically wrong with diplomacy which has allowed the Empire to fall into such an impasse. Wiser counsels and wider vision might still have pursued a policy of moderation towards Germany without arousing the suspicions of France.

Beyond pleading poverty and protesting friendship for Britain to every Briton who has toured Germany since the war, the Germans themselves have done little or nothing to deserve such moderation. They have reverted to the old Bismarckian diplomacy of gaining their ends by playing off Great Britain against France. They have neglected no opportunity of trying to place the burden of the war guilt on to the shoulders of others, or, at least, to make others share it with them. At every opportunity, too, they have pressed for the return of their lost colonies. The Nazis, perhaps the most influential and certainly the best advertised political party in Germany, has, among its avowed aims, the recovery of the lost colonies and the entire abrogation of the Treaty of Versailles. The colossal ef-frontery of the naval demonstration in
a port of old German East Africa, last year, is too recent to need more than a passing mention. Like the Bourbons, the Germans appear to have learned nothing and to have forgotten nothing. Further, the plea of poverty and inability to pay is hardly consistent with the vigorous naval policy that has been pursued in Germany within the last few years. There is a distinct parallel between this and Stein's military policy after the Battle of Jena. In the pocket battleships of the Ersatz class Germany has astutely robbed her compulsory disarmament of its effects by substituting quality and efficiency for quantity. If Germany is unable to meet her financial obligations she cannot afford to maintain a navy, however small.

It is to be hoped that all these matters will be cleared up at the forthcoming conference. There is unemployment and misery in Germany and so there is in every other country. A little over twenty years ago Norman Angell wrote: “The Great Illusion,” in which he contended that war is impossible or even improbable, but that war is a bad business proposition, in which victory and vanished alike are financial losses. In the light of recent events it would be a bold man who would declare that Angell’s contentions are wrong. With regard to Britain, the result of the Great War has been a vicious circle. She has been compelled to foster German industries to enable Germany to pay her war debts, and to ruin her own in doing so. In fact, the whole problem of the reparations is so inextricably mixed with that of the war debts that one cannot be remitted without cancelling the other. The stumbling block is not France, but America. Had America, as has been frequently suggested, cancelled the Allies’ indebtedness to her, Britain could have afforded to cancel the debts owed her by the other Entente Powers, and the rest of the world would have been in the position to turn a more lenient eye towards the matter of German reparations. It is not so much a question of ethics as of business. It is obvious that the present situation cannot continue without endangering Western civilisation. If Germany flatly refuses to pay — and if she cannot pay, she cannot — and that is all there is about it — then should France and Britain present America with the alternative of cancelling the war debts or accepting a compulsory moratorium until such time as the world situation improves. They should say unequivocally: “Look here, you are endangering civilisation, as your delayed action between 1914 and 1918 endangered it before. We do not intend to repudiate, but we are suspending all payments because the financial stability of the world is restored throughout the world. When that happens we shall go into this matter of war debts again with you.” No doubt the Americans would write plenty of notes — they are rather good at that sort of thing — but that is about all that would happen.

Preference

The intention of the new Federal Government, as expressed by the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Archdale Parkhill), to honour in its entirety the principle of preference to returned soldiers will gratify all those, who, in spite of past disappointments, still retain some measure of faith in ministerial promises. Certainly the Federal Governments, Mr. Scullin’s abortive attempt to abolish preference notwithstanding, have sinned less flagrantly in flouting the principle than certain State Governments we could name, but then Federal Ministers are not so accessible to the local wire-puller. This paper has always maintained that if we do not receive preference it is entirely our own fault for tamely acquiescing in the treatment meted out to us. The digger has proved again and again, both in war and in peace, his capacity for organisation. On the few occasions when he has troubled to assert himself publicly over the matter of preference, Parliamentary leaders have sat up and taken notice. In another column we publish a letter from a Sydney correspondent in which he points out that the much-abused Premier of New South Wales has just given a seven years’ appointment at £1,000 a year to Mr. E. Stagg, the Secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the League. Our correspondent suggests this as a possible reason why the N.S.W. Branch has been so strangely reticent regarding disloyalty which is being actively fomented in Sydney and other places. It is not the business of this paper either to boost or to blame Mr. Lang, but it must be said in his favour that whatever his motives, he has been able to look beyond the yardman’s job when putting the principle of preference into operation.

In our agitation for preference we have asked for nothing beyond what has already been promised us by politicians. Our legitimate demands have aroused a certain amount of opposition in certain quarters, particularly among the younger generation, who are under the erroneous impression that they are being militated against. As a matter of fact, preference of some kind or another is given everywhere. There is, for instance, such a thing as reciprocity in business, which is but another form of preference. One hears much of preference to unionists in Labour circles. The age limit for entrance to the various government departments, both State and Federal, and
the prescribed retiring ages in both services, constitute a policy of preference for younger men.

In order to obtain preference for returned soldiers, we must first show that we are worthy of it, and that we, in short, give it to one another. Two years ago, a gentleman, well-known to this paper and to the W.A. Branch of the League, was compelled by his war injuries to retire from a government service. He applied for a part-time secretarial appointment for which his previous experience and his educational qualifications rendered him eminently suitable, and he took the trouble to obtain excellent references from several prominent citizens. The appointment was in the service of a board consisting largely of returned men, and the applicant was assured that this particular appointment was not, like the majority of those for which applications are called-from day to day, already cut and dried for some favoured person. To the chagrin of the applicant and of those who had recommended him, the appointment was given to a non-soldier who was already established in business, and there was more than a suspicion that this course had been decided upon before the board’s advertisement appeared in the press. Incidentally, the board had not the common courtesy to return this applicant his testimonials.

Let us cite another glaring instance. The R.S.L. Trading Coy. is a firm, the bulk of whose shares is held by League members, and on whose directorate the State Executive of the Western Australian Branch is represented. This firm is in grave danger of failing through lack of bigger support. Last year, it was even suggested seriously that its affairs be wound up. It is not suggested that every member of the League should transfer the whole of his custom to the R.S.L. Trading Coy., but the manager of the League’s only trading venture has assured us that if every member of the W.A. Branch were to make a point of spending a mere ten-shillings a year with this firm, the company would be in a flourishing condition.

If we cannot give preference to one another, and if we allow through apathy or worse the League’s own business venture to fail, we are entirely unworthy of preference in other spheres, and we have an infernal cheek to ask for it.

Land Matters
SMALL WOOLGROWERS
At the meeting of the State Executive held on January 6, 1932, Colonel Olden reported the result of a discussion between the Land Committee of the Executive and the General Manager of the Agricultural Bank (Mr. McLaury) on the suggestion made by the No. 4 District Committee that a board be created for the purpose of inquiring into the position of soldier settlers on grazing lands.

Mr. McLaury had said that he was fully aware of the present position and admitted the inability of soldier settlers on small grazing areas to pay their way. Most, if not all, the stock on such holdings was under lien to stock merchants, who received the total proceeds of the clip. The bank held the security over the land which provided the grazing, but, generally speaking, the bank received nothing. Concerning super for top-dressing of pastures on small grazing properties, Mr. McLaury considered that as the stock firms received the full proceeds of the wool clip they should make suitable supplies available; as, without top-dressing, the small woolgrowers could not succeed. Colonel Olden stated that the Land Committee was of the opinion that no proposition has yet been put forward to show how a soldier settler on a small grazing property could pay his way on the present capital liability.

SECURITY OF TENURE, AND INTEREST
During the Annual State Congress of the Returned Soldiers’ League, which took place in October last, a number of matters affecting soldier settlers were represented to the Minister for Lands. Since then the Land Committee of the R.S.L. had also had discussions with the Premier, Sir James Mitchell.

At a meeting of the State Executive on January 6th, a communication was received from Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., Minister for Lands, on behalf of the Premier. The League had asked for security of tenure for soldier settlers by the retention of sufficient proceeds from the coming crop to enable them to live on their land for a further year. Mr. Latham said that the Government had no power to give effect to this suggestion. There are prior charges against the crops which must be paid. Any surplus remaining after such charges are paid will be available to the settler.

As to the waiving of interest charges from June, 1931, to June, 1932, Mr. Latham claimed that with the interest rate down to 4½ per cent., clients should be able to meet their obligations. Soldier settlers, he stated, had had concessions and could not possibly be exempted from interest payments any more than the ordinary settler.

In reply to the request that penal interest charged by the Agricultural Bank on overdue accounts be discontinued, the Minister said that the Agricultural Bank Act is mandatory and the Trustees have no power to waive accommodation interest. As to the request that accumulated unpaid interest to June 30th, 1931, be capitalised and added to the mortgage, re-payable at the expiration of the present term of the mortgage, Mr. Latham said it was the Bank’s practice to grant extended terms for payment of accumulated interest, particularly if current interest is being met. As the Act stands, the Trustees have no option but to charge interest on the amount overdue.
In reply to the request for a re-valuation of the holdings of soldier settlers engaged in the production of wheat and wool, the Minister said that the Trustees of the Bank were opposed to a further re-valuation of securities under present depressed conditions. Relief, however, would be given where circumstances merited and where the position is not due to the inefficiency of the client.

Speaking for the Premier, Mr. Latham said if satisfactory arrangements are made for the prompt payment of current interest and payment of arrears over a period of, say, five years, the Trustees will be prepared to give favourable consideration to waiving accommodation interest on the distinct understanding that any default in the payments agreed upon will automatically cancel the arrangement.

