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The House of Commons debates on the Navy and Army estimates and on the report of the Lord Privy Seal's disarmament conversations with Continental Powers evince a growing distrust, on the part of statesmen who are in touch with the European situation, in the popular beliefs that war can be abolished by means of peace pacts, and that universal disarmament will automatically usher in an era of world peace. The report of the Lord Privy Seal (Mr. Anthony Eden) shows that Germany still demands equality in armaments with neighbouring Powers, that France definitely rejects Britain's disarmament proposals, while Italy is delightfully non-committal. Quite apart from all this, a large and influential section of the German people is agitating for the return of the German colonies, while Signor Mussolini's latest speech forecasts Italian territorial expansion in North Africa with a veiled threat against those Powers who are not prepared to cede to Italy some part of the African territory they now occupy. The attitude of Belgium is also illuminating. No country suffered more in 1914 than Belgium, yet now, 20 years after the blonde hordes devastated Louvain and other places, we see the Prime Minister of Belgium, the Comte de Brocqueville, rising in the Belgian Senate to announce, "Belgium is prepared to accept the re-armament of Germany. To urge a preventive war would be worse than the evil the Treaty (i.e., of Versailles) sought to cure. I refuse to launch Belgium on such an adventure." All these tidings which have appeared in the press from day to day must be peculiarly disquieting to the advocates of disarmament.

On the estimates which formed the subject of the House of Commons debate, there was no appreciable addition to the Army vote, but three millions were added to Naval expenditure, making the total £12½ millions. This increase has without doubt been determined by the failure to bring about disarmament and the building activities of America and Japan. Japan's new naval programme provides for four cruisers, eight destroyers, and three submarines, among other vessels. At this rate, in 1939, Japan's naval strength will be six battleships, six aircraft carriers, 37 cruisers, 97 destroyers, and 40 submarines. The meagre addition of £133,000 to the £12½ millions spent annually on the Air Force subjected the Government to attacks from all parties in the House.

The Government explained that air armaments had been deliberately limited for fifteen years in the hope of seeing a general agreement on those lines. And it was announced that Great Britain would start immediately to seek a convention limited to the countries of Western Europe. Mr. Baldwin hastened to reassure the House that "If all our efforts fail, the Government will see that in our air strength Britain shall no longer be inferior to any country within striking distance of our shores." Meanwhile, the Old Country has placed a substantial order for Tiger Moths, "which can carry comprehensive military loads and perform every manoeuvre in the repertory of service pilots."

Reading between the lines, it would appear that the British Government is prepared to use every endeavour to bring about disarmament, and to establish friendly relations with other countries, but at the same time it is becoming distrustful of foreign altruists who wave olive branches while preparing for competition in armaments. No one could call Mr. Baldwin an altruist or a sabre-rattler, yet the truth is being forced upon him, that foreign nations yield lip-service to disarmament while Britain is the only Power which is carrying ideals into the sphere of effective action. And how does this affect Australia? We are on the position of an outpost of Empire which, in the event of war, must be held by our own efforts until more adequate help can arrive from overseas. Arguments about the ethics of this policy are out of the question. We have to face the world as it is and not the world as it ought to be. If this is so, re-armament is the question and not the abolition of our already over-pruned defences. The League's policy is expressed in Federal Congress resolutions 116 and 121, both of which were passed at the instigation of the Western Australian Branch. The one urges the Commonwealth "to bring the Defence System up to modern requirements," and "to re-introduce the system of Universal Naval and Military Training at the earliest possible opportunity." The other requests that a detachment of the Royal Australian Air Force be stationed in Western Australia so that civilian aviators who are constantly training at their own expense in Perth may be afforded the opportunity of enrolment, in the Citizen Air Force, and thus obtain experience with the type of machine that they would be required to use in a national emergency."
It now looks as if the League's persistence regarding the latter resolution is bearing fruit, and that an arm of the Air Force in this State will be an accomplished fact in the near future.

**Duffers and Defence**

Amateur strategists have said and written many silly things about imperial and Australian defence, but for sheer childish stupidity a recent article on the mis-leader page of the Perth Sunday Times walks off with the whole cake factory. Scouring the idea that the Eastern States are of any defensive value to this State, the Old Lady of Stirling Street points out that we depend for our defence on the British Navy, "and don't forget it." Then follows this astounding piece of misinformation: "Talking of regimentation (sic) must be recalled that in wartime the Eastern States could not raise complete divisions and West Australians had to make up the numbers."

"Any earnest invader would scuttle the R.A.N. in Sydney Harbour before it could raise steam to get out of the way." This sort of thing is what an American general once called "the value of ignorance"—if it is not deliberate misrepresentation. Of the five Australian divisions which served on the Western Front, the First, Second and Third were formed in Australia, the Fourth and Fifth, in Egypt after the Evacuation. The First, Second, Third and Fifth Divisions were each made up of one New South Wales, one Victorian and one Mixed Brigade, the Fourth, of three Mixed Brigades. The 4th and 12th Mixed Brigades of the Fourth Division and the 8th Mixed Brigade of the Fifth Division each contained one complete New South Wales and one complete Victorian Battalion. In all, each of these States sent and maintained 15 battalions. Queensland's quota was five complete battalions and four battalions each consisting of three Queensland and one Tasmanian companies. Leaving out Tasmania and South Australia, and allowing for battalions which were broken up towards the middle of 1918, it will be seen that the three large Eastern States could, on the basis of 12 battalions to the division, have comfortably maintained three complete infantry divisions in the field. It was partly a matter of policy and partly for the convenience of the less populous States that the Government of the day decided that each division should be an Australian division, in which every State was represented. It is sheer stupidity, or worse, to argue that because the Eastern States did not send complete divisions overseas they could not.

No one does forget that the defence of Australia is based primarily on the British Navy, but what the Sunday Times does forget, or purposely ignores, is that the strength of the British Navy is fixed by treaty and that the vessels of the R.A.N. are included in the various British categories. We might remind the amateur strategist of that ill-informed paper that defence does not consist in sitting down and waiting to be attacked. The role Australia would play in a future war would be much the same as it played in the last war, that of keeping war as far away from Australia as possible. No one could say that the German naval commanders in 1914 were not "an earnest enemy," or accuse them of lack of enterprise; yet they did not 'scuttle the R.A.N. in Sydney Harbour' before it could raise steam to get out of the way." On the contrary, the R.A.N. played a prominent part in depriving Fritz of his Pacific colonies, and chased Von Spee's squadron well away from Australian waters long before the landing at Gallipoli. And, of course, there was that little affair between the Sydney and the Emden... How soon the lessons of history are forgotten, or ignored, when some blatant amateur or other wants to lay down the law about defence!

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has applied on more than one occasion to those who subscribe to various State and Federal Congress resolutions on the subject of defence.

Having seen as much of war as we desire to see, we have no quarrel with people who pass resolutions calculated to abolish war; though we have our own doubts as to the utility of such resolutions, especially as one local anti-war organisation has shown its hand very plainly in heading its list of anti-war resolutions, with one protesting against this war which someone unspecified is about to wage with Soviet Russia. But we cannot allow to pass unchallenged the remarks of a certain, or uncertain, hazy speaker at the recent Methodist Conference in Perth. This gentleman, according to the report which appeared in the West Australian, suggested that a practical way in which to give effect to the resolutions (which the Conference had passed against war) would be for the Church to leave the celebration of Anzac Day to the military authorities. Although the commemoration of that day was often claimed to be in the cause of peace, and a certain amount of peace propaganda was undertaken, generally the whole effect of the demonstration was militaristic and against the best interests of peace.

Remarks like these are a curious distortion of facts and betray a woeful ignorance of the ideals underlying the annual celebration. Though ministers of religion, ex-service men, local naval and military units, other organisations, and the general public participate in the commemoration, neither the Church nor the military authorities control it. The function of control has been delegated by the community to the R.S.L. The day is one on which we can all meet as children of the one great God and citizens of the one great Empire. Its purpose is not the dissemination of propaganda, whether peaceful or warlike, but homage to the fallen and commemoration of their sacrifices on our behalf. On the other hand, the Landing at Gallipoli was an event of major military importance, and to divert the demonstration of its military significance would be like playing Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark.

The day was one on which we can all meet as children of the one great and citizens of the one great Empire. Its purpose is not the dissemination of propaganda, whether peaceful or warlike, but homage to the fallen and commemoration of their sacrifices on our behalf.

In an effort to improve the position, the Conference of the British Empire Service League, held in London last July passed, at the instance of Australia, a resolution which had for its object the appointment of a special Commissioner in Australia to deal personally with cases, and to be vested with the necessary authority to finalise them without reference to the British Ministry. The fate of the resolution at the hands of the Home Government is not yet known. It is hoped that the seriousness of the position will be fully realised and the request granted.

In the meantime, keen dissatisfaction exists amongst those concerned, and the children are daughters. His comments were quite unpalatable. He ended by saying that the R.S.L. should go on as it is doing and lose no sleep over ill-informed propagandists. Then we asked him this question: "How would you, as a totally disinterested party, explain the significance of the demonstration to a visitor from another planet?" "A day of mourning and gratitude," was his summing up, and, I think, the general public will make short shrift of anyone who tries to interfere with it." Evidently, this level-headed business man, who, in his ordinary working hours, is used to looking at both sides of a question, saw nothing "against the best interests of peace" in the proceedings.

But what surprises us most is that ex-service men were present at this conference, and it appears as if not one of them raised his voice against this extraordinary misrepresentation of the spirit of Anzac Day.
The Listening Post
March 23, 1934

League has expressed its opinion in further resolutions which were carried by the State Executive recently and forwarded to the meeting of the Federal Executive, held in Melbourne on March 14.

The resolutions are as follows:-

"That this Committee is extremely dissatisfied with the treatment of ex-Imperial soldiers in Western Australia by the British Ministry of Pensions, and urges the Federal Executive to do everything possible to bring about the appointment of a Commissioner in Aus-

tralia to deal personally with cases, with authority to finalise, in accordance with the resolution already carried by the B.E.S.L."

"That in the opinion of this Committee, facilities in dealing with ex-Imperial cases should be made available, particularly to League officials and medical men. The facilities asked for include the right to peruse a man's file, as is allowed in the case of ex-A.I.F. men."

Until some alteration is made, we must perform rely on the present system to do the best possible for the Imperial ex-service man, but when one is up against propositions as shown in the quotation of the two following cases (being two of many), there is no wonder that an alteration is sought:-

(a) Discharged February, 1919, with small pension for rheumatism. Finalised eighteen months later.

(b) Neurasthenia as the result of war service. Pension ceased some years ago. Extreme nervous breakdown about twelve months ago, necessitating institutional treatment. British Ministry of Pensions treated the condition for a while, but now refuse any responsibility. Man, wife, and family also a charge on the State.

That does go some way towards proving the necessity of the action we are asking for.

Then and Now
SIXTEENTH CENTURY REPATRIATION

History has a strange habit of repeating itself. In every age it has been the smuggler who has made profits out of wars and then, when peace was restored, affected to despise the soldiers who saved his home and till for him; while the mentally anaemic person who has spent the war years in the safe seclusion of the study has the temerity to demand that the soldier be degraded from the high esteem in which he is popularly held—when the lapse of time has made it safe for him to express such an opinion in public. The present unhappy position of the many ex-service men is certainly an instance in the abundant evidence that the general public soon forgets. Even if we accept the dogma of the newer economists that unemployment like all our other social ills is because of our present economic system, that does not acquit the public, or perhaps one should say the conference-holding, lecturing, and more gesticulate section of the public, of an ingratitude which is as cowardly as it is base. And this has always been the case. The conditions of unemployment and resulting distress that have followed in the wake of the Great War appear to have also occurred, in a lesser degree, after every campaign of importance.

Those who served in the irregular forces during the South African War of 1899-1902, will remember, the aftermath of unemployment and broken careers. John Leech's pictures in Punch allow one several peeps at the ex-soldier after the Crimean campaign. In an issue of the Times, published in the year of Trafalgar, the case was mentioned of an ex-naval officer who had been arrested for appearing in Whitehall in uniform and with a barrel-organ, as a protest against the Geddes Axe of the day. A contemporary cartoon showed a de-

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The following is not a comment upon some foolish statement uttered at a contemporary church conference, but an extract from the introduction to a pamphlet written by one, Harward, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and entitled 'The Solace for the Soldier and the Sailor.' In this introduction, 'Mr. Harward said that he had written this pamphlet because of the many seditious malcontents who by their unthankful grudgings will not afford a good word to those that are willing to undergo so many dangers abroad to secure peace and quietness at home.'

In Tudor and Stuart times, there was nothing for the discharged sailor or soldier to do, especially if he were maimed into the bargain, but to beg from door to door. In those spacious and ultra-religious days, discharged soldiers and sailors shared with actors and vagabonds the distinction of being classed with rogues, vagabonds, sturdy beggars, idle and disorderly persons and masterless men. They are specially mentioned in this combination in the proclamations of the period. One such proclamation was dated November 3, 1591. It referred to returned soldiers from the English expeditionary force to Brittany, which was sent by Queen Elizabeth to assist Henry IV of France against a rebellion in that province and a Spanish invasion under the Duke of Parma. It was headed: 'A Proclamation Against Vagrant Soldiers,' and read: 'A Proclamation is published against vagrant soldiers, declaring that there is a common wandering abroad of a great multitude of whom the most part pretend that they have served in the wars on the other side of the sea, though it is known that many of them neither served at all, or else ran away from their service and are justly to be punished and not relieved; some indeed have served and, falling with sickness, are licensed to depart. These deserve relief. Her Majesty, therefore, commands that discretion be used between unlawful vagrant persons and the soldiers now lawfully dismissed from their service. The vagrants who have neither been brought to sickness nor lameness in their service, and are not able to show sufficient passport for their dismissal, are to be taken as vagabonds and so punished. And if any claim that they have been in the Queen's pay on the other side of the seas and cannot show sufficient passport from the Lord-General, he shall be indicted and suffer as a felon, as a soldier that hath run away and left the service traitorously. Every soldier on landing, having the passport of the Lieutenant-General, is to be paid five shillings for his conduct to the place where he was levied ... and to be warned at the same time that, if he lingers by the way, to rove or walk about in unroguish manner or does not reach his former abode within the time limited, he shall be taken as a vagabond and punished according to law.'

The passport mentioned in the above proclamation is now represented by the soldier's certificate of discharge. It will be noticed, also, that within the proclamation lay the sixteenth century equivalent of protecting the badge.

A proclamation dated December 17, 1591, is headed 'Masterless Men,' and reads: 'The Lord Mayor and Aldermen are required to take up within the city and liberties of London 100 loose and masterless men, there being at this time a great many, especially of those returned from service in France.' This rough and ready method of repatriation was not a means of finding jobs for ex-soldiers. It was a survival of the Feudal System under which everyone living within the law was nominally the servant of someone, otherwise he was an outlaw.

Now let us see how the maimed and limbless men of the period fared; and it must be borne in mind that, only in exceptional cases was a soldier ever discharged before he became maimed or limbless.

On February 28, 1592, there was issued under the heading of 'Maimed Soldiers,' a proclamation 'ordering all soldiers who allege that they have served in the wars ... to be examined and viewed so that some good order may be taken for the maimed in service, and for the punishment of others, common beggars, rogues and able persons, counterfeiting the name of soldiers.'

The repatriation methods of the past were crude and haphazard and in the proclamations of the time there was more concern over the punishment of imposters than for the relief of distressed ex-service men. Mr. Harwood's pamphlet also showed that the superior person who would rather sneer than fight also existed in those days.

With our present pension and repatriation schemes the ex-service man of the Great War has received a fairer deal from the public than did his predecessors. There have been times and occasions when attempts have been made to whittle away our privileges. Indeed, were we not organised, and did our organisation not embrace every shade of political thought and religious conviction, such matters as preference, and the like, would have gone by the board long ago. The most insidious attacks on the ex-soldier and the things he stands for are those which are delivered under the smoke-screen of religion, for the League, being a non-sectarian body, is more or less disarmed in the face of them. On the other hand, as the Listening Post has often pointed out, we ex-service men are strong enough through our organisation to repel any attack, therefore, we deserve precisely what we take from bodies outside the League.
Broadening the Broadcast

Rudy O'Listener has the final say:—
Mr. F. A. Law's picture of me bristling with indignation and university erudition is surely a figment of his own imagination. Let me, assure Messrs. Lamb and Johnstone that their comments on my former contribution aroused no such emotion, and Anno Domini, alas, has left me very little of the wherewithal to bristle. One cannot but admire the adroit way Mr. Law conveyed the information that he is a writer of note and experience. That being so, it is a pity he fell into the tyro's trap of being absurdly patronising and covertly sneering at University training. To anyone unacquainted with Mr. Law's well-known genius, that might suggest a bad attack of inferiority complex. After all, and speaking broadly, the content of any sum of knowledge is constant, whether it is acquired at a university or elsewhere. But would a university man, or an experienced writer, use the word "erudition" in preference to the simpler English words, "learning" or "knowledge," or even "scholarship"—unless he were like the gentleman who gave my pen-name the Irish twist, a writer of cynical verse in search of a contrasting rhyme for "politician"? As for my own use of the word "nugatory," the newer economists have so frequently and so nauseatingly branded all measures of which they disapprove "futile" and "futurities," that I had imagined those words had been copyrighted by them.

Stripped of rhetorical flights, Mr. Law's comments have added nothing new to the subject under discussion. Where he does not elaborate on side issues, his whole argument is of the "Et tu quoque" order—or, if that savours to him of what he miscalls "university erudition"—of the "So's your old man" type. Reiteration is not argument and assertions, even when printed in capitals, are not proof. Printing arguments in capitals reminds me of the noisy individual who insisted on being wrong at the top of his voice. Mr. Law must be either a mystic or a thought-reader if he can visualise from any of Mr. Lamb's contributions to the LISTENING Post what that gentleman proposes to substitute for the existing monetary system. Until Mr. Lamb condescends to be more definite, I cannot say whether I am in agreement with him on economic questions or not.

One also admires the ethical superior-

fiable attributing of motives which should be scorned by a writer of Mr. Law's experience. In all humility, may I suggest that if the newer apostles are not understood, it is their own fault for not making their meaning sufficiently clear. As was once said of Browning, quite unjustly I think, "The obscurely written is the obscurely understood." It is a pity that Mr. Law has wasted so much time and ink setting up cock-shies for the sole pleasure of knocking them down again. That line of reasoning—if it can be called reasoning—arrives nowhere.

Mr. Law is welcome to Mr. Stubbs, whose criticism of Professor Murdoch in the House was obviously based on hearsay evidence, as was Professor Murdoch's own condemnation of the armament-makers. The plaudits of many of the Professor's admirers have been, just as ill-advised as the strictures of Mr. Stubbs.

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After carrying out a much-needed reorganisation of his force, Sir Stanley Maude commenced operations against the Turks on both banks of the Tigris on December 13; the Navy co-operating with gunboats on the river itself. The British force consisted of the 1st Corps (Major-General A. S. Cobbe), 3rd (Lahore) Division (Major-General H. d’U. Keary) and 7th (Meerut) Division (Major-General V. B. Fane); the 3rd Corps (Major-General W. R. Marshall), 13th (British) Division (Brigadier-General W. de S. Cayley) and 14th (Indian) Division (Major-General R. G. Egerton); and the Cavalry Division (Brigadier-General S. F. Crocker); whilst the defence was in the hands of the Turkish XVIII Corps (Ali Ihsan Bey), a part of the Sixth Army under Halil Pasha. The M.E.F. was consequently much stronger in numbers and armament, whilst the enemy had the advantage in fighting over ground admirably suited for defence.

Despite a strong resistance, the advance went slowly forward; heavy fighting at Sannaiyat on February 24, 1917, ended in Kut-el-Amara being recaptured with considerable gains in prisoners and material, including H.M.S. Firefly, which had been captured by the Turks in December, 1915. On March 10, Maude’s army had arrived within nine or ten miles of Baghdad, and on this day the 13th Division crossed the River Dalay, a tributary of the Tigris, the advance guard making the crossing by pontoons and the remainder by means of a pontoon bridge which the engineers rapidly constructed. As a matter of fact, a small detachment of the 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, had succeeded in making the crossing and establishing a bridgehead on the far side two days earlier, repulsing several attempts to reject them. Heavier fighting took place, however, on the right bank of the Tigris, where the 7th Division and the Cavalry Division, now commanded by Major-General L. C. Jones, was meeting with determined opposition, and, to make matters worse, a violent dust storm sprang up, visibility being reduced to about fifty yards, and men and horses suffered greatly from thirst. As a result, little progress was made and the troops
were glad to take what rest they could when night fell.

That night, Halil Pasha held a conference with his generals, all of whom stated that they would be unable to withstand the British attacks on the following day, and urged him to evacuate Baghdad with his forces more or less intact in preference to holding on and risking almost certain crushing defeat. After some discussion, Halil reluctantly agreed to give orders for the retirement, which was accomplished in fairly good order despite the dust storm, lack of transport and short notice.

Early on the following morning the British advance was resumed, but it was soon discovered that the enemy had departed during the night and that the entry into Baghdad was to be unopposed.

To the 15th Battalion, the Buffs, fell the honour of first entering the city, where they hoisted the Union Jack. The 13th Division, on the other side of the river, had also reached the city, but, having received orders not to enter, only sent picquets to maintain order until the 7th Division could arrive in force.

There was, however, very little disorder; a few looters were shot, but the majority of the inhabitants greeted the troops with enthusiasm.

General Maude, having issued orders regarding the further pursuit of the enemy and for the safeguarding of the city, both within and without, arrived by boat at 3.30 p.m.

The loss of Baghdad was a severe blow to Turkey. It meant not only the loss of the best base for operations in Mesopotamia, but resulted in a great number of Arabs offering their allegiance to the Allied cause, and was the end of that much-cherished German dream—the Berlin-Baghdad railway.

Great quantities of war material were found to have been abandoned by the Turks, including the disabled British guns captured when Townshend surrendered Kut-el-Amara on April 29, 1916.

It is feared that Baghdad proved a disappointment to many of its conquerors, from a distance, with its minarets, domes and palm trees, it is a veritable city of dreams, but closer acquaintance, superficially at any rate, discloses it as a city of mean, narrow street, dilapidated houses, filth and stenches, sanitary and scavenging arrangements being conspicuous by their absence. Added to this were the numerous demolitions caused by the retreating Turks and many corpses of men and animals lying about. How-

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ever, British love of cleanliness soon remedied many of these defects.

The gallant Maude, one of the finest leaders the war produced, was confirmed in his rank of Lieutenant-General which, up to that time, had been temporary but, alas, he did not live long to enjoy his triumph. He died from cholera on November 18, 1917. There was a suspicion that the cholera germs were deliberately introduced into some milk drunk by the General, but this was neither proved nor disproved.
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Mr. George Conway, late 44th Battalion, died at Armadale Hospital, on February 16. Coming to Australia 23 years ago, he resided at Gosnells during that time except for war service. He has occupied the position of postmaster for twenty years, and leaves a wife, a son and two daughters. Suffering since his return from the effects of gas, he has never had robust health, and during the last few months his indispensable willpower alone kept him alive. He served two and a half years in France and Belgium, and was twice mentioned in despatches. He also holds the King’s certificate of discharge.

A good soldier, held in high esteem by all who knew him, a great loss to the sub-branch and the district.

A dear old mother of soldiers passed away at Fremantle on February 9, in the person of Mrs. Mary A. Attwell, her four soldier sons being Lieut. J. W. Allen, M.C., 3rd Tunnelling Co.; R. H. Allen, 28th Battalion; E. H. Allen, 16th Battalion, and F. H. Allen, 10th Light Horse. For many years Mrs. Attwell resided at Cossack, then lived at Coogue for thirty years, the last fourteen years being spent at Fremantle. Mrs. Attwell was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Mrs. K. M. Duff, 75 Duke Street, East Fremantle, is the wife of a disabled soldier, who is not pensioned for his disability, although it is believed to be due to war service. Mrs. Duff has an orchestra suitable for winter dances, and is in a position to quote reasonably for such. Sub-branches of the League and others interested are asked to communicate with her.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Lieutenant Stan. Langton, 28th Battalion, 7th Machine Gun Co., please communicate with the President (Mr. J. Lynch) of the Fremantle Branch, R.S.L., as early as possible, as the information is urgently required.

In our advertising columns an ex-service man, who is qualified as an accountant, is advertising for a job. This gentleman possesses considerable administrative ability, and the Listening Post can vouch for his integrity. He served in the 12th Battalion from the landing until 1919, when he was discharged as a result of wounds.

In Perth during the month was Mr. A. G. Paterson, the President of the Wiluna Sub-branch. Mr. Paterson, who is a pastoralist, is a splendid citizen. In addition to his League office, he is vice-chairman of the local road board, chairman of District Committee, Pastoralist Association, president of Wiluna Race Club, chairman of Wiluna Vermillion Board, etc., etc. Mr. Paterson had a varied war record. He left with the 1st Divisional Artillery in 1914, being wounded on Gallipoli, being subsequently discharged in England. For a year he became a munition worker, and then succeeded in enlisting in the British Army, where he obtained a commission, serving with them for two years. Mr. Paterson reports over 100 members at Wiluna, and a new secretary in Mr. Hassel, who is also the local organiser for the A.W.U.

Mrs. Nellie Saunders, of 12 Little Napier Street, Paddington, Sydney, who, prior to coming to Australia, resided at Aston, England, is requesting assistance in tracing her brother, William Jackson, alias Gimbert, who she states enlisted from Fremantle in the Light Horse. Perhaps some reader may be able to help.

Stanley Douglas Watt, who was awarded the McIntosh Memorial Scholarship, is on the staff of the West Australian. He is the son of Trooper Douglas Watt, of the 10th Light Horse, who was killed in Damascus during the attack on that city on October 1, 1918. Reg. Watt, who was killed at Bullecourt, on May 3, 1917, when serving with the 28th Battalion, was a brother, other brothers being Stan and Jim, who are well known in League circles.

Mention of the McIntosh Memorial Scholarship recalls memories of that very gallant airman in whose memory the scholarship was created. What an epic was that flight to Australia of Parer and McIntosh with their old bus, which reached Australia from England held together with string and fencing wire. We suggest that it would be a splendid action if, say, the Air Force Association, would place a wreath on the grave of McIntosh at Karrakatta annually on the anniversary of his tragic death.