**Suit Clubs**

In these times of financial stringency there still remains the obligation to keep up a good appearance, and the question of the new suit is becoming a serious problem. However, as the foreign attache pointed out to General Buller, there is always a way round. The suit club, conducted on the principle of the Starr-Bowkett Society, is a practical solution of the new suit problem for the man on a small salary or in straitened circumstances. The Press Sub-Branch has just formed such a suit-club. Twenty members pay in half-a-crown a week, and the fortnightly drawing entitles the lucky one to go along to the R.S.L. Trading Coy. and purchase a suit, or other clothing, to the value of five pounds. The idea is one that might well be put into practice by other sub-branches. Any further information on the subject may be obtained, if so desired, from the Editor of the *Listening Post* or the Manager of the R.S.L. Trading Coy. Here is a way in which diggers can show themselves worthy of preference to other diggers, and to a firm which is conducted under the auspices of the R.S.L. itself.

**Monash Memorial Fund**

Colonel Collett, on behalf of the Management Committee, submitted the following report to the last meeting of the State Executive. The report was adopted:

"The suggestion for the erection of a memorial at Canberra to the late Sir John Monash originated with the New South Wales Branch, and was conveyed to the Head Office by circular from the General Secretary as an item for discussion at the Federal Congress, which met in Adelaide on November 16th last.

"The circular referred to reached the State Secretary on the 2nd November. As the State Executive did not meet until some nine days later, it had no opportunity of considering the suggestion prior to the departure of our delegates for Adelaide, on the 10th November.

"The Federal Congress agreed to the following resolution:

"That the Federal President be asked to open up an appeal for no more than one shilling per head from ex-service men and their sympathisers throughout Australia for the purpose of erecting a memorial at Canberra to the late General Sir John Monash, and that the Federal President be requested to seek the co-operation of all other ex-service associations in Australia in this regard."

"This Branch, by its past actions, has shown a manner needing no emphasis that it is fully conscious of what the nation owed, and still owes, to the late distinguished soldier. The present scheme it might be prepared to support up to a point, but there are fears, for reasons that need not be gone into at this stage, that although the scheme may achieve the result expected by its promoters, the result will fall far short of what is pre-eminently desirable.

"In the opinion of your Management Committee, a truly national memorial in commemoration of the services of the late Sir John Monash can only be considered as part of a plan to cover all the great leaders of Australia's expeditionary forces during the Great War. Anything less than this would be a reflection upon him whose memory we seek to honour, and also upon the people of Australia.

"For the foregoing reasons your Management Committee recommends—

(a) The Federal Executive be asked to suspend action in regard to Federal Congress Resolution No. 122.

(b) The Federal Executive approach the Commonwealth Government and request it to invite the Trustees of the Australian War Memorial to submit a plan for a fitting memorial, in monumental form, to be erected at Canberra in commemoration of the services of Australia's great war leaders.

(c) When the plan mentioned in (b) has been submitted and approved by the Commonwealth Government, all ex-service men, and the public generally, be invited to subscribe towards the cost of carrying out the same."

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State Executive Meetings
December 23, 1931

At the meeting of the State Executive, held at the Officers' Institute on December 23, 1931, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Lovell, Edmunds, Smith, Watt, Farquharson, Pady, Margolin, Nugent, Mellor, Cornell, and Tyler. Leave of absence had been granted to Messrs. Gillett, Olden Tozer, and Bristow.

The State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) submitted a report giving the numbers of ex-soldier patients in the various institutions as:—Lemnos, 74; Edward Miller Home, 13; Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, 30; Point Heathcote, 14; Old Men's Home, 10; Claremont Hospital for the Insane, 30; Woocrolloo, 18; Perth Hospital (civilians), 27; Lucknow, 6; total, 224.

Other matters dealt with in the report were visits to Bayswater and Maylands Sub-branches, and the distribution of Christmas relief.

Art Union Committee.—Mr. Tyler reported that the Art Union Committee had met and circularised metropolitan sub-branches in connection with the art union being run for amelioration purposes, and had offered what assistance it could to ensure success. He stated that the present position of the art union indicated a complete failure. With reference to Mr. Panton withdrawing his original resignation from the Control Committee the State President advised that Mr. Panton desired the matter to be left over until the completion of the present venture.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee was read and adopted.

Pensions Committee.—The report of the meeting of the Pensions Committee, held on December 14, was received and adopted. The following resolution received from this committee was carried:—“Except in cases of obvious injustice on the part of the man concerned, any pensioner in receipt of the 80 per cent. rate or greater should not be heavily reduced at any one period, and reduction if indicated should be gradual, to allow him to readjust his economic position. Further, in the case of special rate pensioners, at least three months’ notice should be given of any reduction.”

Preference at Polling Booths.—The State Secretary reported that, with Mr. G. S. Mellor, he had interviewed the Commonwealth Electoral Officer (Mr. Barrett) on December 10, on the question of preference to soldiers in the staffing of polling booths for the Federal Elections. Mr. Barrett had been sympathetic and had issued three circulars to returning officers, impressing upon them the necessity for observing the Commonwealth Government’s policy. Mr. Benson said that Mr. Kneip, the district returning officer for Perth, was more inclined to stick to the old staffs and to ignore altogether the Government policy, as his staff had been completed on December 2, two days before he received from the Prime Minister the R.S.A.I.L.A. a schedule of the names of unemployed ex-soldiers capable of carrying out the work. Mr. Kneip agreed, however, to revise his list. Of the thirty names submitted by the League, the majority were eventually employed. At Fremantle, of nine names submitted, seven were employed, and Mr. Benson expressed satisfaction with the results of the League’s efforts. The report was received.

Official Visits.—The following official visits to sub-branches were reported:—Bayswater and West Leederville (Mr. Edmunds), Park (Mr. Farquharson), and Maylands. (Mr. Nugent).

Efficiency Trophy.—The State President reported that at the annual ceremonial parade of the 11/16th Battalion he presented the unit with the Efficiency Trophy, which the W.A. Branch of the R.S.A.I.L.A. has donated for annual competition between the units of the Australian Military Forces in this State.

Condolence.—After the minutes had been read, Mr. E. S. Watt referred to the death of Mr. J. R. Butler, a former State Secretary, and said that the returned men of this State were under a deep obligation to him for his services in the early days of the returned soldier movement. Mr. J. Cornell, M.L.C., moved that a letter of condolence be sent by the Executive to the widow and family. Mr. A. Pady seconded the motion, which was carried by the delegates standing.

Federal Correspondence.—The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of the letter from the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) accepting the appointment of Patron of the R.S.A.I.L.A.

A further distribution of the proceeds of the sale of the Mezin Gate and Immortal Shrine Shirt by the Department of Works (£12 5/-) was allocated to Western Australia.

A communication was received from the Federal President concerning a resolution passed at the recent Federal Congress, which requested the Federal President to open an appeal for more than one child, a hand to service men and sympathisers throughout Australia for the purpose of erecting a memorial at Canberra of the late Sir John Monash. He suggested that the appeal be opened about the middle of February, and requested the opinion of the State President on the subject. Colonel Collett was of the opinion that consideration should be given to the erection of memorials to our war leaders, and instanced the cases of the late Major-General W. Bridges, who was killed while commanding the 1st Australian Division on Gallipoli, and Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Chauvel, whose work on the Palestine front was brilliant and whose name deserved recognition, and that of Sir John Monash in France. It was decided, on the motion of Messrs. C. P. Smith and A. Yeates, that the proposal be referred to the Management Committee for its consideration and report to the State Executive.

Federal Congress Delegates’ Report.—This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting, and Mr. Philip addressed delegates on several matters contained in the report, which was received. The report was published in last month’s Listening Post.

General.—A communication concerning the Christmas grant and its allocation was received.

Mr. Gillett, Country Vice-President, submitted a report of his attendance at various sub-branch functions.

The Repatriation Commission’s report for the year ending June 30, 1931, was tabled for the information of delegates.

The Boulder Sub-branch conveyed its appreciation of the State Executive and staff for courtesies and assistance rendered throughout the year.

Appointments of officials in the Victoria Park, Toodyay and Wallard Sub-branches were approved.

The Dalwallina Road Board’s request for a photograph of the late Archbishop Riley was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Correspondence from the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch regarding the sale of tickets of the State-wide art union in that centre during the progress of their own scheme was received. Reply had been sent by the State Secretary, pointing out that action had been taken by the Executive as the result of Congress’ decision in this matter. The Secretary’s action was endorsed, and the matter left in the Sub-branch, with power if necessary, to take action directly.

A communication from the W.A. Sub-branch which was left in the hands of the Land Committee as was also a request from the Torbay Sub-branch for a visit from Colonels Nicholson and Denton.

The Osborne Park Sub-branch suggested that a sale of work of unemployed returned soldiers should be organised at the Institute. On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Tyler, it was decided that the Secretary should circularise metropolitan sub-branches, requesting their opinions of the proposal, and asking for information as to the nature of the goods available, the quantity and the price that would be required, etc.

The request of the Pemberton Sub-branch that further eviction notices to group settlers should be withheld pending the findings of the Royal Commission was referred to the Land Committee.

Christmas greetings from Sub-branches, Government offices, heads of departments and others were laid on the table for the information of members.

At the conclusion of the meeting—the last of the year—Colonel Collett extended the compliments of the season to delegates, who, at the request of Rabbi Freedman, drank the President’s health with musical honours.

January 6, 1932

At the meeting held on January 6, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Philip, Tyler...
Denton, Olden, Titton, Hunt, Lovern, Edmonds, Ponson, Smith, Watt, Margolin, Farquharson, Pady, Nugent, Mellor and Bader. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Gillett, and Cornwell.

State Secretary's Report.—In his report, the State Secretary referred to the death of Mr. V. Steinthal, of Quairading, the Wyndham Meat Works, the Aged Soldiers' Relief Fund, and the pension. Preference at Wyndham.—Mr. Benson reported that, in view of the trouble the League had experienced last year in securing adherence to the preference policy at the Wyndham Meat Works, he had taken the matter with the responsible Minister, Mr. Baxter. In the first year of operations the whole canteen staff of 21 men was recruited from ex-service men, but last year not one ex-service man secured appointment to that staff. The Minister had said that sufficient business was not in sight to encourage the operation of the meat works this year, but in any case the canteen department would be the subject of very drastic reconstruction. The League would be notified of any subsequent development favouring the re-opening of the business.