Two recent visitors to a State Executive meeting were Mr. Bert Stuchbury, the Secretary of the Collie Sub-branch, and Mr. Col. Edwards, ex-President of the Kalgoolie Sub-branch. Bert is looking well after his recent serious illness, and is bubbling over with enthusiasm for the League. Thank goodness for men of his type in the League.

Col. Edwards appears to possess the secret of perpetual youth. He is also a valued and consistent worker in the League.

A welcome visitor, during the month was Stan Hammer, the President of the Southern Cross Sub-branch. Stan, who has done yeoman service for the League continuously since the war, served abroad.

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with the 5th Pioneer Battalion. He was a first white boy to be born at Southern Cross, and has lived there all his life with the exception of the period he was away trying to force Fritz to mind his own business.

An item in the Mundaring Sub-branch report, last issue, was somewhat misleading. It stated, "an application from Mr. E. H. Sheffield for a commission of the peace had been forwarded to the proper quarter." This should have read, "an application to award Mr. E. H. Sheffield a commission of the peace, &c." Mr. Sheffield made no such application himself, but in response to numerous requests from personal friends and other residents of the district, he consented to this application being made on his behalf.

A good digger and a good citizen passed out when Ray Dunn, of Nedlands, died of acute peritonitis. Ray Dunn enlisted at the age possible at Geelong, in Victoria, and joined the 29th Battalion in France. He was severely wounded in the leg during the fighting in 1918. For several years he had been Clerk of the Children's Court in Perth, and in this office his genial temperament and many acts of tactful kindness endeared him to people in all walks of life. His very sense of duty proved fatal. A neglected attack of appendicitis brought on peritonitis, and the operation was delayed too long to save a life that was useful to the State and the community at large.

The article on the Alcántara and Grief action in our February issue brought us a visit from Mr. R. Green, who served on the Alcántara, and, as a boy of seventeen, took part in the action. After this, he was a pneumonia patient in hospital at Portsmouth when the casualties from the Battle of Jutland came in. In 1917, he

joined the ship's company of Orvieto, another armed merchantman employed on similar service. Coming ashore again, he "turned honest," as the diggers say, and became a soldier, enlisting in the Army and eventually joining the Welsh Regiment in France.

Hobart, and a Labour member in the Tasmanian Parliament. When he more or less settled down in the tight little island, he found time to take an active interest in military work, and held a commission in the now defunct Intelligence Corps, at the outbreak of the Great War. Even then occasional fits of wanderlust sent him forth on holiday hikes into the bush with swag and billy.

A spill off his bicycle, which left him with a badly broken wrist prevented him from going overseas with the First Division; but he turned his tramping to good account when rumours reached Hobart of signalling fires at Port Davey on the inhospitable and almost inaccessible south-western corner of Tasmania. The Emden was still on the war path, and it was not considered advisable to send a destroyer to investigate. All alone, Giblin tramped across the roughest and most dangerous country in the island, and returned to Hobart with the report that rumour had again been a lying jade. He served overseas with the 40th Battalion, gaining the rank of major, the D.S.O., and the M.C.—and all the time he floated convention by wearing a full beard. The beard is now a thing of the past, but our distinguished visitor is as pleasingly unconventional as

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ever. He was Government Statistician in Tasmania after the war, until a chair in the University of Melbourne called him, and he has been for some time acting Commonwealth Statistician.

On March 22, he addressed the Press Sub-branch, his subject being "The Bankrupt World." Briefly he traced the causes of the world depression and the reasons for Australia's partial recovery. He did not wish, he stated, to advance any cut-and-dried theory for the future. The main reason for the failure of the World Economic Conference was that the nations of the world were not yet prepared to give and take. Complete recovery could come either through a general raising of prices, which, in the nature of things, will be a slow and gradual process, or through a re-adjustment of our standards. The progress made already is an indication that we are on the road to stability, and we must be prepared to work harder or work more efficiently before complete stabilisation can be achieved.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary of the sub-branch, Mr. R. Biggs, who served in Major Giblin's company of the 40th.

State Sustenance and War Pensions

The following further letter has been received from the Premier's Department in reply to overtures made by the League for the Government to disregard war pensions when paying sustenance:

"I have to advise you that the practice of the Unemployment Relief Department is that in cases where a military pension is less than the rental obligation of the recipient, and he qualifies for Government sustenance, the rate of such sustenance is not affected by reason of his pension provided always that the rental is actually being paid. In cases where the pensions exceed the rent paid the excess is deducted from the sustenance rate which would normally have been granted were the income nil. Further preferential treatment is also given where the pension is sufficiently large to disqualify an applicant from receiving sustenance. Sufficient work is then given to bring his income into line with sustenance workers.

"It is regretted that the Government cannot agree to consider the income from pensions when considering applications for either Government sustenance or Government relief work."

State Executive Delegates Tour the South-West

Report submitted to the State Executive of tour of South-West Sub-branches undertaken by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), Senior Vice-President (Archdeacon C. L. Riley), Immediate Past President (Colonel H. B. Collett), and the Assistant State Secretary (Mr. C. G. Ferguson):

Leaving Perth on Thursday, February 15, at 9.30 a.m., we had a quick-run to Pinjarra, where we had morning tea with the Vice-President (Mr. Patterson) and the Secretary (Mr. E. Patten) of the Murray Sub-branch, the President, Mr. R. McLarty, M.L.A., being in Perth. From there to Waroona, where we were entertained at lunch by the President (Mr. C. H. Henning) and his wife.

At Bunbury at 4 p.m.; there were 45 in all present at a meeting which was combined by the R.S.L. and S.S.L. The President (Mr. N. C. Ryder, 44th Battalion) welcomed us and announced that the S.S.L. had already 60 members, and he had asked as many as could to be present. This sub-branch seems to be retaining its splendid standard of efficiency and keenness, and exemplified this in the energy it has put into the formation of the S.S.L., the President of which, for the first term, is Mr. Parham, who is well known to you all. Mr. Murray (11th Battalion) still continues to render faithful service as secretary of the sub-branch. At this and all subsequent functions all members of the delegation were called upon to speak, and did their best to present the various phases of the League's activities.

Proceeding to Busselton, we had a meeting at which about 45 were present, a sign that Busselton is recovering its old status. Mr. Smith (an Imperial ex-service man) is President, and Mr. J. Atkinson (11st Battalion) still continues his interest as Secretary, although a very busy man. To assist him, Mr. Vincent, an old member of the Kojoocup Sub-branch, and now Town Clerk of Busselton, has been appointed as Assistant Secretary.

Questions mainly concerned the difficulty of the payment of subscriptions by unemployed members and the non-receipt of the Listening Post by a number of members. This latter question is receiving attention.

Friday, 16th, at 11 a.m., at Cowaramup, we met members and their wives. Mr. R. Bush and Mr. C. Lewis, President and Secretary of the branch, are also Imperial ex-service men. They seemed to have the will and the knack of spreading the League gospel among their members, who have built and are equipping under very great difficulty a hall for themselves. The ladies very kindly en-

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tertained us at lunch. We attach
handbill of a sports meeting at Cowaramup, which will exemplify the initiative of the sub-branch.

Then at Forest Grove School, at 3 p.m., fourteen members of this sub-branch and their wives received and entertained us for a couple of hours. Mr. Coote is President, and Mr. Jennings, Secretary, and here again these officers are both Imperial ex-service men. The same difficulties in regard to payment of subscriptions were present here.

At Augusta, in the evening, Mr. P. Wholley (ex-44th Battalion) presided over a gathering of 25 ex-service men and other leading citizens. Mr. Vernon Broekman, Member for the district, was one of the speakers. Mr. Allnut, the Secretary, is one of the senior residents of the district, and is very optimistic as to its future.

On Saturday, the 17th, before leaving Augusta, we went up to see the war memorial, beautifully located on the site of the original township of Augusta, planned 100 years ago, looking out over the Blackwood River and over the new memorial to settlers of 1830.

After a very rough trip on the back road to Nannup we were entertained to dinner. There were 35 present, presided over by Mr. Alf. Hutchins (28th Battalion). That the enthusiasm of this branch seems unaltered was exemplified in one particular direction, namely, in the care of the war memorial. The sub-branch possesses an excellent social secretary in Mr. Ford, Vice-President and Police Officer in Charge of the district. All the routine details of the sub-branch, as well as the personal side, are being excellently carried out by Mr. J. Rydings, the Secretary.

Sunday night saw us at Bridgetown, where we met as many members as were able to attend, the shipping allotments of apples having only just been received in the district. There has been a change of officers here, but the retiring President, Mr. J. Moriarty, ex-44th Battalion, and the retiring Secretary, Mr. J. A. Kirby, were for the night functioning in their old offices. Several matters were advanced by members concerning which the delegation were enabled to enlighten them. This sub-branch seems comfortably housed in a room which it shares with the Women’s Auxiliary.

At Manjimup the next day a civic reception was tendered by the Road Board, and it was followed by an informal meeting with members of the sub-branch, Mr. R. H. Newton (10th Light Horse) being President. Mr. H. L. Battams, 12th Battalion, the Secretary, was unfortunately absent owing to the hour of meeting. Among those present we were glad to see several whose faces used to be familiar at State Congresses, including “Dad” Fanning and Charlie Blosomme. The League should be grateful to Mr. Newton for his long service and untiring efforts on behalf of the League.

At Yannah at night there were over 70 present, including a few non-soldiers, at an enthusiastic gathering presided over by Mr. Fred Stahl, D.C.M. (11th Battalion), who has been the driving force behind this sub-branch for many years. The regard in which he and his work are held in this district was shown at the end of the evening when the State President was asked to present him not only with the League’s Certificate of Service, but also a wristlet watch and travelling rug from the sub-branch in view of his approaching departure from the district. The administration side of the sub-branch is in the capable hands of Mr. A. E. Hodgson, Imperial ex-service man. This sub-branch occupies a hall, the transfer of which from Glenoran has been a real acquisition to the district.

On the morning of the 20th we passed through Pemberton to reach Northcliffe in time for lunch, at which we were the guests of the sub-branch. Afterwards at the local hall 20 ex-service men and four ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary attended a meeting at which the difficulties of the district were explained, and suggestions made by several speakers as to how these might be alleviated. We were very sorry to learn that Mr. Hood, late R.F.C., the President, was unfit and could not be present, but his place was ably taken by Mr. Preston, late of the R.N. Mr. Gibbs, Imperial ex-service man, continues as Secretary, and supplied us with much useful information.

Back at Pemberton at night to a very excellent meeting with one of the outstanding speeches of the tour delivered by the President, Mr. A. H. Guppy (ex-10th L.H.), a very good friend of the sub-branch and of all ex-service men in the district was present, in Dr. Abbot, who proposed very ably and very sympathetically the toast of the League.

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Special note should be taken of the very practical and extensive efforts made by this sub-branch in coping with those cases requiring amelioration in addition to providing equipment for the local hospital. Again we have to record an expression of gratitude of the League to Mr. Hodgson (Imperial ex-service man), the Secretary of the sub-branch.

On the way to Walpole a halt was made at McKelvie's camp, where the continued keenness of an old member, Mr. Gus Lange, was evidenced by his enrolment of a new member for the League, and the subscription was handed to us. A complaint concerning the drinking water for this camp was investigated, and will be referred to the proper quarter.

At 4.30 p.m. we attended a meeting at No. 2 School; seven miles from Walpole. There were 20 present. The President, Mr. J. Campbell, was unfortunately ill, and could not attend, and his place was taken by the Vice-President (Mr. Thompson, Imperial ex-service man). As in other cases, the interest of this branch seems to be centred in the welfare of the district, and keenness was displayed in regard to the early establishment of a sub-branch of the S.S.L. Representatives will be made at a later date by this sub-branch in regard to the erection of a hall on a site already allotted in the recently gazetted township of Nornalup (Walpole). The Secretary is an old veteran in Mr. A. J. Sweeney, a member of the W.A. contingent to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the South African and the Great Wars, whose interest in ex-service matters is unabated. With reference to this meeting the delegation has to confess to being late for its appointment, the cause being the meeting place was seven miles distant from the town site. This sub-branch is organising a sports meeting, to be held on March 17. The programme is attached.

Eleven a.m. on the 22nd found us at Tingledeale, where eight members of the sub-branch, and three or four members of the Women's Auxiliary met and entertained us at morning tea. Others were prevented from attending owing to bush fires in the vicinity of their homes. These people are all Imperial ex-service men, and exhibit a very fine spirit. They are carrying on in a most commendable manner. President Pyle on the previous day walked 14 miles in order to guide us to the rendezvous. We were informed as to the difficulties of locality and offered to assist them in their desire to obtain a hall for recreation purposes. The Secretary, Mr. C. Wright, will communicate with headquarters on this matter. The Women's Auxiliary also offered a request which will be dealt with in another report.

Twelve members were present at Kentdale, the next sub-branch to be visited. This unit of the League owns a well-equipped institute suited to their requirements; they expressed a desire to vest this building in the name of the League. Both the President, Mr. A. H. Poyser, and the Secretary, Mr. A. R. E. Leader, are also Imperial ex-service men. No material complaints or requests were made, but a desire for full information concerning the position of non-A.I.F. ex-service men was evinced.

Arriving at Denmark that evening we met 30 ex-service men at a social gathering, which was held in their own Institute. This contains a billiard room, library, and meeting room. The sub-branch is presided over by Mr. F. J. North (28th Battalion), and the Secretary is Mr. F. Bayley of the same unit. It was explained to us that the Institute was taken over by the sub-branch five years ago, the debt was then £200. This has now been reduced to £60. The library is run for the benefit of ex-service men. The erection and completion of the local war memorial was also undertaken by the sub-branch, which still retains responsibility for its care and maintenance.

Before attending a meeting of the Torbay Sub-branch at Bornholm, we visited Mr. J. Whittam's residence. Afterwards in the local hall 21 ex-service men and friends partook of a generous lunch provided by their wives. Views upon pension cases and matters affecting the prices of products, marketing boards and reduction in interest rates were voiced. The President of this sub-branch is Mr. P. Bucheridge, whilst Mr. J. Whittam still continues as Secretary.

After leaving Torbay we proceeded to Albany, where, unfortunately, Archdeacon C. L. Riley had to leave us in order to be present for duty at the Light Horse Camp at Northam on Saturday morning.

The Albany Sub-branch had arranged for a special reunion for the evening of the 23rd. This we were particularly glad to be able to attend, as it is some years since direct contact with this unit has been possible. Over 100 persons were present, including His Worship the

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Mayors, the District Commandants, Major Meredith, Major Home (the M.O. attached to the local Citizen Forces), and members of other sub-branches. The main feature of the function was the presentation by the State President of the League's Certificate of Merit to Mr. W. J. Day, whose services to the proteges of the League in that town over a period of many years were thus suitably recognised. A recent addition to the membership of this branch is Captain E. Y. Butler, late 12th Battalion, and now Resident Magistrate at Albany. Mr. R. E. Potts, President of this sub-branch, was recently transferred to Boulder, and Mr. L. S. Barnett (A.S.C.) is occupying the chair for the present. Mr. F. Evans (1st Div. Sigs.), the local Post Master, holds the office of Secretary, and another indefatigable worker noticed was Mr. Sammy Barrow. We were also glad to renew contact with Mr. Alex. Craigie.

This is a valuable sub-branch, with excellent material available, which, if highly organised, promises to be a strong unit in the League. It possesses an Institute which we were afforded an opportunity of inspecting. Our stay at Albany was made most pleasant by the courtesy received from the officials and the kindly sentiments and reception expressed and given in connection with the toasts during the re-union, and when your delegates were speaking. On Saturday morning the delegates availed itself of an invitation kindly extended by the District Commandant, Brigadier A. M. Martyn, to attend at the forts and witness the 24th Battery A.G.A. at its annual training. This was most instructive, and the work of the battery when operating the guns with service ammunition produced results which appeared to be excellent.

En route to Tambellup we called at Mt. Barker, and had a pleasant encounter with Mr. T. Souness (1st Battalion), President, and Mr. S. Reeves (Imperial ex-service man), Secretary, and other members, being permitted to leave in time to arrive at Tambellup according to schedule.

Here the delegation was entertained at afternoon tea by the sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary, after we had inspected the war memorial and local hospital. The care of this institution, we were informed, has been undertaken by the sub-branch after it being out of use for some time. Since the sub-branch reopened it, an operating theatre has been added. The officers of this sub-branch,

Mr. M. Collins (48th Battalion), President, and Mr. P. E. Wilson (28th Battalion), Secretary, are keen workers in the League's cause.

That evening found us at Katanning, where the sub-branch had arranged a reunion. About 90 ex-service men attended, and we were told that it was the largest gathering of ex-service men held in that town for a number of years. The President, Mr. H. A. Fieldes (12th Battalion) is ably assisted in the conduct of the sub-branch affairs by the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Mouritz (28th Battalion). Here again the delegation was impressed with the big field for League operations and the excellent material available. Courtesies were also extended by the President and members of the Katanning Club.

Our last official visit was timed for 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, February 25, at Kojonup, where an informal meeting took place with twelve representative members of the sub-branch under Mr. W. G. Anderson (M.G. Coy.). There followed a general discussion on several matters coming within the scope of the League's activities. The No. 4 District Committee, Re-union is being held at Kojonup on March 17, and an invitation has already reached the Executive. After an enjoyable lunch with our hosts, the return journey to Perth was commenced and concluded at about 7 p.m.

During the tour contact was gained with 23 sub-branches, and a distance just under 1,000 miles was covered. Your delegation is grateful for the assistance, information, and kindness met with in every quarter. Much knowledge was gained and many impressions formed, and it is proposed to submit a further report indicating where action may be taken with possible advantage to the League as a whole.

State President's Visit to Narrogin

The following report was submitted to the State Executive by the State President:

Accompanied by the State Secretary and a soldier pianist, in Mr. Cunningham, I attended the annual re-union of the Narrogin Sub-branch, on Saturday, March 10. Included in the party from Perth were Messrs. H. Seward and V. Doney, M.I.A., who were prevented from travelling by rail owing to the floods.

We had an uninterrupted trip there and back, but avoided the main roads between Narrogin and Williams, and

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travelled by what is known as the Clay-
ton Road. Evidences of the flood were
not wanting, and we were sorry to see
carcasses of sheep washed down to the
fences by the flood waters.

The re-union social was most success-
ful, there being about 190 present. It
was said that this number would have
been increased by 50, had some of the
more distant roads been passable. In
addition to neighbouring sub-branch of-
icials and members, the President, Mr.
J. Clunies, and the energetic Secretary;
Mr. Tom Hogg, had the privilege of wel-
coming the Mayor, Mr. A. P. McCorm-
ack, the Chairman of the Roads Board.
Mr. Graham, Mr. E. S. Hall (ex-Mayor),
Dr. D. W. Mackie, awarded the
League's Certificate of Merit, Capt.
Colin Craig, from Williams, Commander
Prideaux, Colonel Rockliffe, now Dis-
trict Schools' Inspector, and Mr. Tom
Stehn, ex-President of York Sub-branch.

The speeches were numerous, and quite
a number of stories of war-days were re-
told. The sub-branch, as you know,
were the winners of the last Newdegate
Cup, and not only the diggers present,
but their supporters in the prominent
citizens mentioned declared that nothing
was to be left undone to retain this
League trophy. Incidentally, the New-
degate Cup occupies a prominent position
in the Mayor's parlour, amongst other
prized trophies won by sporting bodies of
the district.

I had the opportunity of responding
on behalf of the State Executive of the
League, and the information conveyed
was, apparently, well received.

Your representatives visited the beau-
tiful Memorial Gardens before departing
from Narrogin on Sunday last. The
gardens are well cared for, likewise the
memorial, and we were told that the
gardener himself lost a son in the war,
and the work he does in the gardens is
affectionate memory of his son and those
who died with him during the Great
War.

With those accompanying me, I have
to extend very great appreciation for the
courtesy and hospitality shown by the
sub-branch. It is an inspiration to visit
this centre and see the wonderful work
that has been done, and is still being done
by the sub-branch, particularly the de-
voted and continuous work carried out
by Mr. Tom Hogg, the Hon. Secretary.

We were told that last year, there
was a debt of £204 on the Institute, and
this had now been reduced by half, and
the balance would be wiped off this year.

In the meantime a promise was made
that Narrogin would not be lacking in its
duty in respect to helping the Anzac
House Building Fund.

Membership of the sub-branch was
said to be just below 300, and diggers
all over the State seem to retain mem-
bership of Narrogin, perhaps as a com-
pliment to its almost religious observance
of the League's high ideals.

Visit to Calingiri and
Toodyay

The following is the report submitted
by Colonel Collett to the State Execu-
tive:

Mr. E. S. Watt, chairman of the Pen-
sions and Employment Committee, and
myself, having been detailed to pay an
official visit on March 17 to the Calingiri
Sub-branch, were somewhat concerned
as to the condition of the roads conse-
quent upon recent heavy rains. Our
concern was all the greater because, with
the spirit so marked in every member of
this Executive, we had agreed to take
our respective wives with us, and, as
you well know, plans in which ladies are
involved need to be carefully laid and
closely adhered to.

Early in the week preceding the date
mentioned, intelligence reports suggested
that the roads were all impassable. Later
reports revealed that a route via New
Norcia was open, and we made tentative
arrangements accordingly. Later still
we were comforted with the communi-
cation that communications were again
normal.

Leaving Perth shortly after 2 p.m. on
the 17th, we turned from Midland Jun-
tion into the Toodyay Road, and pro-
ceeded very pleasantly until within nine
miles of that town. At that point we
were halted by a miniature Colorado
Canyon, with about sixty feet of the
road distributed somewhere in its depths
—at any rate, the road wasn't where we
needed it at the moment.

Not to be denied, thereupon we had
recourse to a friendly inhabitant, dis-
covered not far distant, and were direct-
ed to an alternative route that involved
a detour of some ten miles, and which,
on being followed, developed in Mr.
Mr. Watt's car qualities partly aquatic
and partly those of the agile chamois.
However, the services of a tearoom pro-
pietor of Toodyay restored our equini-
ity, and the faith of the ladies, and
after a brief rest at Bolgart, we reached
Calingiri at 7 p.m.—one hour behind
scheduled time.

I am afraid that our late arrival inter-
fered with the arrangements of the sub-
branch, but the members were kindness
itself, provided us with an excellent tea,
and later allowed us the privilege of at-
tending a social at which between sixty
and seventy, members, ladies, and visitors
were present.
The social was preceded by the Annual General Meeting of members at which fourteen were present. Mr. S. E. Tate (ex-10th Light Horse) retired from the office of President and was succeeded by Mr. R. King (ex-44th Battalion). Mr. J. McGill (ex-32nd Battalion) was again elected Hon. Secretary.

At this meeting several matters of considerable importance were represented to us. One speaker expressed the view that the sub-branch favoured the idea of district councils within the State—each council to have direct representation upon the State Executive—in order to facilitate the explanation of local disabilities and secure the early application of remedies. The same speaker complained of the adoption, without discussion, by the Annual State Congress of the report of the Soldier Settlers Conference, and was of the opinion that the Chairman of the Conference should speak to the report in such a manner as to educate the main body of Congress in the real position and actual needs of the primary producers.

Complaints were also made in regard to the supply of fertiliser and rabbit-proof netting. These items have been referred for special enquiry. Mr. Watt and I were able to explain to the meeting what had been found possible in regard to rural representation upon the State Executive, and of the provision made for the attendance of delegates in special cases. (It is no doubt desirable that this matter be again ventilated at Congress.) The proposal that the Chairman of the S.S. Conference should address Congress has, in our opinion, much to commend it.

To return to the social. Amongst the visitors was a party from the neighbouring Wongan Hills Sub-branch, led by Mr. A. Venton and Mr. J. H. Ackland (both ex-28th Battalion). An enjoyable evening was spent, and we gathered that it was the intention of the sub-branch to make the function an annual event. With a little further organisation, and variation of the programme, it could be made the principal social fixture of the district.

In the responses to the toast of "The League," an endeavour was made by both Mr. Watt and myself to convey some impression of the true put of the existence of the Organisation, and the very wide range covered by its activities. We felt that our efforts were appreciated and likely to be of use to the body of excellent members assembled. We were also led to believe that one result of our visit is a substantial increase in the strength of the sub-branch.

The evening’s entertainment concluded shortly after midnight. It was then necessary to return to Bolgart, where accommodation for the remainder of the night had been arranged. In the darkness the roads took on varying aspects, and even the stars seemed to lack stability, but with the help of the Brother in charge of the Wyoah Mission, combined with the skill and patience of Mr. Watt, and the encouragement of the ladies, we eventually reached our hotel at 1.30 a.m., but not by the road we had set out on.

At 11 o’clock on the morning of the 18th, we were at Toodyay and on the way home. At this delightfully situated town we were met by Mr. W. Howie (ex-44th Battalion), the President of the local Sub-branch, and Mr. N. H. Millar (ex-A.F.C.), Secretary, whose warm welcome was most pleasantly supplemented by Mrs. Millar and other ladies, who refreshed us with morning tea. Later we were afforded an opportunity of meeting about a dozen other members, including Mr. R. A. Johnstone (ex-31st Battalion), the immediate past President. We also visited the local war memorial, which is being well cared for, and is situated in what is likely to become a beauty spot as soon as the plans for its improvement effectively develop. In this respect Mr. Wraith (ex-A.I.F.) is achieving very effective work with the cultivation of rose beds, and is unselishly devoting very much time to his task.

There were no requests or complaints from the Toodyay Sub-branch.

We returned to Perth via Clackline Junction, and it is clear of that point only just after a further heavy downfall of rain that again made the road behind us impassable. The country for several miles around Toodyay showed many signs of recent flood damage, and we heard with regret of heavy losses sustained by some of our members.

Once again, with all delegations visiting the country and other centres, we desire to gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and hospitality extended to us on every hand throughout a journey of over two hundred miles.

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We are anxious to publish a special Anzac issue for April, including history and story of all phases of the war, and we ask the assistance of our readers to make the issue the "best ever" by sending forward interesting reminiscences of 1914-18. We specially request our more or less regular contributors not to fail us. Most of the unit associations have detailed a member to write up some outstanding episode in the history of their unit. We would also be grateful for interesting photos. Copy must reach us before April 15, and we would appreciate it earlier if possible.