Aged Soldiers and Old Age Pension.—An inquiry was received from the Victoria Park Sub-branch as to how the operations of the Western Australian Aged Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund would affect the standing of soldier applicants for the old age pension. The Commissioner for Pensions had stated that providing appropriations from the fund did not exceed 12½ a week for a single man, or £8 a year for a married man, the recipients would not be prejudiced in their applications for old age pensions. The Commissioner considered, however, that some ruling should be sought from headquarters and, if necessary, exemption granted for such appropriations from the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act. It was decided to refer the matter to the trustees of the League for their investigation and report.

Land Settlement.—Colonel A. C. N. Olden reported on behalf of the Land Committee. This is printed elsewhere in this issue.

On behalf of the Relief Fund trustees, Mr. Philip reported on the December operations and the amount of Christmas cheer made available. The number of those assisted was 493.

Art Union.—Mr. A. H. Ponson, M.L.A. reported having represented the Executive on the Art Union Control Board in connection with the contributions made in aid of the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund. The result was a profit of £2,666 10/-, the sweep having been over-subscribed and over £1,000 extra having been distributed, making a total prize distribution of £3,200. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Tyler, to send a letter of thanks to the Art Union Control Board, appreciating the Board's efforts on the conduct of the art union, and congratulating them on its success.

R.S.L. Employment Bureau.—The report for December showed that 1,157 men registered and the matter of securing more preference from the Commonwealth Works Director was left with the State Secretary.

Consultative Council.—Mr. Edmonds' report on the last meeting of the Consultative Council was received.

Federal Correspondence.—Visiting Committee, Edward Milner. Another unfavourable decision received from the Minister for Repatriation was received. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Philip, to refer the matter back to the League's Visiting Committee.

Other correspondence received from the Federal Office included resolutions adopted at the recent Federal Congress, i.e.,

Resolution 37.—War Service Homes.
Resolution 92.—Deportation of Aliens.
Resolution 119.—Gallipoli Anniversary.

E. S. Watt moved that the question of a suitable celebration of the 20th anniversary on Anzac Day in 1933 be referred to the Anzac Day Committee. The motion was carried.

Resolution 86.—Commonwealth Public Service. A copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the West Perth Sub-branch.

Resolution 114.—Unemployment of Youths. The Federal Office is to be advised of the position in this State.

Resolution 91.—Transfer of Costs for Widows. Application is to be made to the State Government.

Resolution 81.—Preference, State Government Contracts. This matter is to be taken up with the State Government.

Resolution 167.—Official History and Australian War Memorial.

Resolution 140.—Mining Grants.

Resolution 141.—War Graves.

Resolution 137.—Flying of Flags.

Resolution 115.—Anzac Postage Stamp.

Federal Executive Meeting.—The matter of appointing a delegate to the next Federal Executive meeting, to be held in Sydney on March 18, was referred to the next meeting of the Executive.

The Federal employment return for the various States showed that 22,342 ex-soldiers were registered as unemployed throughout Australia.

Welcome.—At this stage of the proceedings the State President took the opportunity of welcoming Mr. W. E. Logie, an old member of the State Executive, now gold mining in the Lake Darlot district. Mr. Logie suitably replied.

Proposed Memorial of Sir John Monash.—On behalf of the Management Committee, the State President submitted a report which, after some discussion, was adopted, on the resolution of Mr. Plant. The report is published elsewhere in this issue.

Unfinancial Members.—The State President submitted a report on behalf of the Management Committee on the inquiry raised by the Nannup Sub-branch, and it was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Mr. E. S. Watt, that the provisions of Congress Item 213, which was duly endorsed, be extended for a further period of twelve months ending December 31, 1932.

General.—Sir Francis Newdegate: Sir Francis Newdegate wrote in complimentary terms on the receipt of the W.A. Branch Annual Report and balance sheet and Presidential Address. Acknowledgment of the State Executive's letter of condolence was received from the family of the late Mr. J. R. Butler.
The late Mr. P. V. Steinholdt

One of the League's finest workers, in the person of Val. Steinholdt, passed away on the last day of the old year, in the Repat. Ward, Perth Hospital.

Val. was a foundation member of the Quairading Sub-Branch, where for a long time he held office as Secretary, and later as President. He enlisted early in the war, and served abroad with the rank of sergeant in the 12th Field Artillery Brigade.

Val. had been a silent sufferer for a long period, spending quite a lot of time in No. 11 Ward, but outwardly he always adopted a cheerful mien. He was highly esteemed in his district in all spheres of life. The funeral was well attended, and a car load of friends from Quairading made a special trip to pay their last respects. Val., who was 43 years of age, was a brother-in-law of Executive delegate Will Lovell, and leaves a widow and a baby daughter, to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

R.S.L. Amelioration Fund
A SUCCESSFUL SWEEP

Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., who represented the State Executive on the Sweep-Control Board in connection with the consultation conducted in aid of the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund, in his report to the Executive, stated that he was pleased to say that the consultation was oversubscribed by 17,500, making a total of 67,500 tickets sold. Prize money was increased by £1015 over the original allocation, and the amount available for the Amelioration Fund is £2,666/10/- which should greatly assist those in need during the year. Mr. Panton was disappointed with the efforts of the League to make the sweep successful. He thanked the Sweep Control Board and its staff for their courtesy and promptness in supplying information desired during the conduct of the sweep.

The State Executive carried a resolution of congratulation and thanks to the Sweep Control Board.

While sundry diggers have been whiling away the depression by walking round Australia, Australian cricketers have been running over South Africa.
Personal

The new President of the Upper Swan Sub-Branch is Mr. H. E. Feustell. Harry was an early member of the 11th Battalion, in which unit he obtained a commission. He saw much service on Gallipoli and in France. There is no more popular man than Harry in his district, where he has at all times taken a keen interest in matters affecting the common wealth. He was recently appointed a Federal Dried Fruit Inspector. We anticipate a “fruitful” year for this sub-branch.

Back in Perth after many years in Upper Burma is Paul McNerney, who held a commission in the 11th Battalion.

Executive Delegate Alex. Panton, M.LA., was elected to represent this State Branch at a Federal Executive meeting to be held in Sydney at the time of the opening of the big bridge.

Bill Logie, who served for a number of years on the State Executive, was a visitor to Perth during the month. Bill is controlling a mining venture at Mount Samu and is very optimistic regarding its chances.

The Railway Workshops Sub-Branch regret to announce the death of Corporal E. C. Garbett after a short illness, on January 13th. The deceased, who served as a fitter on the 2nd Light Operating Co., left Australia in May, 1917, and returned in September, 1919, and resumed his employment as a fitter in the Railway Workshops, and was extremely popular with all who came in contact with him. He was an ardent church worker, and till the time of his death was a warden during the last few years. The funeral, which took place at Karrakatta, was well attended. To his sorrowing wife and family we offer our sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

It came as a great shock to members of the Osborne Park Sub-Branch and residents of the district when they heard of the sudden death of Mr. James O’Mally. Jim (as he was known to everyone) came to Osborne Park twenty-two years ago. He had one of the largest dairies, but it was not through his being a dairyman that he was so well known; it was through his acts of generosity to those whose luck was out. During the war years he, along with other members of the district, formed themselves into a comforts committee, and the good work then so nobly done is well known to ex-soldiers and residents. For this work and for the services he has so generously given to the local branch, he was presented with the League’s Certificate of Merit, an honour of which no other recipient could have been prouder than Jim. All those who had the pleasure of meeting him and hearing his speeches at the sub-branch “smokes” could never forget him. He had the true Irishman’s wit, and could tell the stories in his true Irish brogue. Jim was never endowed with much of this world’s wealth—how could he be? for he had such a large heart and an open hand. He will be missed by the ex-soldiers. The boys never had a more loyal supporter. The residents, will also miss him, for he was known to all of them.

The large number of friends at his funeral showed how popular he was. The State Executive was represented by Col. Olden and Mr. C. Bader, and sub-branch members followed, in fours, the remains to the last resting place.

The funeral created general interest on the route, some of the public wondering what head of industry or government had died. But it was Jim, the man, passing.

Mr. K. J. Jones, M.C., who has been President of the Northampton Sub-Branch, has been transferred to Yealering. He is a most enthusiastic worker for the League, and it is largely due to his efforts that the Northampton Sub-Branch is in such a flourishing condition to-day. Mr. A. Glance is the new President.

Captain Dick Maxwell (11th Field Ambulance and Subiaco Sub-branch) has taken another degree—in the Grandfather’s Lodge. On Saturday, January 16, the stock delivered a bouncing baby boy at the Tyrrell St., Nedlands, residence of Mr. “Dick” Maxwell, Junior. This is Captain Dick’s first grandson.

The Nugent family pull their weight in League affairs. Harold is president of Osborne Park, and Arthur of Campion Sub-branches. Is there any other family with two brothers who are presidents of their respective sub-branches.

Mr. Percy Whittall, the manager of Woolworth’s Ltd., in Western Australia, is the latest recruit to the ranks of the Perth Legacy Club. Mr. Whittall, who is a member of the Nedlands Sub-branch R.S.I., should be of great assistance to this band of ex-service men who so efficiently attend to the moral, mental, vocational and physical welfare of the sons and daughters of comrades of the Great War who “nobly striving, nobly fell.” Membership of the Legacy Club is no sinecure, the obligations being heavy.

The new Lord Mayor of Melbourne is a brother of the late Captain L. I. Smith, who was Camp Adjutant at Broadmeadows in the early days of the war in 1914. Captain Smith was a doctor, but preferred to serve in the fighting forces, and was killed in commanding his company soon after arriving in France.

Digger’s Kid (who has not paid much attention to the history lesson): “Daddy, why did Marius go and live in the ruins of Garthgle?”