Tommy and digger, the LISTENING Post is your paper. Help us to make it more useful and interesting.

Anzac House

On the eve of going to press, we learn that the details have been finalised for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the League's building and future headquarters. Sir James Mitchell, the Lieutenant-Governor, will lay the stone, and in addition to representatives of sub-branches from all over the State, the Premier and a number of his Cabinet Ministers will attend. Building operations have been expedited with the idea that everything should be ready for Prince George to open the main doors on October 4 next.

Anzac Day

The Anzac Day Committee has commenced its work for the organisation of this year's commemoration of the nation's heroic efforts in the Great War. There will be the usual parade and combined Remembrance Service on the Perth Esplanade. At the latter, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) will preside, and will be assisted by the two A.I.F. Chaplains at present serving on the State Executive in Padre Riley and Rabbi Freedman. The only alteration in the march order will be that sub-branches of the S.S.L. will take position at the rear of the Militia Forces. The King's Colour's will again be carried at the head of the A.I.F. Unit. The Committee intends calling all Unit Commanders together, and will give special consideration to a more general singing of the hymns at this year's service.

Anzac House *Ball

This big function will take place in Government House Ballroom on May 24 (Empire-Day). The Committee, representing the Press Sub-branch with two State Executive representatives, has already launched the organisation. A special feature of the function will be the presentation of debutantes to the representatives of His Majesty the King on that night. Each debutante is to have an escort dressed in either military or naval uniform, and sub-branches are invited to nominate a debutante, preferably the daughter of a sailor or soldier, who will be identified with the sub-branch on that important occasion. Tickets are not yet available, but country members and supporters intending to attend the ceremony should lose no time in addressing applications for their requirements to the Organising Secretary, Reg. Biggs, c/o West Australian Office, Perth.

Anzac House Foundation Membership

To meet numerous requests, the Building Committee agreed to make the Foundation Membership payable by instalments, and membership cards for this purpose are now available on application to the State Secretary. Instalments are paid at the convenience of the intending member, but the Committee desires that the full subscription be made prior to the opening ceremony in October. Recent donations and subscriptions include: Nedlands Park Sub-branch, £75; Sir J. Talbot Hobs, £5; Northam Sub-branch, £8 6/-; Cranbrook Sub-branch, £5 5/-; W. A. Wilkins £1 10/-; Beverley Sub-branch, £5; T. O. Anketell (Northam), £1 1/-. "War Widow," £3; Cowaramup Sub-branch, £10 10/-; F. W. Bate- son, 10/-; Major-General White, £1 1/-; J. D. Maloney, M.L.A., £1 1/-; Mrs. Leahy (Laverton), £1 1/-; J. E. Crik (Mount Magnet), £2 2/-; A. G. P. Patterson (Wiluna), £5.

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AND DEPARTMENTAL REPLIES

Item 26, Calingiri.—Mr. McLarty states: "The Trustees have no authority to delegate their powers to District Managers as far as the granting of credit is concerned." The District Managers have been granted considerable discretionary powers, and these are regarded as being ample to cover the requirements of clients. Despite this fact, farmers make a practice of disregarding the district office and visit Head Office.

Item 58: Yarram.—The General Manager has advised the League: "The Bank is of course willing at all times to assist as far as possible in the improved marketing of stock and other produce. I am, however, at a loss to see how we can improve the position regarding the marketing of our surplus stock. This resolves itself into a question of supply and demand. Can you suggest any means by which we can assist?"

Item 37, Upper Chapman: "Abandoned Properties."—"The practice of the Bank is to invite tenders for the grazing rights of properties where there is likely to be competition for same. In some districts the expense would not be justified, and it is a matter of making the best arrangements possible. It is not considered necessary to invite tenders for cropping leases, and there is a fixed basis for these, and there is seldom more than one applicant."

Item 31, Yarram.—"The Trustees are not prepared to agree to this resolution. Interest must be the first obligation of borrowers. Acquiescence in the resolution would mean that clients of the Bank would make every effort to clear their liens at the expense of interest."

Item 66, Roads for Torbay District.—The District Department states: "When construction work recently approved on the Torbay-Young's Road is completed, the settlers in the Torbay area will have access both to the railway and the Albany-Denmark main road."

Item 28.—"That the Agricultural Bank be requested to lodge claims with wheat buyers for one year's interest only under the Bank lien. Current cropping assistance, of course, to be added."

Mr. McLarty has advised, in reply, that the practice in force is in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

The Listening Post

Varia

W. E. Robinson writes from Fremantle:

I was very interested to read in the February Listening Post, the reference to the mutilation of the flapper's telegram of birthday greetings to her uncle. The story was told in verse in one of the English magazines many years ago. I remember reciting the lines at a campfire concert twenty or more years ago. As nearly as I can remember they went as follows:

A charming girl was Emmeline, but people wished she would realize she was not meant to be a poetess to be;
For to her friends at festive times she'd send the most appalling rhymes.
Her uncle, Major-General Bangs, this year inspired her muse.
A martinet is General Bangs, who'll ne'er admit the least excuse
On subjects such as Army Pay, or soldiers who their leave outstay.
But poets bithely sally forth where angels fear to tread,
And so she sent a postcard off, and on that card she said,
"Oh, scared in many a hard-fought fight,
I greet thee, battle-loving knight."

The postman was the first to read the message of good cheer, and as he scanned the ill-spelt scrawl his laughter rang out loud and clear.
"My word," gasped he, "twixt shouts of mirth,
"That's just the choicest thing on earth."
The General's orderly was next to read his master's Christmas card.
At first he gasped as though he'd missed the meaning of the bard.
Then he, too, smote upon his chest, and howled and laughed like one possessed.
I much regret I can't repeat exactly exactly what he said,
When General Bangs, with staring eyes and purple visage, read
"Oh, scared in many a hard-fought fight,
I greet thee, battle-loving knight."

"Said the lady of the house to the maid:
"That's the greengrocer. You go, Ella."
"You go, Ella, yourself," retorted the gentleman from Naples as he walked away in high dudgeon.

"Hey!" yelled the Junior Sub. to the digger who had just walked past without saluting. "Did you see this uniform I'm wearing?"

"Nothing wrong with it." answered the digger. "How would you like to have to wear the slops they've issued me?"

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A word of praise to our amateur air force! During the recent camp at Northam, the army co-operation section of the Aero Club took part in the various exercises carried out by the troops. It was noted that though the machines were obsolete, and the equipment makeshift, the dash required by an R.A.F. pilot of this type of flying was certainly not lacking.

While co-operating with the 7th Battery, the machine about to take off became bogged to the axle and turned on its nose, damaging the propeller. The pilot quickly extricated himself from his safety belt, ran to the spare machine, and was in the air in a few minutes. The task in hand was to supply the moving column with the latest air report.

Although minus Wapitis and Bulldogs, the spirit and initiative of our amateur air force pilots is well up to standard.

In our February leading article, "A House is Built," we mentioned the two ventures of outstanding financial and social success in aid of Anzac House Fund by the Press and Nedlands Sub-branches. We should have included that of the South Perth Sub-branch, whose carnival was a splendid success, resulting in an amount of £271/10/- being contributed to the fund. This is the biggest sum received from a sub-branch, other large amounts, including Press, £205, Nedlands, £75, North Perth, £50, Mt. Marshall, £34, and Wyalkatchem, £26.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department, on Friday, March 16, 1934, Rabbi Friedman presiding.

The Secretary reported that in response to the appeal made to the Women's Auxiliaries, fifteen branches had donated a sum of £23 14s. to the funds of the Trust, and that it was anticipated that a number of other Branches would respond to the appeal later in the year.

Twenty-eight applications for school books, providing books for 44 children were approved.

Two applications for scholarships were recommended.

After careful consideration of the applications received, it was decided to award the McIntosh Memorial Scholarship for 1934 to Mr. Stanley Douglas Watt, whose father was killed in action with the 16th Light Horse. Mr. Watt attended State Schools and was awarded a scholarship by the Trust in 1928, and attended the Wesley College with excellent results. He is their intention to take the "Diploma in Journalism" course at the University of Adelaide.

The Secretary reported that twenty-three scholarships had been awarded and that the students had commenced with the various secondary schools and business colleges during the present year.

"Imperial"

(By "Anonymous")

"Imperial!" To those of us who wear the badge, what does the word mean? It suggests an outlook as wide as the bounds of the Empire and an Organisation that comprehends and administers to the needs, and aids the aspirations, of all who served the King in war.

In the League we have these things, and I as one who has established a home in Western Australia find in that Institution even more than I was told before I left the Old Country.

There are those without merit who seek to join us. We will have none of them. Also away with the doubters and grumblers who seek to sow alarm and despondency amongst the troops. Let them remember that which they were told as young sailors or soldiers, and, therefore, seek redress of their grievances at the hands of their comrades and from within the sub-branches. We are all British, and, consequently, all Australian.

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Of the old prophecies, none was so remarkable as that of Brother John, who lived in the year 1600. He predicted with remarkable accuracy the great war, and told of one who would be a Lutheran Protestant, who would "invoke God, would swear by the Bible, would have only one arm, but his innumerable army, who will take for their motto, 'God with us,' and resemble the infernal regions."

He foretold not only the war, but the system of espionage, and predicted how the leopard (England), the cock (France), and the white-eagle (Russia), would fall upon the black eagle, and how the maker of the war would lose his crown and die in solitude and madness.

The prophet made the following remarkable prediction about the German:

"He will be recognised by various tokens. Especially he will massacre the priests, the monks, the women, the children, and the aged. He will show no mercy, but will pass, torch in hand, like the barbarian, but invoking Christ."

One of the most remarkable features of the prophecy was the prediction that there would come a time when the Pope would denounce the German, and as a result of that denunciation, "his ally would die." Those who know Francis Joseph's intense devotion to the Catholic religion will recognize the significance of this prophecy.

The prophecy of Mayence was dated 1854. It foretold that William II. would be the last King of Prussia, and that the last battle would be on the field of Beauloux, near Paderborn, in Wesphalia.

Tolstoi also predicted a war which would start in 1912. He forewarned a "strange figure from the north enter the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little military training, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1923."

The Japanese prediction of the eighteenth century says: "When men fly like birds ten great kings will go to war against each other."

Here is another remarkable prophecy: "There will be a king in Germany under whom the nation will be greater and more powerful than ever before. He will be followed by an uncrowned king who will pass as a shadow across the throne. A one-armed king will succeed him, and in the end of this reign, or early in the next, the German armies will go forth to conquer the world, but those who return will shelter under the pears of the nation."

This prophecy is attributed to a Saxon monk of the fifteenth century.

Astrology has also produced some remarkable results, particularly in the horoscope of the Austrian Emperor, for whom disaster in war has invariably been predicted, and so far invariably fulfilled.

One of the popular German predictions, and known from one end of the empire to the other, is that the German empire would meet with disaster "when she was ruled by an Emperor who murdered his horse on the wrong side." This applies to the recent Kaiser, who, owing to his infirmity, invariably gets up on the off-side of his horse.

Relief Fund

The trustees of the State Executive Relief Fund report the receipt of 102 applications for the month of February (53 ex-A.I.F. and 49 ex-Imperial), of which 75 were approved (41 ex-A.I.F. and 34 ex-Imperial), involving an expenditure of £70/0/5. Only fifteen of those assisted were members of the League, and seven were war widows.
State Executive Meetings

February 28, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on February 28, 1934, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Philp, Panton, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Wilkins, Farquharson and Warner.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Anderson, Denton, Nugent, Mellor and Lamb.

Management Committee.—Arising out of the Management Committee's report, it was agreed to:
(a) That the North-East Fremantle Sub-branch be notified that the Constitution does not forbid a member joining more than one sub-branch at the Women's Auxiliary; (b) That the Brunswick Sub-branch be informed of the League's policy of keeping clear of industrial disputes.

Anzac House Committee.—Mr. Wilkins was appointed to the Anzac House Committee, vice Captain Tesser (reigned).

Empire and Local Trading.—The Empire and Local Trading Committee reported that a discussion had taken place with Messrs. McCartney and Anderson of the Industrial Department. It was recommended that representatives of metropolitan sub-branches be called together for the purpose of launching a series of exhibitions in the metropolitan area under the auspices of the League, and that the Minister, Mr. Kenneally, be invited to attend the meeting. The report was adopted.

Visits.—The following reports on visits were received:—South-West Tour (Colonel Collett), Mundaring (Mr. Watt), Maylands (Mr. Warner), Osborne Park (Mr. Aberle), Canning District (Mr. Farquharson and Mr. Philp), South Perth S.S.L. (Mr. Philp).

Federal Correspondence.—The Federal Office advised that the Commonwealth Government had declined to accede to the request that payments from the Army Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund be not taken into account when assessing Old Age Pensions. On the motion of Messrs. Philp and Warner it was agreed that the matter be resubmitted to the Federal Executive.

In connection with Congress Resolution 164, concerning alterations to the constitution submitted by this State Branch to Federal Congress, legal advice had been obtained which stated that the item could not be accepted. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the League's solicitor and his advice referred to the Management Committee.

Advice was received that the 7th Biennial Conference would be held in Australia this year.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. Wilkins was appointed delegate to attend the Federal Executive meeting on March 14.

Festival of Remembrance.—On the motion of Rabbi Freedman and Mr. Farquharson, it was resolved that a committee be formed for the purpose of considering the advisability and investigating the possibility of instituting in this State an annual Festival of Remembrance, similar to the festival held in London by the British Legion on the night of Armistice Day. It was further resolved that five members of the State Executive constitute this committee. Messrs. Freedman, Watt, Olden and Collett were appointed.

Sub-branches.—Appointments of officials as advised by the following sub-branches were confirmed: Fremantle, Dowerin, Pemberton, Subiaco, Morawa, Maylands and Westcliffe.

Approval was granted for the information of the Kimberley Goldfields Sub-branch, subject to the constitution being complied with.

Subscription Reminders.—On the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Wilkins, it was decided that a letter explaining the position be forwarded to the Claremont Sub-branch regarding the forwarding of reminders to unfinancial members.

A communication from the Belmont Sub-branch, also objecting to this practice, was received, and similar action was endorsed. A letter was read from a member who forwarded his subscription, explaining that if he had been advised that his subscription was due it would have been paid.

Employment, Gascoyne.—It was decided to give publicity to a letter from the Gascoyne Sub-branch in which the Executive was asked to do all in its power to advise men against going to the North in search of work.

War Pension and State Subvention.—A communication from the Premier's Department in reply to a resolution from the Federal Congress on this subject was received.

Anzac Day.—The Legacy Club sought the concurrence of the Executive in conducting a luncheon meeting on Anzac Day and invited the State President and members of the Executive to be present. On the motion of Mr. Panton and Colonel Olden it was resolved that the State Executive offers no objection to the luncheon being held, but official sanction is not given to any organisation within the League to hold such functions.

Guard of Honour, Prince George.—With reference to a request from the Old Contemporaries' Association, that the Executive support its endeavour to form a Guard of Honour on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness, Prince George, it was agreed, on the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Panton, that the matter be referred to the Anzac House Committee to be considered if Anzac House is to be opened by His Royal Highness.

Seaplane Base.—South Perth Sub-branch requested the Executive to consider the advisability of approaching the Government with a view to suggesting the conversion of the Causeway islands into a seaplane and aeroplane base. It was decided to ask the South Perth Sub-branch to prepare this matter on the agenda paper of the next State Congress.

Ex-Soldiers' Funerals.—Fremantle Sub-branch suggested that as many comrades as possible attend all ex-service men's funerals and that the official representative of the sub-branch attend with a bugler and place a poppy in the grave after. "The Last Post."

It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that this was a procedure which could be adopted by any sub-branch but if it was desired to make the practice universal the suggestion could be submitted to the next State Congress.

Congress Resolutions.—Correspondence arising out of Congress resolutions, Items 26, 37, 39 and 31, is published in other columns.

Sympathy.—Delegates extended sympathy to the State President, Mr. Yeates, whose wife has been ill in hospital.

March 14, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 14, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Collett, Philp, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Margolin, Lovell, Col-
lins, Ross, Warner and Bryan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Olden, Anderson, Denton, Mellor, Wilkins and Lamb.
The State Secretary reported that through wholly unexpected circumstances the arrangements for the Southern Cross Re-union had to be readjusted. He also reported having visited the Osborne Park S.S.L.

**Anzac House**—The report of the Anzac House Committee meeting held on March 13, which detailed the arrangements for the laying of the foundation stone, was received and adopted.

**Empire Festival Committee**—A progress report of the committee recommended the desirability of holding a festival of remembrance on the eve of Anzac Day, and indicated that the committee would further consider the practicability of holding such a festival.

**S.S.L.**—Copies of the report of the committee were made available to delegates. The consideration of the report was deferred until next meeting.

**Anchorage-Riley Memorial Shield Competition**—It was reported that representatives of the metropolitan sub-branches had met in accordance with the instructions of the Executive and had arranged for the conduct of the competition this year. Mr. McDowell was appointed as Executive representative.

**Visits**—The State President's report on his visit to the Narrogin Sub-branch is published in another column. A confidential report on the South-West trip was presented.

It was decided to request the S.S.L. Committee to consider the advisability of issuing a booklet containing the constitution of the S.S.L., together with memoranda of such points as have been discussed by the committee and received the favorable consideration of Congress or the Executive. Pare of the report touching upon amelioration matters was referred to the Trustees for consideration. The Finance Committee was asked to consider the advisability of setting aside a certain sum of money each year for organized tours in country areas.

Colonel Margolin reported having visited Brunswick Junction and Cardiff Sub-branches, and that both sub-branches are functioning well. Mr. Abere reported on his visit to Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch.

**Anzac Day**—An Anzac Day Message from Major-General Sir C. Brudenall. White was received for publication at a later date. A report of the Anzac Day Committee dealing with procedure was received.

**Initiatives**—Invitations were accepted as follows: A general invitation to delegates for the final match of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, on March 18; Carnamah, March 15, the Country Vice-President, Mr. Anderson; Quairading, March 21; Mr. Hunt; Herne Hill, March 23, Messrs. Yates, Philp and Abere; Gnowangerup, March 24; Mr. Hunt; Yeelering, April 3, referred to Management Committee; Kellerberrin, April 15; referred to Management Committee; Toodyay: This sub-branch asked that Colonel Collett and Mr. Watt visit it, on their return from Calingiri. Arrangements had been made for the visit.

**Anzac Day Committee**—The report of the Anzac Day Committee dealing with procedure was received. The report contained the recommendation that no action be taken concerning Congress Item No. 89, "Holiday for Schools." The motion of Messrs. Watt and Collins, that the matter of a holiday for secondary schools be sent back to the committee for further consideration, was lost. —The Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor advised that His Excellency would be pleased to attend the annual parade and service on the Perth Esplanade on April 25.

Requests that Colonel Collett attend the Anzac Day ceremonies at Kalgoorlie, and for Mr. Farquharson to attend the Carlisle ceremony were referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

A request from the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association for representation on the Anzac Day Committee was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

The Maimed and Limbless Men's Association also asked to be allowed to place a wreath on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service. The request was forwarded to the Anzac Day Committee.

**General Business**—The case of Mr. C. Milligan, which had been referred to in The Sunday Times, was referred to the Land Committee for investigation.

A communication from Southern Cross Sub-branch concerning the installation of a State battery in that centre was referred to the Mining and Prospecting Committee.

Correspondence on Congress Item 143, which concerned the Fraser's line of leases, was referred to the Mining and Prospecting Committee.

A communication from the Primary Producers' Association asking the Executive to appoint a representative on the Committee of the Correspondence Nursing Scheme was referred to the Women's Auxiliary State Executive for action.

Mr. Hastings Reid thanked the League for its interest in Empire Shopping Week and asked that the R.S.L. agree to this week being conducted under such a campaign on this occasion. He offered to act as Honorary Organizer on the Committee appointed by the Executive. On the motion of Colonel Collett and Mr. Hunt, it was decided to refer the matter to the Empire and Local Trading Committee for their report to this Executive.

The matter of a letter from Mr. Hamilton C. Brown requesting the League's patronage of a British film, "Bitter Sweeet," was left in the hands of the State President.

**Approval**—was granted for Archaeoaon Rilev to visit Banbury, Donnybrook and Collie Sub-branches, April 17.

Leave of absence was granted to Archaeoaon Rilev from the next meeting and to Mr. Wilkins for six weeks.

During the evening the State President cordially welcomed as visitors Mr. H. E. Stuchbury, Secretary of Collie Sub-branch, and Mr. Col. Edwards, a past-president of the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch. Both visitors addressed delegates.

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**SUB-BRANCH NOTES**

**GOSNELLIS**

A successful smoke social was held at Gosnells Hall on February 7. The State President, Mr. A. Yeates, Messrs. Abere and Philp, and presidents and secretaries of neighbouring sub-branches were present. Items were rendered by Messrs. Orr, Devenish and Morrison. Mr. Hatch had charge of the piano and accompanied and rendered the old war songs in his usual able manner.

On February 26 the annual meeting was held and officer-bearers elected were: President, Mr. A. Lee; Vice-President, Messrs. Keenan, Singer and Orr; Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Barratt; Secretary, Mr. W. Heathcock.

A social cricket match was held at Maddington on Sunday, March 6, against Canning District Sub-branch. The scores were: Canning Districts, 40 and 14; Gosnells, 103. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, in spite of the heat, the ladies serving tea and the cricketersopping up with some hard refreshment afterwards.

**CARLISLE**

On February 17 we were invited to pay a visit to the Canning District Sub-branch, so we engaged a bus, from our genial member, Fred, who started from Monte St. Terminus at 8 p.m., picked up members along the road, and arrived with a full compliment at the Cannington Hall. We were welcomed by the President, Mr. Crofts, and a host of members. Mr. Farquharson, of the State Executive and Mr. Billy Orr, of Gosnells Sub-branch.

We sat down to a nicely arranged set of tables loaded with refreshments, giving evidence that the committee had spared no pains to make us welcome.

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**SWAN BRAND GHERKINS ARE GROWN IN THE STATE**
The meeting opened with the Toast of "The King," then followed the toast of "Fallen Comrades," in silence. Then the fun started, and the numerous articles, that gave their services so freely, were vigorously applauded. A few more toasts and then followed a digger's community concert, and we all tried to lift the roof off. Later news says the roof is still on. There was solid and liquid refreshments in galore, and we wound up a most enjoyable evening at 11.30 p.m., singing "Till We Meet Again."

Mr. Devensih was the accompanist.

On March 1 our usual monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall; President Nicol being in the chair. A good muster was present and after the business concluded, we decided on a game of bowls. Several games were played, causing great excitement by their closeness. Harmony and refreshments brought an enjoyable evening to a close at 11 p.m.

Our weekly dances, held every Wednesday, still draw the crowd and are much appreciated. The S.S.L. continues to bring the boys together, and great interest is being shown by the youngsters.

YANMAH

Organised by Yannah Sub-branch, a well-attended smoke social was held in Yannah Hall on Monday evening, February 19. The occasion was a meet and do honour to those good friends of all returned men: Col. H. B. Collette (Past President), Mr. Alf. Yeates (State President), Archdeacon C. L. ("Tom") Riley, and Mr. Ferguson (Assistant State Secretary and Pensioners Advocate).

The visitors were surprised and pleased at their reception and the local blokes were no less glad to see and hear some of the "heads" of the League.

The evening was one of the pleasantest of its kind. All four of the visitors are capable speakers. Their informative addresses were lavened with a lively humour, and all were obviously pleased to be among the men. The one who most charmed the troops was Archdeacon Riley, who, according to Col. Collette, was brought along as an outward sign of the party's respectability.

During the course of the evening Mr. Yeates presented the President of the sub-branch, Mr. Tim Sulli, who is leaving the district for Perth, with a certificate of service and a parting gift from his Yannath cobbers.

MOORINE ROCK

The monthly meeting was held on March 3, 1934, President G. A. Marston being in the chair. The meeting was not numerically strong, many members being in Perth on business, nevertheless, much work was dealt with and despatched.

Some time ago the branch decided that it was necessary to have a building of their own, so a building fund was inaugurated and responded to by members. Of late contributions to the fund have lapsed, and it was thought something should be done to awaken members' interest. Allan MacKettrick suggested that, if the fund was not immediately sufficient the branch's resources, it should be closed and the branch have it wound up. The immediate response was £10/10/-.

On Saturday, the 4th instant, our old friend, Colonel A. C. N. Olden, paid the branch a flying visit. A good number of members met the Colonel to renew acquaintance, and discussion on many subjects took place. We regret to note that the Colonel did not look his usual self, and hope that his trip will benefit him in health.

The sub-branch is fully alive to the unfortunate position the farmers of the district find themselves in, and have been instrumental in securing witnesses to appear before the various Commissions sitting to review farmers' disabilities.

Saturday, March 10, saw a good number of members travelling to Southern Cross to attend that branch's reunion. A good evening was the result.

CLAREMONT

On Thursday, March 1, the monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall, there being a larger attendance than usual. Two new members were enrolled, and several visitors were present.

It has been decided to hold on the second and fourth Fridays in each month a games night in the Drill Hall, and the first of these was held on March 9. The S.S.L. Sub-Branch is joining in with the scheme, so that it is up to the members of the sub-branch to give the movements every support in order to encourage the boys. These games also afford a grand opportunity for practice for the teams which will take part in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition during the coming winter.

On Thursday, March 29, the sub-branch is inviting the Women's Auxiliary to a card evening in the Parish Hall, as a small appreciation of the services of the ladies. A good muster of members is requested.

Mr. C. Suckling, of Fremantle, lectured the S.S.L. on Tuesday, March 6, on the exploits of the Submarine AE2. This lecture was much appreciated by the boys, and indeed is worth anyone's while to go a long way to hear.

It is noticeable that the number of members attending social evenings, etc., of the sub-branch is very small. These gatherings can only be made a success with the support of the members, and as
they are the outcome of the expressed wishes of the general meetings and are currently incumbent on members to help by attending.

The next general meeting will be on April 5, 1934, when the Buckland Hill Sub-branch will visit us with the object of having a return match with the miniature rifle, when we hope to turn the tables on them for our defeat at Buckland Hill several months ago.