Digger: “He must have thought it was a War Service Home.”

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The late Captain Albert Jacka, V.C.

Captain Albert Jacka's death is deeply regretted by all A.I.F. men in this State. The exploits which won him the first Australian V.C. of the war, on Gallipoli, and the M.C. and bar in France, are now enshrined in history. His wonderful work at Pozieres and Bullecourt are well remembered by all members of the 4th Brigade. A soldier and a man, in every way, he was a born leader, who could be depended upon to inspire his men to their best efforts. That his personality was an inspiring one is shown by the number and the character of the legends that grew up around his name. The diggers even tried to find a highly-born bride for him, and even ladies of Blood Royal were mentioned in this connection. But no flights of imaginations could transcend the epic, even Homeric, quality of the man's actual feats of arms.

His V.C. was awarded "For conspicuous bravery on the night of the 19th-20th May, 1915, at Courtenay's Post, Gallipoli Peninsula. Lance-Corporal Jacka, while holding a portion of our trench with four other men, was heavily attacked. When all except himself were killed or wounded, the trench was rushed and occupied by seven Turks. Lance-Corporal Jacka at once most gallantly attacked these men single-handed and killed the whole party, five by rifle fire, and two with the bayonet."—(London Gazette, 24th July, 1915.)

At Pozieres, among other things, he was instrumental in rescuing a large body of the 12th Brigade who had been cut off and captured by the Germans. At Bullecourt, he went out in daylight and captured an enemy outpost. The M.C. and bar were the reward of his services in France. The D.S.O. would have come his way for his good work at Bullecourt had the general action been a successful one. In 1918 he was transferred from the 14th to the 4th Machine Gun-Battalion, a new organisation, commanded by another V.C. of the 4th Brigade, Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Murray.

It has been said, on good authority, that while doing duty with a training battalion on Salisbury Plains, Captain Jacka organised an unofficial force which effectively cleaned up a gang of sand-baggers and other riff-raff who were infesting the camps on the Plains, and preying upon the digger.

Fate was particularly unkind to Cap-

Varia

Says a newspaper heading, "Manchurian offensive." Communists are even more so.

Mrs. H. Hopperton, the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive, writes in reply to Stanley V. Dival's criticism in the December Listening Post: Nobody appreciates the splendid services rendered to the patients of No. 11 Ward by Sister Jones more than the members of the Women's Auxiliary, and delegates at Congress were profuse in their praise of the general control of the Repatriation Ward. The two resolutions objected to by Mr. Dival were placed on the agenda by branches containing members whose husbands were inmates of No. 11 Ward, and contrary to Mr. Dival's expressed opinion, the facts were not endorsed by the conference.

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"Doubtful" writes from Hollywood: In your current issue you give an account of the various items adopted at the recent Federal Congress at Adelaide. Some of these refer to War Service Homes. Why is it that in the league's boasted embracing of all ex-service men no one can be found who is willing to champion the cause of the Imperial man. I am one of those who are in this category, and am purchasing a War Service Home, under civilian (spare the name!) contract. I pay 6 per cent. interest (recently reduced from 6½ per cent.), whilst the digger pays 5 per cent. I paid nearly £400 deposit cash, the majority of diggers paid a very nominal sum. If I fall in arrears more than two weeks in payment, my whole equity is automatically forfeited, and so on 'in every way. I am bound to a contract for a long period without even the right to sell, even supposing I could find a person willing to buy at the inflated price I have to pay, viz., £60 more than the Board's own valuation (pre-slump). The contract of sale is altogether too severe, and will not bear comparison with the diggers' contract. I am a member of the R.S.L. myself, but I know of several possible members who are not willing to join whilst such a one-sided outlook is adopted.

Surely, before seeking further concessions for the dinkum digger, we Imperials should at least be put under the already existing conditions enjoyed by them.

I would be gratified if you would find space for the above in your next issue of the "Post."

[1] But the R.S.L. does champion the cause of all ex-service men resident in Australia. Ex-Imperials hold office on the State Executive and in the various sub-branches, so that there are plenty of avenues through which the cases of ex-Imperials may be put up, when they have a case to fight.

[2] The War Service Homes Commission was brought into being by the Australian Government for the benefit of Australian ex-service men. It is hardly fair to blame the Australian Government or the R.S.L. either, because these privileges are not extended to members of every British force, though, no doubt, such an extension would provide wonderful stimulus to immigration.

Much as the digger would like to see the privileges extended him shared in by ex-Imperials, it should be clearly recognised that all repatriation benefits, such as War Service Homes, should be provided by the country in which a man enlists, and, we think, most ex-Imperials do recognise this fact.

As it is, "Doubtful," on his own showing, has received some benefits from the scheme, doubtless though they may appear to him. In the absence of fuller explanation, we are not clear as to what "Doubtful" means by "civilian contract," and not having sighted his contract, we cannot say whether the terms are harsh or otherwise. Still, we find it hard to believe that any administration would deprive "Doubtful" of his equity were he only two weeks in arrears with his rent.

4. If "Doubtful" is paying £60 more than the official valuation of his property, that again is not the fault of the Government. The official valuations were always lower than the prices being asked in boom time, and it must be remembered that the valuator was a public servant representing the taxpayer as well as the soldier.

5. The contracts were specially made to cover a long period in order to prevent "dummying" or other methods of trafficking in War Service Homes. Australia had had that sort of experience before the war in connection with homestead selections and other land matters.
cent. higher in a free-trade country, and remembering that Australia is distant from the trade routes of the world, being isolated geographically, and remembering that the harbour dues and other landing costs (particularly at Fremantle) are universally acknowledged to be high; and not ignoring the fact that local manufacturers enjoy a protection of about 25 per cent. through the operation of an adverse exchange rate. (the rate reached 30 per cent. at several periods of 1931), and acknowledging that the Australian workman is as efficient as his confrère in other lands, the contention of your protectionist contributor that "these figures, plus those recently published with regard to South Africa, are indisputable proof that the measure of protection extended to the farm implement trade in Australia has been well justified" is ludicrous.

Accepting my observations made above as premises (and these observations are in the nature of facts), the conclusion to be arrived at is that the Australian manufacturer of farming machinery have by a surfeit of protection been able to exploit the public.

On the figures supplied by your contributor, nearly £200 is saved on £600 worth of machinery. Then why does not the Australian manufacturer capture the markets of free-trade countries, such as the Argentine, especially with the exchange rate fluctuating at such a high level as 25 per cent.?

Surely it is paradoxical for our largest manufacturing firm (H. V. McKay & Son Ltd.) to establish a manufacturing plant overseas!

Taking the machines enumerated by your contributor at the stated value of £602 9s. 7d., it will be seen that a golden opportunity is being passed by unheeded by Australian manufacturers in not exporting to the Argentine, South Africa and other countries which admit agricultural machinery free of import duties. The cost of shipping and landing £602 9s. 7d. worth of machinery in the Argentine from Australia would not be increased to £796 11s. 7d. Perhaps additional cargo could be obtained in the form of boots, galvanised iron, wire netting and other manufactured articles which the Australian farmer obtains at a less cost than the imported (and inferior) products.

Having due regard to other economic causes, it appears to me that the principal factor contributing towards the huge losses on closer settlement schemes in Australia has been the insane fiscal policy of successive governments.

[In extending Mr. MacBride’s similar courtesy to the contributor he criticises, we have no comment to make upon his general argument. However, we strongly resent the wording of his second paragraph. We take this opportunity of informing Mr. MacBride, and others, that we are sick and tired of the effrontery of people who attempt to dictate to us and lay down the law about what should or should not be published in the LISTENING POST. Such things are decided by the Editor. As far the political aspect of the matter is concerned, this paper stands four-square behind the League’s expressed policy of supporting local manufactures and industries. Matters like the Tariff, the Sugar Embargo, Defence, etc., which were discussed at last year’s Congress, and which were the subject of resolutions, all have their political aspect, and as they are of national import they are fit subjects for discussion in these pages. As we have stated again and again, we are prepared to publish any contributions on these subjects, provided they are sufficiently well written and contain no party propaganda. We would remind Mr. MacBride that there are free-traders and protectionists in both the United Australia Party and the Labour Party. The article which Mr. MacBride essays to refute was a well-written statement by a gentleman who has devoted a considerable amount of time to the study of his subject. The views expressed were our contributor’s, and not necessarily our own.—Ed., L.P.]
Vale: James Richard Butler, D.C.M.

Born in Sydney 19 years ago, as a youth he joined the New South Wales mounted Rifles, and subsequently served throughout the duration of the South African War, finishing up with Colonel Rimmington's Scouts.

Although not a young man, the late J. R. Butler enlisted in November, 1915, and served in the Great War. On the 2nd March, 1917, he was highly commended by the Divisional Commander for meritorious and gallant service. Two months later he received a gun shot wound in the right hand. He returned to his unit and subsequently was admitted to hospital with a war disability, which proved fatal on the 22nd December last.

Jim was awarded the D.C.M., and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the field.

After his return he threw himself whole-heartedly into the soldier movement, for some time as Secretary, Perth Branch of the R.S.L., and subsequently State Secretary, finally taking the management of the Soldiers' Co-operative Stores. His regime as State Secretary was a very successful one, particularly in the early days of the League's activities.

The funeral, which took place on the 23rd December, 1931, was largely attended by many who were associated with him in the early days of the League, and was representative of many battalion associations and sub-branches. The Executive was represented by Messrs. Cornell and Watt, who acted as pall bearers, together with Messrs. C. Taylor, H. Hocking (representing Col. Tilney), W. Hunt, President of the Perth Sub-Branch, and 44th Battalion Association, H. E. Bolton, and ex-President of the League, Rapp, and Howe. Mr. Benson and other members of the Executive were also present, a member of the 44th Battalion representing Colonel Lamb.

We join with a host of diggers in extending our sympathy to the widow and family.