PEMBERTON

At the last meeting, members of the State Executive put in an appearance, and were enthusiastically welcomed, especially that fine digger, Colonel Collett. The President, Mr. Yeates, was in good form, and explained all about the duties of the State Executive (also their pedigrees). Everyone voted the padre, Archdeacon Riley, a fine fellow.

During the evening numerous toasts were drunk. As one of the participants said a day or so later, “Everything worked with a swing—it fair made my arm ache.”

The cricket season is about over, and we came out the strongest team. The games have given us some very pleasant outings.

Don’t forget to send your subs. along to the Secretary if you cannot get there yourself. We want this to be a bumper year as regards membership.

We hope that the rifle range will soon be an accomplished fact.

COLLIE

The date of the annual re-union has been definitely fixed for Saturday, April 14, and the annual meeting for Sunday, 15th, at 10 a.m. Owing to the illness of the Secretary, the annual meeting is being held later in the year than formerly. The large scope of the activities of the sub-branch will be set out in detail in the Secretary’s report.

It is hoped that Archdeacon Riley will represent the State Executive, and that Colonel E. L. Margolin will find it possible to accompany him. A cordial invitation is extended to all diggers and Imperial soldiers to attend both functions. A big roll-up from all surrounding sub-branches is expected.

Recently members have been exceedingly busy in visiting other sub-branches, such as Warooka, Branswick and Cardiff. The interchange of visits by sub-branches cannot be too highly praised, as not only does it create friendships between sub-branches, thus bringing members of the League closer together, but it also gives the visitors an outlook different from their own.

The Re-union opportunity will be taken to present the retiring President (Mr. D. W. Paterson) with an ex-President’s Certificate, he having acted for a period of 2½ years in that capacity.

Recently members welcomed Col. E. L. Margo- lin and Mr. C. Latham, M.L.A., and proceeded to Cardiff for their Re-union, where the fun waxed fast and furious. Cardiff is not a big Sub-branch, but it has the distinction of having full 100 per cent, of the returned soldiers in the district as members.

NORTH PERTH

A Digger’s Diary

(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys)

February 16.—Fall in with Mr. George Stubbersfield, and, while we drink a little ale together, I inquire of his wife’s health, she, poor lady, having been very ill of her heart some time past, and is hospital attendant of our Women’s Auxiliary. “Oh! she be sparkling O.K.,” was his answer, “But,” said he, “she do make much fun at my refusing to agree that she be well enough to attend her hospital duty, which she is not just yet.” He told me how he did make threat that he would turn out the air, and let down all flat the motor coaches, if she make so bold as to try and drive it. A brave man methought, he being big but small stature, but she of no light weight.

19th.—The weather hot and sultry. Saw Mr. S. Treasure, whom I observe from his manner to be in some discomfort. I learn from him that his little son Brian had been taken away ill to hospital. This I be very sorry at hearing, the child being one of my bright little friends, who always greet me very merry at meeting or when I pass his home.

22nd.—This morning I awake and find my throat very sore, and my head all stuffed up with a bad cold, got of how I know not, but methinks it comes of washing my neck while it all hot and sweaty yesterday. Up and abroad with hope that the hot sun might do good to me, but my cold become worse and I feel my old ill of it, and I wold that I did stay abed. But and by I did buy some whisky, which was good, and then by good fortune met Mr. Oliver Hill, who did kindly carry me in his private motor coach to my home, which I was very thankful for. Most early to bed, after drinking my whisky, feeling all hot and cold in turn, and in mighty discomfort.

23rd.—Up very betimes and find my wife and son already up and making ready for our journey to the sub-branch picnic. I would stay at home, my cold being but little better, but dare not say so lest my wife should also, and fuss about me. By electric tram coach to the steamship Perth, thence by water to Point Walter. A merry crowd of company, specially the children, who did all have chills with which they might obtain ice cream, ice-cream, fruit and other good things to eat. Much merry games and sport there be, but how the sweat did roll off the people when racing, it being 108 in the shade I was told, and most muggy. I take but little interest in the sport, being all in trouble with my cold. By-and-by come more trouble to me. My wife while racing did fall and I do hurt to her side and knees, and was all upset, which put me in a pretty toss. Then news brought me by Mr. Stan Wright that my son, the scamp, be out on the river in a small boat with other rascals. This put me in a mighty flutter; and I run to the water side, and there find my further disquiet, I have no voice to call them. Which put me in a pretty twitter how to make their attention and demand their return from danger. At last I do, and they come to shore; after much trouble and angry words from me. Back to my wife and find her, poor wretch, still in pain and ill. Come Mr. and Mrs. E. Rendle and did very kindly offer to carry us home in their private motor coach, which we accept and so home before all, and my wife to bed. Anon come Mr. Hetherington and she, do busy herself with kettie and water, and put foment to my which.

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mehought a most kindly act. To bed, with
thought that the world of trouble be with me,
and evil wind blow in my face, this day.

26th.—Up betimes and make a cup drink for
my wife, the first methinks, I have since our
marriage. This act I must study to practice not,
lest I be expected each morning wanting to do so. By-
and-by come Mrs. Hetherington, and my
wife, who stay abed this day. This afternoon
come Mrs. S. Wright and this night Mrs. C.
Sadlier. While abroad this day I met Mr. “But-
ny” Richardson, who told me how his wife do
be ill all last night through the picnic, and vomit
all up. “I know not what to do or say and get
mighty feared at it,” said he. This I was very
sorry at hearing, that is, I mean, that his good
wife be so ill. Hear news that Mr. Clarrie
Drake’s wife did present him with her twins a
days past. This makes his children three
in number to whom he may now read bed-time
stories, as I have heard him doing to his little
daughter, sometimes, when I have been passing
his home.

March 2.—Up, after a hot sultry night, which
I hear was the hottest of any on record. Saw
Mr. S. R. Bennett, master of the North Perth
post office; he looking very well of his sea trip
and holidays, from which he has just come. My
wife this day start to nag me, which is a good
signal but she pretty well of her hurts, but bad
business for me.

10th.—No sooner up than I hear that Mr. C.
Western be proud father again, another fine
daughter I am told, which makes his family of
children two. Lord! when will this business
among our sub-branch members end. Last month
Mr. Rigg a son, then Mr. Drake boy twins, and
now Mr. Western a daughter. Whom to be the
next I know not, but did observe some other
members looking mighty scared at hearing this
news, especially of the twins.

11th.—This afternoon I go to watch a cricket
game between gentlemen of the Swan Brewery
and our own sub-branch. A fine sunny day and an
ercelsing crowd of company do watch the game.
North Perth to make 217 runs, of which Mr. J.
Smith made 44 and Mr. H. Davy 42. The Brew-
ery make 192, Mr. D. Stewart 63 and Mr. A.
Prustien 45, Mr. H. Garland (North Perth)
got 3 wickets for 9 runs and Mr. J. White (Brew-
ery) 4 wkt 21. An enjoyable game, and when
over, I make my way to the dress shed. There
spy a barrel of ale, and by making it known to
the tap man that I be publicity officer of North
Perth R.S.L., did receive some drinks of ale.
It mighty convenient being of this office, some-
times, but this I must keep secret lest others
do covet my position.

COTTESLOE
A committee meeting was held on Tuesday,
February 20, 1934, in the Council Hall, Jarred
Street, Cottesloe. A full muster of Committer-
men was recorded, the President, (Mr. C. L.
Harvey) presided. On conclusion of business
a farewell was tendered to one of our most popu-
lar members, Bill Waterman who has proceed-
ed on a trip to the Old Country for the benefit
of his health, and gain a few tips for our Crick-
et Team next season after he has witnessed the
Test Matches in England. Members from other
branches were present on the occasion, particu-
larly from Nedlands, Buckland Hill and Perth
branches. The president proposed the toast of
the guest and wished him the very best of every-
thang on his trip, being supported by several
members of the branch. Bill rose to the chords
of “Why was he born so beautiful,” and res-
ponded in his usual manner and added that he
hoped to see the Test Matches played and would
endeavour to bring back a few tips for the Perth
Sub-branch; and it looks most probable, accord-
ing to the League cable of games, that Cottesloes
will require a few if they want to win the Pen-
nant again this year. All speakers spoke of the
excellent work done by Mr. Waterman for the
sub-branch and R.S.I., generally, nothing being
too much trouble for him, and the silent work-
ers, who deserve a great deal more than they
get, were heartily thanked and it is hoped that the
Cottesloe R.S.I. will be able to survive and carry
on until good old Bill returns.

Great strides are being made towards the Mem-
orial Hall and it looks quite likely that they
will be laying the foundation stone for the
building at an early date. Should any members
be interested in assisting in this direction they are asked to come
with the secretary, Captain A. G. Cook, Lilydale,
4 Keane Street, Peppermint Grove.

The usual monthly meeting took place on
Tuesday, March 6.

There was an extraordinarily good attendance
over which the President (Mr. C. L. Harvey)
presided. On completion of the usual routine of
business, Mr. J. C. Waterman gave very interesting
"little talk," which lasted up to about 11.15 p.m.,
for conditions with the Malay States. Mr. Dunne moved a very hearty
vote of thanks towards the speaker for his ad-
dress, which was supported by Captain W. J.
Craze. Everyone seemed to be very interested
in the subject, until the time crept on and
the usual games had to be cut a bit short.

Several new members were enrolled at this
meeting.

VICTORIA PARK
A deputation from the Women’s Auxiliary
waited on the committee to seek information
regarding the plans and the progress of the mem-
orial hall building. The ladies stated that their
committee was anxious that operations should not be
delayed. The president assured the ladies that
good progress was being made, that a block of
land in a good position had been purchased,
and over a hundred and thirty pounds was in the
building fund; also a digger’s fair is to be held
on March 10 and April 2 and 3, and the direct
appeal to the prominent people of the Park was
being well supported; Fred Matthews also sup-
ported the ladies in their remarks, and urged the
committee to lose no time as he was doubtful
where some of us would be in ten years time. I
have heard that remark a lot lately when I am
planning for the future, or when I am lagging
behind in return shout. Evidently it has created
a strong mental impression. For the night,
in my dreams, I was conducted by Hilderbrandt
to the Memorial Hall, ghostly figures fitted
round, two of them being in the nude state. I
remarked to Hilderbrandt that it was rather in-
decent, to which he pointed out that it was only
Bob Heaton and Fred Matthews undergoing a
pension review. Mysterious rapping was heard
and looking closely, I could see it was Messrs.
Nicols, Alexander and Shadgett, calling the meet-
ing to order. Then I noticed Joe Barnard
and Bill Colley trying to roll a barrel between
the heavenly portals, unavailingly, for Jennings
was on the floor. Jack Smith and Jack Matthews
seemed to be busy selling tickets for a pair of died
wings to Bantock. Harry Taylor and Tucker
were enjoying themselves with a game of indoor
bowls. I could hear Jack Cox singing "Look at
the Coffin covered with Flowers." I awakend
with someone asking me when I am going to work,
and sleepily I murmured "in ten years time."
the building fund. Mr. Fred White, f.3 5s.; W. Colley, £1; H. R. Nicol, £1; Mr. Robertson, £1; Kay Read, 10s.; E. M. O'Brien, 10s.; Mr. Anderson, 2s. 6d.; A. R. Thirlgood, 7s. 6d.; F. Coleman, 10s.; J. R. Johnston, 2s. 6d.; Doctor Thompson, £1 1s.; Mr. Redd, 1s.; J. A. Coleman, £2 2s.; Mr. Johnson, 5s.

The March meeting was well attended; the chief item of the evening being the presentation of Certificates of service to Missess. Alexander and Tobble. President Madden, in presenting the certificates, spoke of the work both the men had done for the branch.

Members of Caribs, South Perch and Maylands Sub-branches rolled up in good numbers; a good social programme was provided with plenty of liquid refreshments and finished up with Tim Healy and Mr. Boys discussing the landing on Gallipoli. The attention of returned soldiers in Victoria Park was drawn to the Diggers' Fair, to be held on March 11, and April 2 and 5, at the tennis court in South Street.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

On the Anniversary Day, the branch entertained the Woman's Auxiliary and Poppy Day workers at dinner at the Manon's Hotel. Everyone present enjoyed the outing, and high praise was given to the organisers, Messrs. Harper and Flanagan. At the monthly meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the organisers and their assistants, Messrs. Harper, Hayman and Haines, and Miss Norris; Messrs. Keegan, Gibney and Troode were also thanked for assisting with the transport.

It had been decided to co-operate with the Auxiliary in running weekly bridge evenings every Friday night, the opening night being fixed for Friday, the 2nd March.

The Anzac Day arrangements were now in hand and a committee has been appointed to finalise the details.

The monthly meeting was held on March 12, and after business had been finalised, members and frigibles were entertained by the Rev. H. H. Fennell, assisted by his family and Miss Morelock. The diggers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks and diggers expressed the wish that some of the efforts on active service had been as entertaining as the one given by the Rev. Fennell.

Anzac Day arrangements are well forward, and will be finalised at the next meeting on April 9.

The Art Union will be drawn at the April meeting, and members are expected to report fully subscribed.