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The Ten Tailors of Tooley Street, who headed their announcement with the phrase, "We, the people of the British Empire," seem to have many spiritual heirs in this State. Latterly, every quaint little extra-constitutional organisation which endeavours to grind its own particular axe to the hindrance of more important public business, has had the effrontery to use the Union Jack on its stationery. We are not concerned at present with the religious and political opinions of these people. Neither do we deny their right to mix religion with politics, though the tactfulness of such a proceeding is open to question, and liable to defeat its own object. But we do object to any section of the people arrogantly misusing the flag, which is the flag of all the people, and seeking to brand as disloyalists all who differ from them in matters of religion and politics. The impertinence becomes all the more galling when one notes, as in the latest instance, these exclusive loyalists have printed the Union Jack upside down.

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Don't Underestimate
(By STRICKLAND GILLILAN, in "Association Men")

Life's list of failures lengthens every day. I do not say this gloatingly nor do I send up rockets to celebrate the fact. It is nothing to write home about. But it is a fact. Of course, the list of successes lengths also, but that isn't what I'm talking about just now.

Do you know what does more than anything else to lengthen this flop roster?

Underestimation!

Yes, that is what it does. The person who tackles a problem with the idea that it is easy gets by very seldom, no matter if he be right in his estimate. If we believe a thing is easy we will not try very hard. And you can't do even an easy thing without trying a lot.

Fact!

The line of has-beens in every sort of endeavour where there is competition reaches further and further every day, and the additions to that line are invariably those who thought the other fellow was easy picking; duck soup. So the lazy contender didn't train adequately and didn't extend himself after the contest began. Not until it was too late, anyway. The only safe plan is to say:

"Now, I don't think so much of this adversary of mine. I have heard he was not so hot. But you never can tell. He may be a sanged cat. I may have been kidded by those who told me he was a four-flusher and a false alarm. Anyway. I can't afford to get into sloppy habits. I cannot afford to fasten on myself the custom of doing less than my best. I shall train as if my life depended on the result; as if this opponent of mine were the champion of champions. I may want to fight a better man some day, anyway, and if in this scrimmage I develop a nest that will be better than my previous best, I will be in just so much better trim for the big thing when it comes."

Say that and act on it, and you will never be beaten except by a man so much better than you that you will be more proud of having faced him than ashamed of having him beat you. And it is a sure thing you will never be beaten by a man who is not decidedly better than yourself. When two adversaries are evenly matched, the one who puts most energy and determination into the contest always wins.

Every morning you are confronted with a day that is a total stranger to you. That day will bring problems you never knew before. You may think that particular day's problems are going to be the easy kind and you can just loaf along and get by with them. But you never can tell. That may be the very day that brings to you the crucial problem of your whole lifetime. So it would be well to start the day energetically on your toes, determined that even if you are to face the biggest problem you have ever met, your utmost best will go into the effort to solve it.

When you are in hostile territory, hear a rustle in the thicket, and can't see what it is, you had better use your machine gun on it, on suspicion. It would be better to kill a field-mouse with a sixteen-inch cannon than to shoot the hidden target with a Robert and find you had only annyoed a tiger!

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As you are doubtless aware, the Listening Post has been for some weeks the subject of discussion between the management of the paper and a committee appointed for that purpose by the State Executive. Several suggestions for the improvement of the paper are under consideration, but, so far matters have not been finalised. In the meantime, every reader can be of great assistance to both parties to the discussion by forwarding his or her own suggestions. As diggers, we appreciate candour, therefore, Mr. Reader, please tell us candidly what you think of the Listening Post from both the educational and the recreational point of view, and how and where you think the paper might be improved. You are entitled to your opinion as much as anyone else, therefore, weigh in with it and help us to make it the organ you would like us to produce. Early replies will be appreciated.

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  "Why not?" retorted the little girl.
  "We could easily sell daddy again for five thousand pounds."
Sub-Branch Notes

CLAREMONTH

At the monthly meeting at the Parish Hall, about 40 members attended. After the usual business was disposed of, a most interesting session of inter-branch весes was held, when the Shell Oil Company, depicting the finding of oil in Sumatra and Borneo, and from the finding of it in virgin jungle, to the refining process and distribution of same. Next came a series of slides on the ever-present maquiso, after which our President, Dr. Tregonning, gave a short lecture on same.

The next meeting was held in the Parish Hall on February 4th, at 8 p.m., at which nominations and election of officers for the ensuing year will be gone on with. Every member should roll up and record his vote, so as to ensure a truly representative list of officers and committee.

PILBARRA

On Monday, December 21st, advantage was taken of the presence of several country members to hold a general meeting of the sub-branch, which took place at the Esplanade Hotel.

The President, in his address and report, touched briefly on the various activities of the branch since the last general meeting, and gave a resume of cases which the branch had been able to assist through the medium of the Amendment Fund.

In welcoming the country members, the President expressed gratification at the presence of Mr. E. J. Jeffries and Mr. E. E. Atkins, who were two of the original foundation members of the sub-branch.

General business was conducted, the reports of sub-committees were received, and several matters which had been referred to general meetings by the committee were dealt with. The balance sheet showing social activities at race week was presented and adopted, and authority given to the committee to adjust the deficit shown. Arising out of the discussion of the balance sheet, the following motion was put and carried: That as the finances of the sub-branch are in the hands of men whose probity is unassailable, and as the auditors are conducted by a gentleman whose work is beyond criticism, the members attending this meeting are unanimous in agreement that loose talk and irresponsible statements regarding the financial conduct of Race Week activities shall be ignored.

On the conclusion of general business the President read a letter from Mr. H. E. Greene, a gentleman to whom the branch has been indebted on many occasions for practical and sympathetic support, in which Mr. Greene advised that he intended to present the sub-branch with a "Monash Memorial Portrait." A motion expressing appreciation of Mr. Greene's kindness was passed.

On conclusion of business the meeting resolved into an informal gathering, and an enjoyable evening was spent yarning and recalling old times.

The meeting closed by all present drinking a toast to absent members, and wishing them the sanest of greetings for the coming year which will bring them health and prosperity.

MOORINE ROCK

Our last monthly meeting was attended by another full house. Mr. D. L. G. Morgan, D.C.M., being the only nominee for the position of President, thanked the members for the confidence placed in him. The other officers and committee of the sub-branch were all re-elected.

Now that harvest is nearly completed, we would like to see some more of our Noongah and Bodallin members—Messrs. Bill Birtles, Jennings Brot, and Harry Marshall—in the way. Lieut. Bill Birtles, R.N., D.S.O., can nearly claim to be an Aussie; he escorted the first troops from Australia, also blasted a few shells at Jacko the Turk at Anzac and Suvla Bay.

The sub-branch has had a "hop over" on New Year's Day, in the form of a monster sports meeting. The programme included three registered trotting events, and the pedestrians were well catered for. The prize money was attractive, and all ex-service men were asked to give their support by coming along to see how the "Woodbine" sub-branch does things.

Before concluding the monthly meeting, the members appreciated the State Secretary's promptness in attending to our troubles, and also the efforts of the Hon. Sir John Kirwan, M.L.C., and the Hon. J. F. Cornwell, M.C., in connection with our school and railway crossing.

NARROGIN

The usual monthly meeting of the Narrogin Branch took place on December 13th. It was disclosed that the finances of the branch are bright, and that subscriptions are coming in for 1932 membership.

Another old comrade passed away recently, in the person of J. B. Sharp, 44th Battalion. Mrs. Sharp acknowledged with feelings of deep gratitude the many expressions of sympathy sent to her by members of the branch.

The branch is going into the matter of having the Great Southern Re-Union held at Narrogin this year. We hope that this sub-branch will accept this responsibility, and we know that the Secretary, Tom Hogge, will be a tryer in making it a great success.

UPPER SWAN

The annual general meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, on Thursday, January 7th, President Lin Thorn, M.L.A., occupying the chair.

The meeting was well attended, and the nature of the business transacted was an ample opportunity for a free exchange of views.

Secretary Tom Richards made several interesting reports, not the least of which being that which disclosed the satisfactory state of the sub-branch finances. The books had been audited by Mr. Haining, who reported everything to be in order. The Secretary also reported on the Xmas prize drawing, the result of which added a small sum to the exchequer, after deducting 25 per cent. of the profits for the Children's Hospital.

Amongst other matters, the question of a regular supply of grapes to the Children's Hospital was brought up, and was agreed that members in turn donate a case throughout the season. The President, after thanking the sub-branch officials for their loyal and co-operation, dropped a short-fused fourteen pounder announcement, that he would not seek re-election.

After two years in that office he considered that some other member should take the chair, especially as his parliamentary duties had caused his unavoidable absence from a good many meetings. It was evident that Lin would not be in a position to give the time required to the branch business, and the assurance that he would continue to take an active interest in the sub-branch affairs, Mr. H. E. Feurill was unanimously elected President.

There is no more popular man than Harry, who, ever since the big argument ended, has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the district.

Eric Harrison was elected Vice-President without a ballot being taken, and there is no one more worthy of the position.

Tom Richards' intention to again nominate as Secretary was loudly applauded, and, he was re-elected unopposed. Energetic and painstaking Tom has been a tower of strength in the job, and to him is due much of the credit for the present healthy state of the branch.

Mr. R. S. Haining was re-elected auditor. A strong committee was formed with the ever-green Neil Lamont as caterer. Neil's jovial smile is in itself a refreshing tonic, but he doesn't rely on that alone, for his years as a caterer have given him the knack of winning the people's regard through his friendly and efficient service.

The publicity agent, Mr. R. J. Lowson, was re-elected. The business having concluded, the evening ended with an enjoyable social gathering, Ernie Vine leading his choir to great heights of vocal perfection.

PERTH

The Annual Meeting of the Perth Sub-Branch was held in the Soldiers' Institute, on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1932. The President, Mr. W. J. Hunt, occupied the chair. The Auditor's report showed that sub-branch finances were declining, but were still in a healthy condition. The President's annual report was greeted with acclamation, and he was heartily thanked for his past services, and members wished him the very best in 1932 could give him.

The Secretary's report disclosed that Amelioration had not been as heavy as in past years, but still an enormous amount of money had been used up in that direction. Membership, although slightly decreased, was just over 700. He reported that 9 members of the sub-branch had passed away during the year, and particularly requested that they should be notified if any member knew of an ex-service man passing away, so that the fullest enquiries could be made.

Poppies had resulted in the usual Mixture, being made available to the Aged Sailors, Soldiers' Fund, and £26/8/10 being made available for Amelioration purposes. The report on the Corps of Commissioners was very well received, and it disclosed that the show-off of the sub-branch's activities was the prize-giving gathering. A motion asking that the sub-branch's activities should be better publicised was agreed, and the question of finding employment for the veteran was referred to a committee.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, W. J. Hunt; Vice-President, Messrs. H. Hopperton and E. Coleman; Treasurer, A. S. O'Keele; Director, R.S.L. Trading Coy., C. Longmore; Trustees, Messrs. W. J. Hunt and A. S.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were indulged in, and Messrs. Wilkins, of Subiaco, and Fitzpatrick, of Mount Lawley, added to the entertainment by very enlightening stories.

KENTDALE

One of the members of this sub-branch—Mr. C. M. Martin, late 9/48 Battalion—met with a regrettable accident, whilst making on November 15th. His comrades wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to his duty on the committee.

The Stork was seen flying low over Kentdale on Thursday, December 3rd. It is reported to have landed at “Lone End.” Mr. and Mrs. Newson are to be congratulated on the arrival of a bonny boy. The writer has noted (according to the news of the Listening Post), the home of the Stork is South Perth, and requests that the sub-branch not let it out of the cage too often.

NUNGANIN

The monthly meeting of the Nungarin Sub-branch was held in the Nungarin F.M. on Monday, December 5th. The presiding officer (Mr. F. L. Warner) occupied the chair. The Sub-branch decided to support the request of the State Executive that all ex-service men give local products first preference when purchasing Christmas goods. The notice of motion carried forward from the previous meeting, that “Nungarin withdraw from the Number 3 District Committee,” caused a great deal of discussion. It was decided to take no further action until such time as Trayning-Yelbene and Mount Marshall should decide to form a more local district committee. In the meantime the secretary was instructed to communicate this decision to other interested sub-branches. The secretary was instructed to make out an attendance list of members who have attended since January 1st, 1931, for the information of those attending the annual meeting to be held on January 4th, 1932. In presenting to Mr. Arundel C. Andrews a Certificate of Service, the president eulogised Mr. Andrews for his work on behalf of the League and the Sub-branch. Mr. Andrews suitably responded.

The president then announced the approaching departure of Mr. W. Jones, who had been for some considerable time one of the sub-branch’s most earnest workers. He felt sure that all members would regret the departure of Mr. Jones and wish him all success and happiness for the future. His remarks were supported by Messrs. Andrew and Robinson who moved that it be placed on record in the minutes the great appreciation of the Nungarin Sub-branch of the R.S.I.E. for all that Mr. Jones has done in the past years and for the great help he has always been.

The meeting was concluded with the reading of the last committee of the year.

It was resolved that a special effort be made to obtain a full attendance at the annual meeting to be held on January 4th, at which the chief business would be the election of officers for the year 1932.

After the meeting closed, a farewell evening was tendered to Mr. Jones and the Rev. L. G. Courtenay by the members of the Sub-branch and the Women’s Auxiliary.

KOJONUP

As the officials of the Agricultural Bank who visited the Kojournp district were mainly concerned with the timing of the season, the interest of the sub-branch were not the welcome guests—particularly among the small woolgrowers—there would have been no visit of their visit been less exciting. Some of the fruitgrowers appear to be doing well, and Robinson, who moved, has 20 acres, five of which are orchard, made $1,200 last year. He is running three or four cows to pay the housekeeping expenses, and it may reasonably be assumed that, after paying rates, taxes and running expenses, his profit will be in the neighbourhood of $1,000. Contrast that man’s position with that of others in the district who have acres of from 1,000 acres to 8,000 acres to spread their incomes over. Much of the land was over-capitalised even for the good years, and the improvements were effected at boom prices. Taking 1,000 sheep and lambs as an average of what can be run—and this is too high for the district—a holder of such property would be lucky if his income amounted to $2,10, and his unavoidable expenses would be about ten times those of the fruit grower before-mentioned. Yet he is expected to pay his current interest and live, as well as do something towards reducing his back debt. Another visit of the Bank officials is expected within three or four months.

All the boys are glad to see Mrs. Finlay (Jack’s leading half-section) back again, and recovered from the breakdown in health which she contracted mainly through over-work on behalf of others.

Considerable curiosity was aroused throughout the district as to why Ted Healy was in bed when the Agricultural Bank officials paid him a friendly visit. “It has been suggested that Ted thought it was a recruiting party and did not want any more for a bit,” said Mr. Healy.

PENMBERTON

The sub-branch held a most successful picnic on Sunday, 27th December, at the One-Mile Bridge, over 100 attending. The chief events were the ladies’ and gent’s handicaps. The final of the former was won by Mesdames Wellbourne, Bloo, and Miss Adams, who hit the tape towards the end. Mr. Brown held his winning the coveted prize. The final of the men’s handicap was won by Messrs. Ames and Beaumont, who tied. Many other races were held, and much fun resulted. Before tea the President announced that all returned men to join up again in the New Year. The picnic was an undoubted success. Many old battles were refought right back to those at South Africa.

At the close of the meeting, the members were all taken to the Yarloop State School. A meeting of the sub-branch will be held at the Yarloop State School. Considerable discussion took place concerning the tone of these letters, and it was eventually resolved that the letters be marked “received” and no further action taken in the matter. At a later stage a motion was put, that the members of the Memorial Committee should be asked to attend a meeting of the sub-branch with a view to creating a better understanding between the two bodies, and was adopted.

The election of officers for the current year took place. N. Buchanan (retiring President), and H. D. Hardie were both nominated for the office of President, and on a ballot being taken, the former was declared re-elected. A. Millington and H. D. Hardie were chosen as Vice-President and Secretary, respectively. The report of the Treasurer was read. It was adjudged that the sub-branch was in a satisfactory position, despite the depression, was also considered.

The following extracts from the annual report are published for information:

Finance.—The finances are in the capable hands of the Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Kirby, whose report shows that the work involved in the administration of the funds.

Membership.—The membership for the year just ended shows 185 financial members as at 31/12/31, which was a decided increase over the
previous year's total, and in view of the lean period we are passing through, is very satisfactory, but it is hoped that in the New Year each and every member shall introduce at least one new member.

Social.—The social activities of the branch during the year were many and varied, and without exception every effort put forward by the Committee was greatly appreciated. One of the main features of the year was the introduction of supper at the meetings, which, although not alone made the meetings more enjoyable, but resulted in a better attendance, the average attendance during the year being 35 per meeting. The annual smoke-o' was considered to be the best smoke-o' ever held in the history of the Fremantle Branch, thanks mainly to the splendid co-operation of the South Perth Sub-Branch.

Anzac Day.—The service this year again reached the high standard of previous years — why? not? as we have the finest memorial in the State, and always have the whole-hearted co-operation of the naval, military, clerical, and civic authorities. It was pleasing to note the splendid attendance of the Women's Auxiliary at the both services.

Amelioration.—Quite a good deal of time and motion has been expended in this important branch of our work, and pride is felt in the work of the branch and Women's Auxiliary in this direction, the Women's Auxiliary alone having expended some £94 during the year under review.

Committee.—The branch has been faithfully served by its various committees, especially the 6d. Dance Committees, who have been instrumental in raising a sum of £10 for the Amelioration Fund.

War Memorial Wardens.—The efforts of these gentlemen, under the leadership of the Chief Warden, Mr. William Watson, have met with the success anticipated, while on the matter of the memorial, the City Council should be complimented on the wonderful improvement made at the Memorial during the year.

Secretary and Treasurer.—I cannot allow myself to close without saying a few words of the splendid work of the Secretary and Treasurer, whose work throughout the year has been of a very high standard. I regret losing Mr. Walker, but I am sure that we will be well served by his successor, Mr. Beer, whose interest in soldier matters needs no recommendation. Mr. Kirby, of course, will still carry on his good work.

Product Week.—Although a financial loss, Product Week at last showed that the soldier could do things, and I feel sure that it will assist us in any of our future undertakings, should we ever need outside assistance.

Executive.—In conclusion, I desire to extend to the State President, State Secretary, Executive, and staff, the thanks of this sub-branch for their cordial co-operation and assistance during the period under review, more especially their advice and assistance in respect to pension cases, which this year must have constituted a record.

Visitors.—We have appreciated the visits of the Executive Officers, and the various representatives of sub-branches who have visited the sub-branch during the year, and I sincerely hope that these visits will be more often during the coming year.

The sub-branch has decided to hold a picnic in conjunction with Spearwood and Cottesloe Beach sub-branches at the Zoo on Sunday, February 14th.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH
LEEDERVILLE

The annual meeting of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. was held on the 14th January, in the Council Chambers, Oxford Street, when the President (Mr. J. Morton) presided over an attendance of 44 members.

The annual statements revealed the following credits:—General Fund, £29/13/1; Amelioration Fund, £29/19/11.

Regret was expressed when the news was received of the death of the wife of an esteemed member, Mr. Don. Urquhart. The Secretary was instructed to convey the deep sympathy of members to the bereaved family.

The following extracts from the Secretary's report for the year ending December 31st, 1931, are abstracted for information.