GOOMALLING

At a recent meeting of this sub-branch the Secretary (Mr. Game) resigned owing to his departure from the district and Mr. G. B. Todd was appointed in his stead.

The variety entertainment conducted by the branch in aid of the amelioration fund was a great success and resulted in a net profit of over £11. Our thanks are due to the Repertory Club, British Empire Film Co., and the Ladies' Committee for the part played by them respectively towards making the function a success.

Arrangements for the granting of support for rifle clubs by the Defence Department have been practically finalised and it is hoped that an inspection of the proposed range will be made during the month.

At the last meeting tentative arrangements were made for the celebrating of Anzac Day, and it is proposed to hold a service in the hall on that day, on the lines adopted by the State Executive. A re-union dinner will be held on Monday, April 23rd, and all returned men are asked to make a special effort to attend.

Congrats. to Harry Daghlish on the advent of another little digger—we must sympathise with him, however, in his inability to reach the pinnacle of fame set by his contemporary.

Cyril Ross, one of our old stalwarts, is entering his fifth year in the Presidential chair—and anything that can be done for the "dinkum" digger is never too much for him.

We said farewell at the last meeting to another regular supporter of the sub-branch in Alec. Matthews. He is a past-president and the sub-branch have arranged for a past-president's certificate to be presented in the near future.

"Toddy" is back into harness again as secretary, this being the fourth sub-branch in which he has held such position, but he likes it.

Look out other members, as our scribe is busy hunting into your past, and your write-up will come in due course.

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Women's Auxiliaries

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Nothing finer has been accomplished in the cause of humanity in Australia than the establishing of the Aerial Medical Service. It is welcome news that (as soon as the necessary funds are available), a base will be opened at Port Hedland, thus 'bringing' the entire North-West within the zone of medical supervision.

For the past six years, the A.M.S., operating from Cloncurry, Queensland, has thrown a "mantle of safety" over the lonely homesteads, the cattle stations and the mining camps. Not only have lives been saved and suffering alleviated by the swiftness and comfort of the medical plane, but more families are now settling in the outback, being assured that medical aid is within reach.

It was through the Rev. John Flynn, a Presbyterian bush padre, that the A.I.M. hospitals were founded. In his travels through hundreds of miles of lonely territory in Central Australia, he realised that many tragedies might have been averted had medical assistance been at hand. Port Hedland, Hall's Creek and Marble Bar are now equipped with A.I.M. hospitals, and are open to all.

The growing efficiency of wireless and of the aeroplane for travel, led the A.I.M. to consider how these could be best applied to assist the pioneers in the outback. Wireless had to come first, for what use would an aerial ambulance be without the means of sending for it? After prolonged experimenting and
many disappointments, a wireless set, simple, compact and inexpensive, was invented by Mr. Traeger, of Adelaide, the power being generated by pedals as on a bicycle. In 1921, a wireless base was established at Cloncurry, which became a link between many a lonely settlement and the rest of the world. Medical advice could be then sought by wireless for the treatment of sickness and injury. Three years later the A.M.S. became a reality.

Last year an urgent call was received at Cloncurry from a homestead 140 miles distant. On arrival the “flying doctor” found a small child dangerously ill with acute appendicitis. Mother and child were transported by plane to the nearest hospital, the father following by car. When he arrived eight hours later, the child was coming out of the anaesthetic after the operation. The plane had accomplished the journey in one and a half hours.

Despite the difficulties arising out of the world depression, the Aerial Medical Service has been carried out without interruption, pastoralists, commercial houses and individuals loyally supporting it. It will be interesting to watch the progress of its establishing in W.A. With the assurance that medical aid can be swiftly summoned, men will not hesitate to settle in the outlying parts of the State with their wives and families. The R.S.L. advocates “White Australia” and the A.M.S. will help materially towards the upholding of this ideal.

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The Listening Post

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Auxiliary Picnic

The picnic to Mrs. Wilson’s home at Caversham is now a “hardy annual.” The popularity of the outing is proved by the increased number attending this year. Fourteen metropolitan auxiliaries were represented by 160 members. Mrs. Harding, of Donnybrook, was also present. Owing to the excess of mud, left by the floods of the previous week, swimming could not be enjoyed. Members were requested by Mrs. Wilson to explore the vineyards and orchard and pick whatever grapes and figs they wished. A tennis tournament took up the first part of the afternoon, Misses Cliff and Rowles, of North Perth, being the winning pair. Some enjoyed community singing in the drawing room and in honour of the day (the 17th of March), Mrs. Thirl, of Bayswater, danced an Irish jig.

After tea, Sir Roger de Coverley was enjoyed by some, while others tried their skill in stepping the line, blindfolded. This was done successfully by Mrs. Robertson, of Victoria Park. A slipper race, in which one’s shoes had to be found in a jumbled heap, resulted in Miss Clough, of Bayswater, being first on the mark with her shoes on. The handsome prizes were presented by Mrs. Wilson, who expressed her delight at the number attending the outing.

Before the buses and cars departed, warm appreciation was expressed for the hospitality extended so liberally by Mrs. Wilson, her husband and daughters.

Mrs. Irvine, of Bayswater, presided at the piano, and Mrs. Riggs, of North Perth, organised the sports programme.

Members will be pleased to learn that the Auxiliary badges are now a W.A. product, being manufactured by a firm in Perth. It has also been found possible to reduce the price of the badges to 1/-.

The donor of a generous bundle of “John o’Londons” and “Chambers’ Journals” is hereby sincerely thanked by the hospital visitors. Cigarettes are distributed on the first Wednesday in each month. The number was increased each week and it is sometimes difficult to keep up the supply.

Old linen or clean light coloured rags of any sort are most urgently required at Edward Millen Home. If each auxiliary member could collect a small bundle from among her friends a very substantial amount would be obtained. Parcels could be delivered direct to Edward Millen Home or left at the Institute (addressed to Edward Millen Home) to be forwarded.

When the “Listening Post” fails to arrive, it probably means that the subscription requires renewing. All Auxiliary and F.U.S.W. members can receive it post free for the sum of 1/- per year. Subscriptions, addressed to Mrs. J. McKinnon, may be left at the Institute or posted direct to the office of the “Listening Post,” 397 Hay St. (East), Perth.

To augment the general funds of the Women’s Auxiliary State Executive, a bridge party will be held in the dining room of the Soldiers’ Institute on Tuesday evening, April 10. The cost will be 4/- per table, including supper. The arrangements for the evening are in the hands of Mesdames Stockin and Randall.

The Motor Outing Committee gratefully acknowledge a donation of £1 from Mrs. Harding for the Motor Outing Expenses fund. This amount represented the proceeds of an evening, “A Night in Cairo,” which was organised recently by Mrs. Harding and friends, and held at her home in Donnybrook.

DARLING RANGE

The Women’s Auxiliary of the Darling Range Sub-Branch R.S.L., celebrated their fourth anniversary with a dinner and dance on Saturday evening, February 24. The function took place in the Agricultural Hall, Kalamunda, and was a great success. About 70 guests and members sat down to an excellent dinner. The tables were decorated with golden glow and maiden hair fern. Among the invited guests were: Col. and Mrs. Wilson (State President), Mr. and Mrs. Hopperston (Secretary), Mr. and Mrs. Orgill and Mrs. Greaves.

Mrs. W. Halliday, who has retired after being President for three-and-a-half years, was presented with a handsome clock. Mrs. Wilson also presented Mrs. Halliday with a certificate of service. Mrs. Halliday gracefully acknowledged both presentations.

The local sub-branch of the R.S.L. donated a two-tier birthday cake, which was cut by Mrs. Robinson, the present President of the Women’s Auxiliary.

The speeches were interspersed with songs and musical items by Mrs. Greaves, Mr. and Mrs. Orgill, and Mr. Hopperston. Mr. Bob Tanner, the President of the local sub-branch, in a neat little speech, thanked the ladies for their co-operation during the past year. The evening concluded with a very enjoyable dance, to which were invited the sons and daughters of the soldiers of the district.

COTTESLOE

The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, March 13, 1934, at the residence of the President [Mrs. B. W. May], 68, Forrest Street, Cottesloe. There was a very good attendance over which the President presided and the usual business was dealt with.

The next meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in April, at the usual time and place. Will all members try and turn up as it is suggested that a programme of functions be drawn up at this meeting for the ensuing winter.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a good muster at the opening meeting of the above Auxiliary, held in the Library Hall, on February 23. During recess a fair amount of business had accumulated, including correspondence, etc., all of which was dealt with as speedily as possible. Reports were received from the Treasurer, the Tennis Committee, Amelioration, and Edward Millen Home Visitors. Business being concluded the usual social followed. The aeroplane chair game was won by Mesdames C. White and D. Jones, and Mesdames Boland and Kinnane won honours in musicals. The toast donated by Mrs. Kandall went to Mrs. Jack Mathews. Dancing and supper terminated the evening.

On February 24 a fair number of Auxiliary members spent a very pleasant evening at Mrs.
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries**

**SWAN BRAND FIG CONSERVE HAS NO SUPERIOR**
Taylor's residence. Games, lucky dips, and the radio, among other attractions, all helped to
raise the sum of £1 8s. (25/-) towards the children's picnic. On Sunday, March 11, the
Auxiliary gave the children their usual annual picnic, and trucks from various points on the
Albany Road conveyed the happy youngsters to the Zoo, leaving the "Park" at 10 a.m. A pro-
grame of sports arranged by members of the sub-branch was greatly appreciated, and included
running, skipping, thread-the-needle, and obstacle races, for which prizes were given. Tennis was
enjoyed by the adults who felt so inclined.

The Swan Brewery, again donated ginger beer, and Boons Ltd., sweets; Gordon & Giotis, comics;
a lady from Bridgetown Auxiliary, a bag of

apples; and members of the sub-branch, ice
cream and cups, all of which the Auxiliary wish
to thank. "Truck" left at 5 p.m. on the hom-
eward journey and a very happy day concluded,
the weather having been ideal.

May Day "Children's Carnival."—It has been
decided to run a novelty carnival on Tuesday, May
1, and further details will be forthcoming after our
next meeting.

"Diggers' Fair."—The members of the sub-branch
were co-operating on the Auxiliary's Easter Saturday,
Monday and Tuesday, on the Hall site, where-they are holding a fair.

All sorts of attractions will be there, so bring all your friends.

NORTH PERTH

The Auxiliary resumed activities on March 14, and the meeting was very well attended. We
were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Rigg with her

baby new son, also Mrs. Stubberfield, who has

been ill during our recess. Mrs. Cranswick
also attended the meeting. The Auxiliary
extended its sympathy to Mrs. Cranswick, whose

husband passed away last month, after suffering for

a long time from war-caused illness. Preparation
was made at this meeting for a social to be held
next month, at which we hope to entertain some

of our sister auxiliaries.

Arrangements are well in hand for our quen
competition, which is to be our effort for Anzac House. An interesting letter of the latest events
at Narrogin was read and caused much amuse-
ment.

F.U.S.W.

The annual river trip took place on the 1st
of March. There was a large-number of members
and friends present. Mrs. C. H. F. Manning,
Mrs. H. Dean and other members of the Exe-
cutive were out of town, unfortunately, and
could not be on board. The "Emerald" cruised
down the river during the afternoon, as far as
Bicton. On the return, a short run was made
round Como and Applecross. Although the day
was hot and sultry, it was pleasant on the river.

Members welcomed the opportunity of renewing
acquaintance with their F.U.S.W. friends and
conversation did not lag. A pleasant interlude
was given by the playing of popular airs on the

piano by Miss Molly Wagner. Mrs. Kershaw
also sang some delightful songs. The river trip makes
a happy start for the year's programme.

GERALDTON

At the February meeting of the Auxiliary,
Nurse Solin tendered her resignation as Secretary,
owing to her leaving the town for Dongara.

She asked that she be allowed to retain her
badge in view of the fact that she intended
still having an interest in the branch
by remaining a financial member. The president
Mrs. McGillard, expressed regret that they were
losing such a willing worker. Mrs. E. A. Moor
was persuaded to fill the vacancy. At the con-
clusion of the meeting supper was partaken of in
Logan's tearooms. In bidding farewell to Nurie
Solin, Mrs. McGillard explained that although
their guest of the evening had only occupied the
position of secretary for a few months, she had
been a valuable member for several years. Mrs.
Morris supported the president's remarks. On
rising to respond, Nurse Solin was greeted with

musical honours rendered in true R.S.L. style.

After supper, a pleasant hour was spent in
general conversation and personal farewell
were exchanged with Nurse Solin.

CARLISLE

After being in recess for two months, our
first monthly meeting brought us three new
members. It also gave us much pleasure, to entertain
the Lennons patients to a sit down tea. When
they arrived Mrs. Starkie, at the piano, played.
"For They are Jolly Good fellows," after which
a welcome over the wireless from 6IX made a plea-
sant interlude. The president, secretary and trea-
surer of the sub-branch were also guests of honor.

Items tendered by Zena Cable, Hazel Lyons and
Mrs. Keiler were greatly enjoyed. With the help
of the sub-branch, the monthly dances still prove
successful. The annual picnic at the Zoo, on March
18 was well attended, the children having ample
supplies of sweets, cool drinks and ice cream, and
also enjoying the sports. We were well pleased

to be able to donate £2 10/6 to the Anzac House
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