Attendance.—Twenty-one of our ordinary meetings were held, the average attendance being 49.4. This speaks volumes for the interest taken by members in the affairs of their sub-branch, and is very gratifying to Executive officers.

Membership.—The membership is still on the increase, with a sub-branch, and is 75 the previous year; the number of members on the roll was 189. I intend reducing this number to 150 by striking out 39 names of members who are a long way in arrears with their subscriptions, and who have apparently taken little interest in the sub-branch for a considerable time. Admitting that our membership is satisfactory, it behoves members to battle for more.

Congress.—We were again fortunate in being represented at Congress by our esteemed member, Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A. It is pleasing to know that he was again elected by Congress to a seat on the State Executive. Members have every right to congratulate him on the success his sub-branch members are so ably represented at the Executive table.

Social.—The social side has been in the hands of a committee; members' thanks are due to that body for the able manner in which they have catered for this activity. The annual social in their homes was a great success, and with admission fee charged, yet the cost to the sub-branch was only £1/4/5. It is to be regretted that other socials showed a loss of £12/14/2; the Committee has located the weak spot, and a recurrence is unlikely.

Anzac Day.—The usual Anzac Day service was held on the afternoon of April 24th, at Subiaco Park. There was a large attendance of the general public, and a large muster of ex-service men. Padre C. A. Jenkins again took charge of the service, and we are deeply grateful for the interest he takes in our sub-branch.

Poppy Sales.—This year poppy sales in the city were controlled by our Women's Auxiliary. Financially it was not as successful as in previous years; this was mainly due to the difference in the blocks allowed us for selling in. The return to the sub-branch was £9/3/2; £12/1/5 was paid to the State Executive for poppies, and £9/3/2 to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. It would appear that very little return for the strenuous work done on Poppy Day goes to the sub-branch, and when one considers that 13 workers took part in the sale of poppies, the question arises as to whether it was worth while; a net return of £1/0 per seller is not very encouraging.

River Picnic.—The third annual river picnic was held at Bicton, on December 6th; about 250 children and over 150 adults filled the two launches.

The members' handicap resulted in a very popular win for Mr. P. C. Heaton; the championship medal was won by Mr. L. J. Howson, and the Women's Auxiliary handicap by Mrs.
Mitchell at one gathering, and about 149 members did the job really well. A full muster marched from the hall to the temporary abode of Sir Newton, and escorted him to the memorial, where a wreath was placed by him in memory of fallen comrades. Adjourning to the hall a most delightful evening was spent. Many were the greetings between our guests and old soldiers, not only of the "Big War," but those who were associated with the "Brig," when he was a sergeant in the old volunteers, with, to use his own words, "Jim Mitchell and Col. Brazer, as privates," or similar responsible rank.

At the last meeting which featured of Xmas festival, members were entertained by a resume of his recent travels through Europe, by Dr. A. E. Cullen, and very interesting, too. He seemed to have covered quite a lot of war ground, and was particularly struck by the absence of any mention of the "truce." Our esteemed member, Mr. N. C. Ryder, of the 44th "stand backs," had taken a health trip to the New-Welt, and having found health, happiness, and home comforts, was voted a "good thing" to recount his experiences, which he did.

The League members generally extend their sincere sympathy to Treasurer Mr. C. Robin in the recent sudden passing of his 2-year-old baby daughter.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' SOCIAL AT AUGUSTA
A number of returned soldiers gathered at Augusta on Saturday last, and held an informal reunion. Although not controlled by the local branch of the R.S.L., members of the committee of that organisation were present. The following toasts were honoured, "The King," "Fallen Comrades," "The State Executive," "Auxiliary Forces and Kindred Associations." The Chairman, Jim Nixon, when proposing the "State Executive," remarked that he felt confident that the State Executive, as a body, had done more than any other organisation to foster the well being and interests of the returned men, and, speaking as an Imperial soldier, he wished to voice his appreciation of the privilege extended to Imperial men, which exceeded anything he had anticipated upon arrival in this State.

That the esteem with which the "Sisters" were regarded was not of a fleeting nature was born out by the wish expressed by one digger, "That if he had his way, every nurse should have a monument as big as Nelson's column erected in her front garden." Had the wish been gratified, it would probably be considered somewhat of a mixed blessing by the recipients.

The amenities of the occasion were assisted by items vocal and instrumental, and, as usual, quite an amount of unsuspected talent was disclosed. "Music and song are the remnants of "We've all come up from Somerset," would have caused the renowned singer recently among us to look to his laurels, proved of inestimable value as an entertainer. Boko's Last Ride, as created by vartley, left nothing to be desired as an eloquent effort. Equine lovers were observed to clench their hands and hold their breath under the stress of emotion as the gallant old steed made his last desperate leap, only to crash at the barrier.

Prominent amongst those present was "Bill" Ellis, who made a name for himself by being the first financier member of the current year, and proudly sported the "$2." crown.

It was suggested that in order to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship so essential to the maintenance of the League, the opportunity presented with so many returned men in the district should not be lost, and to this end a committee was appointed to arrange some form of entertainment at an early date, the details of which have yet to be decided.

KELMSCOTT-ROLEYSTONE
The Kelmscott-Roleystone Sub-Branch held their annual meeting for the election of officers on Monday, January 11 at the Kelmscott Hall. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. Meachem; Vice-President, Mr. Jackson; Secretary, Mr. H. Rose; Treasurer, Mr. V. G. Cross. Mr. Cross had held office in this sub-branch since 1920, and was one of the R.S.L. pioneers of this district. The retiring Secretary and President, Mr. Meachem and Mr. Jackson, were complimented on the successful year the sub-branch had experienced under their guidance. During the year the branch held nine meetings, two lectures, a sweep for the Amelioration Fund, two concerts and dances, a picnic at Roleystone, and last, but not least, a smoke social, which, although it was not a financial success, was more the delight of the ladies present in other respects. It is still a subject for argument whether the rat, which was observed sitting on the table eating the sandwiches by most of those present, was real or imaginary. In future the Listening Post will be kept au courant with the activities of this sub-branch, as a publicity officer (Mr. P. G. Tanner) has been appointed.

TAMBELLUP
There was a large attendance at the first meeting in the New Year, held on the 6th inst, this
being the time for election of officers. The routine business having been disposed of, the Secretary presented the audited balance sheet, which was adopted. The President (Mr. A. J. Smith), in addressing the meeting, said, inter alia, "The full number of meetings had taken place during the year, the attendance being good, especially considering the distance most members had to travel to attend. The branch had lost a few of its members through leaving the district, and a few had not paid up, but against that new members had joined, making the total the same as the year previous. The finances were satisfactory, a good credit being in both Amelioration and Memorial Funds, though the General Funds were getting low. This, however, would be remedied when the current subscriptions were paid. He considered that sending a delegate to Congress had been well worth while, and trusted that a representative of this sub-branch would attend each annual Congress.

He pointed out that the reduction of interest to Soldier Settlers to 4½ per cent. meant a great saving to them, and emphasised the obligation on all returned men to join the League in view of the benefits they had gained through its efforts. Surely the 10/- per annum could be found to help those comrades in the League who were doing so much to help them. He mentioned that the sub-branch had not neglected the preference question, and intimated the appointment of returned men as electoral officers throughout the district at the last elections. The matter, however, needed constant vigilance, and it behoved members themselves to set an example by giving each other preference where possible.

The past year had been difficult for everyone, but the New Year gave promise of better times ahead. The Empire Preference plan, if it eventuated, would be of great benefit to the primary industries, and this would be reflected throughout Australia. The improved prices of wool and wheat also made the prospects brighter, and was encouragement for everyone to "keep on keeping on," and he was sure that in the near future we would be back again to peaceful prosperity.

He expressed the hope that it could be arranged for the State President to visit the branch, who would be assured of a hearty and warm welcome. He thanked all those who had helped the sub-branch during his term as President, and made special reference to the Diggers' Band, Mrs. Markey, Messrs. Hamer, Markey and Markey for their care of the memorial, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. Trahan, for the excellent way he had carried out his duties. He wished all members a happy and prosperous New Year. The address was received with applause.

The following officers were re-elected unopposed—President, Mr. A. J. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. J. P. Markey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Trahan; Committee: Messrs. Markey, Roenfeldt, Daddow, Hamer, and P. Collins.

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to the officers for their services during the year just past.

Another "old-time" dance has been arranged to take place on 13th of February, at Bobalong, and Mr. F. Daddow has undertaken to organise it.

Mr. Markey, on behalf of his wife, thanked the members for the Christmas box of a handsome set of cakes, and stated that so long as he remained in Tallangatta it would be welcome to the use of his house to hold meetings in.

The closure of the Public Hospital was discussed, and in view of its importance to members and the district generally, it was decided before any action was taken by members, that the Chairman of the Local Board of Health be asked what steps were being taken in the formation of a new committee to re-open and control the Public Hospital, and the urgency of the matter was stressed.

OSBORNE PARK

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on December 30th, with Mr. H. Nugent in the chair. A letter from the Executive, to Mr. Doug. Foreman's scheme for the sale of work of producers made by unemployed members, was read. The members were pleased that the Executive had taken the scheme in hand, and had asked the support of other sub-branch unemployed members.

The annual Scottish festival was held on New Year's Eve. A packed hall of Scottish members of the sub-branch and friends gave ample evidence of the popularity of the festival. Scottish dancing was one of the features of the evening. Mrs. Doug. Foreman gave a splendid exhibition of the Highland fling, and Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. John Glass sang a duet, which was well received. Mr. Spaight rendered a violin solo. At twelve o'clock the New Year was brought in by the company joining hands in the real Highland fashion and singing "Auld New Year tae Ane and Ai," and "Auld Lang Syne." Bonnocks and other refreshments were then served to the company by the Ladies' Committee. The entertainment was reluctantly broken off at 2.30, all having enjoyed a splendid night. The Scottish members and some friends went round first-footing until long after day-break, all tired out, but all saying it was worth it.

DENMARK

The annual general meeting was held in the Institute on Monday, January 11th, 1932. There was a good turn up. The following officers were elected for 1932—President, Rev. Lawrence (re-elected); Vice-President, Messrs. North, Craig, and Hodgson; Secretary and Treasurer, W. S. Perrett and F. Baynham. The books closed with a credit balance of £210. A series of bridge evenings was held in the Institute throughout the year. These were a great success financially and socially. The sub-branch is indebted to Jimmie Hill and his better-half for their hard work on these evenings.

It is to be regretted that there are so many unemployed in the district.

Bob. Alderman (11th Bat.), Head Teacher here for several years, has been transferred to Lake Grace. Bob was a keen supporter of the League, and will be much missed by his comrades.

He was very popular in the town, and was given a public send-off in the town hall before leaving. Of loss will be Lake Grace's gain. Good luck, Bob!

The sub-branch hopes to erect a town clock before Anzac Day. The trustees and the committee will meet at an early date to decide what can be done with the money on hand.

SOUTH PERTH

At the December meeting a number of items of domestic interest were dealt with. Being Xmas meeting, the attendance was above the average, and with seasonal goodwill and fellowship greatly in evidence, a very enjoyable time was spent.

Business dealt with included the election of a new Secretary, due to the enforced resignation of Mr. R. Irvine, who, after a long spell of unemployment, has, fortunately, obtained a permanent position in Harvey. The sub-branch wishes Mr. Irvine all the success in his new sphere, and appreciates the work performed by him in the interests of the local diggers. Mr. Frank Orgill, a very conscientious and earnest worker, volunteered for the onerous position, and was elected secretary. We are sure the secretarial duties are in good hands, and it remains for the members generally to support Mr. Orgill in a position which is a very exacting one.

Mr. Harry Rahan, whose efforts on behalf of the sub-branch, and diggers generally, seem to be indefatigable, organised and conducted a stall of toys, made by local unemployed diggers, the
Women's Auxiliaries

"No one is useless in the world who lighten the burden of it for anyone else." —Dickens.

Mrs. L. Coleman desires us to return thanks on her behalf to the ladies of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary State Executive, for their kindly enquiries and gifts during her recent illness. This kindness gave Mrs. Coleman great pleasure, especially as it was spontaneous, and came at a time when it was greatly appreciated.

STATE EXECUTIVE

The State Executive R.S.L. Auxiliary organised a motor trip for the patients from Lemnos Hospital, on Sunday, 13th inst. The Darling Range Auxiliary entertained the party to afternoon tea at Mrs. Wallace's residence, "Walstrom", Kalalunda. After tea, which was spread in a delightful shady house on cool green lawns, the boys were given cigarettes, fruit, and chocolates. Several amateur photographers took snaps of the happy party. On leaving, the cars were loaded with lemons, oranges, cigarettes, and books to be taken back to the hospital. Packets of Mints were distributed to the boys in the cars as they set off through Bickley Valley, round Piels Brook, back to Lemnos. The Committee desires to thank the following who donated money for a pleasant afternoon: — Madames Wallace, Lowden, Logie, and Marshall. Messrs. Phillips, Annett, Palmer, Morris, Scott, Koster, and Dr. Moore, also Madames Stockman and Levers, Messrs. Yeldon, H. Smith, and Levers, for conveying the patients in their cars. The initial venture in motor outings for our sick soldiers was an undoubtedly success, and the State Executive R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary intends to continue with this branch of work.

This monthly meeting was held on 18th January, Mrs. Coleman's resignation was received with much regret. She was one of the foundation members of the State Executive, and has been in turn both trustee and assistant secretary. Her unselfish and conscientious work has been invaluable to the Executive. Quiet and unobtrusive in all her ways, she will be much missed, nevertheless, by all her fellow members.

The Secretary, Mrs. Hopperton, reported that 19 adults and three children had been assisted with clothing, and also two layettes had been distributed to the country within the month. In her hospital visit she had been assisted by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Blackmore. Besides the usual monthly visit to the civil servants with cigarettes, Christmas gifts from the R.S.L. State Executive have been distributed on the 24th December. The guests were very grateful for the kindness shown.

A motor outing to Cottesloe took place on Sunday, 17th January. Patients from the Repatriation and civilian wards of Perth Hospital were the guests of Cottesloe Auxiliary and Sub-Branch R.S.L. After watching a carnival display by the life saving clubs, the visitors were entertained to tea at the Ozone Tea Rooms. A drive round Freshwater Bay, and through King's Park, completed an enjoyable outing. The car drivers were all sub-branch and auxiliary members, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Ketterer, Mr. and Mrs. Randall (Nedlands), Madames Stockman and Lavers (Mt. Hawthorn), Mr. Ryder (North Perth), Mr. Lewis (Guildford). Preliminary arrangements were made for the next United Auxiliary Social, which will take place during the rural science course in Perth, so that the delegates may be entertained. The course is held at the University, Irwin, Street, from 16th to 26th February.

VICTORIA PARK

On Saturday afternoon, December 12th, the Committee of the Victoria Park R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary entertained about 100 children at a

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Christmas party, at the Library Hall, "Albany Road."

The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion, and tables, tastefully arranged, were laden with all good things that delight the hearts of youngsters, including bonbons, oranges, and paper caps for every child.

After justice had been done to the good things, tables were cleared, the floor swept, and a programme of games, dancing, etc., was gone through. Ice cream was dispensed at intervals, and Father Christmas put in an appearance during the evening, and gave handkerchiefs, balloons, and lollies, etc., to those assembled. Then followed an impromptu concert given by the youngsters themselves, and there was no lack of volunteers.

In the evening the parents of the children were entertained to a social and dance. Miss Eva Drock acted as companion for both the afternoon and evening, and the whole affair was a credit to the organisers.

A social and dance was given by the Committee of the Victoria Park Auxiliary on New Year's Eve, and was very well attended by members and their husbands and friends. The only hall procurable for the night was the Masonic Hall, in Albany Road.

Games and dancing were enjoyed, until a late hour, light refreshments were handed round, and the Victoria Park Citizen's Band supplied the music under the baton of Mr. R. Stirling. Just before 12 o'clock all stood in silence for a few moments, then as the old year 's crew out and the new one in, fun and singing and shaking of caps with streamers and balloons, while at one end was a huge Xmas tree heavily laden with toys of all descriptions. Mother Christmas, accompanied by a golligow and clown, entertained the children at tea, and later at games and races. Father Christmas arrived at 8 o'clock, and among choirs from the children, was greeted by Mother Christmas and her companions. During the evening a monster Christmas stocking was raffled.

**GUILDFORD-BASSENEDEAN**

The Women's Auxiliary paid their usual Christmas visit to the Edward Millen Home, on December 16th. Each patient received a decorative envelope containing a small gift of money. A donation was also given to the sports club at the Home. Mrs. S. Graysby, Mrs. Irving, and Mr. Foley gave musical items, which were much appreciated by the patients.

**SUBIACO**

The work of the Subiaco Auxiliary goes on space, though we are nominally in recess. On Xmas Eve, the busiest day of the year for the Auxiliary, the President and Secretary were seen hastening down the street to arrange for relief for a needy case just brought before their notice. A social afternoon was held in December, for which arrangements were put in hand as soon as we had got our breath back after Poppy Day. There was an effort to augment funds, and to help the local unemployment committee to purchase toys for kiddies who otherwise would have been wondering what had become of Father Christmas. Many well-known Subiaco women were present at our afternoon, most prominent amongst them being the new Mayoress, Mrs. H. L. Downe. Having been a war nurse, we felt that it was particularly appropriate that our social should be the first social function attended by her since Mr. Downe's election. Mrs. W. Richardson was, as usual, an adoring hostess; Mrs. Blakemore (Secretary), even busier than usual seeing that everything was done well, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Cottrell, took good care of the money. We pay tribute to the following ladies for musical and elocutionary items:—Madames Ellis, Greenhaut, J. J. Tandy, R. C. Greening, St. George, Misses N. Shortland Jones, Thelma Dent, Shirley Thomas.

In December a bolt of flannelette was sent to the King Edward Hospital, to be used by the wives of returned men in the making of garments for their babies.

**SOUTH PERTH**

Formed early in September, the South Perth Women's Auxiliary is now firmly established, and is providing great assistance to the local sub-branch of the R.S.I., especially in its entertainment work. The Auxiliary made its first public appearance on Poppy Day, when the very creditable sum of £70 was raised.

The inaugural office-bearers are—President, Mrs. Philip (c/- York St., and Rose Ave.); Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Aberle (10 Rose Ave.); Mrs. Richardson (York St.); Treasurer, Mrs. Beere (35 York St.); Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Orellie ("Furyulus," Mary St., Comeo).

Meetings are held in the Hannam Park pavilion, Coode Street, on the third Friday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m., and these meetings are rendered very attractive by the fun which is indulged in at the conclusion of formal business. The meetings to date have been well attended, and new members are being cordially welcomed.

The December meeting was adjourned to make room for a "fancy night," and great was the disappointment of all the husbands when they found that the evening was labelled "for ladies only." A night of fun and gaiety caused by the wonderful, costumes worn, and by the frolic-some games played, was enjoyed by all present.

A card evening will be held at the Hannam Park pavilion on Friday, 29th January, and it is hoped that the Auxiliary funds will be greatly augmented thereby. Arrangements are very well in hand, for a children's fancy dress ball, to be held in the Swan Street Hall, on the evening of Friday, 26th February. Bearing in mind the wonderful success of the "fancy night," it is confidently anticipated that this function will prove most successful, both from the financial and the social points of view.

A sewing circle meets each Wednesday afternoon in order to make garments for the Auxiliary's Clothing Depot. Applications for assistance of this nature should be made to the President on to Mrs. Aberle.
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